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Shri Jayant Kumar Malaiya was born on February 20, 1947. He is a commerce graduate and LLB. An entrepreneur by profession, Shri Malaiya takes interest in tourism and reading. Shri Malaiya was elected for the first time for 7th Vidhan Sabha in year 1984. He was elected to 9th Vidhan Sabha in 1990, 10th in 1993 and 11th Vidhan Sabha in 2003. Shri Malaiya was elected to Vidhan Sabha for the 5th time from Damoh constituency in 2003. He became Chairman of Public Accounts Committee of 11th Vidhan Sabha. Shri Malaiya was Minister of State for Housing and Environment (Independent Charge). He was President of Damoh District Bharatiya Janata Party 4 times and special invitee to State BJP's executive committee. Shri Malaiya has visited America, Canada Switzerland, Austria, England, France, Nepal, Germany, Holland and Italy.

Shri Malaiya was included in the Council of Ministers of Chief Minister Smt. Uma Bharti on June 28, 2004 and given portfolio of Urban Administration and Development. Shri Malaiya was sworn-in as Minister in Shri Babulal Gaur's Council of Ministers on August 27, 2004. Shri Malaiya was again included as Minister in Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan's Council of Ministers of December 4, 2005. He was Minister for Urban Administration & Development and Commerce, Industries & Employment. He was re-elected from Damoh constituency to 13th Vidhan Sabha in 2008. He was included as Minister in Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan's Council of Ministers on December 20, 2008.

Shri Jayant Malaiya was elected to 14th Vidhan Sabha from Damoh in 2013. He took oath as Cabinet Minister on December 21, 2013.