



Hon'ble Deputy Speaker

Shawkat Ali, MP

Shawkat Ali was born on 27 January 1937 in the village LONSINGH under Naria upazila of Shariatpur district. His father's name is Munshi Mobarak Ali and mother's name is Maleka Begum.

Shawkat Ali passed his matriculation examination from Khepupara High School of Patuakhali district in 1953 under East Bengal Secondary Education Board and was placed in the first division. He passed his Intermediate Commerce and Bachelor of Commerce examinations from Shaheed Shurawardy College under Dhaka University. He obtained his LLB degree from Comilla Law College under Dhaka University.

Shawkat Ali had been commissioned in Pakistan Army on 24.01.59 in the Corps of Ordnance and was an Instructor in Ordnance School, Malir Cantonment. He was compulsorily retired from Pakistan Army in 1969 consequent upon his being prosecuted (Accused No 26) in the historic case titled State vs Sheikh Mujibur and others, which is generally known as Agartala Conspiracy Case. He actively participated in the war of liberation in 1971. He was again compulsorily retired from the Army in 1975 following the murder of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by the enemies of Bangladesh. At the time of his retirement, he was the Director of Ordnance Services of Bangladesh Army.

Shawkat Ali was elected Member of the second Parliament in 1979 and was a member of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation. He was again elected Member of the fifth Parliament in 1991. In the fifth Parliament he was a member of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Defence and the Petition Committee. He was elected Member of the seventh Parliament in 1996 in which he was Chairman of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Shipping as well as Chairman of the Committee on Private Members Bills and Resolutions. He was also a member of the Petition Committee and Public Accounts Committee and member of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Defence. He was again elected Member of the eighth Parliament in 2001 in which he was a member of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Defence and a member of the Committee on Private Members Bills and Resolutions and also Public Accounts Committee.

Shawkat Ali founded a good number of Primary and Secondary Schools and Colleges in Naria Upazila of Shariatpur district. He had been President and Member of the Governing Body/Managing Committee of many Colleges and High Schools including Bangabandhu College in Mirpur, Dhaka. He paid official visit to India, UK and Yugoslavia during his service in the Army. As a member of the Parliamentary delegation he visited different countries including Australia, UK, Sweden, USA, India South Korea and attended a number of Parliamentary meetings, seminars and conferences. He paid private visits to Italy, Australia, UK, Singapore, Malaysia and India.

In the general elections held on 29 December 2008, Shawkat Ali was again elected Member of the ninth Parliament and on 25 January 2009 he was unanimously elected Deputy Speaker of Bangladesh Parliament.

Shawkat Ali is married and father of two sons and a daughter. His hobby is politics, reading books, writing, listening to music and watching sports. He has authored two books titled “Karagarer Diary” in Bangla and “Armed Quest for Independence” in English written on Agartala Case.