



Shri Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao who took charge as Governor of Maharashtra on 30th August 2014 brings with him a vast and varied experience in public life.

A senior BJP leader from Telangana, Shri Vidyasagar Rao has served as Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and subsequently as Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry in the government led by Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee from 1999 – 2004.

Shri Vidyasagar Rao was elected to the 12th Lok Sabha from Karimnagar constituency in 1998 for the first time. In the year 1999, he was elected as President of the State unit of the BJP. He was re-elected to the 13th Lok Sabha in the year 1999. During his illustrious Parliamentary career, he served as Member of the Committee on Public Accounts, Member of the Business Advisory Committee and as Member of the Committee on Finance. He was also a Member of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Prior to becoming a Member of Parliament, he was elected thrice to the Legislative Assembly of undivided Andhra Pradesh in 1985, 1989 and 1994 from Metpalli assembly constituency in Karimnagar district. He was the Floor leader of BJP in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly for three consecutive terms.

Born on 12th February 1942, Shri Vidyasagar Rao was an activist of the RSS since childhood. After obtaining B.Sc., he secured LLB from the Law College of Osmania University where he was also elected as President of the Students' Union. He was actively associated with the Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP).

Shri Vidyasagar Rao started law practice in Karimnagar in the year 1973.

During the state of Emergency in the year 1975, he was imprisoned under MISA for one year in the Central Prison, Warangal district.

He also served as President of Jansangh and as President of Janata Party, Karimnagar district.

Shri Vidyasagar Rao is married to Smt Vinoda and the couple has one daughter and two sons.

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