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Mr S Iswaran read Economics at the University of Adelaide and graduated with First Class Honours. Mr Iswaran also holds a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University.

Mr Iswaran joined the Singapore Administrative Service in 1987 and held appointments in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Education. In 1991, he was seconded to the National Trades Union congress. Subsequently, he was seconded to the Singapore Indian Development Association as its Chief Executive Officer.

In 1995, Mr Iswaran assumed the post of Director for International Trade at the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

He then moved on to the private sector, joining Singapore Technologies Pte Ltd as its Director for Strategic Development. In 1998, Mr Iswaran was appointed Senior Vice President/Managing Director at Temasek Holdings Pte Ltd where he undertook investments in the pharmaceuticals, biotech, hi-tech manufacturing, transport and logistics sectors and several takeover, buy-out and merger transactions.

Mr Iswaran has been elected as a Member of Parliament in three General Elections since 2 January 1997. From September 2004, till June 2006, Mr Iswaran was also the Deputy Speaker of Parliament.

On 1 July 2006, he was appointed Minister of State for Trade and Industry and on 1 April 2008, he was appointed Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry.

Mr Iswaran was a member of the India-Singapore Closer Economic Cooperation Agreement Joint Study Group, the Government Parliamentary Committees for National Development & Environment as well as for the Community Development & Sports, the Remaking Singapore Committee, the Supervisory Panel of the Feedback Unit and the Network India Steering Committee. He is a member of the Division of Asian Studies Consultative Committee at the National University of Singapore.