

A brief bio sketch of Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways

Date and Place of Birth	:	11 July 1953, Mumbai (Maharashtra)
Educational Qualification	:	B.Com (H), LLB and FCA from Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
Profession	:	Chartered Accountant, Farmer, Social Worker, Educationist

Positions held:

1995-96	Chairman, First Maharashtra State Finance Commission (Constitutional Post)
1996-98	Member, 11 th Lok Sabha Member, Joint Committee to Draft Women's Reservation Bill Member Committee on Finance
May-June 1996	Union Cabinet Minister, Industry
1998-99	Member, 12 th Lok Sabha (second term) Union Cabinet Minister Environment and Forest
1999-2004	Member, Thirteenth Lok Sabha (third term) Union Cabinet Minister, Chemicals and Fertilizers Union Cabinet Minister, Power (Additional charge of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises during May-June 2002) Member Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Member Public Accounts Committee Member Committee on External Affairs Chairman, Task Force on Interlinking of Commerce and Industries Member Public Accounts Committee Member Committee on External Affairs Chairman, Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers (Cabinet Minister rank)

2004 -2009	Member Fourteenth Lok Sabha (fourth term)
	Member, Committee on External Affairs Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Commerce and Industries Member, Committee on Finance Member, Parliamentary Forum on Water Conservation and Management
Nov. 2014	Elected to Rajya Sabha, from Haryana
9 Nov. 2014 onwards	Union Minister for Railways

Major accomplishments :

1. As Minister of Environment and Forests, took more than 500 new initiatives such as preparation of National Environment Action Plan, draft Biological Diversity Act, finalization of Hazardous Waste Management Rules, Solid Waste Management Rules, Biomedical Waste management Rules, formulation of National Zoo Policy, development of bamboo resources;
2. As Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers initiated steps to formulate long term policies in the pharma, chemicals petrochemicals and fertilizers sectors.
3. as Minister of Power initiated reform in power distribution by encouraging its privatization/restructuring; initiated and piloted Electricity Regulatory (Amendment) Bill, 2001 Energy Conservation Bill, 2001 and Electricity Bill 2001 in Lok Sabha; Seven year Action Plan for Rural Electrification and Special Action Plan for maintaining of Grid Discipline
4. As Chairman of Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers steered the Task Force towards making an action plan for completion of the feasibility studies; has provided an innovative model of development Parivartan Kendras (PKs) or Transformation Centres the villagers of his constituency; PKs aim at providing economic opportunities and sustainable livelihood to each and every villager / inhabitant of a hamlet at his place of residence and also works on the development aspects like health and environment
5. As a Railway Minister he has initiated major reforms bringing improvement in governance system, financial situation, customer satisfaction, cleanliness, information technology and energy efficiency and use of renewables.
6. As Prime Minister's Sherpa in G-20, a high level emissary representing Government of India in the Group of 20 Annual Summit, he put forward the concerns and views of the country forcefully and convincingly, earning all round appreciation.

7. He is associated with many social and charitable organisations. He is the founder of 'Youth for Democracy', a student organisation. He is also the Chairperson of an NGO –Manav Sadhan Vikas Sanstha, working towards empowerment of people.