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The President of India, on the advice of the Prime Minister, has appointed the following persons to the Council of Ministers:

MINISTERS OF STATE

Shri N.K.P. Salve

Minister of State in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (Independent charge)

Shri Pattabhi Rama Rao

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

Shri H.K.L. Bhagat

Minister of State in the Ministry of Works & Housing and Department of Parliamentary Affairs

Shri R.C. Rath

Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers

Shri Virbhadra Singh

Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry

DEPUTY MINISTERS

Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad

Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs

Shri Ashok Gehlot

Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Tourism

Shri Digvijay Singh

Deputy Minister in the Department of Ecology.

and has directed that the allocation of portfolios for the following Ministers will be:

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CABINET MINISTERS

Shri P.C. Sethi, Minister of Railways, to be Minister of Home Affairs.

Shri C.M. Stephen, Minister of Communications, to be Minister of Shipping & Transport.

Shri A.P. Sharma, Minister of Tourism & Civil Aviation, to be Minister of Communications.

Shri Shiv Shankar, Minister of Petroleum, Chemicals and Fertilizers, to be Minister of Energy (including Department of Petroleum).

Shri A.B.A. Ghani Khan Chaudhuri, Minister of Energy, to be Minister of Railways.

Shri Vasant Sathé, Minister of Information & Broadcasting, to be Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers.

Shri Veerendra Patil, Minister of Shipping & Transport, to be Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation.

Shri N.D. Tiwari, Minister of Industry, will continue to hold charge of Steel & Mines together with Coal.

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Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad, Minister of Labour, to be Minister of Civil Aviation & Civil Supplies (Independent charge).

Shri Gargi Shankar Mishra, Minister of State in the Department of Coal, to be Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines & Coal.

Shri Buta Singh, Minister of State, Supply & Rehabilitation, to be Minister of State for Supply & Sports (Independent charge).

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Shri K.A. Khan, Minister of State for Tourism & Civil Aviation, to be Minister of State for Tourism (Independent charge).

Shri Dalbir Singh, Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum, Chemicals and Fertilizers, to be Minister of State in the Ministry of Energy.

Shri C.P. N. Singh, Minister of State in Department of Science & Technology, to be also Minister of State in the Department of Non-conventional Energy Sources in the Ministry of Energy, in addition to Electronics, Ecology and Ocean Development.

Shri A.A. Rahim, Minister of State in the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs, to be Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs.

The President of India has accepted under clause (2) of article 75 of the Constitution of India, the resignation of Shri Charanjit Chandra and Shri S.S. Sisodia from the Council of Ministers and has also directed that Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, will be Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The President administered the oath of office and secrecy to Shri N.K.P. Salve and Shri H.K.L. Bhagat, as Ministers of State and Shri Ashok Gehlot and Shri Digvijay Singh, as Deputy Ministers at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan today.

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