

Mr. Prem Das Rai is an Indian Politician from the Sikkim Democratic Front Party. He was elected as a Member of Parliament in the Lok Sabha from the state of Sikkim in 2009 and 2014 elections. Mr. Rai has the distinction of being the only Parliamentarian with degrees from both IIT (Kanpur) and IIM (Ahmedabad). He was awarded the Eisenhower Fellowship in 2000 for distinguished contribution to the economic and industrial growth of Sikkim.

Mr. Rai is currently a Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation, and the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Tribal Affairs & DoNER Ministry. He is also the Secretary General of the North-East MPs' Forum, Member of the Governing Council of Centre for Environmental Health, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI), and Member of the Advisory Council of Population Foundation of India (PFI). He heads the Parliamentary Committee on Population & Development.

Mr. Rai serves as Chair for the Steering Committee on Anti-Drugs under the Department of Social Justice & Women Empowerment, Government of Sikkim, which has spawned a unique program in Government Schools called SAATHI. He is Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of Educational Quality Improvement Program (EQUIP), under the Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim. Mr. Rai is actively engaged in the process of mainstreaming of SDGs in the state of Sikkim.

He joined Sikkim Democratic Front in its formative years and served as the General Secretary. Until recently, Mr. Rai served as the Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Commission of the Government of Sikkim.

Mr. Rai briefly worked as a Banker at the Bank of America immediately after his degree from IIM. He then returned to Sikkim to take various roles such as Managing Director of the Sikkim Milk Union, Chairman of Sikkim Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (SIDICO), Founding Chairman of the Ecotourism and Conservation Society of Sikkim (ECOSS), and CEO (north-east) of BASIX – one of India's largest microfinance and livelihood promotion units.

Mr. Rai has undertaken leadership courses at Yale, Oxford, Harvard and Princeton Universities on invitation. He has also lectured in Universities and Institutions in Tokyo, Japan, sponsored by the Sasagawa Foundation, and has attended the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council working sessions.