

About Hitendra Kumar

Questions and Answers

1. Why did you leave a successful career to enter politics?

People often ask me this question.

My journey did not begin in a big city. It began in Chiglabar Middle School. Like thousands of children from our villages, I studied there with big dreams and limited resources. Through hard work I reached BIT Sindri, then IIT Kanpur. I worked as a Government Officer in the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) and later built my own businesses in Bangalore. Everything I achieved came through merit, not political influence.

I could have continued living a comfortable life. Politics was never a necessity for me. But over the years I realised that success has little meaning if it serves only me and my family.

I know how difficult it is for a child from a small village to dream big. I know what it feels like to struggle for opportunities. I do not want the next generation of Barkatha to walk the same difficult path simply because they did not get capable leadership or the right opportunities.

I believe every person who has received education, experience and success has a duty to give something back to society. For me, politics is not about power. It is about giving back.

I also believe Barkatha deserves better leadership. Our people are hardworking and talented. They deserve leadership that is honest, capable, transparent and committed enough to turn potential into development.

My father's life taught me the meaning of public service. My own journey taught me the value of hard work and competence. Today I want to combine both.

I am not entering politics to build a career. I have already built one. I am entering politics because I believe the best years of my life should now belong to the people of Barkatha.

2. Why are you entering politics now?

My father passed away in 2013 while I was in the last semester of my MBA. I could have entered politics immediately using his name, but I chose not to. I wanted to prove myself first. I wanted people to know me for my work before they knew me as the son of Sukhdeo Yadav. Today I return with experience, humility and a sincere desire to serve.

People often say politics is dirty. But politics does not become cleaner when educated and capable people stay away from it. It becomes better only when people with honesty, education, experience and courage step forward.

I have come forward with education, experience and a clean intention. Now Barkatha has an opportunity to support a politics built on capability, honesty and public service.

This responsibility is not mine alone. If Barkatha wants educated and accountable politics, people must strengthen it when it stands before them.

3. How are you different from other politicians?

I am an introvert. I speak less, but I think deeply before I speak. I do not make promises to impress people. I commit only when I believe something can genuinely be done. I would rather lose an election than win by making promises I know cannot be fulfilled.

4. What values will you never compromise on?

I will never divide people on the basis of religion for votes. I will never spread hatred for political gain. A road belongs to everyone. A school belongs to everyone. A hospital serves everyone. Development has no religion or caste. Politics should unite people, not divide them. I can accept losing any election, but I cannot accept losing my humanity.

5. Why should people trust you?

Please don't trust me because I am Sukhdeo Yadav's son.

Please don't trust me because I studied at BIT Sindri or IIT Kanpur.

Please don't trust me because I founded successful businesses.

Trust me only if you believe my education, my experience and my work can help build a better Barkatha.

Respect cannot be inherited. It has to be earned every single day.

I am ready to earn it.

6. What if you lose?

If the people of Barkatha choose someone better than me, I will be the first person to congratulate them.

Because my dream is not to become the best leader.

My dream is that Barkatha should always have the best leader.

If my entry into politics raises the standard of leadership, then I have already achieved something worthwhile.

I have not come here to defeat anyone.

I have come here to raise the expectations of the people.

The day every political party feels compelled to field its best candidate in Barkatha, I will consider that one of my biggest achievements.

My success will never be measured by the chair I occupy.

It will always be measured by the future Barkatha chooses.

7. Why didn't you join your father's party?

My father served through Jana Sangh and later BJP during his political journey. What I inherited from him was not a political party. I inherited his honesty, simplicity and commitment to public service.

Every generation must think independently. Today I believe politics should unite people, strengthen education, create opportunities, improve healthcare and build the economy. Those principles guide my public life.

I hope people judge me not by the party my father belonged to, but by the values I live and the work I do.

8. What does your father's legacy mean to you?

People think the son of an MLA must inherit wealth. Our story was different. My father never used politics for personal gain. He left us respect, not riches. I worked hard to build my own future. The greatest inheritance he gave me was honesty. Protecting that honesty is my biggest responsibility.

9. Some people may call you an outsider.

This question is natural, and I respect everyone who asks it.

Yes, my house is in the Koderma Assembly constituency.

But my relationship with Barkatha is much deeper than the address written on my house.

Our village is barely half a kilometre from the Barkatha Assembly boundary.

Half of my ancestral land is in Kandrapadih village in Barkatha.

My father spent his public life serving the people of Barkatha.

My maternal family is in Barkatha.

My sister is married in Barkatha.

My wife's family is also in Barkatha.

Every important relationship in my life is connected to this land.

But even these are not the biggest reasons.

The biggest reason is responsibility.

Barkatha gave my father love, respect and trust.

I have come back to honour that relationship.

Let me ask one question.

Does a son's relationship with his father's karmabhoomi ever end?

I don't want people to judge me by the location of my house.

Judge me by how often I stand beside you when you need me.

If, after seeing my work, you still feel I do not belong to Barkatha, I will accept your decision with respect.

10. What is your message to the youth?

I am living proof that a student from Chiglabar Middle School can reach BIT Sindri, IIT Kanpur, become a Government Officer and an entrepreneur through hard work. I want every child in Barkatha to believe that dreams are bigger than circumstances.

11. What is your dream for Barkatha?

I want young people to leave Barkatha only by their choice, not because there are no opportunities here.

I dream of good schools, better healthcare, dignified employment and fair development in every village.

The day a young person says, 'I can fulfil my dreams while staying in Barkatha,' I will consider my life's mission successful.

My success will always be measured by the success of Barkatha.

12. One message people should always remember.

My journey began in Chiglabar Middle School. Hard work took me to BIT Sindri, IIT Kanpur, government service and entrepreneurship. I could have stayed there. I chose to come back because the greatest success is not how high we rise, but whether we return to lift others.
