

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. **Name** - **R. Venkataramani**
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India
&
Member, Law Commission of India
2. **Date & Place of Birth** - 13.04.1950 ; Pondicherry
3. **Professional engagements and areas of interest**
 - Completed 34 years of practice in Supreme Court. Has practiced in various branches of law prominently constitutional law, law of indirect taxes, human rights law, civil and criminal law, consumer law, as well as law relating to services.
 - Has represented Central Government, several State Governments, Universities, Public Sector Undertakings in their major litigations in Supreme Court and High Courts and continues to represent the Supreme Court in matters concerning its employees.
 - Involved in academic activities, commencing from association with the National Law School of India University, Bangalore since 1988; NUJS, Calcutta, Member Advisory Council, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun, Lloyds Law School, Greater Noida, UP, and visiting faculty Jindal Global Law School, Sonapat, Haryana, Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA, UP and engaged in continuing Legal Education programmes for young lawyers and law teachers in programmes organized by National Law School Bangalore Professor N.R. Madava Menon and Commonwealth Legal Education Association.
 - Resource person at the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal.
 - Concerned with reforms in legal education, and in exploring new areas of legal theory and jurisprudence, such as law and science, science, technology and public policy.
4. **Professional Details.**
 - Enrolled in July, 1977 in the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and shifted to Supreme Court practice in the year 1979.
 - Designated as Senior Advocate by the Supreme Court of India in the year 1997.
 - Appointed as a Member of the Law Commission, 2010 and again for a further term in the year 2013.
5. **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS**

- Was involved in the Constitution Review Commission work under the Chairmanship of Justice M. N. Venkatachaliah.
- Contributed to the Report on setting up Equal Opportunities Commission.
- Involved in activities of Several Lawyers Associations as Life Member.

6. **Contributions/Legal Research/Writings:**

- Was a Member of the *South Asian Task Force* on Judiciary consisting of Members of SAARC Nations to submit reports on the conditions of Judiciary, reforms in Institutional structures and conditions of service etc with a view to enhancing rule of law and availability of efficacious legal remedies.

7. **Publications:**

- 1975: Co-authored a book in Tamil language on 'Land Reforms'.
- 1990: Authored a book on the '*Judgements of Justice O. ChinnappaReddy*' (Former Judge of the Supreme Court) published by the International Institute of Human Rights Society.
- Authored the volume on '*Torts*' in the series of *Halsbury's Laws of India*, published by Butterworths.
- Published articles on Constitutional Law particularly concerning liberty, human rights and role of law, legal education and environmental Law and also a contributor to the annual review of ILI.
- Restatement of Indian Law (Public Interest Litigation) [*sponsored by the Committee on Restatement of Laws – Joint Committee of the Supreme Court of India and Indian Law Institute*]

Currently working on

Revision of the constitutional law volumes of the Halsbury's Laws of India series

8. **Other Law Related Activities:.**

- December, 1997: Entrusted the ***Chairmanship of theIndependent Monitoring Panel, constituted byThe World Bank, Government of India and National Thermal Power Corporation***, to advise on and monitor the Rehabilitation of People displaced by the NTPC projects in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. This work has been completed.
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9. **International Engagements:**

- Invited to speak at the Workshop Jointly organised by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and International

Commission of Jurists at GENEVA on the 4th to 6th March, 2001. The workshop was designed to submit a report to the Human Rights Commission, on the Optional Protocol to the International Covenants on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966.

- Have been involved by the ICJ with its activities in the Afro-Asian region, particularly pertaining to ICESCR.
- Associated with the International Working Group engaged in drafting an Instrument on the Right to Food following an International Conference held at BERLIN in May, 2002.
- Invited to be involved in the Nepalese Constitution drafting and experience sharing exercise (2008).

11. While being able to snatch some time during the above activities, engaged in reading and writing poetry for personal consumption.

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