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He was born in Kolkata, and holds a post-graduate degree in business administration. He worked as a senior HR professional with Andrew Yule Ltd. before making foray into active politics.

He was elected a MLA from Behala Paschim constituency in 2001, and subsequently re-elected from the same constituency in 2006. In 2011 he won by a margin of 59,021 votes.

He was sworn in as a Cabinet Minister in Chief Minister Ms Mamata Banerjee's ministry on 20 May, 2011 and allotted the portfolios of commerce and industry, public enterprises, information technology and parliamentary affairs.

He was nominated deputy leader of the house in 2011. He was leader of the opposition in the West Bengal assembly during 2006-2011.



Parthasarathi Shome

Dr. Parthasarathi Shome is Director and Chief Executive, ICRIER. Prior to this he was Chief Economist, Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC), UK. His responsibilities included accountability for quality assurance in HMRC's analytical work and he was Chair, Analysis and Research Committee (for prioritising HMRC research projects); Chair, Evaluation Forum (on HMRC evaluation of Government tax measures); Chair, HMRC VAT Gap Governance Group; and Member, Chancellor's Business-Government Forum on Tax and Globalisation. (previous Government).

Earlier Dr. Shome has been Adviser to Indian Finance Minister (October 2004 – January 2008); Member, Prime Minister's Trade & Economic Relations Committee; Chair, Empowered Committee for Tax Computerization; Permanent Invitee, Empowered Committee (EC) of State Finance Ministers for VAT; and Co-Convener, first report on Goods and Services Tax (GST) submitted to EC and Union FM in December 2007. He has also held senior positions at the IMF between 1983-2004 including Director, IMF Singapore Training Institute (2001-03), and Chief, Tax Policy Division (1992-95). He was Chairman, Tax Policy and Tax Administration task force, India's Tenth Five Year Plan (2000-01), and Ninth Five Year Plan (1996-97); RBI Professor, ICRIER (1999-2001); Director, National Institute of Public Finance & Policy (1995-97); Professor/ Associate Professor/ Assistant Professor, The American University, Washington DC (1975-83); Visiting Fellow, Delhi School of Economics (1981); Academic Visitor, London School of Economics (1981-1982); and Visiting Fellow, Australian National University (1982).

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Shrivardhan Goenka

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Rajeev Singh

Dr. Rajeev Singh has been appointed as the Director General, Indian Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata with effect from 1st September, 2006. Prior to this, he was actively involved with CII for more than five years as Regional Director, posted in Chandigarh & Ahmadabad and subsequently in Kolkata. Dr. Singh has done extensive work in the fields of Central & State Policy Advocacy, Service Sector, Agro Business, Taxation and Bio-Technology. Dr. Singh's distinguished professional career spans over seventeen years. He started with the Rajasthan Oil Federation as Deputy Manager and was subsequently associated with corporate houses like Arvind Mills Limited, etc. Dr. Singh holds a PhD degree in Management and has also been associated with academia as Professor in Management with Specialization in Marketing.

Soumyen Sikdar

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