

Murali Pillai SC (“Murali”) was appointed as a Minister of State for Law and Transport on 1 July 2024. He is a second term Member of Parliament of Bukit Batok Single Member Constituency.

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) and a Financial Forensic Professional of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA FFP).

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.

Murali has been involved in grassroots politics since 2000. That year, he joined the 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 GE 2015 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 through which he became Bukit Batok’s 4th MP. He successfully defended his seat in GE2020.

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”).