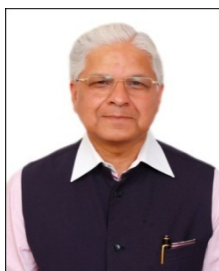


Minister of State's Profile



Shri Ashwani Kumar

Constituency : Punjab
Party Name : Indian National Congress(INC)

Father's Name : Late Shri Prabodh Chandra

Mother's Name : Late Shrimati Adarsh Kumari

Date of Birth : 26 October 1952

Place of Birth : Delhi

Marital Status : Married on 30 November 1975

Spouse's Name : Shrimati Madhu Kumar

Children : One son and one daughter

Educational Qualifications : B.A.(Hons.), LL.B., M.Phil. Educated at St. Stephen's College, Delhi; Faculty of Law, University of Delhi and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) from Punjab University 2004),

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Positions Held

July 2011	Minister of State for Planning, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences
January-July 2011	Minister of State for Planning, Parliamentary Affairs, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences
1990-2011	Member AICC
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-elected for the third consecutive term to Rajya Sabha in March 2010• Chairman, Select Committee on The Prevention Torture Bill , 2010 (September 2010)
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Member, Public Accounts Committee of Parliament</i>• <i>Chairman, Sub-Committee on Action Taken Notes of the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament (2009-2010)</i>• Member, Standing Committee on External Affairs (2009-2010)
29 Jan 2006 to May 2009	Minister of State in the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.
2004 – 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Financeii. Member, Committee on Information Technology
April 2004	Re-elected to Rajya Sabha
2002-2004	Chairman, A.I.C.C. Vichar Vibhag (Intellectual Cell), Spokesperson, A.I.C.C.; Member, Media Committee, A.I.C.C.; Member,
Jan 2003 – Feb 2004	Member, Standing Committee of Parliament on Commerce; Convener, Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Textiles of the Committee on Commerce
June 2002-Feb 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member, Standing Committee of Parliament on Energy• Member, Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Finance

May 2002

Elected to Rajya Sabha

1991

Additional Solicitor General of India

Other Information about positions held :

President, (i) Indo-French Parliamentary Friendship Group constituted by Speaker Lok Sabha (2004) (ii) Member, Executive Committee of the Indo-British Parliamentary Forum, established as FICCI initiative, (iii) President Indo-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Society, (vi) Member, High Powered Parliamentary Goodwill Delegation to China led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha; Chairman, India-Japan Forum of Parliamentarians; Non-official member of the Indian Delegation to the 41st and 51st session of the UN General Assembly; Nominated as the Accompanying Minister to the President of India. Smt. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil on her State Visit to Spain and Poland in April 2009. Nominated as Accompanying Minister to the President of India. Smt. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil on her State Visits to Vietnam and Indonesia in November 2008.

Accompanying Minister to, (i) Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe (2007) (ii) Prime Minister of U.K. , Gordon Brown, (iii) King Albert II of Belgium and President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan during their State visits to India in 2006 -2009. In his official capacity Dr. Kumar has engaged with global leaders including President Simon Perez of Israel, President Mbeki of South Africa amongst others.

Freedom Fighter :

No

Books Published :

Law, Ideas and Ideology in Politics: Perspectives of an Activist, 2003

Social and Cultural Activities, Literary, Artistic and Scientific Accomplishments and other Special Interests :

Has written several articles in newspapers and magazines on law, economic reforms, elections, democracy, international affairs, etc.; has been extensively interviewed in the print and electronic media including BBC, CNN, STAR, Radio Australia, UN Radio (New York), Doordarshan, Zee India TV, TVI, Jain TV and NDTV 24x7 ; also interacted on political issues with (i) the foreign print media including the Washington Post, Le Monde, Los Angeles Guardian and the Times (London), India Abroad (New York), Les Echos (Paris), Le Figaro (Paris) Diplomatica Magazine (Morocco) and The Dawn (Pakistan) and (ii) the national media including The Times of India, Punjab Kesri, The Tribune, The Observer, The Economic Times, Hindustan Times, Financial Express, Pioneer, Indian Express, Asian Age, The Hindu, Hindu Business Line, Dainik Jagran, Dainik Bhaskar, , Hindustan (Hindi), 'Ajit', etc.

Sports, Clubs, Favourite Pastimes and Recreation :

Table tennis, wrestling; reading, travel, music and films

Countries Visited :

USA, UK, Germany, Netherlands, France, Canada, Italy, Sweden, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, China, Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, Jordan, New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland, Monaco, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Morocco, South Africa, Israel, UAE, Spain, Finland, Poland and

Hungary.

Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker

1. Keynote speaker for INSPIRE National Level Awards (Aug 2011)
2. Chief Guest for the distribution of INSPIRE State Level Awards (Aug 2011)
3. Keynote Speaker for earth Sciences Foundation day, Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi (July 2011)
4. Chief Guest for the Indo-US Innovation Expo 2011, New Delhi (July 2011)
5. Leader of Goodwill delegation of Parliamentarians to Russia and Hungary (May 2011)
6. Chief Guest for the Annual Convention of the International goodwill Society of India (May 2011)
7. Keynote speaker for the occasion of Technology Day Celebrations, CSIR, New Delhi (May 2011)
8. Released the report on “Socio-economic impact of Direct Selling—*need for a policy stimulus*” by ICRIER, New Delhi (March 2011)
9. Keynote address for “Science Day” Celebrations, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi (Feb 2011)
10. Chief Guest for the 6TH BRY-AIR Awards for Excellence in Heating, Ventilating, Air-conditioning and Refrigerating (HVAC&R), New Delhi (Feb 2011)
11. Chief Guest for Inauguration of the Electronics for You EXPO 2011, New Delhi (Feb 2011)
12. Chief Guest for the 3rd Convocation of Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar (Feb 2011)
13. Leader of the Indian Business Delegation to Kazakastan (March 4-5, 2009)
14. Chief Guest at International Conference—CTL 2009 with the theme “Powering Economic Growth : Logi(sti)cal Approach” organized by Indian Merchant’s Chamber at Bombay (Januray 29,2009)

15. Guest of Honour at the Inauguration Ceremony of IMTEX 2009 and Tooltech 2009 in Bangalore [IMTMA], (29th January 2009)
16. Chief Guest at FICCI's International Brand Conclave, Theme: Vision & Trends–Focus Sectors–Gems & Jewellery, Time Wear and Accessories organized by Geetanjali & FICCI at Mumbai (January 20, 2009)
17. KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT PETROTECH 2009 ORGANISED BY INDIAN OIL CORPORATION AT VIGYAN BHAWAN , (JANUARY 15, 2009)
18. Keynote Speaker at USIBC's Conference titled :US and India-Doing Business in Today's Economy" New Delhi (January 10, 2009)
19. Chief Guest in the Session titled "Building Bridges: Trade and Investment" at The Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) organized by Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs at Chennai
20. Keynote Address at Inauguration of the Technical Session 4–Nuclear Energy–5th Indo-US Economic Summit: Looking Ahead–Consolidating Alliances by IACC (January 7, 2009)
21. **Co-chair in the Business Meet organized by ASSOCHAM with H.E.Mohamed Nasheed, Hon'ble President of Maldives , New Delhi (December 23, 2008)**
22. **Valedictory Session in Symposium Hall, National Agriculture Science Complex, Pusa Institute, New Delhi (December 18, 2008)**
23. Special Guest at the session on Big Bets on Technology and manufacturing organized by CII in New Delhi (November 18, 2008)
24. Address at the 4th Session of the India-Belarus Inter Governmental Commission on Economic, Trade, Industrial, Scientific. Technological and Cultural Cooperation (JCM) at New Delhi (November 17, 2009)
25. Inaugural Address at The Performance Theatre hosted by TATA in New Delhi, (Nov 13, 2008)
26. **Key note speaker at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University on India's Global Engagement : Challenges of a Pluralist Democracy" (September 2008)**
27. Address on 'India-Israel Relations in a Global Age' organized by CII and The Harold Hartog School of Government & Policy , Tel Aviv at New Delhi (September 3, 2008)

28. Chief Guest at the Inaugural session of AIMA National Management Forum 2008 in New Delhi . July 2008
29. Address the Inaugural Session of 'IT Intelligence Conclave' New Delhi organized by The Economic Times- July 4, 2008
- 30. Keynote Speaker at India Investors Summit on Challenge of Inclusivist Growth-The India Story at Ballroom, Lond on May 19, 2008**
- 31. To Deliver the Nehru Memorial Lecture at The Nehru Centre, London, May 19 , 2008**
- 32. Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker AT 2nd Global Innovation Summit 2008/FIND 2008 being organized jointly by Confederation of Indian Industry and Finpro India in Finland in May 2008.**
- 33. Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker at 'India Calling 2007 ' function in Johannesburg presided over by President Mbeki (Aug 1st to 3rd , 2007)**
- 34. Indian Government Representative at the World Economic Forum Sessions 2006**
- 35. Keynote Address at The 3rd Annual India Investment Forum on The Indian Growth Story at New York (Sept. 2006)**
- 36. Key Note Speaker at a Seminar on " Competitiveness in India's Growing Manufacturing Sector", organized by Asia Society, New York at New York in June 2006**
- 37. Key Note Address at an Interactive meeting with CEOs' of leading American Petrochemical companies to promote India as FDI destination, in Greenbrier,(Virginia, USA)in June 2006**
38. Special Guest at the Regional World Economic Forum's Plenary Session on " Tech Sector Growth – Victim of its Own Success"? in November 2007
39. Guest of Honour at an Investors Meet , organized by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) in Bangkok (Sept 2007)
40. Chief Guest at the Inaugural Session of the Retail Symposium 2008 on " Making Delhi a Global Retail Destination" organized by CII (April 2008)
41. Inaugural Address at Indo-Turkish Business Meeting , New Delhi (March 2008)
42. Inaugural Address at National Seminar on Harnessing IP for National Development on the occasion of World IP Day organized by FICCI (April 2008)

43. Keynote Address at the Citigroup sponsored Global India Summit in New Delhi in March 2008
44. Chief Guest & Keynote Address at 6th International Conference on "Communication Convergence" at Mumbai in March 2008
45. Keynote Address at a GE sponsored Conference 'Access India 2008' at New Delhi on March 5, 2008.
46. Chief Guest in the Plenary Session of the International Conference on Reinventing Management & the Rise of the Asian Tigers hosted by JIIMS at New Delhi in March 2008
47. Address at a meeting of the Global the Board of Vodaphone at New Delhi in Feb 2008
48. Chief Guest at 3rd National Quality Conclave organized by Quality Council of India, New Delhi
49. Chief Guest at Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Seminar " Gateway to North America" and a get together of Pennsylvania Universities Alumni of New Delhi, Feb 2008
50. Keynote Speaker at International Conference on "Technology and Invocation for knowledge management organized by NPC
51. Guest of Honour for a breakfast session with senior business delegation headed by Lord Karan Billimoria at New Delhi
52. Guest of Honour on the Occasion of 57th Annual Convocation of Panjab University , Punjab
53. Chief Guest at Federation of Automobile Dealers Association's Auto Summit at New Delhi
54. Keynote Address at UK-India Infrastructure Conclave in New Delhi
55. Keynote Speaker at District Conference " Anglkar-Our Commitment to serve" at Swabhumi, Subject : "Leadership in Public Life", Kolkata
56. Chair for the wrap up session of the meetings held in Northeast states with Thailand Minister in , kolkata
57. Chief guest at the CNBC TV-18 Autocar Auto Awards 2008 , New Delhi
58. Chief Guest at a session on "AMERICAS" during Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2008 at New Delhi January 2008
59. Chief Guest at ICAI International Conference at Mumbai, Dec 2007

60. Chief Guest at the Annual Function of DPS , Greater Noida
61. Chief Guest at Global Compact Society – 3rd National Convention on Sustainable Development – The Role of Global Compact organized by ONGC, Delhi
62. Guest of Honour at the Inaugural Session of National Convention on Exploring Investment Opportunities in Orissa at New Delhi (Oct 29, 2007)
63. Guest of Honour at an Interactive Session with the members of World Chlorine Council, New Delhi (Oct 28, 2007)
64. Inauguration of INDEE 2007, organized by the Indian Engineering Export Promotion Council (Oct 23, 2007)
65. Chief Guest at World Academy of Productivity Science (waps) Fellow Awards function at PHDCCI , New Delhi – distribution of awards in New Delhi (oct 8, 2007)
66. Keynote Speaker on “ Powering Growth through Logistics Innovation and Integration” organized by CII at Chennai (Sept 19, 2007)
67. Inaugural Speech at National Conference 2007 and Insignia 2007 at Christian college Madras(Sept 19, 2007)
68. Chair the Session at AIMA-AAMo 34th National Management Convention , Theme: Managing New India Striving for Inclusive Growth at Kolkata (September 2007)
69. Chief Guest at 16th Anniversary of the Independence of Republic of Uzbekistan organized by Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan (September 2007)
70. Keynote Address at the AGM of Indian Merchant Chamber at Kolkata (June 2007)
71. Chief Guest's Address at the AGM of Bengal Chamber of Commerce at Kolkata (June 2007)
- 72. Presented Country Statement at CEOs Summit at Florence hosted by USB Bank Meeting with Mr. Al Gore on Climate Change (June 2007)**
- 73. Special Address as Chief Guest on the occasion of the release of “The India Factor” Report by Societe Générale followed by luncheon meeting with institutional investors and asset managers (CEOs, CIOs, Senior Fund managers, Strategists, Economists and Analysts) in New York (June 2007)**
- 74. Address as Guest of Honour at Chatham House**

on The India Story: Economic Growth and the Challenges of Pluralistic Democracy at London (May 2007)

75. Inauguration of Job & Education Fair organized by ITPO , New Delhi (April 2007)
76. Chief Guest at Council's Regional Award Presentation organized by EEPC at Mumbai (April 2007)
77. Inaugural Address on " Sustainable Economic Growth through Innovation at 1st Global Innovation Summit "Leadership in the Global Economy-Innovation to the Fore" New Delhi organized by CII (March 2007)
78. Keynote Address at the LAUNCH OF SOCIETE GENERALE'S " THE INDIA FACTOR REPORT" LONDON & Paris (MARCH 2007)
79. Keynote Address US Women Entrepreneurs Delegation on " Indian Economy: The Way Ahead " organized by FICCI FLO at FICCI, New Delhi (MARCH 2007)
80. Inaugural Address at 4th Japan-India Strategic Partnership Symposium organized by Government of Japan and CII, Delhi
- 81. Keynote Address at a Dinner for global partners of the Mckinsey Automobile sector practice New Delhi (February 2007)**
82. Valedictory Address at The Partnership Summit on Emergent India: New Roles and Responsibilities at Bangalore (January 2007)
- 83. Inaugural Address at MindMine Summit 2007 on Imagining, Investing, Inventing : "The Global Indian Manager" at New Delhi**
- 84. Special Guest at India Economic Summit 2006 organized by The World Economic Forum on "Going Global: The Acquisitive Indian" New Delhi**
85. Guest Speaker at the India Economic Summit 2006 organized by The World Economic Forum on "India and the United States: The New Paradigm" New Delhi (Nov 2007)
- 86. Key Note Address on " Mitigating India's Energy Security Challenge Potential for Domestic Action" organized by Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), New Delhi (Sept 2006),**
87. Key Note Address on "India - A Design and Engineering and Manufacturing Destination" at the 3rd Indo-US Economic Summit, New Delhi, (Sept. 2006)

88. **Keynote Speaker at Stanford Asia Technology Initiative Global Entrepreneurship Forum - Reinventing India on " The Role of Infrastructure to De-Bottleneck Industrial Growth at Mumbai (Aug. 2006),**
89. **Chair, Session on " Business Update: Outline of the Take Off" US-India's Strategic Dialogue organized by Aspen Strategy Group / CII in Washington DC in June 2006.**
90. **Address on " Trading for Global Integration" Indian Government Representative at the World Economic Forum on the Middle East Summit at Sharm El Sheikh, EGYPT in May 2006**
91. **Key Note Address at INDIA DAY at New Jersey, on INDIA- The Market , the Experience and the Opportunity in May 2006,**
92. **Key Note Address on " India and The Emerging Global Order" at the 16th Asian Corporate Conference of The Asia Society (New York) held at Mumbai in March, 2006,**
93. **Visiting Fellow, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington, 2003;**
94. **Was invited to attend an International Conference on Federalism organized by the Swiss Federal Government at St. Gallen, Switzerland on 27-30 August 2002;**
95. **Was invited to give a professional/expert view on the new Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) and other proposed fiscal legislation before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, 1998;**
96. **Was invited to be a co-panelist on the Assocham Conference on "Reforming Company Law - A Pragmatic Approach" held in New Delhi on 13-14 November 1998;**
97. **Nominated by the Government of India as a Member of the Indian delegation to the OECD workshop on Foreign Direct Investment in non-member dynamic economics held at Wellington, New Zealand, 6-7 April 1995;**
98. **Was Rapporteur, Journal of Energy & Natural Resources Law; Associate Visiting Professor, Institute of Peace and Development, University of Nice, 1994;**
99. **Was invited to participate in (i) The Ditchley Foundation Conference on "India : The Future", held at Oxfordshire, U.K., June 1992**

