

**A PROFILE OF SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI,**  
**Hon'ble Union Minister of State for**  
**Textiles, Government of India**

Smt. Panabaaka Lakshmi is the Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles in Government of India. She is a Post-graduate in Public Administration. She represents the Bapatla Constituency from the state of Andhra Pradesh in the elected Lower House of Indian Parliament.

She has been elected thrice from Nellore Constituency to Lok Sabha in the elections held in 1996, 1998, 2004 and elected from Bapatla in 2009. As a Parliamentarian, Smt. Panabaka Lakshmi has earned immense recognition for taking up the cause of Congress Party. Her capabilities came to the fore when she was elected as Executive Committee Member of the Congress Parliamentary Party, a coveted assignment. Subsequently in 2001, she was made the Vice-President, All India Mahila Congress.

Her plans, strategy and execution of several developmental programmes and projects in her Parliamentary Constituency have become a role model for other Districts.

During her tenure as Health Minister, she did her level best to improve the health scenario of Indian people. Her commitment and devotion towards Health Care Systems is laudable and also concentrated to eradicate health hazards of Malaria, Polio, AIDS

as targeted by the Government. She was instrumental in organizing “Indira Mega Health Mela-2005” in her Constituency in which people from various walks of life belonging to the poor and weaker sections of the District were benefited by this camp. Tele-medicine facility, first of its kind in the State linked with Premier Medical Institute of the country, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi was set up in Government Hospital, Nellore for expertise opinion in specialized treatment. Trauma Centre facility was also set up in the district. She has also organized “AROGYA-2005” Exhibition on Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy, for the first time in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

She has taken lot of efforts for introduction of a new overnight daily “Simhapuri Express” connecting the state capital from her constituency and for various railway projects in the state.

She is keenly interested in mainstreaming of Indian System of Medicine in the National Rural Health Mission Programme launched by the UPA Government under the dynamic leadership of Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, UPA and Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon’ble Prime Minister.

She has represented India at the “Ministerial Summit on Health Research” held at Mexico City, Mexico from 16-20 November, 2004. She held meeting with United Nations Population

**Fund (UNFPA) and World Bank officials at New York 12-15 November, 2004 and meeting with Department for International Development (DFID) officials at London on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2004 on various health related issues concerning India.**

**She has participated in the “58<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly” and attended “Second Meeting of the Network Women Ministers of Health” organized by Council of Women World Leaders in Geneva from 16-20 May, 2005 to discuss the issues relating implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and Strategies for increasing Health Ministry resources and Urgent Health issues facing Ministries. She has also participated in the “Third Meeting of the Network Women Ministers of Health” organized by Council of Women World Leaders in Geneva in the year 2006 to discuss issues relating to Global Scenario in Combating “HIV-AIDS”.**

**She has led Indian Delegation for the “7<sup>th</sup> International Congress on AIDS in Asia and Pacific (ICAAP)” held at Kobe, Japan from 01-05 July, 2005 and delivered the Presidential Address on “India’s response to AIDS” jointly organized by NACO in partnership with UNAIDS India and DFID.**

**She also led Indian Delegation at the “2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the SAARC Health Ministers” held at Islamabad, Pakistan on 15-16 July, 2005 to discuss comprehensive aspects of Millennium**

**Development Goals (MDGs) pertaining to Health as well as the population stabilization issues which are vital to the SAARC region.**

**She also attend the SAARC Health Minister's subsequent conference in Dhaka, Bangladesh.**

**She has also been interacting with the Council of Women World Leaders and attended the meeting of "Women Health Minister's" held in Madrid (Spain) in April, 2007 to discuss various issues relating to Women's Health.**

**She visited Germany in June, 2007 to attend 1<sup>st</sup> Indo-German Bio-Med Bio-Tech Partnering Expo in Wurzburg, Germany and also visited some Ayurvedic institutions in Germany. The Indian Systems of Medicine are getting popular abroad and Smt. Lakshmi is keen to provide all assistance and encouragement to the systems which have been proved to be highly efficacious and holistic.**

**She led the Indian Delegation to discuss the various health related issues/programmes with the University of California School of Nursing, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Samueli Institute, Centre for Human Nutrition, Centre for Dietary Supplements Research in Botanicals, National Institute of Child Health & Human Development in Los Angeles, San-Francisco, New York (USA) during 17-24<sup>th</sup> September, 2007.**

**She visited London from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008 to attend Role of Parliamentarians in combating Drug abuse.**

**She visited China on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 to attend Role of Health Education in Primary Health Care.**

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