

**Profile Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar**  
**Minister of State (IC) Labour & Employment**

Shri Santosh Gangwar, a law graduate from Rohilkhand University, Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh), was born on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1948. Shri Gangwar is one of the senior most Parliamentarians in the country, who has represented Bareilly Parliamentary constituency in the Lok Sabha for the 7<sup>th</sup> time.

During the tenure as a Union Minister, Shri Gangwar has completed more than 8 ½ years i.e. 6 years during the previous governments and more than 2 ½ years in the present government. He was Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas with additional charge of Parliamentary Affairs in 13<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha. Prior to this, Shri Gangwar was Minister of State of Science and Technology with additional charge of Parliamentary Affairs in 1999.

Shri Gangwar, at his credit, was also the chairman of the PAC i.e. Public Accounts Committee.

Shri Gangwar, in the present Council of Ministers, was holding the charge of Ministry of Textiles (Independent Charge). In the Textiles Ministry, Shri Gangwar focussed extensively on all the thrust areas of textile where the government helped the downtrodden section of the society such as weavers, craftsman, farmers etc. Shri Gangwar paid special attention to North Eastern States and Kashmir, so that the development could be initiated at those places which were ignored by the previous government.

Thereafter, Shri Gangwar joined the Ministry of Finance as Minister of State from 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and served till 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017, during his tenure he was member of GST Council and was instrumental in successful rolling out of GST in India.

At present Shri Gangwar is Minister of State for Labour and Employment (Independent Charge). Shri Gangwar is known for his simplicity, honesty and exceptional accessibility, despite being the union minister.