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No.	Portrait	Name	Term of office	
1		Maulana Abul Kalam Azad	15 August 1947	22 January 1958
2		K. L. Shrimali ^[a]	22 January 1958	31 August 1963
3		Humayun Kabir	1 September 1963	21 November 1963
4		M. C. Chagla	21 November 1963	13 November 1966
5		Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed	14 November 1966	13 March 1967
6		Triguna Sen	16 March 1967	14 February 1969
7		V. K. R. V. Rao	14 February 1969	18 March 1971
8		Siddhartha Shankar Ray	18 March 1971	20 March 1972
9		S. Nurul Hasan ^[b]	24 March 1972	24 March 1977
10		Pratap Chandra Chunder	26 March 1977	28 July 1979
11		Karan Singh	30 July 1979	14 January 1980

12		B. Shankaranand	14 January 1980	17 October 1980
13		Shankarrao Chavan	17 October 1980	8 August 1981
14		Sheila Kaul ^[c]	10 August 1981	31 December 1984
15		K. C. Pant	31 December 1984	25 September 1985
16		P. V. Narasimha Rao <i>(Minister of Human Resource Development)</i>	25 September 1985	25 June 1988
17		P. Shiv Shankar	25 June 1988	2 December 1989
18		V. P. Singh	2 December 1989	10 November 1990
19		Raj Mangal Pande	21 November 1990	21 June 1991
20		Arjun Singh	23 June 1991	24 December 1994
(16)		P. V. Narasimha Rao	25 December 1994	9 February 1995
21		Madhavrao Scindia	10 February 1995	17 January 1996
(16)		P. V. Narasimha Rao	17 January 1996	16 May 1996
22		Atal Bihari Vajpayee	16 May 1996	1 June 1996

23		S. R. Bommai	5 June 1996	19 March 1998
24		Murli Manohar Joshi	19 March 1998	22 May 2004
25		Arjun Singh	22 May 2004	22 May 2009
26		Kapil Sibal	29 May 2009	29 October 2012
27		M. M. Pallam Raju	30 October 2012	26 May 2014
28		Smriti Irani	26 May 2014	5 July 2016
29		Prakash Javadekar	5 July 2016	30 May 2019
30		Ramesh Pokhriyal (Minister of Education from 29-Jul-2020 onwards) ^[36]	30 May 2019	7 July 2021
31		Dharmendra Pradhan	7 July 2021	<i>Incumbent</i>