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No. 1/34/1/2006-Cab.(ii)  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)  
CABINET SECRETARIAT (MANTRIMANDAL SACHIVALAYA)

New Delhi, the 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2006  
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The undersigned is directed to say that with effect from the 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2006:-

- i) The Prime Minister relinquished the charge of the offices of the Minister of External Affairs and the Minister of Labour and Employment;
- ii) Shri Pranab Mukherjee relinquished the office of the Minister of Defence and assumed the charge of the office of the Minister of External Affairs;
- iii) Shri A.K. Antony assumed the charge of the office of the Minister of Defence;
- iv) Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar assumed the charge of the office of the Minister of Development of North Eastern region. He will continue to hold the charge of the office of the Minister of Panchayati Raj and Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports;
- v) Shri P.R. Kyndiah relinquished the charge of the office of the Minister of Development of North Eastern Region.
- vi) Shri Oscar Fernandes, the Minister of State (Independent Charge) Without Portfolio assumed the charge of the office of the Minister of State (Independent charge) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment;
- vii) Shri Chandra Sekhar Sahu relinquished the charge of the office of the Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and assumed the charge of the office of the Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development;
- viii) Shri Jay Prakash Narayan Yadav assumed the charge of the office of the Minister of State in the Ministry of Water Resources;
- ix) Shri M.H. Ambareesh assumed the charge of the office of the Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;

  
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