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Education B. Com (Hons), L. L. B., F. C. A. (Fellow of Chartered Accountant).

Educated at Mumbai University, Mumbai and Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi.

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Registered for Ph. D. with Mumbai University in Economics. (State public finan Germa

Professional Practicing Chartered Accountant. Had his own Chartered Accountancy firm Expertise & before he joined politics in 1996. He was the Chairman of the largest Urban Experience Co-operative Bank in India and had been connected with over 150 NGOs, which operates in various fields. Expertise in the sectors of environment and sustainable development, Water & Energy, framing & implementation of public policy, Rural Development works. Has extensive knowledge of Finance, Law, Accountancy, Framing of Public Policy and Public Administration.Has unique combination of operating both at grass-root and macro level,,Has worked at national and international level

At UNO He has been Senior Advisor to UN organisation.

KEY STRENGTHS finance, accountancy, auditing, management consultancy, strategic management and planning, people management, global vision

local action, international negotiations

International :PnoWB member of Board

Political Career:

Shri. Suresh P. Prabhu who entered public life with his election to the 11th Lok Sabha (Rajapur constituency of Maharashtra) in 1996 and was re-elected to the 12th Lok Sabha in 1998 and to the 13th Lok Sabha in 1999 and to the 14th Lok Sabha in 2004 has left an indelible mark in the functioning of the Ministries headed by him through his initiatives, long-term vision, positive approach and transparency. He believed in

people's participation in the working of the Ministries under him, especially through the involvement of NGOs and people's groups. He has held several positions of responsibilities since entering public life which are listed below:

13th December 2002: April 2004 – Chairman, Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers with the rank and status of Union Cabinet minister.

Oct 2000 – Aug 2002: Union Cabinet Minister for power, Additional Charge of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.

Oct 1999 – Sept 2000: Union Cabinet Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers.

1998 – 99: Union Cabinet Minister for Environment & Forests.

May – June 1996: Union Cabinet Minister for Industry.

1995 – 96: Chairman, 1st Maharashtra State Finance Commission. (Constitutional post)

Others:

1. Spoken at various foreign & Indian Universities on variety of subjects and has interacted with Deans, Faculties and Students.
2. Traveled to over 90 countries in all continents.
3. Contribute regularly to National & International leading publications.
4. Delivered thousands of talks on various subjects; technical, economics, social, cultural etc before industry, trade unions, media, scientists, in all parts of world

Recognitions:

Asiaweek: The Hong Kong based Asiaweek Magazine features Shri. Suresh Prabhu amongst its top three Indian leaders of the future in its cover story, "Giant on the Move" (Sept 2000).

India Today: The India Today, a renowned weekly of the country, ranked Shri. Suresh Prabhu as the 2nd best performing Minister in its report (dated August 27, 2001) on the performance of key Ministers.

Aaj Tak: A leading TV Channel declared him as the best MP in 13th lok sabha in April 2004.

Association With Parliamentary Committees:

1. Chairman, Indo – German Parliamentary Forum.
2. Chairman, Parliamentary Forum on Environment.
3. Chairman, Parliamentary Maritime Group.
4. Chairman, Co-operative Forum of Parliamentarians.
5. Indo – US Parliamentary Forum.

6. INDO – UK Parliamentary Forum
7. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of External Affairs.
8. Member, Public Accounts Committee.
9. Member, Joint Parliamentary Committee to draft Women's Reservation Bill.
10. Parliamentary Standing Committee and Consultative committee on Finance.
11. Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
12. Chairman forum against fake drugs
13. Executive Member of Indo-UK and Indo-EU Parliamentary forum
14. Member wildlife first
15. Co-Chairman of Indo-Japanese Parliamentary Forum
16. Forum for water
17. Chairman Parliamentary Forum on Renewable Energy
18. Co-Chairman, Indo-Japan Parliamentary Forum
19. Indo-Singapore Public Forum
20. Indo-EU Parliamentary Forum
21. Member-Core Group-on AIDS

#### Initiatives:

- \* Initiated Bio-diversity Bill in the Ministry of Environment & Forests. Through public participation in conceptualizing the contents. Initiated and Piloted Electricity Regulatory (Amendment) Bill 2001 in Lok Sabha And Rajya Sabha (7.8.2001).
- Initiated piloted the Energy Conservation Bill, 2001 as Minister of Power in Lok Sabha (17.8.2001) and Rajya Sabha (28.8.2001).
- Initiated and introduced the Electricity Bill 2001 as Ministry of Power in the Lok Sabha (30.8.2001).
- Law on Bio-Medical Waste.
- Law on Municipal Solid Waste.
- Chemicals Weapons Bill.

#### Delegations Led:

Led a large number of Indian delegations to different countries as Union Minister for Environment & Forests / Chemicals & Fertilizers / Power and as Chairman, Task Force on Inter linking of Rivers. Even as a member of parliament taken part and led large number of very important delegations

#### Constituency Development Works:

Shri. Prabhu has provided an innovation model of development through the socio-economic programmes initiated in the 1209 villages of his parliamentary constituency, Rajapur. The constituency comprises the district of Sindhudurg and parts of Ratnagiri district in the state of Maharashtra on the western coast of India. The focal point of the organization structure created in Rajapur constituency is a set of 105 Parivartan Kendras (PKs) or Transformation Centres. Parivartan Kendra model of Development is a new concept in which the benefits of development reach not only to every village but also to the inhabitants of every home. It aims at providing economic opportunities and

sustainable livelihood to each and every larger/inhabitant of a home at his place of residence itself and also works on the other development aspects like health and environment to make their life truly meaningful. The Population has been divided into socio-economic groups viz. farmers, women, youth, fishermen, ex-servicemen and backward classes, to address the specific problems and needs of each group. Each of the Parivartan Kendra (looking after the development of approximately 10 to 12 villages in its area of operation) is managed by a reputed NGO. For the overall development focuses viz. economic, physical, cultural, socio-spiritual, intellectual and environment development. The existing well-knit structure and geographically well spread NGOs provide an excellent mechanism for carrying out different activities. A sample of activities already underway are: Internet-Kiosks, First-aid Centres, Mobile Hospitals, Mobile Libraries, Community Toilets, Publicity of Government Schemes, Training Camps, Facilitation Centres and Marketing hubs. Thus, whereas, on the one hand the PKs help the environment of poor through advocacy, social mobilization and awareness generation; on the other, they promote peoples' participation and co-operation. They also act as the information centres for Govt. schemes and the monitoring agencies of Govt. sponsored development works. A Vocational Training School has already imparted training to over 30000 needy poor people from very rural areas consisting mainly women. A Nursing school is run for local women. All most all the schools have been given computers and are trained in these skills. Over 100 schools have Eco-Clubs, to create environmental awareness at a very young age. Bamboo project has been launched to create more value addition and add employment. Created a network of over 150 Gymnasiums for physical development of locals. All major villages have road connectivity and power availability. A major programmed in Bio-Diversity in integrated development is being launched.

#### Literacy, Artistic & Social Accomplishments :

Published various papers on a variety of subjects in economics, sociology and taxation.

Social and cultural Activities : Connected with a large number of organizations in education, art and literature, sports, adults education, rehabilitation of mentally retarded children, hospitals, theatres, drama, trade associations like World Chambers of Commerce & Industry; Treasurer, Confederation of UNESCO Clubs & Associations.

Special Interests: Cooperatives, Social Work, International Affairs; Education, Economic Affairs and Public Finance, Industry, Rural Development, Literature & Fine Arts, Trade Unions and Associations.

Favourite Pastime & Recreation: Reading, traveling, sports, music and drama.

Sports/Clubs : Table Tennis, chess, cricket, tennis and football; Member (i) Boat Club; (ii) Khar Gymkhana; (iii) New Bombay Sports Association; (iv) MIG Sports Club and (v) Gymkhana Club, New Delhi., Vice Chairman Table Tennis Federation of India.

Countries visited: Widely traveled (more than 80 countries in Asia, Pacific, North

America, Africa, Europe & Latin America).

Major initiatives in the Ministry of Environment & Forests:

As the Minister entrusted with the responsibility of protecting the environment of the country, Shri. Prabhu took more than 500 new initiatives to protect the environment and to harness it for creation of wealth for millions of people. One of his main focus areas was mainstreaming of environmental concerns in economic decisions making. Some of the major actions taken by him include:

- Preparation of a National Environment Action Plan for controlling population.
- Preparation of a detailed Action Plan for achieving 33% forest cover in the country.

- Formulation of a National Zoo Policy.

- Setting up of the National Committee for identification of Eco-sensitive zones.

- Introduction of 100% centrally funded Schemes for reducing pollution in 22 major cities.

- A strategy for promoting environment education in schools.

- Preparation of a draft Biological Diversity Act for conservation, sustainable utilization and equitable sharing of benefits of biological resources.

- Finalization of the Hazardous Waste Management Rules, Solid Waste Management Rules & Biomedical Waste Management Rules.

- Formation of Environment surveillance squads in the Central Pollution Control Board to enforce pollution control system on polluting industries.

- Launch of the Bamboo Development Plan for the country.

- Joint Forest Management (JFM) system made an integral part of all forestry projects.

Major initiatives in the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers:

After holding the portfolio of the Green Ministry, Shri. Prabhu was asked to take reins of the Chemicals & Fertilizers Ministry, which has in its purview some industries, which cause pollution. He immediately initiated measures to make the industry environmentally conscious.

Shunning ad-hocism he initiated steps to formulate long-term policies in the pharma, chemicals, petrochemicals and fertilizers sectors so that their short-term goals could properly fit into the long-term goals.

- Direction to all PSU's to work towards achieving environmental standards (ISO 14000). Private sector units were also persuaded through their Trade Associations to meet these norms.

- Special emphasis on Research & Development in the pharmaceuticals sector aiming to make India an R & D superpower in pharmaceuticals.

- Preparation of long-term fertilizer policy, which would chart the future course of the fertilizer industry. This policy document was prepared after following a very transparent system of circulating it among all interest groups & encouraging open debate.

- Formulation of a new drug policy encouraging competition while ensuring at the same time adequate supply of drugs to the people at affordable prices.

- Launching of the websites of all the PSUs and departments of the Ministry in

order to bring more transparency in the operations so that they act as a facilitator rather than a controller.

• Revival plans of the sick PSUs worked out on a priority basis.

• A probe in the working of retention price-cum-subsidy scheme to avoid misuse due to understatement of capacities by the fertilizer manufacturers. Interim reassessment of capacities was ordered which resulted in major savings in subsidy outgo.

• Special emphasis on the use of promotion of alternative fertilizers like bio-fertilizers and organic fertilizers.

Major initiatives in Power Sector:

• Launching of an awareness campaign to build up opinion for the reforms of the Power Sector & Energy Conservation.

• An action plan for creation of an additional capacity of 1,00,000 MW to give power on demand by 2012.

• Creation of a special purpose Vehicle for taking up afforestation projects and creation of a forest ban in order to protect the environment.

• Resolution of the problems of Independent Power Producers through coordination and high-level initiatives.

• MoUs with the State Government giving them specific milestones for reforms.

• Reforms in distribution of power by encouraging its privatization/restructuring.

• A Comprehensive bill on Electricity called Electricity Bill 2001 (Which has since been enacted)

• Benchmarking of projects in order to reduce the cost of construction.

• Formulation of an Energy Conservation Bill to encourage Energy Conservation.

• A special aid package under the Accelerated Power Development Programme started for the reforming States in order to encourage distribution reforms.

• Special focus to increase efficiency of generation through Repair & Maintenance by improving the PLF.

• A seven-year Action Plan for Rural Electrification to complete electrification of all villages in the country by 2006.

• Preparation of a shelf of hydel projects to reduce peak shortage and to harness the hydel potential of 1,50,000 MW.

• All Public Sector Units of the Ministry of Power instructed to get certification under ISO 14001 so that they become environment friendly.

• To ensure complete transparency in the bidding/tendering process in the CPSUs, an icon has been created by the Ministry of Power which links with tender/bids of each of the CPSUs.

• In order that no breakdown of grids take place, special Action Plans for maintaining of Grid Discipline have been prepared & are under implementation.

• A special Monitoring system has been started to eliminate time & cost

overruns in the implementation of the projects.

Initiatives in the area of Water Resources Management:

The programme on Interlinking of Rivers is a comprehensive programme of Govt. of India aimed at insuring the country against water stress through linkage of major rivers in the Himalayan and Peninsular regions of the country. As Chairman of the Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers, Shri. Prabhu has steered the Task Force towards making an action plan for completion of the feasibility studies and providing guidance on norms of appraisal of individual projects in respect of socio-economic impacts, environmental impacts and economic viability. He has also prepared ground for reaching consensus with the concerned State Govts. On the programme on interlinking of rivers.

Annexure

Indian delegations led by Shri. P. Prabhu

As Minister of Environment & Forests

&#61623; To 7th Governing council of South Asia. Prog., Male (21-23.4.1998)

&#61623; To Conf. & convention on Bio-diversity, New York (27.4.98 – 12.5.1998)

&#61623; To Spl. Session of Governing Council of UNEP, Nairobi, Kenya (20-22.5.1998)

&#61623; To Summit on Peace & Development, Athens (Greece) (11-16.9.1998)

&#61623; To Spl. Session of UNEP Governing Council, Washington (22-30.11.1998)

&#61623; To Xth Conf. Of HIE Parties to the Montreal Protocol, Egypt (23-24.11.1998)

&#61623; To 7th UN Commission on Sustainable Development, New York (20-24.4.1998)

As Minister of Chemical & Fertilizers

&#61623; To Muscat. (Oman) (21-26.11.1999)

&#61623; To UNIDO Austria. (29.3 – 1.4.2000)

&#61623; To Switzerland / UK /USA & Europe. (23.5 – 10.6.2000)

As Minister of Power

&#61623; To Sixth Conf. Of the Parties on Climate Change to Paris/Amsterdam (19-27.11.2000)

&#61623; To Paris/Vienna. (14-23.5.2001)

&#61623; To London/Canada. (4-17.6.2001)

&#61623; To Singapore/Beijing. (16-25.9.2001)

&#61623; To Brazil/Argentina. (14-25.10.2001)

&#61623; To Singapore/Shanghai. (7-10.5.2002)  
&#61623; To London/Edinburgh/Helsinki (Finland). (21.6 – 2.7.2002)

As a Member of Parliament

&#61623; To Hong Kong. (23.12.02 – 4.1.2003)  
&#61623; To china. (11–19.1.2003)  
&#61623; To Analyzing Partnership for Sustainability, Germany. (8.4–13.4.2003)  
&#61623; To Indo – German Parliamentary Forum to Frankfurt/Berlin. (4–9.5.2003)

&#61623; Indo-German Parliamentary Forum Meeting. (21–29.9.2003)  
&#61623; CII Delegation to Canada (Toronto/Vancouver) (6-12.10.2003)

As Chairman, Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers

&#61623; To International Symposium on Isotope Hydrology & Integrated Water Resources Management, Vienna (Austria). (19-23.5.2003)  
&#61623; To meeting with Texas Water Authority & Indian Associations to USA /New York / Houston / Austin / Sanfrancisco. (22-29.6.2003)

Areas of Experience:

&#61623; Rural Development and forming policies for the same with practical experience of working on the same ground with 1200 villages with full participation of Government, civil societies and target people.  
&#61623; Energy Policies framing and its implementations.  
&#61623; Environmental issues.  
&#61623; Policies for industrial development.  
&#61623; Accounting & Auditing.  
&#61623; Management Consultancy.  
&#61623; Strategic advice on complex issues.  
&#61623; International negotiations.  
&#61623; Co-operations at grass root, district, state, national & international level in various sectoral organizations.  
&#61623; Banking.  
&#61623; Worked in 150 NGOs.