**Minister’s biography**

Honourable Deepak Balgobin is currently the Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation of the Republic of Mauritius. He has been elected as member of the constituency No. 9 (Flacq/Bon Accueil) following the general elections held on the 7th November 2019.

Hon. Deepak Balgobin holds an MBA from Anglia Ruskin University, UK, a BSc (Hons) Tourism and Hospitality Management at the University of Technology, Mauritius and a Diploma in Hotel Management at Shatec, Singapore.

Prior to being Minister of ICT, he held key positions in different organisations in the public as well as the private sector including chairman of the Mauritius Housing Company (MHC), director of the National Productivity and Competitiveness Council (NPCC) and a fruitful career in Tourism and Hospitality Management as director of Human Resources both locally and abroad.

As a young Member of Parliament, Deepak Balgobin is also a strong advocate for community awareness. Born in Mare la Chaux, a village in the east part of Mauritius, he dedicates most of his time in his constituency, while being active in social and cultural activities, and he is committed to work for a better Mauritius.

The Minister is also a sports fan, in particular football. He speaks fluently Kreol, English, French, Hindi and Bhojpuri.