

## BIO-DATA - MR. ASGHAR ALI ENGINEER

<b>Name</b>	:	Asghar Ali Engineer
<b>Date of Birth</b>	:	March 10, 1940
<b>State of Birth</b>	:	Rajasthan
<b>Languages Known</b>	:	Hindi, English, Urdu, Arabic, Persian, Gujarati and Marathi.
<b>Academic Qualification</b>	:	B.Sc. (Engg) Civil, Vikram University, Ujjain.

**He has been trained in Tafseer, Hadiths & Islamic Jurisprudence. One of his main areas of study has been *fiqh* in which he is taken keen interest and has been understanding publications.**

### Special Awards:

- a) **Right Livelihood Honorary Award (also called the Alternate Nobel Award) for vision and work, Stockholm, Sweden, Dec.2004**
- b) **National Communal Harmony Award, 1997 presented by Home Ministry, Govt. of India**
- c) **Honorary degree of D. Litt. by the University of Calcutta, 1993**
- d) **Honorary degree of D. Litt. (Causa) by Jamia Hamdard, Islamic University, New Delhi, 2005**
- e) **Honorary degree of D. Litt. (Doctor of Letters) by Jamia Millia Islamia Central University, New Delhi, 2008**
- f) **Prof.Shah Sahib Award 2006 by Institute of Mappilas Studies, Trichur, Kerala.**
- g) **Muhammed Abdu Rahiman Sahib Foundation National Award – 2006, Kerala**
- h) He has been named as one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the World (2009). This study has been done by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre (Jordan) and the Prince Al-Waleed-bin-Talal Centre for Muslim Christian Understanding of Georgetown University, Washington
- i) Hakim Khan Sur Award by Maharana Mewar Foundation, Udaipur for national integration
- j) Association for Communal Harmony in Asia (ACHA), USA Award 2003
- k) Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Award, 1998 (Hariyana Urdu Academy)
- l) Distinguished Service Award by USA International Student Assembly and USA Indian Student Association, 1987
- m) C.N.Ahamed Moulavi M.S.S. Award 2004 (Muslim Service Society, Kozhikode, Kerala)
- n) Inter-faith Award, 1999 ((Khwaja Gharib-Un-Nawaz Welfare Centre, Bangalore)
- o) New Leader Award , New Leaders Award Committee, Madras ,1998
- p) Fourth South - Asian Youth Summit '94 Award at Punjab University, Patiala, 1994
- q) Dalmia Award on Communal Harmony, 1990

**Editor: Indian Journal of Secularism – a Quarterly Journal**

### Offices held in Organisations/Institutions:

- (a) **Nominated by ICSSR as a representative on the Governing Board of A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna for 3-years (2009-12)**
- (b) **Nominated as member of National Integration Council in the year 2005 by Prime Minister of India/Re-nominated in the year 2009 for the further period of 3-years.**
- (c) **Nominated by the Central Government as a member of Society of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla for the term of 3-years (2009-2011)**

- (d) **Chairman, Centre for Study of Society and Secularism, Mumbai**
- (e) **Director, Institute of Islamic Studies. Mumbai**
- (f) Chairman, Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN), Mumbai
- (g) **Member, National Foundation for Communal Harmony**
- (h) Former Vice-President, People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL), Mumbai
- (i) Ex-Member, Executive Council, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- (j) Ex-Member, University Court, Aligarh Muslim University, U.P.
- (k) General Secretary, Central Board of Dawoodi Bohara Community, Mumbai
- (l) Chairman, Vikas Adhyan Kendra, Malad (W), Mumbai
- (m) Member, Presidium Indian National Social Action Forum (INSAF), Mumbai
- (n) Chairman, Ekta Samiti, Mumbai

### **Publications:**

Has **published 63 books** on Islam, Problems of Muslims, Muslim Women's rights, Communal and Ethnic Problem in India, South Asia and Islamic State. Also publishes a fortnightly ***Secular Perspective*** and monthly ***Islam and Modern Age***