

Cabinet Ministers of India 2023

Cabinet Ministers of India are high-ranking state officials of the administrative branch's top leaders. The current list of the Council of Ministers of India consists of 28 Cabinet Ministers, 45 Ministers of State, and 2 Ministers of State (Independent Charge) to aid the Prime Minister of India.

Cabinet Ministers of India are the members of a cabinet, also called secretaries. It is important to know that the Prime minister of India suggests the names of Cabinet Ministers, whereas the President of India revises the list. Read here to know the Cabinet Ministers of India 2023 list to understand their responsibilities, composition, and more.

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Cabinet Ministers of India 2023 contains a member of the Government's executive branch appointed to the cabinet. It is also known as the Union Cabinet Ministers of India, which is a part of the Council of Ministers. All the members of the Cabinet must serve as a member of either of the houses (Rajya Sabha or Lok Sabha) for six consecutive months.

The Prime Minister is the head of the Cabinet Ministry. Including Prime Minister, there are a total of 29 members as per the updated list, which was released on 6 July 2022. All portfolios of the Cabinet Ministers of India, which are not allocated to any minister, are controlled by the PM of India. The resignation or demise of Prime Minister automatically disbands the Cabinet Ministry and is the central transmission channel between the President and the Council of Ministers.

All Ministers of India 2023

There are a total of 76 ministers in India currently under the Council of ministers. This Council of Ministers took oath with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 30 May 2019. It is essential to know that a vital [difference exists between Cabinet and Council of Ministers](#). The Council of Cabinet Ministers is a subdivision of this council. To be precise, the Council of Ministers consists of the following divisions:

- Prime Minister
- Cabinet Ministers (28 members)
- Ministers of State (Independent Charge) (2 members)
- Ministers of State (45 members)

The council also includes Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary secretaries. All of the levels have their responsibilities to perform, which are elaborated in the table below:

Ministers Council	Role
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Cabinet Ministers of India

Top decision-making body briefing the President on diverse issues.
They hold critical portfolios and attend the Cabinet discussion.

Ministers of State

They are in charge of independent departments of a ministry. Designated to help the Cabinet Ministers.

Deputy Ministers

They have no independent charge. They are selected to assist the Ministers of State or Cabinet Ministers.

Parliamentary Secretaries

They are connected to senior ministers and aid them during Parliamentary duties.

List of Cabinet Ministers of India 2023

Currently, in 2023, there are a total of 28 Cabinet Ministers of India. Given below is the entire list of Cabinet Ministers of India along with their portfolios and states they represent:

S. No.	Cabinet Minister of India	Department/Portfolio	State
1	Shri Giriraj Singh	Minister of Panchayati Raj; Minister of Rural Development	Begusarai (Bihar)

2	Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Minister of Jal Shakti	Jodhpur (Rajasthan)
3	Shri Pashu Pati Kumar Paras	Minister of Food Processing Industries	Hajipur (Bihar)
4	Shri Pralhad Joshi	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal; Minister of Mines.	Dharwad (Karnataka)
5	Shri Virendra Kumar	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.	Tikamgarh (Madhya Pradesh)
6	Shri Narendra Singh Tomar	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Moren (Madhya Pradesh)
7	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Minister of Education and	Deogarh (Odisha)

8	Shri Raj Kumar Singh	Minister of New and Renewable Energy; Minister of Power	Arrah (Bihar)
9	Shri Anurag Singh Thakur	Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports; Minister of Information and Broadcasting	Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh)
10	Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	Minister of External Affairs	Rajya Sabha (Gujarat)
11	Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Minister of Road Transport and Highways	Nagpur (Maharashtra)
12	Shri Parshottam Rupala	Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	Gujarat
13	Shri Bhupender Yadav	Minister of Labour and Employment; Minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change	Rajasthan

14	Shri G. Kishan Reddy	Minister of Development of North Eastern Region; Minister of Culture; Minister of Tourism	Secunderabad (Telangana)
15	Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani	Minister of Minority Affairs; Minister of Women and Child Development	Amethi (Uttar Pradesh)
16	Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia	Minister of Civil Aviation; Minister of Steel	Madhya Pradesh
17	Shri Arjun Munda	Minister of Tribal Affairs.	Khunti (Jharkhand)
18	Shri Mansukh Mandaviya	Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister of Health and Family Welfare	Palitana (Gujarat)
19	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman	Minister of Corporate Affairs; Minister of Finance	Karnataka
20	Shri Narayan Tatu Rane	Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	Maharashtra

21	Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey	Minister of Heavy Industries	Chandauli (Uttar Pradesh)
22	Shri Raj Nath Singh	Minister of Defence	Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
23	Kiren Rijju	Minister of Law and Justice	Arunachal West (Arunachal Pradesh)
24	Shri Amit Shah	Ministry of Cooperation; Minister of Home Affairs	Gandhinagar (Gujarat)
25	Shri Piyush Goyal	Minister of Textiles; Minister of Commerce and Industry; Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Maharashtra
26	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal	Minister of AYUSH; Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways	Assam

27	Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw	Minister of Electronics and Information Technology; Minister of Railways; Minister of Communications	Odisha
28	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs; Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas	Uttar Pradesh

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Constitutional Requirements for Cabinet Ministers of India

The Article 352 of the Constitution finds the word 'Cabinet' mentioned in it. And as per [Article 74](#), the Council of Ministers of India (including Cabinet Ministers of India) and the Prime Minister will assist and suggest the [President of India](#) who can hold their position to exercise the crucial functions. Here are other facts from constitutional requirements:

- The Prime Minister had the control of appointing anyone to his council of ministers before the 91st constitutional amendment act 2003.
- After the Act modification, there was an extreme change in depriving such authority of the Prime Minister.
- The amendment added Clause (1A) in the Article, which brought the 91st Constitution Amendment Act, 2003.
- It stated that the total number of Ministers, including the Prime Minister, cannot surpass 15 percent of the entire members of Lok Sabha.
- Ministry of Cooperation was established in the same year.

Ministers of State (Independent Charge)

Ministers of state are one-time cabinet members of India or party leaders who instruct the Sovereign in complicated circumstances, with moral power but without legal competence. Unlike the Minister of state, these ministers can attend official meetings with Cabinet Ministers of India on important issues. Below are the two current state ministers that have independent charges:

Ministers of State	Department	Constituency
Dr. Jitendra Singh	State Minister (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology State Minister (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences State Minister in the Prime Minister's Office State Minister in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions State Minister in the Department of Atomic Energy State Minister in the Department of Space	Udhampur (Jammu & Kashmir)
Rao Inderjit Singh	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation State Minister (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning State Minister in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs	Gurugram (Haryana)

Ministers of State

The Ministers of the state comprise the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers in each State. A total of 45 ministers are assigned as the Ministers of State and are shown below:

S. No.	Ministers of State	Portfolio
1	Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti	State Minister in Food and Public; Distribution and Consumer Affairs; State Minister in Rural Development
2	Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad	State Minister in Finance
3	Smt. Annpurna Devi	State Minister in Education
4	Shri Shripad Yesso Naik	State Minister in Tourism; State Minister in the Ports, Shipping and Waterways
5	Sushri Shobha Karandlaje	State Minister in Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
6	Shri Rameswar Teli	State Minister in Labour and Employment; State Minister in Petroleum and Natural Gas
7	Shri Kailash Choudhary	State Minister in Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

8	Shri Shantanu Thakur	State Minister in Ports, Shipping and Waterways
9	Shri John Barla	State Minister in the Minority Affairs
10	Dr. L. Murugan	State Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying; State Minister of Information and Broadcasting
11	Shri A. Narayanaswamy	State Minister of Empowerment and Social Justice
12	Shri Danve Raosaheb Dadarao	State Minister of Mines; State Minister of Railways; State Minister of Coal
13	Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey	State Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; State Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
14	Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar	State Minister of Health and Family Welfare

15	Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai	State Minister of AYUSH; State Minister of Women and Child Development
16	Shri Faggansingh Kulaste	State Minister of Rural Development; State Minister of Steel
17	Smt. Anupriya Singh Patel	State Minister of Industry and Commerce
18	Shri Som Parkash	State Minister of Industry and Commerce
19	Shri Nisith Pramanik	State Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports; State Minister of Home Affairs
20	Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma	State Minister in the Small, Micro, and Medium Corporations
21	Shri V. Muraleedharan	State Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; State Minister of External Affairs
22	Shri Ajay Bhatt	State Minister of Tourism; State Minister of Defence

23	Shri Ajay Kumar	State Minister of Home Affairs
24	Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar	State Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; State Minister of Electronics and Information Technology
25	Shri Prahalad Singh Patel	State Minister of Food Processing Industries; State Minister of Jal Shakti
26	Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal	State Minister of Culture; State Minister of Parliamentary Affairs
27	Shri Ramdas Athawale	State Minister of Empowerment and Social Justice
28	Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil	State Minister of Panchayati Raj
29	General (Retd.) V. K. Singh	State Minister of Civil Aviation; State Minister of Road Transport and Highways
30	Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel	State Minister in Law and Justice

31	Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh	State Minister of Railways; State Minister of Textiles
32	Shri B. L. Verma	State Minister of Cooperation; State Minister of Northeastern Region Development
33	Shri Pankaj Chaowdhary	State Minister of Finance
34	Shri Bishweswar Tudu	State Minister of Tribal Affairs; State Minister of Jal Shakti
35	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan	State Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
36	Shri Kaushal Kishore	State Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs
37	Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta	State Minister of Tribal Affairs
38	Sushri Pratima Bhoumik	State Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment
39	Shri Nityanand Rai	State Minister of Home Affairs

40	Shri Devusinh Chauhan	State Minister of Communications
41	Shri Bhagwanth Khuba	State Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers; State Minister of New and Renewable Energy
42	Dr. Subhas Sarkar	State Minister of Education
43	Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh	State Minister of Education; State Minister of External Affairs
44	Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi	State Minister of Culture; State Minister of External Affairs
45	Shri Krishan Pal	State Minister of Heavy Industries; State Minister of Power

Historical Facts on Cabinet Ministers of India

The first cabinet was formed on 15 August 1947 where a total of 15 members sworn as Cabinet Ministers of India along with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Look at the historical facts about the first Cabinet Ministers having different portfolios in the areas of education, finance, external affairs, etc, in the table shown below:

Portfolio	Cabinet Minister
First Education Minister of India	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

First Finance Minister of India

R. K. Shanmukham Chetty

First External Affairs Minister of India

Jawaharlal Nehru

First Prime Minister of India

First Defence Minister of India

Baldev Singh

First Deputy Prime Minister of India

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

First Home Minister of India

First President of India

Dr. Rajendra Prasad

