



**Ambassador Hardeep Singh Puri
Permanent Representative of India to
the United Nations**

CURRICULUM VITAE

2008-2009

Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi

Ranking official for economic diplomacy responsible for all multilateral economic issues including those relating to the United Nations, WTO and international financial institutions and for trade finance, investment and technology promotion. Coordinated key policy initiatives such as on Energy security and Food security; Headed India's overseas technical and development cooperation programme – the largest South-South initiative of its kind.

2006-2008

Ambassador of India to Brazil

Oversaw transformation of bilateral relations encompassing exponential increase in trade, investment, technological, defence and energy cooperation, political and strategic collaboration, cultural contacts and social sector interaction, and multilateral partnerships including the path-breaking India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) initiative and BRICs related dialogue.

2002-05

Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva

Proactively negotiated/facilitated first-ever public health treaty - the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, Outcomes of the two World Summits on Information Societies, UNCTAD XI Conference Outcome – the Sao Paulo Consensus, the establishment of the Human Rights Council, Development Agenda in WIPO.

1999-2002

Ambassador/Deputy High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom

Administrative head of India's largest diplomatic mission at a crucial phase in bilateral relations; facilitated the establishment of "Friends of India" groups in all major political parties in UK; established institutional frameworks for intensifying India-UK corporate interaction; launched programmes to broad-base bilateral economic ties by reaching out to all regions of UK; structured and enhanced engagement with the Indian Diaspora; Representative of India to The Commonwealth.

1997-1999

Joint Secretary (Europe West), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi

Head of the territorial division; coordinated bilateral relations with Western European countries. Dealt with the EU, EFTA, The Commonwealth.

1994-97

Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi

First Foreign Service Officer seconded to serve as Head of Division responsible for the Indian Navy; Also headed Defence Planning and Coordination division responsible for Army-Air Force- Navy cooperation; Coordinated India's International Defence Cooperation.

1992-94

Joint Secretary (Americas), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi

Worked on key initiatives that transformed bilateral relations including in the area of Security and Strategic cooperation, Human Rights, Science and Technology cooperation, and economic and

business partnerships. Leader of the Indian delegation to the 2nd and 3rd rounds of Indo-US dialogue on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation.

1991-92

Director (Foreign Secretary's Office), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
Chief of Staff to the Head of the Diplomatic Service.

1988-91

Coordinator, UNDP/UNCTAD Multilateral Trade Negotiations Project to help Developing Countries in the Uruguay Round of MTNs

Provided technical support, capacity-building assistance and advice to developing countries participating in the GATT Uruguay Round resulting in the establishment of the WTO.

1984-88

First Secretary/Counsellor (Political), High Commission of India, Colombo

Assisted in the negotiations of the historic India-Sri Lanka Agreement for Peace and Normalcy in Sri Lanka (1987); Political Officer of the Indian Peacekeeping Force.

1981-84

First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India to GATT, Geneva

Chairman, Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

1979-81

Under Secretary (Foreign Service Personnel), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, dealing with human resources management of the diplomatic service.

1978-79

Officer on Special Duty (Press Relations) in the Spokesman's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

1976-78

Third Secretary (Language Trainee)/ Second Secretary (Political & Commercial), Embassy of India, Tokyo.

1974

Joined the Indian Foreign Service.

Obtained his Graduate and Post-graduate degrees with top honours from Delhi University and spent a year on the teaching faculty of St. Stephen's College, New Delhi (1973-74). Accomplished debater and public speaker, has won many University prizes and was Prime Minister of the Hindu College Parliament (1971-72). Married to Ambassador Lakshmi Puri, also an Indian Foreign Service Officer. They have two daughters.

1982-2007

Experience in International Trade Law and Dispute Resolution

Membership and Chairmanship of several GATT and WTO International Trade Dispute Settlement Panels covering key areas of Trade Law. These include panels on Pasta and Citrus (EU-USA), Steel (EU-USA), Alcoholic beverages (USA, Canada, EU – Japan), Softwood Lumber (Canada-USA), and Agricultural price band (Chile-Argentina).

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