

Introduction to Kasur Lobsang Nyandak



Kasur Lobsang Nyandak was born in India in 1965. At the age of 5, he was sent to a boarding school in Chakrata. Later he joined Central Tibetan School in Mussorie and completed his high school in 1986. He received best students awards in both the schools. He pursued his higher studies and completed his degree in education and arts with a major in political science and education from Panjab University in Chandigarh.

In 1990, he started his full time public service working as General Secretary of the Central Executive of the Tibetan Youth Congress. He then served as the Director of the Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy, Vice President of the National Democratic Party of Tibet, Trustee of the Dalai Lama Trust. He was elected to the Tibetan Parliament in 1996 and at the age of 35, he became a Minister in the Tibetan

Cabinet headed by Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche from 2001 to 2006. He was then appointed as the Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to the North Americas and currently serves as the President of The Tibet Fund.

Kasur Lobsang Nyandak served as a leader in many important institutions and organizations in the past 30 years. During these times, he gained enormous experience in the fields of administration, foreign affairs, politics, fundraising and Tibet-China relations and dialogue.

International Relations and Political Movement

During his tenure as Minister of Information and International Relations, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to North Americas, Director of the Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy and Executive member of the Tibetan Youth Congress, Kasur Lobsang Nyandak attended various international forums, organize conferences and disseminated information about Tibet to create much needed support and awareness in the international community.

One of his outstanding services to His Holiness and Tibetan people was during his 5-year tenure as Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to the Americas. He organized 13 successful visits of His Holiness to North America, including meetings with leaders of the countries. He also interacted with the highest level of the American and Canadian administrations, including the White House, State Department as well as the US Congress and the Canadian Parliament.

As the founding Director of the Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy, he led the organization in conducting comprehensive monitoring of human rights abuses in Tibet. He represented Tibetans at various international conferences, including UN Human Rights Commission, World Conference Against Racism and World Conference on Population and Development.

Of the many political movements that he helped organize during his term in the Tibetan Youth Congress, a prominent among them was the Peace March organized jointly by the Tibetan non-governmental organizations. He served as the spokesperson and secretary of the organizing committee.

Tibet-China Relation and Dialogue

Under the administration of Kalon Tripa Samdhong Rinpoche, Kasur Lobsang Nyandak actively promoted Tibet-China dialogue as the Kalon for International Relations by organizing exclusive seminars between Tibetan and Chinese scholars. He held meetings with Chinese officials, including leaders of the United Front Department of the Chinese government to find an amicable solution to the Tibet issue. He continues to serve as a member of the Task Force of the Sino-Tibetan Dialogue of the Central Tibetan Administration.

Community Development and Fundraising

As a Finance Minister of the Central Tibetan Administration, he presented the first surplus budget of the government and significantly improved the financial health of the CTA. He successfully implemented the policy of privatization of CTA business undertakings and freed CTA from years of public debt burden. He was responsible for establishing the Tibetan Chamber of Commerce and Tibetan Sweater Sellers Association to promote Tibetan business and cooperation.

One of the CTA's main sources of revenue is the Green Book contribution from Tibetan people. He introduced new Green Book and made significant improvement in the Green Book database system further enhancing the collection of Tibetan voluntary taxation. Since 2013, he has been leading the Tibet Fund based in the US. He was able to raise millions of dollars from private foundations to support multiple programs of Tibetan organizations, including various community development programs. In recent years he visited various Tibetan communities in India and Nepal to oversee program activities and access the needs and problems of local Tibetans. In partnership with Tibetan non-governmental organizations based in India and Nepal, he has been able to support programs in the fields of education, healthcare and community developments.

Administration and Social Welfare

In these 30 years, Kasur Lobsang Nyandak, while serving in leadership positions at various important institutions in the Central Tibetan Administration and non-governmental organizations, he gained much needed experience on administration of the CTA as well as understanding our community needs and aspirations.

In 1996, he was elected to the Tibetan parliament. He has a good knowledge and experience with the system of Tibetan democracy, its rules and regulations set forth in the Tibetan Charter. During his term in the Tibetan Cabinet, he was responsible for overseeing three major departments of the Central Tibetan Administration as Kalon of Information and International Relations, Finance and Health Departments. He had successfully presented CTA budget as Finance Kalon.

As Kalon of the Health Department, he led the establishment of the Central Council of Tibetan Medicine, after successfully passing the Tibetan Medicine Council Act. He oversaw various public health initiatives to improve the overall health of the Tibetans in exile, in particular mother and child health care.

Conclusion

To sum up, Kasur Lobsang Nyandak has been actively involved in community services and our freedom struggle since 1990. He served Tibetan people in accordance to the wishes of His Holiness and policies of the CTA. As head of important Tibetan organizations, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Kalon of Tibetan Cabinet, member of Tibetan Parliament, he exhibited excellent leadership in promotion of Tibetan cause, Tibetan cultural identity, community development, healthcare, education and finding an amicable solution to the Tibet issue. He is known for his honesty, patriotism and hardworking. Kasur Lobsang Nyandak has remained connected to the Tibetan people

and Tibetan cause and further aspires to serve Tibetan people during this critical period of our history.

WORK EXPERIENCES

January 2018 to present

President of The Tibet Fund, New York

September 2013 to December 2017

Executive Director of The Tibet Fund, New York

2010 to 2019

Secretary and Member of the Dalai Lama Trust, New York

September 2008 to August 2013

Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to the Americas, New York

November 2007 to August 2008

Program Director of The Tibet Fund, New York

2012 to present

Task Force Member of the Sino-Tibetan Dialogue

September 2001 to August 2006

Kalon (Minister), Department of Finance, Tibetan Government in Exile, Dharamsala, India

March 2005 to August 2006

Kalon, Department of Information and International Relations, Tibetan Government in Exile, Dharamsala, India

September 2001 to March 2005

Kalon, Department of Health, Tibetan Government in Exile, Dharamsala, India

September 2001 to August 2006

Managing Trustee, His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Charitable Trust, Dharamsala, India

September 2001 to August 2006

Vice Chairman, Board of Directors of the Tibetan Social and Resource Development Fund, Dharamsala, India

December 2001 to October 2004

Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, Dharamsala, India

October 1996 to September 2001 (five years)

Executive Director, Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, Dharamsala, India

May 1996 to May 2001 (five years)

Member of the Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies, Dharamsala, India

September 1996 to August 2001

Vice Chairman of the National Democratic Party of Tibet, Dharamsala, India

September 1995 to January 1997

Joint Secretary of the Indo-Tibetan Friendship Society, Dharamsala, India

May 1993 to August 1995

General Secretary of the Central Executive Committee of the Tibetan Youth Congress, Dharamsala, India

November 1992 to July 1994

Editor of Tibetan Youth Congress's quarterly magazine RANGZEN in English edition. This magazine covers all aspects of the Tibetan community and Tibetans' struggle for freedom.

August 1991 to May 1993

Joint Secretary of the Central Executive Committee of the Tibetan Youth Congress, Dharamsala, India

August 1990 to August 1991

Executive Secretary of the Tibetan Youth Congress, Dharamsala, India

August 1988 to July 1989

President of the Tibetan Freedom Movement in Chandigarh, India

August 1987 to July 1988

General Secretary of the Regional Tibetan Youth Congress in Chandigarh, India