

PORTFOLIO OF MINISTERS

SSC CGL General Awareness - Council of Ministers

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Cabinet Ministers - Council of Ministers



Narendra Modi

Prime Minister of India

MP from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



Cabinet Ministers

Amit Shah

Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Home Affairs

Rajnath Singh

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Defence

Nirmala Sitharaman

Rajya Sabha

Finance, Corporate Affairs

S. Jaishankar

Rajya Sabha

External Affairs

Nitin Gadkari

Nagpur, Maharashtra

Road Transport & Highways

Piyush Goyal

Commerce & Industry

Rajya Sabha

Dharmendra Pradhan

Rajya Sabha

**Education, Skill
Development**



Cabinet Ministers (Cont.)

Ashwini Vaishnaw

Rajya Sabha

Railways, IT, Electronics

Hardeep Singh Puri

Rajya Sabha

Petroleum & Natural Gas

Mansukh Mandaviya

Rajya Sabha

Health & Family Welfare

Smriti Irani

Amethi, Uttar Pradesh

**Women & Child
Development**

Jyotiraditya Scindia

Rajya Sabha

Civil Aviation

Bhupender Yadav

Rajya Sabha

**Environment, Forest &
Climate Change**

Kiren Rijju

Arunachal West

Earth Sciences

★ Important Ministries & Their Functions

🏛️ Key Ministries and Their Significance

Ministry of Home Affairs

Minister: Amit Shah

Functions: Internal security, police, border management

Ministry of Defence

Minister: Rajnath Singh

Functions: National defence, armed forces, military policy

Ministry of Finance

Minister: Nirmala Sitharaman

Functions: Economic policy, taxation, budget, banking

Ministry of External Affairs

Minister: S. Jaishankar

Functions: Foreign policy, diplomatic relations, international treaties

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

Minister: Nitin Gadkari

Functions: National highways, road transport policy

Ministry of Education

Minister: Dharmendra Pradhan

Functions: School education, higher education, literacy

Ministry Current Minister Key Schemes/Initiatives Health & Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya Ayushman Bharat, National Health Mission Women & Child Development Smriti Irani Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, POSHAN Abhiyan Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Arjun Munda PM-KISAN, Soil Health Card Scheme Rural Development Giriraj Singh MNREGA, PM Awas Yojana Housing & Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri Smart Cities Mission, AMRUT Environment, Forest & Climate Change Bhupender Yadav National Clean Air Programme, Green India Mission



Council of Ministers Structure



Ministers of State (Independent Charge)

Rao Inderjit Singh

Statistics & Programme
Implementation

Jitendra Singh

Science & Technology

Arjun Ram Meghwal

Law & Justice

Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Electronics & IT

V. K. Singh

Road Transport & Highways



Ministers of State

Ajay Bhatt

Defence, Tourism

Nainital-Udhamsingh Nagar

Bhagwat Karad

Finance

Rajya Sabha

B. L. Verma

Development of North
Eastern Region

Rajya Sabha

Shobha Karandlaje

Udupi Chikmagalur

Agriculture & Farmers

Welfare

Nityanand Rai

Ujjarpur

Home Affairs

Council of Ministers - Constitutional Provisions

- ✓ **Article 74:** Council of Ministers to aid and advise President
- ✓ **Article 75:** Appointment of Prime Minister and other ministers
- ✓ **Article 77:** Conduct of business of Government of India
- ✓ **Article 88:** Rights of Ministers with respect to Houses



Important Facts & Current Updates

★ Key Facts About Council of Ministers

- ✓ Total strength of Council of Ministers cannot exceed **15%** of Lok Sabha strength
- ✓ 91st Constitutional Amendment (2003) fixed the limit on ministry size
- ✓ Prime Minister is the **head** of Council of Ministers
- ✓ Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to **Lok Sabha**
- ✓ Minister of State (Independent Charge) can take decisions without consulting Cabinet Minister

🔄 Recent Changes & Updates (2023-2024)

Cabinet Reshuffle

Date: May 2023

Key Changes: New ministers inducted in various departments

New Ministries Created

Recent: Ministry of Cooperation (2021)

Minister: Amit Shah

Important Mergers

Example: Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation merged with Jal Shakti Ministry

Category Number Remarks Cabinet Ministers 30 Heads important ministries Ministers of State (Independent Charge) 5 Independent decision-making power Ministers of State 45 Assist Cabinet Ministers Total Ministers 80 Including Prime Minister



Exam Special - Must Remember

- ✓ First Prime Minister of India: **Jawaharlal Nehru**

- ✓ First Woman Prime Minister: **Indira Gandhi**
- ✓ First Non-Congress Prime Minister: **Morarji Desai**
- ✓ Prime Minister with longest tenure: **Jawaharlal Nehru** (16 years, 286 days)
- ✓ Shortest tenure as Prime Minister: **Gulzari Lal Nanda** (13 days - acting PM)

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Covering Cabinet Ministers, Important Ministries, Constitutional Provisions and Key Facts

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