

# Meet the new CABINET MEMBERS





Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo became President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on August 11, 1999. Until then, he was the Minister of Finance.

His Excellency, Bharrat Jagdeo was born on January 23, 1964 into a working class family at Unity Village, East Coast of Demerara. His father worked on the railway service once operated by the Transport and Harbours Department and then the Marine Section. His mother tended a garden to help provide for their six children.

Unity/Lancaster Villages, where he grew up, were and still are predominantly fishing and farming villages. The area truly represents one where the two major ethnic groups live in harmony. This fact would have undoubtedly, had a lasting influence on his social and political outlook. He is unapologetically committed to building national and racial harmony.

From an early age, he became exposed to the political realities of Guyana's post-Independence era. The countrywide marches and cycle parade protests staged by the PPP passed through his

village. These events allowed for face to face contact with the struggle for freedom and democracy. His mother would offer food and items to those involved in marches. She even joined the picket line. This political activism she bequeathed him.

Mr. Jagdeo has been involved in politics and public affairs for more than two decades. He entered politics at the tender age of 13, when he joined the Progressive Youth Organisation (PYO), the youth arm of the People's Progressive Party (PPP). Three years later, he qualified for membership in the PPP. Subsequently, he was elected to leadership positions in the PPP District and Regional Committees of Upper East Coast Demerara.

Mr. Jagdeo's performance at primary and secondary school was commendable. He attended the Bygeval Secondary School and was one of the first students at this school to have secured passes at the GCE Advanced Level. Mr. Jagdeo then joined the staff of the Cove and John High School, where he taught Geography and History.

In 1984, he was awarded a scholarship and successfully read for a Master's Degree in Economics in Moscow.

In 1990, he returned home and served as an Economist in the State Planning Secretariat.

After the historic PPP/Civic victory of October 5, 1992, Mr. Jagdeo was named as Special Advisor to the then PPP/Civic Minister of Finance.

Hard work and dedication have always paid off for Mr. Jagdeo. His skills as an economist and his consistency of purpose, caught the attention of former PPP Leader and President of Guyana, Dr. Cheddi Jagan. In October 1993, he was named Junior Minister of Finance. Several weeks later, he was elected by the 24th Congress of the PPP to sit on the highest decision making body - the Central Committee. Subsequently, he was elevated to the Executive Committee of the Party.

In May 1995, he was named Senior Minister of Finance, the youngest person in Guyana's short history to have been appointed to the post.

Immediately, after his appointment as Senior Minister of Finance, many political observers deemed him a "rising star" in the PPP. He was already being talked about as a future leader of the party but he shied away from commenting on his political aspirations or ambition as he was determined to deal with issues pertaining to the economy and to make Guyana a better place for the present and future generations.

Mr. Jagdeo was entrusted with the monumental task of coordinating efforts to craft a National Development Strategy. The Atlanta-based Carter Centre, headed by former US President Jimmy Carter, invited him to tour several African states to share his experience and talk about Guyana's economic model.

On several occasions, he overlooked other government ministries, when his Cabinet colleagues were out of the country attending to State business.

His knowledge of matters affecting the State has generated tremendous respect from foes and friends alike.

He served as a Director on a number of Boards including National Bank of Industry and Commerce and the Caribbean Development Bank and Guyana's Governor to the IMF, World Bank, CDB, IDB and the National Authorising Officer to the European Union.

Over the years, Mr. Jagdeo has earned the reputation as a "go-getter", "hands

on" Minister; someone who is willing to go to the distance to fight corruption and to ensure clean and honest governance.

Mr. Jagdeo continues to win plaudits from local and overseas groups for continuing the campaign for debt relief for Guyana and all heavily indebted countries.

On July 26, 1998 he married Varshnie Singh.

He was elected as President on March 19, 2001.

He was one of the leading advocates for the CSME (Caribbean Single Market and Economy) to come on stream on January 1, 2006 which will have significant benefits for the people of the region.

Since becoming President of Guyana in March 2001, he has introduced Cabinet Outreaches in all ten Regions for closer interactions with the communities, taking the Government to the people.

He also makes additional outreaches across the country with his Ministers and other officials to get a first hand experience of the concerns and problems of the people.

During Guyana's first natural disaster in January 2005 when large populated parts of the country were flooded owing to exceptionally high rainfall, he led a successful national response to bring assistance to the affected, and organized rehabilitation efforts.

On September 24th 2005 he was elected to the very important position of Chairman of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank (WB) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).



# Samuel Archibald Anthony Hinds Prime Minister

Samuel Archibald Hinds born December 27, 1943 in Alexander Village, Greater Georgetown received his early education at the Novar Canadian Mission School and later at Queen's College.

In 1967 he graduated from the University of New Brunswick, Canada with a B.SC in Chemical Engineering. In 1994, he was awarded an honorary DSC from the same University.

Hinds worked for 25 years (1967-1992) with the Bauxite Company in Linden and held positions as process engineer, process superintendent, divisional superintendent - product quality, research and development.

He served in the capacity of honorary secretary of the MacKenzie branch of the Guyana Association of Professional Engineers from 1967 to 1975.

He was a member of the American Institute of Metallurgical Engineers from 1983 up to 1992 when he became Prime Minister of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

From March 6 to December 1997, Hinds served as President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana. Thereafter, he held the portfolio of Prime Minister and Minister responsible for Public Works, Energy and Mines.

He is married and has four children.



# Dr. Roger Luncheon

Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Presidential Secretariat

Head of the Presidential Secretariat and Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Luncheon is also Secretary of the Defence Board.

He served as a Consultant on Internal Medicine at the Ministry of Health in 1980 and as Senior Consultant in1983. In 1987, he became Head of the Internal Medicine Department.

In 1985, Dr. Luncheon became Associate Professor for the Medical Practitioners Programme at the University of Guyana.

Dr. Luncheon studied at the Howard University, Washington D.C where he obtained his Medical Doctor's Degree and became a specialist in internal Medicine in Nephrology.



# **Carolyn Rodrigues**

## **Minister of Amerindian Affairs**

Carolyn Rodrigues was born on September 16, 1973 in Moruca, Region One. Her early education began at the Santa Rosa Primary School after which she moved to Georgetown where she attended a private school before going to Canada to further her studies. She successfully completed a programme in Business Administration at the University of Regina, Sasketchewan, Canada.

She returned to Guyana in 1993, and shortly took up the post of Coordinator of the Amerindian Projects Programme at SIMAP. She served in this capacity until 2001 when she began pursuing a Degree in Social Work at the University of Guyana.

In the same year, Rodrigues began serving as Minister of Amerindian Affairs.

She is married and has two children.



Dr. Jennifer R. A. Westford

## **Minister of Public Service**

Dr. Jennifer R A Westford was born in Georgetown. She attended Dolphin Primary and Charlestown Secondary Schools. She joined the medical profession in 1977 and graduated as a SRN in 1980. Westford worked with the Ministry of Health until 1982 when she became a member of the Guyana Defence Force's Medical Corps, In 1984 she was awarded a Government Scholarship to study in Cuba in the field of Medicine. She graduated as a medical doctor in 1990 and was attached to the Georgetown Hospital. In 1995, Dr. Westford was appointed Regional Health Officer of Regions 7 and 8 and she served in this capacity until 2001 when she was appointed as Minister of Public Service. Westford graduated from the University of Guyana with a Post

Graduate Diploma in International Relations in 2004. She continued her studies and in July 2006 graduated with a Master's Degree in International Studies from the University of Canterbury, UK. Dr. Westford is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in International Conflict Resolution.

Dr Westford also attained formal training in Human Resource Management, Conflict Resolution and Disaster Management, both locally and overseas.



# Dr. Ashni Kumar Singh Minister of Finance

Dr. Ashni Singh functioned as Director of Budget in the Ministry of Finance, an appointment he held from November 2001 up to the time of his ministerial appointment. Prior to this, he held positions in the Office of the Auditor General as Senior Deputy Auditor General from February 2001 and as Deputy Auditor General from November 1993.

Dr. Singh has also served in several other senior public sector capacities, including as a member of the Governing Board of the Guyana Revenue Authority and the Board of Directors of the Cheddi Jagan International Airport Corporation. His employment history also includes stints as a Postgraduate Tutor at the University of Lancaster in the United Kingdom, a part-time Senior Associate Lecturer and at the University of Guyana.

Over the years, Dr. Singh has represented Guyana extensively in international and regional capacities including serving as a senior technical representative in Guyana's engagement with the major international financial institutions and donor agencies such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European Union, and in various Commonwealth and CARICOM activities. Dr. Singh is also currently a Director of the Caribbean Public Finance Association.

He received his higher education in the United Kingdom, and was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in Accounting and Finance by the University of Lancaster, a Master of Science (MSc) Degree in Financial Economics by the University of London, and a Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Accounting and Finance by the University of Lancaster. He is also a Chartered Accountant.



# **Dr. Desrey Fox**

#### Minister in the Ministry of Education

Dr. Desrey Fox was born in Waramadong Village, Kamarang Upper Mazaruni District on January 2, 1955. She was educated at the Waramadong Primary School before moving to the city and attending the Campbellville Government School and later the Georgetown Seventh-DayAdventistAcademy

She received her PhD in Linguistics from Rice University, Houston Texas in 2003. Fox also has a Master of Arts in Linguistics from the same University, a MA in Environmental Anthropology from the University of Kent at Canterbury, U.K. and a B.Sc. Sociology, University of Guyana

Dr. Fox was an Associate Researcher,

University of Oregon. Locally, she served in the capacity as Co-coordinator of the Amerindian Research Unit, University of Guyana and Curator of the Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology and Lecturer in Linguistics and Amerindian Studies at the University of Guyana.

She was the recipient of numerous scholarships and has written several scholarly essays.

Dr. Fox has three children.



# S.R. Insanally

#### **Minister of Foreign Affairs**

Rudy Insanally was born on January 23, 1936 in Georgetown and educated at Queen's College and at the University College of the West Indies, London University and at the Universities of Paris and Brussels. His main areas of study were Modern Languages and International Relations.

Prior to entering his country's diplomatic service in 1966, he taught French and Spanish at Kingston and Jamaica Colleges, Jamaica and locally at Queen's College and at the University of Guyana.

From 1966 to 1969, he served as Counsellor at the Guyana Embassy in Washington, D.C. in 1970 and was appointed Chargé d' Affaires in Caracas, Venezuela. In 1972, he was transferred to Guyana's Permanent Mission to the United Nations as Deputy Permanent Representative.

He served as Ambassador to Venezuela from 1972 to 1978 with concurrent accreditation to Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. During that period, he participated in the work of various regional organizations such as the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Organisation of American States (OAS) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

His next posting was Permanent Representative to the European Economic Community in Brussels where he also served as Ambassador to Belgium and Austria, Norway and Sweden on a non resident basis. He was elected Chairman of the Sugar Sub-Committee on several occasions and later Chairman of the Trade Sub-Committee for the negotiation of a Protocol to provide for the enlargement of the Community. He was also appointed Special Rapporteur for the Joint ACPEEC Assembly on the implementation of the Lomé Convention.

Mr. Insanally subsequently returned to Guyana as Head of the Political Division covering the Western Hemisphere. At the same time he served as roving High Commissioner to several Caribbean countries and as Ambassador to In 1987, he became Colombia. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and in this capacity, he led his country's delegation to the General Assembly on several occasions. He was elected Vice President/Rapporteur for the Special Session of the General Assembly on International Economic Cooperation held in April 1990.

In 1993, he was elected President of the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly and during that period, served as Chairman of the Working Group on the Reform of the Security Council.

Insanally served as Chairman of the Group of 77 in 1999.

From 1994 to 2001, he served as Chancellor of the University of Guyana following which he assumed the position of Minister of Foreign Affairs.



**Robert Montgomery Persaud** 

**Minister of Agriculture** 

Robert Montgomery Persaud was born in Berbice on May 9, 1974. The third of four children, he received his early education at Redeemer Primary School and St. Joseph High School.

He was awarded a Certificate through the United States Agency for International Development /Freedom Forum in Washington, DC, USA and a Diploma in News Agency Journalism from the Indian Institute of Mass Communications in New Delhi, India. Persaud is the holder of a Bachelor's of Arts Degree from the University of Guyana. He graduated from the University of the West Indies in 2005 with a Master of Business Administration (MBA).

At an early age his penchant for the media was exposed as he began pursuing a career in Journalism which he started at the Catholic Standard newspaper. He later became a Senior Reporter and then Editor of the Mirror newspaper when he was only 23 years old.

He held the prestigious positions of Information Liaison to the President of Guyana and Head of the Government Information Agency (GINA).

He also served as Director of the Guyana Broadcasting Corporation, Programme Director/Editor of Multi-Technology Vision Inc. and Chairman of the National Communications Network (NCN) overseeing the successful merger of GTV and GBC.

Persaud is also the Government of Guyana's Coordinator of the Information

Communications Technology Strategy (ICT4D Strategy) which was recently completed and launched.

In the political sphere, his activism from an early age has seen him climbing the ladder from being the Chairman of the Progressive Youth Organisation (youth arm of the PPP), to an elected member of the Central Committee and at present, Executive Committee Member of the PPP. Persaud also serves as the party's Public Relations Secretary.

Persaud is married and has a daughter.



## Priya Devi Manickchand

#### Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Priya Devi Manickchand, received her early education at Stella Maris Primary School before moving on to Queen's College.

She then began pursuing the law programme at the University of Guyana. Manickchand's next step was to complete the programme at the Hugh Wooding Law School which she did in 2000.

She was admitted to the Bar on October 10, 2000 and was an Associate Attorney at Khemraj Ramjattan & Associates' Chambers from September 2000 to February, 2002.

She then began private practice.

Manickchand served as a Senior Supervising Attorney at the Georgetown Legal Aid Clinic from January 2004 to October 2005.

She has a wide range of experience

having served as a member of several organisations including the Guyana Association of Women Lawyers, Guyana Medical Council, Omai Bauxite Mining Incorporated and the Guyana Rice Producers association.



# Harry Narine Nawbatt

## **Minister of Housing and Water**

Harry Narine Nawbatt was born on December 19, 1946.

He received his secondary education at the Central High School in Georgetown and because of his liking for Accounts; he began pursuing studies in the field at the University of Guyana where he graduated in 1981 with a Diploma in Accountancy. He went further in the field and in 1991 graduated with a Bachelor's of Social Science degree majoring in Accountancy. He also gained a Diploma in Transport Studies in 1995.

Nawbatt has served in several spheres of work, from being a teacher at the Annandale Primary School to a Public Servant and a Chief Accountant in the Accountant General's Department.

He also served in other positions such as Principal Auditor at the Office of the Auditor General, Chief Accountant, Guyana Airways Corporation, Executive Director, Social Impact Amelioration Programme and Project Manager Poor Rural Communities Support Services Project (PRCSSP).

He was the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics from 2005 to 2006.

He is married with three children



## Jennifer Ingrid Marie Webster

#### **Minister in the Ministry of Finance**

Born on January 19, 1962 in Georgetown, Jennifer Webster was educated at St. Gabriel's Convent of the Good Shepherd School and Queen's College. She later pursued studies at the University of Guyana and the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus. She is the holder of a Bachelor's of Science Degree majoring in Accountancy.

She also graduated from the Queen's University of Canada with a degree in Economics and at present is pursuing the Executive MBA programme. She was appointed Permanent Secretary in the Office of the President in December 1999, and prior to that, held several senior positions in the Public Service. Ms. Webster is a Professional Accountant.

She served on the Board of Directors of the National Communications Network (NCN) and the Central Bank. She was Government's representative responsible for the Reform Strategies in the Public Service being implemented under the Public Management Modernisation Programme.



## Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran MD

#### Minister in the Ministry of Health

Dr. Bheri Sygmond Ramsaran was born on March 16, 1959. He graduated from the Medical Faculty of the People's Friendship University, Moscow, in 1987 and then proceeded on further post graduate training at the same University, focusing on surgical skills.

Dr, Ramsaran began working at the Georgetown Public Hospital in 1987 as a Government Medical Officer and a year later, was posted at the New Amsterdam Hospital. He also served at the Skeldon and Port Mourant hospitals. He continued working in Berbice as a medical practitioner until mid 1996 when he returned to the Department of Surgery at the Georgetown Hospital where he attained the level of Medical Registrar. He also worked for several years at the hospital's Accident & Emergency Department.

He was elected to the Central Committee of the PPP and later the Executive Committee and has served as the Party's Secretary for Education while being a member of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Ramsaran became a member of the National Assembly in 1998. He also functioned as a member of the Public Accounts Committee and the Sectoral Committee on the Social Sector.

Dr. Ramsaran was appointed Director of Regional Health Services of the Ministry of Health in 2003.



# **Dr Henry Jeffrey**

#### Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation

Henry Benfield Jeffrey received his early education at the Beterverwagting Government School and Tutorial High School. He completed his undergraduate and postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom. Dr. Jeffrey graduated with his BA (Hon) Politics from the University of Warwick and a Master of Science at the University of Loughborough specializing in Development Studies. He also graduated from University College, Cardiff and Wales with a PHD in Management Philosophy.

Dr. Jeffrey began his career in the academic sphere as a Lecturer and Principal of Kuru Kuru College in Guyana from 1975 - 1978. During 1984 - 1986 he performed the duties of Temporary Lecturer at the University College, Cardiff Wales. He was a Senior Lecturer and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Guyana from 1988-1992. In 1992, he became the Director of the Graduate School of Social Science.

Dr. Jeffrey was Minister of Labour, Housing, Human Services and Social Security from 1992 -1997. From 1997 -2001 he served as Minister of Health & Labour. He assumed the post of Minister of Education in 2001.

Dr. Jeffrey has written several publications, which includes, inter-alia, Guyana: Politics, Economics & Society and Sustainable Development in the Guianas.



# Shaik Baksh

## **Minister of Education**

Shaik Kamrul Baksh has a Bachelor of Social Science (B.Soc Sc.) Degree in Economics and Management from the University of Guyana and a Master of Science (M. Sc) in Management from the University of London.

He worked his way up from a clerk in the Ministry of Education to Personnel Officer of the University of Guyana before venturing out as a Lecturer of the University.

He later became Head of the University's Department of Management.

Baksh served in several capacities mainly in the area of management.

He was the Chief Executive Officer of Guyana Stores Limited, Managing Director of the Guyana Oil Company Limited, Chairman of the Guyana National Engineering Corporation, President of Caribbean Management Development Association and a Member of Parliament in 1992.

He became the Minister of Housing and Water in 1998 and served in that position until August 2006.



# Manzoor Nadir

#### **Minister of Labour**

Born on November 14, 1955, Nadir first served in the 2001-2006 Cabinet as the Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business from the University of Alberta, Canada and a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of Manchester, UK.

He first became involved in politics when he contested the 1980 elections on the United Force ticket. He became the Party's leader in 1991.

Nadir served as a member of the University of Guyana Council from 1981 to 1986. He was Marketing Executive of the Guyana Pharmaceutical Corporation from 1980 to 1984. Nadir served as Secretary General of the eighteen countries of the Caribbean Youth Institute from 1985 to 1995.

He was first elected to Parliament in 1992. He is married to Maria and they have three children



# **Clement Rohee**

#### **Minister of Home Affairs**

Clement James Rohee was born on March 16, 1950. He was educated at the Lady of

Fatima School, the National Evening College, the Accabre College of Social Sciences and the Institute of Social Sciences of Moscow.

His political career began in the Progressive Youth Organization - Youth Arm of the People's Progressive Party and later he became a member of the Education Committee of the Party. He is a Member of the Central and Executive Committees of the PPP.

He served as the Secretary of the Central Committee responsible for International Affairs and Executive Secretary and Convenor Race Relations Committee, PPP. Rohee served on the Editorial Board of "Thunder", the PPP Journal.

Rohee represented his party at various conferences, seminars and round table discussions held in Latin America, Asia, Europe, The Middle East and the USA.

He was a member of the Guyana Elections Commission and a newspaper columnist contributing to several International journals and magazines.

He also served on the Board of Governors of the University of Guyana as Director, Guyana Import Export Limited and further afield in Prague, Czechoslovakia as Permanent Representative on the Editorial Board, Problems of Peace and Socialism. He was an Executive Member of the Union of Guyanese Journalists (MGJ).

In 1992, Rohee became the Minister of Foreign Affairs and served in this position until 2001 when he was appointed Minister of Foreign Trade and International Cooperation. He has also functioned as CARICOM's Ministerial Spokesperson to guide negotiations at the World Trade Organization from 2002 to 2006. From 2004 to 2006 he was CARICOM'S Lead Ministerial Spokesperson on matters relating to sugar.

He also served as Facilitator for Development Issues at the 6<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Meeting in Hong Kong in 2005.

He was also a Lecturer at Accabre College of Social Sciences. Rohee has co-authored "Guyana a Bed of Thorns".



Brindley H. Robeson Benn

#### **Minister of Transport and Hydraulics**

Brindley Robeson Benn was born on January 7, 1953 in Georgetown.

He received his schooling at Graham's Hall Primary, Cummings Lodge Secondary and at Queen's College. He furthered his studies at the Universities of Bergakademie in Freiberg, Germany and at New Brunswick, Canada.

Benn has a Bachelor's of Social Science Degree in Geology, specializing in Igneous Petrology. He worked in the Geological Surveys Department as a Field Assistant before moving on to the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission. There he served as Senior Field Assistant and was a Geologist in the petroleum unit of the Mineral Resources Agency Benn also served as Special Geologist at the Guyana Mining Enterprise and held various posts in the Linden Mining Enterprise such as Chief Geologist, General Manager, Mines and Production and Chief Operations Officer.

He held positions on several government boards such as Chairman-Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, Director Guyana Gold Board and Director-Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission. Prior to his appointment as Minister, he was the Commissioner of the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission.

He is married and has two children.



## Dr. Leslie Ramsammy

**Minister of Health** 

Dr. Ramsammy is a Post Doctoral Fellow, Neurochemistry, NY Institute D e v e l o p m e n t a l Disabilities and has a Ph.D in Biochemistry and a M.Sc in Biology from the St. John's University, N.Y. He is also the holder of a B.Sc., Microbiology from Pace University, N.Y.

He has held several posts prior to his appointment. These include: Senior Lecturer Chemical Pathology, University of Guyana, President, Executive Council, PAHO Chairman, Board of Directors, Head, Health Sector Reform Unit, and Director, Environmental Protection Agency.

He was a Member of the Parliamentary Oversight and Accounts Committee and has been serving as Minster of Health since 2001.

Dr. Ramsammy has more than 70 scientific publications to his name.



## Kellawan Lall Minister of Local Government

and Regional Development

Born in March 1953, at Rosehall, Canje, Kellawan Lall attended the

Patrice Lumumba University in Moscow. He graduated with a Diploma in Journalism from the international School of Journalism in Hungary.

He worked as a journalist at the New Guyana Company, as Editor of the International Review Magazine, Czechoslovakia and Political Advisor to former Presidents Dr. Cheddi Jagan, Samuel Hinds, Janet Jagan and President Bharrat Jagdeo.

He joined the People's Progressive Party in 1970 and is a member of the party's Central and Executive Committees.

Mr. Lall is the father of two.



# Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony

**Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport** 

Dr. Frank Anthony is the holder of a Master's Degree in Public Health from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel and a Medical Degree from the Russian Friendship University, Moscow.

He served as the Executive Director of the Health Sector Development Unit, in the Ministry of Health. He had the responsibility to supervise a number of major health programmes.

Dr Anthony previously served as the national focal point person for the Essential Public Health Functions, and Chronic Non Communicable Disease, and Health of the Elderly within the Ministry of Health. He also served as epidemiologist within the Ministry of Health and Government Medical Officer on the East Coast Demerara and at the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation.

He has tremendous expertise in HIV/AIDS, and is the secretary of the Presidential Commission on HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Frank Anthony participated in numerous youth programmes and conferences both, nationally and internationally. He was Guvana's representative at the United Nations, World Youth Leadership Training Summit, UN Headquarters, Commonwealth Youth Exchange Programme and the Caribbean Youth Assembly in Trinidad and Tobago. His involvement in politics started since 1979 in the Progressive Organization of Pioneers, before moving on to the Progressive Youth Organization and the PPP. He served on the Constitutional reform commission in 1998/1999.

He is married to Dr. Shanti Singh, and has two children.



Doodnauth Singh S.C., M.P. Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Born on June 16, 1933, Doodnauth Singh pursued a career in the legal field. He was admitted to the Practice in January 1959.

There began a distinguished career that would see him climbing the ladder.

He started private practice in January 1961, and then joined the Attorney General's Chambers. He served as Legal Draftsman in the Attorney General's Chambers.

Singh was a Legal Adviser to the Police and Member of the DPP's Chambers after which he returned to private practice in 1969. He has worked in the legal field in several countries including Trinidad & Tobago, Grenada, Antigua and Dominica.

His astuteness as a legal luminary saw him being chosen as Special Prosecutor against Patrick John, former Prime Minister of Dominica and members of the Dominican Defence Force in a treason and murder litigation.

Singh was also Special Prosecutor in Grenada against Bernard Court and others for the murder of Maurice Bishop, former Grenadian Prime Minister and others.

Appointed Senior Counsel in 1985, he continued in private practice until June 2001 when he was appointed Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs.





**Manniram Prashad** 

Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Manniram Prashad received his early education at Cummings Lodge Secondary School. A former teacher at the East La Penitence Government School, he joined the Insurance sector at an early age. He obtained the LUTC Insurance, a Canadian Examination written through the Caribbean Association of Life Underwriters.

An established businessman, Prashad has held several posts. He served in a managerial capacity at GTM and Hand in Hand Insurance companies. Later, he set up an insurance brokerage for both local and overseas clients.

Prashad also served as President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Chairman of the Private Sector Commission, Director of the Pegasus Hotel and the Guyana Airways Corporation. He was also a member of the University of Guyana Council.

Additionally, he served as Presidential Adviser on Investment & Trade at the Office of the President, Chairman of the Cheddi Jagan Int'l Airport, Guyana National Shipping Corporation and Property Holdings (Guyana) Limited. He also was the Vice Chairman of the Guyana Office for Investment and Caribbean Export Development Agency (Barbados).



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