

RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN

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

CABINET MINISTERS

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| 1. Shri Praful Patel | Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises |
| 2. Shri Shriprakash Jaiswal | Coal |
| 3. Shri Salman Khursheed | Water Resources and additional charge of Minority Affairs |

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

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| 1. Shri Ajay Maken | Youth Affairs and Sports |
| 2. Shri Beni Prasad Verma | Steel |
| 3. Professor K.V. Thomas | Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution |

MINISTERS OF STATE

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| 1. Shri Ashwani Kumar | Planning and Parliamentary Affairs and Science and Technology and Earth Sciences |
| 2. Shri K.C. Venugopal | Power |

The President, as advised by the Prime Minister, further directed that the portfolios of the following Ministers shall be changed as indicated below:

CABINET MINISTERS

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| 1. Shri Sharad Pawar | Agriculture and Food Processing Industries |
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| 2. Shri Virbhadra Singh | Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises |
| 3. Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh | Rural Development and additional charge of Panchayati Raj |
| 4. Shri S. Jaipal Reddy | Petroleum and Natural Gas |
| 5. Shri Kamal Nath | Urban Development |
| 6. Shri Vayalar Ravi | Overseas Indian Affairs and additional charge of Civil Aviation |
| 7. Shri Murli Deora | Corporate Affairs |
| 8. Shri Kapil Sibal | Human Resource Development and additional charge of Communications and Information Technology |
| 9. Shri B.K. Handique | Development of North-Eastern Region |
| 10. Shri C.P. Joshi | Road Transport and Highways |
| 11. Kumari Selja | Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and additional charge of Culture |
| 12. Shri Subodh Kant Sahay | Tourism |
| 13. Dr. M.S. Gill | Statistics and Programme Implementation |
| 14. Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal | Parliamentary Affairs and additional charge of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences |

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

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| 1. Shri Dinsha Patel | Mines |
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MINISTERS OF STATE

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| 1. Shri E. Ahamed | External Affairs |
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