ABSTRACT

Karnataka is considered as one of the most successful states of India as far as different areas are concerned. It is widely believed that, administrative dynamics is behind those successes. The state has recorded remarkable growth in various dimensions, but the actual major politico administrative shift can be traced to the end of pre independence period as well as to the beginning of post independence period. The first election in the state has witnessed the political transformation and socio economic change with timely effort. The above factor assumes that possibility of success have got many able administrators.

Kengal Hanumanthaiah was one among those able administrators for which he played constructive role in strengthening democracy and in the upliftment of secular and anticafeist image. Kengal Hanumanthaiah led honorable life with virtues qualities, so several situations and inspirations of few great personalities made him to play significant role in the freedom struggle of India, which also influenced him in developing national interest. Later his political carrier took a progressive turn by getting more responsibilities. He became the first elected chief minister. When he occupied the Chief Minister position he immediately brought out radical change in the socio economic and political areas by his great vision. More importantly he took immense interest in bringing administrative reforms in the state.

Kengal Hanumanthaiah’s tenure retained its significance through the eternal contributions like construction of Vidhana Soudha, Educational reforms, Revitalization of Kannada and culture department, Support for the unification of Karnataka, Nationalization of Kolar gold mines, Land reforms and encouragement for agriculture and industry etc. The later stage has also caused for several progressive
measures in the state as well as at the centre, because he represented in parliament for some time and got recognition as a statesmen with his spokesmen ship quality. Considerably he worked for weaker sections of the society by his position as a social welfare and law minister, and as a railway minister he made reformation within the department and magically deficit turned as surplus in a short time.

Kengal Hanumanthaiah put forth lot of new concepts and ideas regarding the formation of governmental policies and programs. They were very much helpful in bringing administrative efficiency for the well being of the state. The most important factor which is behind the progressive work was his sincere effort and general interest, so it has been observed that, a particular regime laid very strong foundation to the progress of Karnataka’s politics and administration.

The Methods of the Study

The following methods will be adopted in the proposed study:

The Historical method will be used to understand the background of Kengal Hanumanthaiah. The documentary method will be adopted in examining various government documents, reports, proceedings, programmes relating to administration during the period of Kengal Hanumanthaiah. The sociological method of interview and discussion with government functionaries, family members and followers of Kengal Hanumanthaiah will be used to gather information related to Kengal Hanumanthaiah administration. Analysis of collected data will be made and further findings will be identified through the collected data by using the descriptive method.
Major Findings

The major research findings of the study are as follows.

1. Kengal Hanumanthaiah played a constructive role in the transformation of politics from autocracy to democracy.
2. The personality of Kengal Hanumanthaiah enabled him to participate actively in various movements.
3. Kengal Hanumanthaiah is admired even today for his administrative achievements.
4. The contribution of Kengal Hanumanthaiah is considered significant to the history of Karnataka.
5. Kengal Hanumanthaiah was influenced by several great personalities of India which helped him in acquiring special qualities.
6. The unification movement in Karnataka owes much to the support given by Kengal Hanumanthaiah.
7. The secular and anti-casteist image of Kengal Hanumanthaiah got him lot of admiration in state level politics of Karnataka.
8. Kengal Hanumanthaiah’s administrative dynamics generated cooperation and friendly atmosphere between superiors and subordinates.
9. A number of socio-economic and political programmes were initiated during Kengal Hanumanthaiah’s period.
10. The socio-economic programmes initiated during Kengal Hanumanthaiah’s tenure led to the development of administration.
11. Karnataka state witnessed politico administrative progress during the period of Kengal Hanumanthaiah.
12. Kengal Hanumanthaiah’s democratic and secular attitude was helpful in bringing about socio-political reforms in the state.