



Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri

Ambassador of India to the European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg

Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri assumed charge in Brussels on 2nd January 2014. He presented his credentials to His Majesty the King of the Belgians on 13 February 2014 (pic) and to His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg on 18 June (pic). Earlier he had presented his credentials to the President of the European Council on January 15 (pic) and the President of the European Commission on February 6 (pic).

Ambassador Puri is a member of the Indian Foreign Service, having joined the service in 1982.

Prior to Brussels, he was Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the UN in New York, having served there from 2009 to 2013. He was a senior member of India's Security Council team during the years 2011-2012, when India served on the Security Council.

Ambassador Puri was actively involved with issues of sustainable development and environment and was a lead negotiator in India's delegation for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012. He was a key member of India's delegation at various Climate Change negotiations, including the Major Economies Forum and the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC in Copenhagen in December 2009. Ambassador Puri served on the Board of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate and is on the Advisory Board of India's most well known environment organization, TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi).

From 2005-09, he headed the United Nations Division in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi dealing with economic and social issues. His charge included global economic

and development issues, environment, climate change, sustainable development, human rights, migration, humanitarian affairs and UNESCO related matters. He was closely involved with India's participation in the G8-G5 Summits from 2005 and led the Indian delegation for the first meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development in Brussels in July 2007.

In the course of his Foreign Service career, Ambassador Puri has served twice in Germany (in Bonn from 1984-86 and Berlin from 1991-94) and speaks German. He was the coordinator of the Festival of India in German in 1991-92 and established the Indian Cultural Centre in Berlin.

Ambassador Puri's other postings have been Bangkok (1986-89), Caracas (1989-91), Cape Town (1998-2002), Muscat (2002-05) and as Deputy Chief of Protocol in-charge of high level visits in the Ministry of External Affairs from 1994-98.

Manjeev Singh Puri (born 1959) has a Masters degree in Management and had worked for Hindustan Unilever before joining the Government of India. He did his BA (Honours) in Economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, with top honours. He is married to Mrs. Namrita Puri and they have two children.
