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Jaswant Singh, key neta of Vajpayee-era BJP, passes away

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Jaipur: Former Union minister and BJP veteran Jaswant Singh, who held key portfolios in the Vajpayee government, passed away after a long illness which rendered him comatose, leaving behind a varied, eventful and rich political legacy that saw him being an integral part of the saffron party's rise which he helped shape and nurture.

Rajasthan's longest-serving parliamentarian, Singh was 82, and was ailing since a fall in 2014.

Popularly known as "data" in the desert region, he breathed his last at the Army Research and Referral Hospital in New Delhi due to multiple organ failure on Sunday. Starting his political career at the age of 27 after leaving the Army in 1966, Singh served five Rajya Sabha and four Lok Sabha terms till 2014.

The latter years of his association with BJP were rocky. He was expelled from the party in 2009 over a book



he wrote that was seen to be "pro-Jinnah". He did not anticipate such an action, lamenting that he was not personally informed about the party decision. There was high drama in Shimla where the BJP executive met but he was asked to stay away after reaching. This was followed by a reconciliation but he was again expelled for defying the party and filing a Lok Sabha nomination in 2014, an election he lost.

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