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### **Background:**

B.A. Hons and M.A. in English language and literature/Distinction in English, Urdu and Hindi languages. Professor of English language and literature at College of Commerce, Patna under Magadh University.

Deep involvement and active participation in the 1974 movement led by Jaiprakash Narain. Confinement under MISA, suspension from university service, suffered persecution. Elected from Munger Vidhan Sabha constituency in 1977 with largest number of votes. Cabinet Minister (Health) in the Ministry of Late Karpooi Thakur. Special emphasis on extension of medical services in rural areas and development of Indian medical system.

Nominated member of Bihar Legislative Council in June, 1994 by the Governor. Appointed Acting Chairman of Bihar Legislative Council in April, 1995. Elected uncontested the Chairman of Bihar Legislative Council on 26 July, 1996.

Elected member of Bihar Legislative Council from Vidhan Sabha constituency in May, 2000. Appointed Acting Chairman of Bihar Legislative Council on 7 May, 2000.

Elected uncontested the Chairman of Bihar Legislative Council on 30 June, 2000. At present, holding this post.

As Chairman of the Council, added different new dimensions to Parliamentary politics. Established a convention of democratic dialogues on contemporary parliamentary, cultural and social issues. Worked for solving several socially important issues and problems through parliamentary intervention. Played an active role in finding remedies for serious questions relating to Jharia landslide, Jaduguda Radiation Effects, Child Labour, Public Literacy, Compulsory Education, Destiny of Rivers, Children's Rights, etc.

Earlier, as Chairman of the Bihar State Minority Commission (October, 1990 to March, 1995) studied deeply the problems of a number of religious and linguistic minority groups and presented several recommendations/reports for their remedy. For the first time in the country, the State Minority Commission attained legal status and special powers in regard to investigation. Minority Welfare Department was set up in the state on the recommendation of the State Minority Commission.

Innumerable examples of helping the displaced, the Bangla refugees, the riot-affected families, bonded labourers, child labourers in getting justice. Special Campaigns among the victims of communal and caste violence. Pad-Yatras and public-campaigns under the Jan Sangharsh Samiti banner in rural areas against the police-feudal nexus. Successfully led public-action plans against communal and caste violence in the state under the banners of institutions like Ekta Manch, Insani Ekta Muhim and People's Union for Civil Liberties.

Accepted challenging responsibilities of giving protection to different communities during communal riots in Munger (1969), Jamshedpur (1979), Biharsharif (1981), Patna (1984), Bhagalpur/Sasaram (1989), Patna City (1990), Sitamarhi (1992) and a few other parts of the state. Played an important role in helping the riot-victim families get adequate compensation.

Made serious efforts towards development of minority languages of the state. Special emphasis on facilities for the study of Urdu, Bangla, Oriya and Tribal languages.

Presentation of reports to the state government on issues like effective check on communal riots, protection to the minority communities and serious efforts for their economic, social and educational development, rehabilitation of Bangla refugees, victim families of Dian Pratha, bonded labourers, child labourers and other displaced persons.

Prof. Jabir Husain was elected to the Rajya Sabha on 29th March, 2006 and subsequently, he relinquished the post of Chairman, Bihar Vidhan Parishad on 15th April, 2006.

### **Some important studies:**

1. Outline of the Bihar Rajya Sampradayic Aur Jateeya Hinsa Niyantaran Kanon : October, 1993.
2. Report based on recommendations for the protection of religious minorities and their socio-economic development : October, 1993.
3. Serious analytical reports and recommendations for the protection of constitutional rights of linguistic minority groups and minority languages : October, 1993.
4. Communal riots in Bihar : A special factual study : January, 1994.
5. Special data and analysis support to University researches on communal and caste violence.
6. Publication of Bihar Ki Pichhari Muslim Aabadiyan in Hindi-Urdu languages : 1994.
7. Active in the development of several backward groups, especially professional groups of Bihar. Made efforts to get them placed in public undertakings and govt. services.
8. Organised National Workshops on the problems of child labour, groups affected by natural disasters, skilled workers, etc. Recommendations for formation of Child Labour Commission and its rules.
9. Special emphasis on issues like human rights, reservations policy, environment, Ganga-pollution. Effective support through House committees.

### **Literary activities:**

Original, creative writing in Hindi, Urdu and English. 14 books published so far in these languages. Discovery, editing and publication of over 40 rare manuscripts and other literary works. Editing Sakshya (Hindi) and Dastavez (Urdu), the journals of Bihar Legislative Council.

At present, engaged in serious writing on the tradition of Dalit Sahitya.

An analytical book on women affected by communal riots in Bihar to be published soon.

### **Awards:**

**Sahitya Akademi Award** for the year 2005 for the book "Ret Par Khema" (Urdu).

### **Books published:**

1. Aalom Lajawa (Stories)/Hindi, Sahyog Prakashan, Delhi, 1992.
2. Sun-e-Kaatib (Stories)/Urdu, Urdu Markaz, Azimabad, Patna, 1997.
3. Bihar Ki Pasmanda Muslim Aabadiyan (Analytical study)/ Hindi, Urdu. Bahaar Foundation, Patna, 1994.
4. Ek Nadi Ret Bhari (Poems) / Hindi, Urdu, Bangala Abhiyan Prakashan, Delhi, 1992.
5. Ret Ret Lahoo (Poems) / Hindi. Rajkamal Prakashan, New Delhi / Patna, 2001.
6. Do Chehron Wali Ek Nadi (Diary) / Hindi. Grantha Bharati, Delhi, 1992.
7. Dhwanimat Kafi Nahi Hai (Diary) / Hindi. Sahitya Sahkaar, Delhi, 1992.
8. Logan (Reminiscences) / Hindi. Urdu Markaz, Azimabad, Patna, 1999.
9. Ateet Ka Chehra (Diary) / Hindi. Rajkamal Prakashan, New Delhi / Patna, 2001.
10. Dola Bibi ka Mazar (Diary / Stories) / Hindi. Rajkamal Prakashan, New Delhi / Patna, 2003.
11. Ret Per Khema (Diary / Stories) / Urdu. Urdu Markaz, Azimabad, Patna, 2002.
12. Be-Aman (Diary) / Urdu. Urdu Markaz, Azimabad, Patna, 2002.
13. Deewar-e-Shab (Poems) Hindi / Urdu (Edited). Urdu Markaz, Azimabad, Patna, 2003.
14. Jo Aage Hain (Diary) / Hindi. Rajkamal Prakashan, New Delhi / Patna, 2004.