

## Hon'ble Dr. Justice K.Bhakthavatsala



*Chairman,  
Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal,  
Bengaluru*

**Dr.Kothandram Naidu Bhakthavatsala**, B.Com., LL.M., Ph.D., was born on December 10, 1952 at Bengaluru. Did graduation in Law from SJR College, Bangalore, Master Degree in Law from University Law College, Nagpur.

Awarded Ph.D by the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, in the convocation held on 27.8.2006 for his thesis titled "The Constitutional Developments in India through Judicial Process - A Study". He specialized in Constitutional and Administrative Law. He was enrolled as an Advocate on January 9, 1980. He practiced before the High Court of Karnataka and Subordinate Court in Bangalore in Civil, Criminal, Writ, Labour, Educational, Wakf, Income Tax matters.

He worked as part-time Lecturer / Assistant Professor in Law in various Colleges at Bangalore. He was recruited to Higher Judicial Service in 1988. Assumed charge on April 18, 1988 and served as District & Sessions Judge. He was promoted to the cadre of super time scale.

Government of Karnataka appointed him as One Man Commission to inquire into Lockup death at Brahmapur Police Station and Police firing in Gulbarga on 14/15 January, 1990.

He served as Law Secretary to Government of Karnataka. He was appointed as an Additional Judge of Karnataka High Court on April 18, 2002 and permanent Judge on July 17, 2004. Retired on 9-12-2014 on attaining age of superannuation.

After His Lordship's retirement, His Excellency, Sri.Vajubhai Rudhabhai Vala, Governor of Karnataka, as per Notification No. GS 13 KOM 2014 dated 19-12-2014, issued under Section 8(2)&(4) of the Karnataka State University Act, appointed him as One Man Fact Finding Committee to probe into the irregularities in the Karnataka State Open University at Mysore. Accordingly, he assumed charge on 26-12-2014 and after holding inquiry, His Lordship submitted Report (in two volumes) to His Excellency on 14-10-2015 and the same was accepted.

His Excellency the President of India appointed him as Chairman of Karnataka Administrative Tribunal by Order No. A-11014/ 6/2015-AT, dated 15-12-2015. On 16-12-2015 his Lordship assumed charge as Chairman of Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal.