

Fifty-six years old, married to Rekha Sahai, an Artist, and they have one daughter Yashaswani Sahai. A graduate from Magadh University and L.L.B. from Patna University.



Was elected as Member of Legislative Assembly from Hatia Constituency (Bihar) for three consecutive terms from 1977-89. His Parliamentary Constituency is Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Was Union Minister of State for Home Affairs during 1989-90 and Union Minister of State for information & Broadcasting and Home Affairs during 1990-91.

Was Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Food Processing Industries during 2004-09.

Working as Union Minister for Food Processing Industries since June 2009.

Actively involved in Non-aligned Student and Youth Organization (NASYO). As the International Chairman, worked in close coordination with reputed non-Governmental organization engaged in the field of health and rural employment / development.

Involved in social and welfare activities since student days and organized several national and state level programmes / seminars for the upliftment of the down-trodden, and minority community.

Hobbies include reading books, listening to music and performing yoga / meditation.

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