

## **Tashi Wangdi's Biography**

Born on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1947 at Sangag Choeling in Tibet.

1959 : Escaped to India with parents, 4 brothers and sister.

1959 : selected amongst the first batch of 25 students from the main refugee camp at Missamari, Assam for the first school for Tibetan refugee children set up by His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Mussoorie soon after his arrival in India.

1961 : was selected with three other students to go to Wynberg Allen, a local private boarding school in Mussoorie on a scholarship.

1966 : after graduating from this school, joined the service of the exile Tibetan Administration.

1966 to 1968 : served in the Council for Home affairs and also in the Council for Education of the Tibetan Administration as English translator.

1968 : obtained a British Council scholarship through a British refugee organisation called the Ochenden Venture for further study in Britain.

1968 to 1969 : attended Abington Further Education College.

1970 to 1973 : B.A. (Honours) in Political Science and Sociology at Durham University.

1974 : returned to India to join the Tibetan Administration.

1974 to 1975 : Worked as Junior Officer in the Home Department of the Tibetan Administration, Dharamsala.

1976 to 1977 : Transferred as the Acting Secretary, Bureau of H.H.the Dalai Lama, New Delhi.

1977 to 1978 : Promoted to Secretary, Bureau of H.H.the Dalai Lama, New Delhi.

1979 to 1981 : Appointed as the Acting Representative of H.H.the Dalai Lama in New Delhi.

1981 : Promoted as the full Representative in New Delhi.

1983 : Appointed by H.H.the Dalai Lama as Cabinet Minister in addition to being the Representative in New Delhi.

1983 to 1986 : Served as a Cabinet Minister in charge of the following Departments at the headquarters in Dharamsala while continuing to be the Representative in New Delhi :

Department of Information & International Relations

Department of Security

Department of Home

1986 to 1987 : Left the post of Representative in New Delhi to look after political affairs in Delhi as a Cabinet Minister without portfolio.

1987 to 1990 : Reappointed as the Representative in New Delhi and also made in charge of the following Departments as a Cabinet Minister :

Department of Education

Department of Information & International Relations

1988 : Appointed by H.H.the Dalai Lama as the head of the official team for negotiations with the Government of the People's Republic of China.

1990 to 1991 : Resigned from the post of Cabinet Minister and continued to serve as the Representative in New Delhi.

1992 : Appointed by H.H.the Dalai Lama once again Cabinet Minister for Information & International Relations, shifted to Dharamsala.

1992 to 1993 : Held post of both the Department of Information & International Relations, and of Security.

1993 to 1994 : Relinquished the post of the Department of Security and continued to hold the post of Minister of Information & International Relations.

1994 to 1995 : Given the charge of the Department of Health as well as the Bureau of H.H.the Dalai Lama in New Delhi as the Representative.

1996 to 1999 : Minister in charge of Information & International Relations.

1999 to 2001 : Minister in charge of Religion and Culture.

2002 : Relinquished the post of Minister after serving the maximum permissible two consecutive terms as per the Charter of the exile Tibetan Administration.

2002 : Appointed as the Representative of H.H.the Dalai Lama in New Delhi.

2004 : Made a member of the Task Force for negotiations with the Government of the People's Republic of China.

2005 : Appointed H.H. the Dalai Lama's Representative to the Americas based at the Office of Tibet in New York.

January 2009 : Transferred to Brussels as the Representative of H.H. the Dalai Lama for Western Europe, Maghreb and EU institutions