

**AMBASSADOR ASOKE KUMAR MUKERJI
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
UNITED NATIONS**



CURRICULUM VITAE

2012-2013

Special Secretary (Political), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

Responsible for strategic and security policy consultations, including on India's immediate and extended neighbourhood. Member of Indian delegation for Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of India at UN Human Rights Council, Geneva. Leader of multi-agency Government of India delegations for Cyber Dialogues with the United States, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Japan and European Union.

2010-2012

Additional Secretary (Political, Policy Planning and Review), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

Oversight of Foreign Office structures for Policy Planning and Review, Border Management, Counter Terrorism and Cyber Issues. Leader of multi-agency Government of India delegations for international cooperation on counter terrorism, including with P5 countries. India's chief negotiator in the Global Counter Terrorism Forum. Co-Chair of the India-EU Security Dialogue. Chairman of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Steering Committee for the First South Asian Forum.

2007-2010

Acting/Deputy High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom

Administrative head of India's largest diplomatic mission. Introduced outsourcing of Indian visa applications through public-private partnership mode for over 500,000 applicants annually. Organized first ever All Party visit of Indian-origin UK Members of Parliament to India. Implemented establishment of Jawaharlal Nehru Chair in Judge Business School, University of Cambridge. Facilitated revival of Indian Journalists Association of UK. Representative of India to the Commonwealth. London G20 Summit.

2005-2007

Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan

Successfully negotiated first Indian stake in Caspian Sea oilfield (Satpayev field). Member of Indian delegation to the 5th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2005. Representative of India in the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA).

2001-2005

Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India to the Russian Federation

Administrative head of India's third largest diplomatic mission. Primary responsibility for bilateral economic, defence, and technological cooperation with Russia. Oversaw induction of *Talwar*-class ('stealth') frigates, *Sukhoi-MKI* fighter planes and *T-90* tanks into the Indian armed forces from Russian enterprises.

1998-2001

Consul General of India, Dubai

Head of India's largest Consular Post. Facilitated the establishment of the Indian Community Welfare Fund, the first ever private public partnership mechanism for looking after the welfare of over 1 million Indian citizens, especially expatriate workers, in the UAE.

1995-1998

Delegate of India to the World Trade Organization, Geneva

Chairman of WTO Committee on Specific Commitments under GATS, Member/Alternate Member of WTO's Textile Monitoring Body, Indian negotiator in WTO negotiations on Financial Services, Telecom Services and Maritime Transport Services, and outcomes of First and Second WTO Ministerial Conferences. Commended for "unsurpassed" knowledge of WTO issues while being included as nominee of India on WTO Indicative List of Dispute Settlement Panelists by the WTO Dispute Settlement Body.

1993-1995

Director/Chef de Cabinet, Minister of State for External Affairs, New Delhi

Responsible for overall functioning of the office of the Minister. 4th G-15 Summit, New Delhi.

1992-1993

Director, Central Asia Division, Ministry of External Affairs

1992

Charge d'affaires of India in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan

Opened India's new embassies in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan and headed them as India's first Charge d'affaires.

1990-1992

Consul General of India in Soviet Central Asia

Negotiated the principal inter-State framework documents after dissolution of Soviet Union with each of the newly independent states of Central Asia (Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan), establishing the foundations of their political and economic relations with India.

1987-1990

First Secretary, Embassy of India, Washington D.C.

Special Assistant to the Ambassador. Political officer responsible for liaison with US Congress, and reporting on US relations with Soviet Union. Regular lectures on Indian foreign policy to US Department of State Foreign Service Institute (1988-1990).

1985-1987

Private Secretary/Executive Assistant to Minister for External Affairs, New Delhi

Headed the Foreign Minister's Office. Member Indian delegations to 40th and 41st UNGA Sessions, First SAARC Summit, 8th Non-aligned Summit, 8th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, Six Nation Disarmament Summit.

1984-1985

Desk Officer, Soviet and East European Division, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

1980-1984

Third Secretary (Language Trainee)/Second Secretary (Political, Press and Information, Head of Chancery), Embassy of India, Belgrade. Member of Indian delegations to UNESCO General Conference and UNIDO High Level Meeting on Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology.

1978

Joined the Indian Foreign Service

Personal : Born in December 1955; educated at North Point School, Darjeeling and St. Stephen's College, Delhi. Obtained his Graduate and Post Graduate Degrees with top honours from Delhi University. Spent a year on the teaching faculty of St Stephen's College, Delhi (1977-78).

Married to Vanita Singh Mukerji, a Slavist and freelance writer.

Experience in International Trade Law

Has represented India in eleven dispute settlement proceedings of WTO, as Complainant, Respondent and Third Party. Cases include import restrictions on textile products (by United States, Turkey), import restrictions on marine products by United States; India's IPR regime for pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical products; India's Quantitative Restrictions on imports of agricultural, textile and industrial products; and third party interest in the import regime for bananas of the European Communities, as well as the EC's customs classification of certain computer equipment.

Published Articles on Trade Policy

"Developing Countries and the WTO – Issues of Implementation" in *The Journal of World Trade* (London), 2000; "The WTO Debate on Trade and Investment, and the 'Development Dimension'" in *The Journal of World Investment*, Geneva, 2001; "Introduction of WTO norms: Problems of Developing Countries" in the Russian Academy of Sciences' Journal *International Economy and International Relations*, Moscow, 2003; "Integrating the CIS Economies into the WTO" in *The Journal of World Investment and Trade*, Geneva, 2007.

Books

Stamped in Memory: a Postal History of Dubai 1909-1999, Dubai, 2001

India through the eyes of Russian Artists, Moscow, 2004

India House, London, London, 2009

Mahatma Gandhi in London, London, 2010

Valour and Sacrifice: the First Indian Soldiers in Europe 1914-1916, London, 2010

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