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Cong candidate dies of Covid-19 infection in TN

CHENNAI, DHNS-PS W Madhavarao, Congress candidate from Srivilliputhur (reserved) Assembly constituency in Virudhunagar district in Tamil Nadu, passed away on Sunday morning due to Covid-19 complications.



P S W Madhavarao

Madhavarao, who was admitted to a corporate hospital in Madurai on March 20 after he filed his nomination papers, was shifted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) on Saturday evening after his condition deteriorated. "He passed away on Sunday morning. He died due to Covid-19 complications," a source in the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee said.

63-year-old Madhavarao could not campaign in his constituency due to his hospitalisation forcing his daughter Dhivya Rao to take up the task of campaigning for him in the just-concluded elections to Tamil Nadu Assembly. A businessman and a legal consultant, Madhavarao, who hails from a village near Virudhunagar, contested the Assembly elections for the first time. He had held several posts in the Congress, including heading the District Congress Committee.

Congress leaders and DMK president M K Stalin condoled Madhavarao's death and appealed to politicians to be very cautious and get vaccinated for Covid-19. "I am saddened by the news of the death of Madhavarao. He would have entered the Assembly, and his death is a loss to the people of his constituency and the Congress," Stalin said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu Chief Electoral Officer Satyabrata Sahoo said Srivilliputhur will face by-elections if results show Madhavarao had won the polls. "Counting of votes polled in the constituency will be taken up as scheduled on May 2, and there will be by-polls if he is declared the winner," Sahoo said.