

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

PRESIDENT ALLOTS PORTFOLIOS TO 27 CABINET MINISTERS, 7 MINISTERS OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND 38 MINISTERS OF STATE

28-05-2009 : Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi

The President of India, as advised by the Prime Minister, has been pleased to direct the allocation of portfolios among the following members of the Union Council of Ministers: -

CABINET MINISTERS

1. Shri Virbhadra Singh Minister of Steel
2. Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
3. Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad Minister of Health and Family Welfare
4. Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde Minister of Power
5. Shri M. Veerappa Moily Minister of Law and Justice
6. Dr. Farooq Abdullah Minister of New and Renewable Energy
7. Shri S. Jaipal Reddy Minister of Urban Development
8. Shri Kamal Nath Minister of Road Transport and Highways
9. Shri Vayalar Ravi Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs
10. Smt. Meira Kumar Minister of Water Resources
11. Shri Dayanidhi Maran Minister of Textiles
12. Shri A. Raja Minister of Communications and Information Technology
13. Shri Murli Deora Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas

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| 14. Smt. Ambika Soni | Minister of Information and Broadcasting |
| 15. Shri Mallikarjun Kharge | Minister of Labour and Employment |
| 16. Shri Kapil Sibal | Minister of Human Resource Development |
| 17. Shri B.K. Handique | Minister of Mines and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region |
| 18. Shri Anand Sharma | Minister of Commerce and Industry |
| 19. Shri C.P. Joshi | Minister of Rural Development and Minister of Panchayati Raj |
| 20. Kum. Selja | Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Tourism |
| 21. Shri Subodh Kant Sahay | Minister of Food Processing Industries |
| 22. Dr. M.S. Gill | Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports |
| 23. Shri G.K. Vasan | Minister of Shipping |
| 24. Shri Pawan K. Bansal | Minister of Parliamentary Affairs |
| 25. Shri Mukul Wasnik | Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment |
| 26. Shri Kantilal Bhuria | Minister of Tribal Affairs |
| 27. Shri M.K. Alagiri | Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers |

MINISTERS OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

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| 1. Shri Praful Patel | Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry Civil Aviation |
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2. Shri Prithviraj Chavan Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Earth Sciences and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
3. Shri Sriprakash Jaiswal Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Coal and Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
4. Shri Salman Khursheed Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs
5. Shri Dinsha J. Patel Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
6. Smt. Krishna Tirath Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Women and Child Development
7. Shri Jairam Ramesh Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

MINISTERS OF STATE

1. Shri Srikant Jena Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
2. Shri E. Ahamed Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways
3. Shri Mullappally Ramachandran Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs
4. Shri V. Narayansamy Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and Minister of State in the Ministry of

Parliamentary Affairs

5. Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
6. Smt. D. Purandeswari Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development
7. Shri K.H. Muniyappa Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways
8. Shri Ajay Maken Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs
9. Smt. Panabaka Lakshmi Minister of State in the Ministry of Textiles
10. Shri Namoo Narain Meena Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance
11. Shri M.M. Pallam Raju Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence
12. Shri Saugata Ray Minister of State in the Ministry of Urban Development
13. Shri S.S. Palanimanickam Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance
14. Shri Jitin Prasad Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
15. Shri A. Sai Prathap Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel
16. Smt. Preneet Kaur Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs
17. Shri Gurdas Kamat Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
18. Shri Harish Rawat Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment
19. Professor K.V. Thomas Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

20. Shri Bharatsinh Solanki Minister of State in the Ministry of Power
21. Shri Mahadev S. Khandela Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
22. Shri Dinesh Trivedi Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
23. Shri Sisir Adhikari Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development
24. Shri Sultan Ahmed Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism
25. Shri Mukul Roy Minister of State in the Ministry of Shipping
26. Shri Mohan Jatua Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
27. Shri D. Napoleon Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
28. Dr. S. Jagathrakshakan Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
29. Shri S. Gandhiselvan Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
30. Shri Tusharbai Chaudhary Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs
31. Shri Sachin Pilot Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
32. Shri Arun Yadav Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
33. Shri Pratik Prakashbapu Patil Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
34. Shri R.P.N. Singh Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
35. Shri Shashi Tharoor Minister of State in the Ministry of External

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| 36. Shri Vincent Pala | Minister of State in the Ministry of Water Resources |
| 37. Shri Pradeep Jain | Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development |
| 38. Ms. Agatha Sangma | Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development |

Ministries that have remained unallocated, will be looked after by the Prime Minister.

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