Mr. Suresh Prabhu

Chairman, Council for Energy, Environment and Water, India

Suresh Prabhu is the chairman of the Council for Energy, Environment and Water. A former Union Power minister, Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu entered public life with his election to the 11th Lok Sabha in 1996 and has been a Member of Parliament since then. He has left an indelible mark in the functioning of the Ministries headed by him through his initiatives, long-term vision, positive approach and transparency. He has expertise in the sector of environment and sustainable development, Water & Energy, framing & implementation of public policy, Rural Development, health-care, and sports. He is also a senior advisor to UN organization.

He has held several positions of responsibilities since entering public life which are listed below:

13th December 2002: April 2004 – Chairman, Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers with the rank and status of Union Cabinet minister.

Oct 2000 – Aug 2002: Union Cabinet Minister for power, Additional Charge of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises. As the Minister of Power, as he was the guiding force behind the Energy Conservation Act (2001), which is the cornerstone of the Energy Conservation Policy-making in India.

Oct 1999 – Sept 2000: Union Cabinet Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers.

1998 – 99: Union Cabinet Minister for Environment & Forests.

May – June 1996: Union Cabinet Minister for Industry.

1995 – 96: Chairman, 1st Maharashtra State Finance Commission. Constitutional post

As a Member of Parliament he is actively involved in the international sphere, and is a Member of various Committees and Task Forces relating to Environment and Climate Change and Energy issues. He was elected a member of the World Bank Parliamentary network and nominated as the Chairman of the South Asia Water conference.

He is a Fellow Chartered accountant from ICFAI, Delhi and has obtained Bachelor of commerce (Hons) from the Mumbai University followed by L.L.B. He owned a Chartered Accountancy firm before joining politics in 1996. He was the Chairman of the largest Urban Co-operative Exp Bank in India and had been connected with over 150 NGOs, which operate in various fields.

He is married to Uma Prabhu, a journalist and has one son, Ameya Prabhu.