



Murali PILLAI SC
Senior Minister of State
Ministry of Law and
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Republic of Singapore

Mr Murali Pillai SC (“Murali”) was appointed as Senior Minister of State for Law and Transport on 23 May 2025. He is a third term Member of Parliament (“MP”). He is currently serving in Jurong East- Bukit Batok Group Representative Constituency (“GRC”).

He graduated with LL.B. (Hons) from National University of Singapore (NUS) in 1992. He holds an LLM from the same university. He has a double MBA degree from University of California, Los Angeles (“UCLA”) and NUS. He is a Fellow of Singapore Academy of Law and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (“FSI Arb”). He is also a Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (“MCI Arb”). In addition, he is an Associate Member of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (“ISCA Associate”).

He had an extensive litigation practice for almost 30 years. He was appointed as Senior Counsel (“SC”) in 2020.

Prior to practising law, he was a regular senior police officer with the Singapore Police Force. During National Service, he served in 2 Guards Battalion as a platoon commander.

Murali has been involved in grassroots politics since 2000. That year, he joined the People’s Action Party (“PAP”) Bukit Batok Branch as an activist. He later became the Branch Secretary of the Branch under the late Dr Ong Chit Chung, MP for Bukit Batok from 1988 to 2008. Murali also was the Chairman of the PAP Paya Lebar Branch from 2012 to 2016.

He first stood for election in GE2015 as PAP candidate in a team of 5 for Aljunied GRC (which included Paya Lebar division). He was not returned in a close fight. In 2016, he stood in and won a by-election at Bukit Batok SMC through which he became Bukit Batok’s 4th MP. He successfully defended his seat in GE2020. In GE2025, Murali was part of the PAP team elected for the newly formed Jurong East- Bukit Batok GRC.

Prior to assuming full-time political office, Murali contributed in other positions such as Chairman of the Government Parliamentary Committee (“GPC”) for Home Affairs & Law, Member of GPC for Social and Family Development, Member of the National Committee on Prevention, Rehabilitation and Recidivism (“NCPR”) and Chairman of Indian Programmes Advisory Committee of the Infocomm Media Development Authority (“IMDA”). He continues to serve as Vice-President of Singapore Indian Development Association (“SINDA”).