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Professor Lord Sushantha Kumar Bhattacharyya, CBE FR-Eng, FRS, born on 6th June 1940, obtained his B. Tech (Honors) in Mechanical Engineering from IIT Kharagpur in 1960 and did his M.Sc and Ph.D from Birmingham, United Kingdom. He has received Honorary Doctorates from several universities. Lord Bhattacharyya was appointed CBE in 1997 and knighted in 2003. In 2004, he was made a life peer as Baron Bhattacharyya, of Moseley in the County of West Midlands. He joined the Parliamentary House of Lords, London on 3rd June 2004 and sits on the Labour benches in the House of Lords.

Professor Lord Sushantha Kumar Bhattacharyya served as Engineer and Industrial Manager, Lucas Industries Ltd. during 1961-67, Researcher Dept. of Engineering, Birmingham University during 1967-80, Professor of Manufacturing, Founding Director and Chairman, Warwick Manufacturing Group, Warwick University, United Kingdom from 1980. He served on Science and Technology: Sub-Committee I, House of Lords during 2007-08. He is Trustee, Coventry 2020, from 2011, Co-chair, SERC A-Star review, Singapore (2008-12), Companion, Chartered Management Institute (2003-03), Member of Board, Advantage West Midlands (1999-04), Trustee, Member of Advisory Council Institute for Public Policy Research from 1997, Fellow, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (1996-96), Member, UK Council for Science and Technology (1993-03), Fellow, Royal Academy of Engineering (1991-91), Member, National Consumer Council(1990-93), Fellow Institute of Electrical Engineers (1975- 75), and Fellow, Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, UK. His focus is on Business, Industry and Consumers, Economy and Finance, Education, International Affairs, Science and Technology in UK, China, India, South East Asia, Turkey, South Africa and USA.

Professor Lord Sushantha Kumar Bhattacharyyahas extensively worked and published in the field of manufacturing. A distinguished academic and innovator, Professor Bhattacharyya was appointed as the UK's first Professor in Manufacturing in 1980 when he became founder and the Director of the new internationally renowned Warwick Manufacturing Group (WMG), at the University of Warwick. He is the advisor to many companies and organizations around the world. He is the past member of the UK Council for Science and Technology, the premier advisory body on major science and technology issues of strategic importance to the UK. He advises Government of South Africa on Science and Technology Policy and is a member of the Board of Transnet, the holding company for the state owned transport businesses from airlines to railways.

He has received many international and national honors and awards for his distinguished contributions in the field of Science and Technology. In 1988, he was the recipient of Mensforth International Gold Medal by the Institute of Electrical Engineers. In 2002 the President of India accorded him with the prestigious award Padma Bhusan for services to Science, Technology and Industry.