

CURRICULUM VITAE
Mahinda Samarasinghe, M.P.



Present position

Minister of Plantation Industries
Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka &
Special Envoy of H.E. the President on Human Rights

**Other offices held -
National executive**

Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights (2006 -
2010)
Minister of Employment and Labour (2001-2004)

National legislature

- Chair, Parliamentary Select Committee on Man-Made Disasters (2006 - 2009)
- Chair, Parliamentary Select Committee on Natural Disasters (appointed in the immediate aftermath of the Tsunami) (2005)
- Chair, Parliamentary Select Committee to Investigate the functioning of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (2002 – 2004)
- Chief Government Whip – Parliament of Sri Lanka (2001 – 2004)
- Chief Opposition Whip
- Member of Parliamentary Consultative Committees of the Ministries of Trade and Commerce; Finance; Foreign Affairs; and Industries
- Member of Parliament (1994 to date) (Re-elected 2000, 2001 and 2004)

Provincial executive

- Minister of Health and Economic Infrastructure, Board of Ministers of the Western Province

Provincial legislature

- Chief Opposition Whip Western Provincial Council
- Leader of the House of the Provincial Assembly

- Member of Western Provincial Council (1988 – 1994)
- Other positions held – Sri Lanka Overseas Service**
- First Secretary in the High Commission of Sri Lanka, Canberra, Australia
 - Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, Geneva
 - Represented Sri Lanka at the -
 - International Labour Organization (ILO) including Governing Body meetings and International Labour Conferences.
 - World Health Organization (WHO),
 - International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the
 - World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- Other positions held – Inter Parliamentary Union**
- President of the Committee for Human Rights of Parliamentarians, IPU, Geneva
- Other positions held – Parliamentary Friendship Associations**
- President, Sri Lanka–Australia Parliamentary Association,
 - President, Sri Lanka–Swiss Parliamentary Association,
 - Secretary, Sri Lanka–India Parliamentary Association,
 - Secretary, Sri Lanka–Korea Parliamentary Association,
 - Secretary , Sri Lanka–Thai Parliamentary Association
- Other positions held – Human Rights**
- Member of the Advisory Committee to the Human Rights Task Force of Sri Lanka
 - Executive Member of the Parliamentary Group for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights
- Other positions held - Disaster Management**
- Appointed Sri Lanka’s representative to the International Advisory Council of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC)
- Other positions held –**
- Member, Constitutional Affairs Committee of the United

Constitutional Affairs

National Party

- Member of the six member delegation of the Constitutional Affairs Committee, which participated in a six month continuous dialogue with the President of Sri Lanka in (2000), on the framing of a new Constitution for the country.

Education

Bachelor of Economics (Honours) Degree from La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia.

Personal Information

Full Name	Mahinda Buddhadasa <u>Samarasinghe</u>
Date of birth	30 January 1956
Marital status	Married with three children