Legislative Career of A.S. Ponnammal

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Abstract: Ponnammal was the seven time member of the Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly. She represented the Assembly for more than thirty years. She had the chance of working under the Chief Ministership of K. Kamaraj, Bakthavachalam, C.N. Annadurai, K. Karunanithi, M.G. Ramachandran, Janaki Ramachandran and J. Jayalalitha. She entered the Assembly when she was 25 years old and continued as a member up to 64 years. Ponnammals works in the Legislative Assembly can be divided in to six categories viz., Welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes, 2. Agriculture, 3.Education, 4.Drinking Water Problem, 5.Cottage Industries and Women and Social Problems. Even though she was a Dalit leader she not only fought for the Welfare of the Scheduled Castes but also for the Backward Classes as well. Born in the family of a farmer she knew the problems of the farmers and tried to solve their problems. As a woman she worked to improve the social and economic condition of women. She was active and enthusiastic in her social work even in her age of seventies. Had she been appointed as a Minister she would have worked more than what she had done as the member of the Assembly.

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