

BIO - DATA OF MR. K. PARASARAN

Date of birth : 9-10-1927
Hindu High School, Madras : Passed SSLC in 1942
Presidency College, Madras : Passed B.A. in 1946
Law College, Madras : Passed B.L. in 1949

- (1) Awarded Shri Justice C.V. Kumaraswami Sastri Sanskrit Medal in B.A.
- (2) Justice Sir V. Bhashyam Iyengar Gold Medal in Hindu Law in B.L.
- (3) Justice Shri K.S. Krishnaswami Iyengar Medal in the Bar Council examination

Enrolled in the Madras High Court in 1950 and in the Supreme Court of India in 1958

Appointed Central Government Senior Standing Counsel in the Madras High Court - 1971

Appointed Advocate-General of Tamil Nadu - 17-6-1976. Resigned in June 1977

Appointed Solicitor General of India in February 1980 and held that post from 6-3-1980 to 8-8-1983

Appointed Attorney General for India – from 9-8-1983. Resigned in November 1989

President, Indian Society of Criminology – 1984 -1985

President, Bar Association of India - 1984 - 1987

Was the Leader of the Indian Delegation that visited New York in 1984 to present India's Report under Article 40 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights before the United Nations Human Rights Commission. The Chairman, in his conclusion. Stated as follows:

'Attorney General's reply as also his introduction were brilliant in their presentation and excellent in their content. The report alongwith the introductory statement and the replies gave a complete picture of the situation in India. The dialogue between India and the Committee was indeed a model one for other to emulate. He hoped that the

consideration of India's report would provide the lead and the inspiration to other non-aligned countries to accede to the Covenant."

Appointed Head of the Indian Team to represent the Union of India on behalf of the victims of Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster in 1984 in the proceedings against Union Carbide.

Appointed in 1986 as a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague in accordance with Art. 44 of the Hague Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Dispute Act 1907 - 1986.

Awarded Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws by Annamalai University in 1989.

In the year 2000, nominated as a Member of the National Commission for Review of the Working of the Constitution of India.

In the year 2003, awarded Padma Bhushan by the President of India.

Appeared in several inter-state river water dispute cases which included Cauveri river water dispute between the States of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, Dam Safety dispute in respect of Mullai Periyar Dam between the States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala and Krishna river water dispute between the States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Member of the Indo British Legal Forum in which the Indian Supreme Court delegation led by Hon'ble Mr. Chief Justice, A.S. Anand, Chief Justice of India visited London. As a member of the said delegation, presented a paper on 'Constitutional issues on devolution of a Federal System.

Recipient of several awards, including an award of 'Rashtriya Samman' by the Central Board of Direct Taxes, Chennai Region, honouring citizens who have treated their tax obligations as an important duty in four out of the five immediately preceding relevant assessment years.

Recipient of the National Law Day Award from the Indian Council of Jurists (International Lawyers Network)

Recipient of an award 'The Great son of the soil' by All India Conference of Intellectuals in the year 2002.

Received Sadhana Award for Excellence in law and public affairs by Samudhaya Foundation in 2003.

Recipient of the Award of Law Legend by the Revenue Bar Association on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee Celebration.

Awarded 'Centenarian Lifetime Achievement Award' in the year 2005 by the Centenarian Trust, Chennai.

Had his Samasrayanam from His Holiness Injimedu Azhagiya Singar and Baranyasam from the present Holiness.

In the year 2011, awarded Padma Vibhushan by the President of India.

Recipient of SILF-MILAT Professor (Justice) A.B. Rohatgi Jurist Award in the year 2015 by the Society of Indian Law Firms and Menon Institute of Legal Advisory Training.

Recipient of an Award on the Constitution Day Celebrations, 2016 presented by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and the Judges of the Supreme Court of India, in recognition of his contribution to the development of the Constitutional law in India.

Recipient of 'Award for outstanding contribution to the development of legal profession in India and for his deep involvement and conscientious encouragement in the promotion and maintenance of the highest standard at the Bar' Awarded in the year 2016 by the Bar Association of India.

Recipient of 'For the Sake of Honour Award' in the year 2017 by the Rotary Club of Madras.

Nominated as Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) for the period from July 2012 to July 2018.

Recipient of 'Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award' by Age-Care India in 2019 in recognition of exceptional and humanitarian services to the society.

Appeared in numerous cases before the Supreme Court of India involving complex issues on various subjects. Some of the landmark cases he appeared in include: -

1. **Golak Nath Vs State of Punjab**, (1967) 2 SCR 762, 788 which dealt with the scope of Amending power of Parliament under the Indian Constitution.
2. **Maru Ram Vs Union of India**, (1981) 1 SCC 107 which dealt with exercise of discretionary power by the executive.
3. **R.K. Garg Vs Union of India**, (1981) 4 SCC 675 which dealt with considerations while judging constitutionality of economic legislation.
4. **S.P. Gupta Vs Union of India**, 1981 Supp. SCC 87 popularly known as the Judges' Transfer case (1st Judges' case).
5. **S.P. Mittal Vs Union of India**, (1983) 1 SCC 51 which dealt with religious freedom and the meaning of "religious denomination under the Indian Constitution.
6. **Sheonandan Paswan Vs State of Bihar**, (1983) 1 SCC 438 which dealt with withdrawal from prosecution by Public Prosecutor.
7. **Hoechst Pharmaceuticals Vs State of Bihar**, (1983) 4 SCC 45 which involved a complex constitutional issue of repugnancy between State and Central Laws.
8. **Union of India Vs Bombay Tyre International Ltd.**, (1984) 1 SCC 467 which dealt with the question of post manufacturing expenses under the Central Excise Act.
9. **LIC Vs Escorts Ltd.**, (1986) 1 SCC 264 which dealt with the applicability of Article 14 of the Constitution of India in cases where an instrumentality of State is a shareholder in a company.
10. **Indian Express Newspapers Vs Union of India**, (1985) 1 SCC 641 which is a celebrated case on freedom of press
11. **Sampath Kumar Vs Union of India**, (1987) 1 SCC 124 which dealt with constitutionality of Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985
12. **Kehar Singh Vs Union of India**, (1989) 1 SCC 204 which dealt with power of President to grant pardon.

13. **Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Assn. of India Vs Union of India**, (1989) 3 SCC 634 which propounded the Doctrine of Aspect of legislation of Parliament and State legislation in the context of legislative competence.
14. **Indra Sawhney Vs Union of India**, 1992 Supp (3) SCC 217 popularly known as the "Mandal case" which dealt with reservations for OBCs.
15. **Gannon Dunkerley and Co. Vs State of Rajasthan**, (1993) 1 SCC 364 which is a case relating to tax on transfer of property in goods involved in execution of works contract
16. **Unni Krishnan Vs State of A.P**, (1993) 1 SCC 645 which is a landmark case on right to education
17. **R.C. Poudyal Vs Union of India**, 1994 Supp (1) SCC 324 a landmark case on election law which dealt with provision of reservation in Sikkim State Assembly
18. **Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Assn. Vs Union of India**, (1993) 4 SCC 441 which is famously known as the Judges' Appointment case (2nd Judges' case).
19. **S.R. Bommai Vs Union of India**, (1994) 3 SCC 1 which is a landmark judgment on Emergency under Article 356 of Constitution of India which talks about promulgation by President in case of failure of Constitutional Machinery in a State.
20. **T.N. Seshan Vs Union of India**, (1995) 4 SCC 611 which is a landmark judgment on the functioning of the Election Commission and CECs.
21. **Mafatlal Industries Ltd. Vs Union of India**, (1997) 5 SCC 536 which dealt with the Doctrine of Unjust Enrichment in the context of claim for refund of tax paid.
22. **J. Jayalalitha Vs M. Chenna Reddy**, (1998) 8 SCC 601 which involved an important question of law as to whether the Governor of a State was the appropriate authority to grant sanction for prosecution of Chief Minister.
23. **In Re: Presidential Reference**, (2002) 8 SCC 237 which was a reference by the President to the Supreme Court of India regarding the Gujarat Assembly Elections.

24. **T.M.A. Pai Foundation Vs State of Karnataka**, (2002) 8 SCC 481 which is a landmark judgment on right to administer private unaided minority educational institutions.
25. **P. A. Inamdar Vs State of Maharashtra**, (2005) 6 SCC 537 another landmark judgment on right to administer private educational institutions.
26. **M. Nagaraj Vs Union of India**, (2006) 8 SCC 212 a landmark case on reservation for SCs and STs, which dealt with application of "creamy layer" to SCs and STs in addition to OBCs.
27. **Ashoka Kumar Thakur Vs Union of India**, (2008) 6 SCC 1 which is another landmark decision on reservations for OBCs.
28. Recently appeared in the Sabarimala case and Ayodhya Case in which the Judgments of the Supreme Court are awaited.