

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu is a fourth time Member of the Lok Sabha from Rajapur Constituency of Maharashtra - one of the biggest states of India. He was Industry Minister, Government of India in his first spell. Then, he was Minister of Environment and Forests, Government of India and formerly, Minister of Fertilizers & Chemicals. He was the Union Minister for Power, Government of India until August 2002.

As soon as he assumes charge, he would secure the blue-print of development for the next five years, fixing the target dates for the action points.

He is well known for his easy accessibility to the public, which not only acts as a deterrent to the bureaucratic delays and corruption in the functioning of the Ministry, but also encourages new ideas and view-points. Shri Prabhu believes in listening to criticism of the Government's policies, which he says, helps in reorienting the policies towards the greater common good. He is also a believer in people's participation in the working of the Ministries under him, especially through the involvement of NGOs and people's groups.

Education

- FCA, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Delhi(Rank holder at the Inter CA examination)
- LLB, New Law College, Mumbai
- B.Com (Hons), M.L. Dahanukar Collage, Vile Parle, Mumbai
- SSC, Sharadashram Vidya Mandir, Dadar, Mumbai

Profession

- Practising Chartered Accountant. Had his own CA firm before he joined politics in 1996.
- Has a family business of clearing and forwarding, export and others
- Also, Banker, Politician, Social Worker and Educationist.

Extra Curricular Activities during School and College Days

- Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the Western India Chartered Accountant Students' Association, a statutory body representing CA students from Maharashtra, Gujarat and Union Territory of Goa, and Daman and Diu.
- Member of editorial board of "Forum of CA", a professional magazine
- Founder of "Youth For Democracy", a students' organisation

Published Works

- "Students' Unrest" at Bajaj Institute of Management, Mumbai
- "Causes and Consequences of Mass Unemployment of Youths"at the Central Committee for International Voluntary Services (CCIVS), UNESCO, Paris
- "Problems of Youth in Third World Countries"at CCIVS, Monrovia (Liberia)

- "North-South Co-operation", paper read at an international seminar at New Delhi on behalf of Bharat Sevak Samaj
- "Contribution of NGO's Towards Peace" -Asian Youth Seminar, New Delhi
- Has published several columns on finance and economy in the daily "Mid Day" as well as articles in leading Marathi dailies
- He has written extensively on socio-economic issues

Social Activities

- Director, Saraswat Co-operation Bank. (former Chairman)
- Actional Co-operative Union of India
- Chairman, Manav Sadhan Vikas Sansthan, an NGO
- Chairman, Konkan Kala academy
- Vice-Chairman, Trustee, Mumbai Marathi Granth Sangrahalaya
- Chairman, Adult Education Institute
- Chairrnan, Maharastra State Table Tennis Academy
- Trustee, Khar Residents Association
- Trustee, Manavendra Charitable hospital
- Trustee, IFFCO Foundation
- Vice-President, Table Tennis Fedaration of India

Political Background

- Joined politics in March 1996, when he contested for the first time, for Rajapur Lok Sabha Constituency on the Shiv Sena ticket
- He has returned to Parliament from the same constituency Fourth Time on Shiv Sena ticket
- Has been Union Minister for Industries in 1996, Union Minister for Environment and Forests in 1998, Union Minister for Fertilizers & Chemicals in 1999, Union Minister of power, Union Minister of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises & Chairman Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers (Union Cabinet Minister rank and status)

International Activities Before Becoming a Minister

- Treasurer of Confederation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations
- Office bearer of Central committee for International Voluntary Services (CCIVS, UNESCO), one of the biggest NGO having members in 110 countries and headquarter in Paris
- Secretary of International Study and Service Exchange
- Attended the CCIVS general assembly and conference in France in 1983
- Attended the third world Congress of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations in Tokyo, in Japan in 1984
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting of CCIVS as Weimer, GDR in 1985
- Visited Czechoslovakia on the invitation of SSM

- Winner of the UNESCO fellowship. Visited Africa in that connection to study the problems of youth in developing countries
- Has visited over 100 countries in Europe, Latin America, North America, Africa, Asia and Pacific.

Association With Parliamentary Committees

- Chairman, Indo - German Parliamentary Forum
- Chairman, Parliamentary Forum on Environment
- Chairman, Parliamentary Maritime Group
- Chairman, Co-operative Forum of Parliamentarians
- Indo - US Parliamentary Forum
- Indo - UK Parliamentary Forum
- Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry External Affairs
- Member, Public Accounts Committee
- Member, Joint Parliamentary Committee to draft Women's Reservation Bill
- Parliamentary Standing Committee and Consultative committee on Finance
- Member , Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Chairman, forum against fake drugs
- Executive Member of Indo-UK and Indo-EU Japanese Parliamentary Forum
- Member Wildlife first
- Co-Chairman of Indo-Japanese
- Forum of Water
- Chairman Parliamentary Forum on Renewable Energy
- Co-Chairman, Indo-Japan Parliamentary Forum
- Indo-Singapore Public Forum
- Indo-EU Parliamentary Forum
- Member-Core Group-on AIDS

Interests & Hobbies

- Reading, Classical Music
- Sports, including chess and table-tennis
- Collecting stamps

Personal Information

- Father's Name : Shri. Prabhakar Prabhu
- Date of Birth : 11th July, 1953
- Place of Birth : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Wife : Smt. Uma S. Prabhu
- Son : Mr. Ameya Prabhu