



## **MP Deepender Singh Hooda**

Deepender Singh Hooda is a third term Member of Parliament for Rohtak in Haryana State constituency, whip of Indian National Congress in Lok Sabha (Lower House of Parliament), National Spokesperson of Indian National Congress. He actively serves as Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy; and Member of the Ad hoc Committee on Absenteeism of Members in the Parliament. He also leads INC's Social Media Communications Team.



Deepender was first elected to the thirteenth Lok Sabha (in 2005) as an MP from Rohtak (Haryana) at the young age of 27. His unwavering commitment earned him a victory by a record margin (of about 4 and a half Lakh votes) when he sought re-election to Lok- Sabha for the second term in 2009. He continued his winning streak for the third time in 2014 even when his party faced strong anti-incumbency. Areas of agriculture, energy, India's economic growth and employment potentials find Deepender's passionate involvement, both in his constituency and at a broader national level.

Hooda is a third-generation Parliamentarian from a family with a rich political heritage extending over four generations. His father, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, was the Chief Minister of Haryana for two terms from Mar 2005 - Oct 2014. Deepender's grandfather, Ranbir Singh was a noted freedom fighter, an eminent parliamentarian and one of the founding fathers of India (by virtue of him being a member of the Constituent Assembly of India (1946-1950) which was responsible for drafting the Constitution of India). Hooda is an engineering graduate from MDU, and an MBA from the prestigious Kelley School of Business at Indiana University (USA).

## **MP Arjun Ram Meghwal**

Arjun Ram Meghwal is a second-time sitting Member of Parliament from Bikaner in Rajasthan elected to the 15th and 16th Lok Sabha. He is an Indian politician belonging to the Bharatiya Janata Party and party Chief Whip in 16th Lok Sabha. Meghwal was awarded with Best parliamentarian Award in 2013. He is the chairperson of the Standing House Committee, member of several standing committees including the Standing Committee on Railways and on estimates, and parliamentary friendship groups. Meghwal is Member of the BJP National Executive and he was Vice-President of Bharatiya Janata Party Rajasthan in 2010.



Born in a middle class family of Kismidesar Village (Bikaner), he got his primary education from the Government school of our village and secondary education from the Jawahar Jain Secondary School at Bheenasar. He continued his studies further and got the graduation degree in Arts (B.A.) & Law (L.L.B.) from the Sri Dungar College, Bikaner (Rajasthan). After that, Meghwal did post graduation from the same college and got the Masters Degree in Arts (M.A). Later, he studied a

Masters in Business Administration (M.B.A.) from the Philippines University.

He is civil servant of the Indian Administrative Service and he has served in various capacities at Rajasthan Cadre. Meghwal is Chairman of different social and cultural organisations, including the Jan Sewa Me Arjun Ram Meghwa, and he has participated in many programmes for the development of the Rajasthani language.

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### **MP Kalikesh N. Singh Deo**

Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo is a second-time sitting Member of Parliament from Bolangir in Odisha constituency and a prominent leader of the Biju Janata Dal. His father A U Singh Deo is currently a sitting Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha.



Kalikesh was elected to the state legislative assembly in 2004 representing Sainitala Assembly Constituency as the youngest member of the House at the time. He started his career as an investment banker and worked with the energy giant, Enron. He has represented India in shooting and basketball.

He is currently a member of the Finance Committee on Estimates, the Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Consultative Committee on Finance and Corporate Affairs. He initiated the LAMP (Legislative Assistance to MPs) programme, where young graduates assist MPs in legislative research work.

He attended the Doon School, Dehradun and graduated in Economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

### **MP Shri Vivek Gupta**

Vivek Gupta was nominated in May 2012 to the Rajya Sabha (Upper House) by Smt. Mamata Banerjee, Honourable Chief Minister of West Bengal. He belongs to the All India Trinamool Congress Party (AITC).



He serves as a Member of the Select Committee on the Payment and Settlement Systems (Amendment) Bill. He is also a member from Rajya Sabha to represent in the Indian Institutes for Science Education and Research (IISER) Council, constituted under the National Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Act 2012. He is currently a Member of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), among other committees, as well as a Member of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and an Executive Member of the Constitution Club of India.

In his business activities, he is Chairman and Group Editor of Sanmarg PVT. Ltd. He owns Sanmarg, the leading Hindi daily newspaper in Eastern India, having a circulation of more than two hundred thousand and a readership of about 1 million. Sanmarg has a 90% market share among Hindi readers in Kolkata. Other businesses of the Sanmarg Group include Saviles (a hundred years old company engaged in outdoor advertising, out of home solutions, digital signage and new digital platforms) and San Entertainment (an eight years old company engaged in organising events).

He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.) from the University of Calcutta.



## MP Dr Heena Vijaykumar Gavit

Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit is a member of the 16th Lok Sabha (Lower House of Parliament) from the Nandurbar constituency, Maharashtra. She is an Indian politician from the Bharatiya Janata Party. In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, she defeated Manikrao Hodlya Gavit, a nine-time MP from Nandurbar. Manikrao's Indian National Congress held the seat since 1967. Heena's victory was of margin 106.905 votes. Along with Raksha Khadse, she became the youngest MP in the 16th Lok Sabha.



Dr. Gavit is the daughter of Dr. Vijaykumar Gavit, a Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MLA from the Nandurbar Assembly constituency and former minister in the Congress-NCP government in Maharashtra. And though their political paths are separate, she got her family's full support.

Dr. Gavit is a doctor by profession with a Master Degree in Medicine from Terna Medical College, Navi Mumbai. She is very active in social activities, especially in social work in tribal areas and social issues like malnutrition and anaemia amongst women.