



SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA **(UNION MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)**

Shri Kanti Lal Bhuria was born in Mordundiya, district Jhabua in the State of Madhya Pradesh on 1st June 1950. Shri Bhuria's father was late Shri Nanu Ram Bhuria and mother late Smt. Ladki Bai.

He was educated at Chandrashekhar Azad Collage, Jhabua (MP). Shri Bhuria has been interested in social work and politics since his early age. He became the President of this Collage in 1973-74. Late, he became the district President of Congress Seva Dal, Jhabua. In 1977, Shri Bhuria was appointed as Secretary of the Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee.

Shri Bhuria was worked in various capacities in the Party and the Government in his home state of Madhya Pradesh from 1980 to 1997. Besides being the Member of the State Legislative Assembly, he was also the Parliamentary Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh from 1980 to 1985. He remained State Minister for man Power and Planning from 1987 to 1990. Later he rose to become a Cabinet Minister in the State Government and handled the portfolio of Tribal Affairs from 1993 to 1998.

Shri Kanti Lal Bhuria entered the national politics in 1998 with his election as a Member of the 12th Lok Sabha in 1998. He was chosen as the Convener of Madhya Pradesh Congress Parliamentary Party. During this term, he was also on the Parliamentary Consultative Committee, attached to the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

In 1999, Shri Bhuria was re-elected to 13th Lok Sabha and he continued to be the Member of Consultative Committee of the Ministry of HRD. He was also appointed as Member of the committee on Papers Laid on the Table of the House.

Shri Bhuria won the election for the 14th Lok Sabha also in 2004. He assumed the charge of the Union Minister of State for Agriculture, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution in May, 2004.

With his election to the 15th Lok Sabha Recently , Shri Bhuria has become an M.P. for fourth consecutive term and he has been appointed as the Union Minister of Tribal Affairs in the Government of India.

Shri Bhuria is married to Smt. Kalapana Bhuria since 19th November 1981. They have two sons.

Shri Bhuria is a lawyer by education and an agriculturist, political and social worker by profession.

He participated in various social and cultural activities and was the Athletics Champion of Vikram University, Ujjain, and Madhya Pradesh in 1971.

At a later stage, he also worked as Senate Member of University of Ujjain in 1980-81.

He has visited Japan, Netherlands, Philippines, UAE, UK, Italy, Canada, USA, Germany, Argentina, France, Uganda, Ethiopia, Namibia, South Africa, Rwanda, Armenia, Malaysia, Singapore and Panama. He has also attended the Executive Meeting of Asia Forum of Parliamentarians on "Population and Development", in Japan.
