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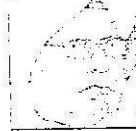
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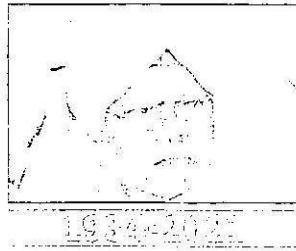


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Jaipur: Former Union home minister Buta Singh, who represented Punjab's Moga and Ropar as well as Rajasthan's Jalore Lok Sabha constituencies for eight terms between 1962 and 2004, died at the AIIMS, New Delhi, on Saturday. He was 86 and is survived by a daughter and two sons. The senior Congress leader was in a coma since October last year after he suffered a brain hemorrhage. Singh remained in public service for a long time and served under four prime ministers—Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, PV Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh. He also served as the governor of Bihar.

Leaders across political parties in the country expressed grief at Singh's demise. Rajasthan governor Kalraj Mishra, speaker CP Joshi



chief minister Ashok Gehlot, former chief minister Vasundhara Raje and former deputy chief minister Sachin Pilot remembered Singh for his contributions in the public life.

Born in Punjab's Jalandhar district on March 21, 1934, Singh was first elected from Punjab's Moga Lok Sabha constituency — which was reserved for the Scheduled Castes (SC) — as an Akali Dal candidate in 1962. He later joined Congress and in 1967 got elected from Punjab's Ropar

the seat; he represented until 1984 when he got elected from Jalore in Rajasthan. In 1998, he won as an independent candidate but later returned to Congress to be last elected from Jalore in 1999. He lost the seat as Congress candidate in 2004 and then as independent candidate in 2009 and 2014.

Singh was instrumental in building and re-building many gurdwaras in the country and abroad, especially the Sri Akal Takht, after Operation Blue Star in 1984. He was involved in the reconstruction of many gurdwaras in Delhi after the anti-Sikh riots of November 1984. He was closely associated with the then prime minister Indira Gandhi during the Operation Blue Star and as a minister oversaw the reconstruction of the Golden Temple in Punjab's Amritsar following the Army operation.