



### **Biography of Mr. Arun Jaitley Senior Advocate and Member of Parliament**

Mr. Arun Jaitley was born on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1952. He did his schooling from St. Xavier School, New Delhi (1969-70). He graduated in Commerce from **Sri Ram College of Commerce**, New Delhi (1973). He passed his Law from the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi in 1977. During his career as a student he was the recipient of several distinctions for his outstanding performance both in academics and extra curricular activities. He was President of Students Union of Delhi University (1974). During **Internal Emergency** (1975-77) when civil liberties were suspended, he was under preventive detention for a period of 19 months. He was a prominent leader of a movement against corruption launched in the year 1973 by **Late Shri Jai Prakash Narayan**. He was the Convenor of the National Committee for Students and Youth Organisation appointed by Late Shri Jai Prakash Narayan.

He has been practising law before the Supreme Court and several High Courts in the country since 1977. He was designated Senior Advocate, in 1990. He was the Additional Solicitor General of India for the Government of India in the year 1990. He has authored several write-ups on legal and current affairs. He authored Laws relating to Corruption and Crime in India before the Indo-British Legal Forum. He was a delegate on behalf of the Government of India to the United Nations General Assembly session in June, 1998 where the Declaration on laws relating to Drugs and Money Laundering was approved. He has delivered lectures on many important subjects including IT Convergence, the Broadcasting Laws of India, Disinvestment and on the Review of the Functioning of the Indian Constitution. He has also been connected with the educational institutions. He was the Chairperson of the Governing Body of Kamla Nehru College, Delhi (1993-1998). He is also President of DDCA – the body which administers cricket in Delhi.

Mr. Jaitley joined the Union Ministry headed by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 as Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Information and Broadcasting. He was elevated to Cabinet Rank on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 with Law, Justice & Company Affairs under his charge and also given the charge of the Ministry of Shipping. Shri Jaitley was holding the portfolio of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 before moving to the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs. He was the first Minister of the newly created

Department of Disinvestment. Shri Jaitley relinquished this charge when he was given additional charge of Law, Justice and Company Affairs.

Mr. Jaitley has been a Member of the National Executive of the Bharatiya Janata Party since 1991. Elected as Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) from Gujarat and represents Kheda constituency.

He is married with two children.