

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE


South Block,
New Delhi – 110 011

**Sub: Writ petition (C) No. 210/2012 in the Supreme Court of India :
Namt Sharma Vs. UOI**

Reference is invited to the proposal of DoPT in the note dated 3.5.2013 at page 50/n in the DoPT file no. 13/5/2012-IR, on the above subject.

2. The undersigned is directed to convey that Prime Minister has approved the recommendations of the DoPT for starting the selection process for appointment on one post of Chief Information Commissioner and four posts of Information Commissioners in the current round of selection based on the earlier approved process, keeping in view, *inter alia*, the observation and directions of the Supreme Court.

3. DoPT File No. 13/5/2012-IR is returned herewith.

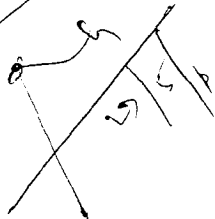

(Dheeraj Gupta)
Joint Secretary to PM
Tel. No. 2301 5944

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

PMO ID no. 600/5/C/4/2012-ES.2

Dated. 27.5.2013

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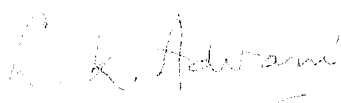
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR MAKING
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF
INFORMATION COMMISSIONER AND INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS
IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**

The Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 met at 5:00 P.M. on 5th October, 2005 at 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi, to make its recommendations for the appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner and other Information Commissioners. The undersigned were present.

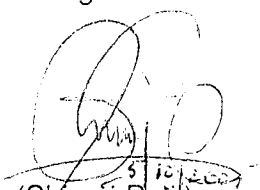
2. The Committee considered and approved the following names against the positions indicated against them :

- (i) Shri Wajahat Habibullah - Chief Information Commissioner
- (ii) Shri A.N. Tiwari - Information Commissioner
- (iii) Shri O.P. Kejriwal - Information Commissioner
- (iv) Prof. M.M. Ansari - Information Commissioner
- (v) Smt. Padma Balasubramaniam - Information Commissioner

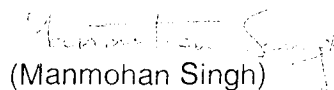
3. The names of Shri V.K. Malhotra, former Secretary General, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Shri K.P. Singh, former Director, Intelligence Bureau were also suggested for consideration. The Committee decided to consider these names at the next meeting.



(L.K. Advani)
Leader of Opposition
Lok Sabha



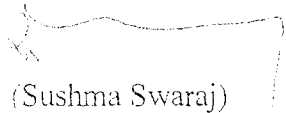
(Shivraj Patil)
Home Minister

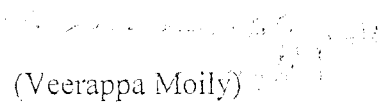


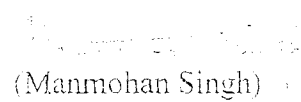
(Manmohan Singh)
Prime Minister

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR MAKING
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF INFORMATION
COMMISSIONER IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

The Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act 2005 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister considered the proposal for the appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission on September 28, 2010 and recommended the name of Shri A.N. Tiwari for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner.


(Sushma Swaraj)
Leader of the Opposition
Lok Sabha



(Veerappa Moily)
Minister of Law & Justice


(Manmohan Singh)
Prime Minister

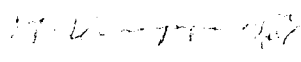
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE
FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF
INFORMATION COMMISSIONER IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION
COMMISSION


The Committee constituted under Section 12 (3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister met on 13 December, 2011 to consider the proposal for the appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission and recommended the name of Sri Satyanand Mishra for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.


(Sushma Swaraj)

Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha


(Veerappa Moily)

Minister of Law and Justice


(Manmohan Singh)

Prime Minister

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RESOLUTION

The members of the Central Information Commission place on record their deep appreciation of the services rendered by the CIC, Shri Wajahat Habibullah, who is due to demit office on 30.09.2010 on completion of his 5-year-term. Shri Habibullah led and guided the Commission during its initial and difficult years, and helped the Commission contribute significantly to promote the right to information as well as transparency in governance.

The Commissioners wish to reiterate and emphasize that the successor to Shri Habibullah should be found from within the Commission. If the Chief Information Commissioner were to be appointed from outside the Commission, it will not only run contrary to the healthy conventions established in such collegial bodies as the Supreme Court, CEC and UPSC, but will also be extremely demoralizing for those already serving the Commission with exemplary dedication. It would also amount to uncritical acceptance of the loud clamour of certain vociferous interested groups, as rational wisdom.

In the interest of continuity, morale and the harmonious functioning of the Commission and the smooth and incremental evolution of the RTI regime in our country, it is necessary that the healthy convention of selecting the CIC from within the Commission be established and followed.

Given by Shri Satyanad Mishra
Please examine in context of
examples cited.

Shri Satyanad Mishra

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE


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Sub: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission

Reference is invited to the proposal of DoPT in the note dated 4.8.2013 at page 1-2/n in the DoPT File no.4/3/2013-IR [Pt.], on the above subject.

2. The undersigned is directed to convey that Prime Minister has approved nomination of Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law & Justice, on the 'Selection Committee' for the selection of the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

3. DoPT File No. 4/3/2013-IR [Pt.] is returned herewith.


(Dheeraj Gupta)
Joint Secretary to PM
Tel. No. 2301 5944

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

PMO ID no. 600/31/C/39/2013-ES.2

Dated. 12.8.2013

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DIRECTIONS OF HON'BLE SUPREME COURT DATED 13/09/2012 IN
NAMIT SHARMA CASE

1. The provisions of Sections 12(5) and 15(5) of the Act of 2005 are held to be constitutionally valid, but with the rider that, to give it a meaningful and purposive interpretation, it is necessary for the Court to 'read into' these provisions some aspects without which these provisions are bound to offend the doctrine of equality. Thus, we hold and declare that the expression 'knowledge and experience' appearing in these provisions would mean and include a basic degree in the respective field and the experience gained thereafter. Further, without any peradventure and veritably, we state that appointments of legally qualified, judicially trained and experienced persons would certainly manifest in more effective serving of the ends of justice as well as ensuring better administration of justice by the Commission. It would render the adjudicatory process which involves critical legal questions and nuances of law, more adherent to justice and shall enhance the public confidence in the working of the Commission. This is the obvious interpretation of the language of these provisions and, in fact, is the essence thereof.

2. As opposed to declaring the provisions of Section 12(6) and 15(6) unconstitutional, we would prefer to read these provisions as having effect 'post-appointment'. In other words, cessation/termination of holding of office of profit, pursuing any profession or carrying any business is a condition precedent to the appointment of a person as Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner at the Centre or State levels.

3. There is an absolute necessity for the legislature to reword or amend the provisions of Section 12(5), 12(6) and 15(5), 15(6) of the Act. We observe and hope that these provisions would be amended at the earliest by the legislature to avoid any ambiguity or impracticability and to make it in consonance with the constitutional mandates.

4. We also direct that the Central Government and/or the competent authority shall frame all practice and procedure related rules to make working of the Information Commissions effective and in consonance with the basic rule of law. Such rules should be framed with particular reference to Section 27 and 28 of the Act within a period of six months from today.

5. We are of the considered view that it is an unquestionable proposition of law that the Commission is a 'judicial tribunal' performing functions of 'judicial' as well as 'quasi judicial' nature and having the trappings of a Court. It is an important cog and is part of the court attached system of administration of justice, unlike a ministerial tribunal which is more influenced and controlled and performs functions akin to the machinery of administration.

6. It will be just, fair and proper that the first appellate authority (i.e. the senior officers to be nominated in terms of Section 5 of the Act of 2005) preferably should be the persons possessing a degree in law or having adequate knowledge and experience in the field of law.

7. The Information Commissions at the respective levels shall henceforth work in Benches of two members each. One of them being a 'judicial member', while the other an 'expert member'. The judicial member should be a person possessing a degree in law, having a judicially trained mind and experience in performing judicial functions. A law officer or a lawyer may also be eligible provided he is a person who has practiced law at least for a period of twenty years as on the date of the advertisement. Such lawyer should also have experience in social work. We are of the considered view that the competent authority should prefer a person who is or has been a Judge of the High Court for appointment as Information Commissioners. Chief Information Commissioner at the Centre or State level shall only be a person who is or has been a Chief Justice of the High Court or a Judge of the Supreme Court of India. **(STAYED)**

8. The appointment of the judicial members to any of these posts shall be made 'in consultation' with the Chief Justice of India and Chief Justices of the High Courts of the respective States, as the case may be. **(STAYED)**

9. The appointment of the Information Commissioners at both levels should be made from amongst the persons empanelled by the DoPT in the case of Centre and the concerned Ministry in the case of a State. The panel has to be prepared upon due advertisement and on a rational basis as afore-recorded.

10. The panel so prepared by the DoPT or the concerned Ministry ought to be placed before the High-powered Committee in terms of Section 12(3), for final recommendation to the President of India. Needless to repeat that the High Powered Committee at the Centre and the State levels is expected to adopt a fair and transparent method of recommending the names for appointment to the competent authority.

11. The selection process should be commenced at least three months prior to the occurrence of vacancy.

12. This judgment shall have effect only prospectively.

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SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

REVIEW PETITION (C) NO(s). 2309 OF 2012 IN W.P(C) 210/2012

UNION OF INDIA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

NAMIT SHARMA

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for directions, permission to file synopsis and list
of dates and office report)

AND

R.P.(C) NO. 2675/2012 IN W.P.(C) NO. 210/2012

SLP(C) NO. 27347/2012

(With applns. for c/delay in filing counter affidavit, modification,
direction, permission to appear and argue in person, recalling the
Court's order with prayer for interim relief and office report)

Date: 16/04/2013 These Petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.K. PATNAIK

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARJAN KUMAR SIKRI

For the parties : Mr. Amarjit Singh Chandhiok, ASG

Mr. Ritesh Kumar, Adv.

Mr. Shweta Gupta, Adv.

Ms. Honey Kumari, Adv.

Ms. Mallika Ahluwalia, Adv.

Mr. Anoopam Prasad, Adv.

Mr. T.A. Khan, Adv.

Mr. Nizam Pasha, Adv.

Mr. B.V. Balaram Das, Adv.

Mr. M.S. Ganesh, Sr. Adv.

Mr. R. Ayyam Perumal, Adv.

Mr. K. Seshachary, Adv.

Dr. Manish Singhvi, AAG

Mr. Amit Lubhaya, Adv.

Ms. Pragati Neekhara, Adv.

Mr. Prashant Bhushan, Adv.

Mr. Pranav Sachdeva, Adv.

Mr. Amit Sharma, Adv.
Ms. Shweta Singh, Adv.

Mr. Irshad Ahmad, AAG
Ms. Pragati Neekhara, Adv.

Mr. Satya Narain Shukla,
Respondent-in-person

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

I.A.NO. 6 in R.P.(C) No. 2309 of 2012

This is an application for stay of the operation of the judgment dated 13th September, 2012 passed in Writ Petition (C) No. 210 of 2012 titled Namit Sharma Vs. Union of India reported as 2013 (1) SCC 745 during the pendency of the Review Petition (C) No. 2309 of 2012 titled Union of India Vs. Namit Sharma.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties and we are not inclined to stay the operation of the entire judgment in Namit Sharma Vs. Union of India but we direct that the following directions in sub-paras 108.8 and 108.9 quoted here-in-below shall remain stayed during the pendency of the Review Petition (C) No. 2309 of 2012.

108.8 The Information Commissions at the respective levels shall henceforth work in Benches of two members each. One of them being a 'judicial member', while the other an 'expert member'. The judicial member should be a person

possessing a degree in law, having a judicially trained mind and experience in performing judicial functions. A law officer or a lawyer may also be eligible provided he is a person who has practiced law at least for a period of twenty years as on the date of the advertisement. Such lawyer should also have experience in social work. We are of the considered view that the competent authority should prefer a person who is or has been a Judge of the High Court for appointment as Information Commissioners. Chief Information Commissioner at the Centre or State level shall only be a person who is or has been a Chief Justice of the High Court or a Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

108.9 The appointment of the judicial members to any of these posts shall be made 'in consultation' with the Chief Justice of India and Chief Justices of the High Courts of the respective States, as the case may be".

We further direct that wherever Chief Information Commissioner is of the opinion that intricate questions of law will have to be decided in a matter coming before the Information Commissioners, he will ensure that the matter is heard by a Bench of which at least one member has knowledge and experience in the field of Law.

We make it clear that subject to orders that may be finally passed after hearing the Review Petitions, the competent authority will continue to fill up the vacant posts of Information Commissioners in accordance with the Act and in accordance with the judgment in

W.P.(C) No. 210 of 2012 except sub-paras 108.8 and 108.9 which we have stayed. This is to ensure that functioning of the Information Commissioners in accordance with the Act and the Judgment is not affected during the pendency of the Review Petitions.

We further make it clear that the Chief Commissioners already functioning will continue to function until the disposal of the Review Petitions.

I.A.No. 6 is ordered accordingly.

R.P.(C) Nos. 2309, 2675 AND SLP(C) NO. 27347 OF 2012

Heard in part.

List together tomorrow as Part-Heard.

(G. SUDHAKARA RAO)
COURT MASTER

(SHARDA KAPOOR)
COURT MASTER

F.No. 4/3/2013-IR
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training

North Block, New Delhi
Dated 22nd August, 2013

Meeting Notice

Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 mandates that the Chief information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of –

- (i) The Prime Minister, who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee;
- (ii) The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha; and
- (iii) A Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister

2. Prime Minister has nominated Shri Kapil Sibal, Union Minister for Law & Justice on the Selection Committee.

3. The meeting of Selection Committee to select the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission would be held at 7.00 p.m. on 26.08.2013 at 7 Race Course Road, New Delhi. Agenda note for the meeting is attached.

4. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Manoj Joshi

(Manoj Joshi)
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India
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To

1. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha
2. Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law & Justice, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to PM, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi.
2. PS to MoS(PP)

Copy for information to:

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary (Personnel)

2. PS to PM.

Agenda note for the meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner

Shri Satyananda Mishra, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission is due to retire on 4.9.2013. As per Section 12(2) of the RTI Act, the Central Information Commission shall have the Chief Information Commissioner and upto ten Information Commissioners. It is necessary to select new Chief Information Commissioner by 4.9.2013.

2. Section 12(3) of the Act stipulates that the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be appointment by the President on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of the following:

- (i) The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee,
- (ii) The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and
- (iii) A Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

3. Sub-sections (5) and (6) of Section 12 provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance. A Commissioner should not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union territory or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.

4. Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 13 provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners can hold office for a term of five years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. An Information Commissioner, on vacating his office can be appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner subject to the condition that his term of office shall not be more than five years in aggregate as Information Commissioner and the Chief Information Commissioner.

5. At the time when selection of the Chief Information Commissioner was to be made in September 2010, the Commission had passed a resolution to

the effect that the Chief Information Commissioner should be selected from amongst the Central Information Commissioners. Although, no formal decision was taken on the resolution, on that occasion, Shri A.N. Tiwari, who was holding the post of Information Commissioner was selected as Chief Information Commissioner. Subsequently also, Shri Satyananda Mishra who was holding the post of Information Commissioner was selected to the post of Chief Information Commissioner.

6. A Writ Petition was filed by Shri Namit Sharma against Union of India challenging the constitutional validity of sub-Sections (5) and (6) of Section 12 of the RTI Act. Hon'ble Supreme Court delivered its Judgement on 13.09.2012. The operative part of the judgement is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

7. Union of India filed a Review Petition against the said judgement of the Supreme Court. The judgement in Review Petition is reserved. In the meanwhile, the Supreme Court passed an interim order dated 16.04.2013, staying two of its said directions. The stay order is enclosed as **Annexure - II**.

8. Details of persons holding the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as on 4.9.2013 are given below:

Sl.No.	Name of Information Commissioner	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of retirement
1.	Ms. Deepak Sandhu	19.12.1948	23.09.2009	18.12.2013
2.	Mrs. Sushma Singh	22.05.1949	23.09.2009	21.05.2014
3.	Shri Rajiv Mathur	23.08.1949	01.03.2012	22.08.2014
4.	Shri Vijai Sharma	02.12.1950	01.03.2012	01.12.2015
5.	Shri Basant Seth	16.02.1952	01.03.2012	15.02.2017

9. Bio-Data of the Information Commissioners is enclosed.

10. Submitted for consideration of the Selection Committee.



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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Ms. Deepak Sandhu
Date of Birth	19th December 1948
Occupation	Public Servant
Present Position	Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission

Served as

- Media Advisor to the Prime Minister
- Principal Director General(Media & Communications)
(formerly Principal Information Officer)
Press Information Bureau
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- Director General (News) All India Radio
- Addl. Director General & Head of DD News Channel
- Director, Directorate of Film Festivals
- Press Registrar, RNI
- Director (Media Relations and Spokesperson for the Union Ministries of Finance, Commerce and Health and Family Welfare)
- Regional Director, Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity

Represented India at

- **International Film Festivals at**
Cannes, Berlin, Venice and Tokyo
- **International Conference on Terrorism & Electronic Mass Media at**
Glendzhik (Russia) & Cyprus
- **Heads of News Meetings at**
Atlanta, USA and Beijing
- **Studied International Press Centers at**
Doha, Asian Games and Beijing, Olympic Games

Educational and Professional qualifications

- Master of Arts - English Literature - Punjab University, Chandigarh - 1969
- One Year post Graduate Diploma in Marketing Management, Marathwada University, Aurangabad, Maharashtra - June, 1979 - May, 1980
- Three months' course on AIDS: IEC Strategies at University of Wales, Cardiff - 1995, UK
- One year Course in Public Administration and Management at Universities of Ottawa and Carlton, Canada as a **PEARSON FELLOW 1987-88**
- Two weeks' Course on Finance for non-Finance Executives at Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi - 1975
- Two weeks' Course in In-depth Journalism, Press Institute New Delhi, 1973
- Three Months' Foundation Course in Administration, NAA, Mussoorie - 1972
- 9 Months' Course in Mass Communication in IIMC, New Delhi - 1971-72

Personal

- Married to Mr. Gurinder Singh Sandhu, IAS
1967 Batch (Maharashtra Cadre)
- One daughter
Master's Degree in Communication Management from Annenberg School of Communications, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA. Married to Karanbir Jassar, Senior Manager, Yahoo, California, USA



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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Mrs. Sushma Singh
Date of Birth	22 May, 1949
Educational Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BA (Hons) o PG Diploma in Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mrs. Sushma Singh joined the Central Information Commission as Information Commissioner on 23rd September, 2009. Prior to joining the Central Information Commission, she was a member of the Indian Administrative Service from 15th June, 1972 to 31st May, 2009. She is a former Secretary to the Government of India who belongs to the Jharkhand Cadre, 1972 Batch, of the IAS. Mrs. Sushma Singh has served as Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. She has also served in the capacity of Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and also in the Ministry for the Development of the North Eastern Region (DONER). o Her other assignments in the Government of India have been in the Ministry of Water Resources in the capacity of Additional Secretary and in the Ministry of Rural Development as Joint Secretary. o In the newly created State of Jharkhand, to which Cadre she was allotted at the time of its creation on 15th November 2000, she served as its first Home Secretary and later as Development Commissioner. o Prior to that, in the undivided State of Bihar, she has served as Agricultural Production Commissioner, Secretary in the Department of Primary, Secondary and Adult Education, Secretary in the Department of Social Welfare, Special Secretary in the Department of Irrigation and as Additional Finance Commissioner, Government of Bihar. Other important positions held were that of Divisional Commissioner, Santhal Parganas Division, District Magistrate of Samastipur District and Sub-Divisional Officer of Chatra Sub-Division (District Hazaribagh). 	

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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Rajiv Mathur
Date of Birth	23rd August, 1949
Education Qualification	MA (Political Science)
Area of Eminence	Administration and governance

Experience

- o Belonged to the 1972 batch of IPS, UP cadre and served for six years in the State, during the course of which, and remained posted as incharge of an armed battalion, and held charge of district policing. In 1978, joined Intelligence Bureau on deputation under the Earmarking Scheme (EMS) of the Government.
- o Remained posted in Shillong, Gangtok and at IB Hqrs, and acquired several decades of experience in its various divisions with specialized experience in administration, governance and national security related issues.
- o Was Director, Intelligence Bureau for a two year term from December 31, 2008. As DIB, had the unique opportunity of being privy to almost all aspects of governance and rendered advice on sensitive issues to the senior-most echelons of the government.
- o Successfully coordinated operation with the State DGPs in a bid to stem the tide of terrorist actions in the hinterland, a task which required considerable administrative acumen and exemplary team work.
- o Was instrumental in revamping the Intelligence set up and raising the quality of intelligence gathering and sharing. Also galvanized the IB machinery and provided leadership to the organization to face challenges.
- o Acquired considerable international experience, having served for over three years with the Ministry of External Affairs, as Counselor, Embassy of India, Washington DC and as Chairman of the Asia Pacific World Regional Office, New Delhi, of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) for two years.
- o Recipient of the Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service and the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Vijai Sharma
Date of Birth	2nd December 1950
Education Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LL.M., Harvard Law School, Harvard University, USA o LL.M., University College London, UK o LL.B., Lucknow University o B.Sc., Lucknow University
Area of Eminence	(a) Administration and Governance, and (b) Law

Experience

- o Expert Member, National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi
- o **Public Service in I.A.S. :** Recent posting was as Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests (2008-10). Worked as Joint Secretary (1995-2001) in the same Ministry. Growing public interest in sustainability issues led to engage civil society productively and resolve information bottlenecks. As Additional/ Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat (2005-08), apart from servicing the Cabinet and its Committees, improved public service delivery systems, e.g., the procedures for renewal and issuance of passports. Was Secretary to State Government of UP for Environment, Housing and Energy. Had assignments in agricultural financing, cooperative banking and manufacturing. Also had a posting in the United Nations Environment Programme.
- o **Law :** Education in law at University College London and Harvard Law School. Was instrumental in formulating the system for international emission trading and the Clean Development Mechanism as Coordinator & Spokesperson for the "Group of 77 & China" in the Kyoto Protocol debate (1995-2001). In the early years did district/sub-division court-work painstakingly. Posted to the State Chief Secretary's Branch for personnel and Cabinet matters (1979-81).
- o **Information :** The jurisprudence of right-based information, including exemption from disclosure issues, was handled during stint in the Cabinet Secretariat when the RTI Act was taking off. Later, as Secretary, Environment & Forests, deployed technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.

- o **Major Initiatives** some transformational, as illustrated by the following :
 - Wrote White Paper for Controlling Pollution in Delhi : for converting the public transport system from conventional fuels to CNG (1997).
 - International Processes : Conceived and drafted the U.N Guidelines for compliance with and enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (2001), and the Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (2002).
 - Institutions set up : the National Environmental Appellate Authority (1997), the National Ganga River Basin Authority (2009) and the National Green Tribunal (2010).
 - India's Profile : the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in New Delhi (2002) and the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Hyderabad (2012) resulted from the personal initiative.
 - Law and Policy : Drafted statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents, environmental clearances, coastal management housing policy for U.P, and protocol for managing government lands.
- o **Publications** : Wrote op-ed articles for leading dailies and co-authored *The Forts of India* (Collins London, 1986) and *The Forts of Bhundelkhand* (Rupa & Co., 2006).

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Curriculum Vitae

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Area of Eminence	Banking & Finance, Management, Administration & Governance

Achievements / Work done / Experience :

- o Qualified Chartered Accountant with a Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management having over 37 years experience in the areas of Banking & Finance, Corporate and Taxation Laws, Accounting Standards, Audit Functions, Compliance, Administration etc
- o Joined Bank of India, a Public Sector Bank as Direct Recruit Officer in April 1974. Held various positions at field level including overseas posting and in administrative offices, posted as General Manager and Chief Financial officer of the Bank from October 21, 2002 to April 30, 2006 and thereafter as Chief Risk Officer upto February 28, 2007.
- o Deputy Managing Director, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) from March 01, 2007 to August 30, 2009. This was a Board Level appointment at par with whole time Directors of Public Sector Banks.
- o Chairman & Managing Director, Syndicate Bank from August 31, 2009 to February 29, 2012.

Others :

- o Was Bank of India's nominee on the Board of Directors of Indo-Zambian Bank, a joint venture with the Government of Zambia and on Commonwealth Finance Corporation Ltd., a company located in Hong Kong.
- o Worked as Member of Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and also Study Group on

International Financial Reporting Standards constituted by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Committee on Taxation constituted by Indian Banks Association.

**DIRECTIONS OF HON'BLE SUPREME COURT DATED 13/09/2012 IN
NAMIT SHARMA CASE**

1. The provisions of Sections 12(5) and 15(5) of the Act of 2005 are held to be constitutionally valid, but with the rider that, to give it a meaningful and purposive interpretation, it is necessary for the Court to 'read into' these provisions some aspects without which these provisions are bound to offend the doctrine of equality. Thus, we hold and declare that the expression 'knowledge and experience' appearing in these provisions would mean and include a basic degree in the respective field and the experience gained thereafter. Further, without any peradventure and veritably, we state that appointments of legally qualified, judicially trained and experienced persons would certainly manifest in more effective serving of the ends of justice as well as ensuring better administration of justice by the Commission. It would render the adjudicatory process which involves critical legal questions and nuances of law, more adherent to justice and shall enhance the public confidence in the working of the Commission. This is the obvious interpretation of the language of these provisions and, in fact, is the essence thereof.

2. As opposed to declaring the provisions of Section 12(6) and 15(6) unconstitutional, we would prefer to read these provisions as having effect 'post-appointment'. In other words, cessation/termination of holding of office of profit, pursuing any profession or carrying any business is a condition precedent to the appointment of a person as Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner at the Centre or State levels.

3. There is an absolute necessity for the legislature to reword or amend the provisions of Section 12(5), 12(6) and 15(5), 15(6) of the Act. We observe and hope that these provisions would be amended at the earliest by the legislature to avoid any ambiguity or impracticability and to make it in consonance with the constitutional mandates.

4. We also direct that the Central Government and/or the competent authority shall frame all practice and procedure related rules to make working of the Information Commissions effective and in consonance with the basic rule of law. Such rules should be framed with particular reference to Section 27 and 28 of the Act within a period of six months from today.

5. We are of the considered view that it is an unquestionable proposition of law that the Commission is a 'judicial tribunal' performing functions of 'judicial' as well as 'quasi judicial' nature and having the trappings of a Court. It is an important cog and is part of the court attached system of administration of justice, unlike a ministerial tribunal which is more influenced and controlled and performs functions akin to the machinery of administration.
6. It will be just, fair and proper that the first appellate authority (i.e. the senior officers to be nominated in terms of Section 5 of the Act of 2005) preferably should be the persons possessing a degree in law or having adequate knowledge and experience in the field of law.
7. The Information Commissions at the respective levels shall henceforth work in Benches of two members each. One of them being a 'judicial member', while the other an 'expert member'. The judicial member should be a person possessing a degree in law, having a judicially trained mind and experience in performing judicial functions. A law officer or a lawyer may also be eligible provided he is a person who has practiced law at least for a period of twenty years as on the date of the advertisement. Such lawyer should also have experience in social work. We are of the considered view that the competent authority should prefer a person who is or has been a Judge of the High Court for appointment as Information Commissioners. Chief Information Commissioner at the Centre or State level shall only be a person who is or has been a Chief Justice of the High Court or a Judge of the Supreme Court of India. **(STAYED)**
8. The appointment of the judicial members to any of these posts shall be made 'in consultation' with the Chief Justice of India and Chief Justices of the High Courts of the respective States, as the case may be. **(STAYED)**
9. The appointment of the Information Commissioners at both levels should be made from amongst the persons empanelled by the DoPT in the case of Centre and the concerned Ministry in the case of a State. The panel has to be prepared upon due advertisement and on a rational basis as afore-recorded.
10. The panel so prepared by the DoPT or the concerned Ministry ought to be placed before the High-powered Committee in terms of Section 12(3), for final recommendation to the President of India. Needless to repeat that the High Powered Committee at the Centre and the State levels is expected to adopt a fair and transparent method of recommending the names for appointment to the competent authority.

11. The selection process should be commenced at least three months prior to the occurrence of vacancy.

12. This judgment shall have effect only prospectively.

RP(C) 2309/2012 etc.

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ITEM NO.7+8+12

COURT NO.8

SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REVIEW PETITION (C) NO(s). 2309 OF 2012 IN W.P(C) 210/2012

UNION OF INDIA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

NAMIT SHARMA

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for directions, permission to file synopsis and list of dates and office report)

AND

R.P.(C) NO. 2675/2012 IN W.P.(C) NO. 210/2012

SLP(C) NO. 27347/2012

(With applns. for c/delay in filing counter affidavit, modification, direction, permission to appear and argue in person, recalling the Court's order with prayer for interim relief and office report)

Date: 16/04/2013 These Petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.K. PATNAIK

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARJAN KUMAR SIKRI

For the parties : Mr. Amarjit Singh Chandhiok, ASG

Mr. Ritesh Kumar, Adv.

Mr. Shweta Gupta, Adv.

Ms. Honey Kumari, Adv.

Ms. Mallika Ahluwalia, Adv.

Mr. Anoopam Prasad, Adv.

Mr. T.A. Khan, Adv.

Mr. Nizam Pasha, Adv.

Mr. B.V. Balaram Das, Adv.

Mr. M.S. Ganesh, Sr. Adv.

Mr. R. Ayyam Perumal, Adv.

Mr. K. Seshachary, Adv.

Dr. Manish Singhvi, AAG

Mr. Amit Lubhaya, Adv.

Ms. Pragati Neekhara, Adv.

Mr. Prashant Bhushan, Adv.

Mr. Pranav Sachdeva, Adv.

Mr. Amit Sharma, Adv.
Ms. Shweta Singh, Adv.

Mr. Irshad Ahmad, AAG
Ms. Pragati Neekhara, Adv.

Mr. Satya Narain Shukla,
Respondent-in-person

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

I.A.NO. 6 in R.P.(C) No. 2309 of 2012

This is an application for stay of the operation of the judgment dated 13th September, 2012 passed in Writ Petition (C) No. 210 of 2012 titled Namit Sharma Vs. Union of India reported as 2013 (1) SCC 745 during the pendency of the Review Petition (C) No. 2309 of 2012 titled Union of India Vs. Namit Sharma.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties and we are not inclined to stay the operation of the entire judgment in Namit Sharma Vs. Union of India but we direct that the following directions in sub-paras 108.8 and 108.9 quoted here-in-below shall remain stayed during the pendency of the Review Petition (C) No. 2309 of 2012.

108.8 The Information Commissions at the respective levels shall henceforth work in Benches of two members each. One of them being a 'judicial member', while the other an 'expert member'. The judicial member should be a person

possessing a degree in law, having a judicially trained mind and experience in performing judicial functions. A law officer or a lawyer may also be eligible provided he is a person who has practiced law at least for a period of twenty years as on the date of the advertisement. Such lawyer should also have experience in social work. We are of the considered view that the competent authority should prefer a person who is or has been a Judge of the High Court for appointment as Information Commissioners. Chief Information Commissioner at the Centre or State level shall only be a person who is or has been a Chief Justice of the High Court or a Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

108.9 The appointment of the judicial members to any of these posts shall be made 'in consultation' with the Chief Justice of India and Chief Justices of the High Courts of the respective States, as the case may be".

We further direct that wherever Chief Information Commissioner is of the opinion that intricate questions of law will have to be decided in a matter coming before the Information Commissioners, he will ensure that the matter is heard by a Bench of which at least one member has knowledge and experience in the field of Law.

We make it clear that subject to orders that may be finally passed after hearing the Review Petitions, the competent authority will continue to fill up the vacant posts of Information Commissioners in accordance with the Act and in accordance with the judgment in

W.P.(C) No. 210 of 2012 except sub-paras 108.8 and 108.9 which we have stayed. This is to ensure that functioning of the Information Commissioners in accordance with the Act and the Judgment is not affected during the pendency of the Review Petitions.

We further make it clear that the Chief Commissioners already functioning will continue to function until the disposal of the Review Petitions.

I.A.No. 6 is ordered accordingly.

R.P.(C) Nos. 2309, 2675 AND SLP(C) NO. 27347 OF 2012

Heard in part.

List together tomorrow as Part-Heard.

(G. SUDHAKARA RAO)
COURT MASTER

(SHARDA KAPOOR)
COURT MASTER

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

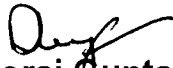
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New Delhi – 110 011**

**Sub: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the
Central Information Commission - reg.**

Reference is invited to the proposal of DoPT in the note dated 14.08.2013 at page 5/n in the DoPT's file no. 4/3/2013-IR (Pt.) on the above subject.

2. The undersigned is directed to convey that the Prime Minister has agreed to convene a meeting of the 'Selection Committee' for selection of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission at 7 pm on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 7 RCR.

3. DoPT File no. 4/3/2013-IR (Pt.) is returned herewith.


(Dheeraj Gupta)
Joint Secretary to PM
Tel. No. 2301 5944

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

PMO ID no. 600/31/C/39/2013-ES.2

Dated. 21.08.2013

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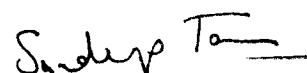
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F.No. 4/3/2013-IR
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training

North Block, New Delhi
Dated 26th August, 2013

With reference to PMO ID No. 600/31/C/39/2013-ES.2 dated 21.08.2013, it is to inform that the meeting of Selection Committee to select the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission scheduled to be held at 7.00 p.m. on 26.08.2013 (now) at Parliament House, New Delhi would be attended on behalf of Department of Personnel and Training by Sh. V. Narayanasamy, MOS (PP), Dr. S.K. Sarkar, Secretary (P) and Sh. Manoj Joshi, Joint Secretary.


(Sandeep Jain)
Director (IR)
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To

Sh. Dheeraj Gupta, Joint Secretary to PM, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi.

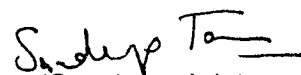
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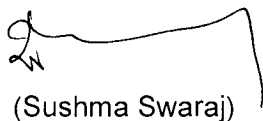
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR MAKING
RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER
IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**

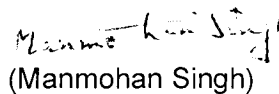
The Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister met on 26th August, 2013 to consider the proposal for the appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission and recommended the name of Smt. Deepak Sandhu for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.



(Sushma Swaraj)
Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha



(Kapil Sibal)
Minister of Law & Justice



(Manmohan Singh)
Prime Minister

MANOJ JOSHI
Joint Secretary (AT&A)
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DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
AND PENSIONS
NORTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI-110001

D.O.No. 4/3/2013-IR

Dated September 02, 2013

Dear *Madam*

I am happy to inform you that you have been selected for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. Terms of appointment will be regulated in accordance with the provision of the Right to Information Act, 2005. You are requested to confirm that offer of appointment as Chief Information Commissioner is acceptable to you.

2. I would like to invite your attention to proviso to sub-section(2) of Section 13 of the RTI Act, 2005 which provides that an Information Commissioner shall be eligible for appointment as the Chief Information Commissioner on vacating her office. As you are holding the post of Information Commissioner, before your appointment as Chief Information Commissioner, you will be required to vacate the office of Information Commissioner.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Manoj Joshi
(Manoj Joshi)

Smt. Deepak Sandhu
Information Commissioner
Central Information Commission
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Bhikaji Cama Place
New Delhi

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Ms. Deepak Sandhu
Information Commissioner

Central Information Commission

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Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

DO No. IC(DS)/Misc/2013

September 2, 2013

Dear Shri Manoj Joshi,

Thank you for your DO letter No. 4/3/2013-IR dated September 02, 2013 informing me of my selection for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

I write to confirm my acceptance to this offer. I also confirm that I will abide by the proviso to sub-section (2) of Section 13 of the RTI Act, 2005 and will vacate my current position as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Deepak Sandhu
(Smt Deepak Sandhu)

Shri Manoj Joshi
Joint Secretary (AT&A)
Department of Personnel & Training
Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions
North Block
New Delhi-110001

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Department of Personnel and Training

Subject: Appointment of new Chief Information Commissioner

The term of the present Chief Information Commissioner Shri Satyananda Mishra is upto 4th September, 2013. A proposal for appointment of new Chief Information Commissioner has been sent to the President for approval. Advice of Department of Legal Affairs is sought as to whether the oath of office could be given to the new CIC on the evening of 4th September, 2013 or it has to be on 5th September, 2013 or later.

2. As the time available is short, advice of D/o Legal Affairs is required urgently by today itself.

Manoj Joshi

(Manoj Joshi)

Joint Secretary (AT&A)

29th August, 2013

Shri D.Bharadwaj, Joint Secretary, D/o Legal Affairs

DoPT No.I.D. No.4/3/2013-IR dated 29.8.2013

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Dy.No.391/JS&LA(DB)/2013
Department of Legal Affairs

Sub: Appointment of new Chief Information Commissioner.

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Department of Personnel & Training has informed that the term of the present Chief Information Commissioner Shri Satyananda Mishra is upto 4th September, 2013. A proposal for appointment of new Chief Information Commissioner has been sent to the President for approval. Our opinion has been sought as to whether the oath of office could be given to the new Chief Information Commissioner on the evening of 4th September, 2013 or it has to be on 5th September, 2013 or later. It has also been requested that the advice may be made available to the DoPT today itself.

2. Section 13(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 provides as under:-

"(3) The Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner shall **before** he enters upon his office make and subscribe before the President or some other person appointed by him in that behalf, an oath or affirmation according to the form set out for the purpose in the First Schedule. (emphasis supplied)

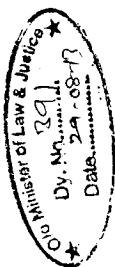
The First Schedule of the Act provides the form of oath to be made by the Chief Information Commissioner as under:-

"I,....., having been appointed Chief Information Commissioner swear in the name of God/solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws."

3. Normally, the oath of office should be administered to the new Chief Information Commissioner on the 5th September, 2013 or any time thereafter. However, if for any sufficient reason, it is proposed to administer the oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner on the evening of 4th September, 2013, it will be advisable to add the words "with effect from 5th September, 2013" after the words "Chief Information Commissioner" and before the word "swear" in the above mentioned form of oath. Consequently, the form of oath shall be as under:-

"I,....., having been appointed Chief Information Commissioner with effect from 5th September, 2013 swear"

4. We may also seek the approval of Hon'ble MLJ before communicating this opinion to the DoPT.



(Signature)
(D. Bhardwaj)
JS&LA
29/08/2013

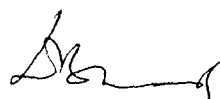
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May please see w.r.t. The DoPT Note
dated 29.08.2013 at page 1/N.



29/08/2013

DoPT [for Manoj Joshi JS (AT&A)]

MANOJ JOSHI

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MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
AND PENSIONS
NORTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI-110001
Dated, 30th August, 2013

D.O.No. F. 4/3/2013-IR

Dear Sir

Shri Satyananda Mishra, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission is retiring on 4th September, 2013. A new Chief Information Commissioner is to be appointed in his place. A proposal for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner has separately been submitted for the approval of Hon'ble President of India. The new Chief Information Commissioner would have to be administered on Oath or affirmation as per the First Schedule of the Right to Information Act, 2005 by the President. A copy of the form of Oath as suggested by Ministry of Law and Justice and a list of dignitaries who may be invited for the swearing-in-ceremony are enclosed.

2. It is requested to have the Oath of Office administered on the evening of 4th of September, 2013. May kindly inform the date and time at which Hon'ble President would be pleased to administer oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner.

With Regards

Yours sincerely,

Manoj Joshi
(Manoj Joshi)

Dr. Thomas Mathew
Additional Secretary
President Secretariat
Rashtrapati Bhawan
New Delhi



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Form of oath or affirmation to be made by the Chief Information Commissioner

"I, **Deepak Sandhu**, having been appointed Chief Information Commissioner, with effect from 5th September, 2013, swear in the name of God/solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws."

(4)

Suggested list of invitees of swearing in ceremony of Chief Information Commissioner

1. Vice President of India
2. Prime Minister
3. Chief Justice of India
4. Speaker, Lok Sabha
5. Chairperson, National Advisory Council
6. Home Minister
7. Law Minister
8. Finance Minister
9. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha
10. Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha
11. MoS(PP)
12. Shri Satyananda Mishra, Outgoing Chief Information Commissioner
13. National Security Adviser
14. Chief Election Commissioner
15. Chief Vigilance Commissioner
16. Comptroller & Auditor General
17. Attorney General
18. Cabinet Secretary
19. Both Election Commissioners
20. Principal Secretary to PM
21. Chairman, UPSC
22. All Information Commissioners
23. Members, UPSC
24. Solicitor General
25. Home Secretary
26. Secretary(Personnel)
27. Law Secretary
28. Secretary, Legislative Department
29. Director, CBI
30. Director, IB
31. Chief Information Commissioner designate
32. Family of Chief Information Commissioner designate
33. Shri R. Ramanujan, Secretary to Prime Minister
34. Shri L. C. Goyal, Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat
35. Establishment officer, DoPT
36. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, DoPT
37. Additional Secretary, DoPT
38. Secretary, CIC
39. Shri Manoj Joshi, Joint Secretary, DOPT

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No.F.52-CA(I)/2013

2 September 2013


Dear Sir,

This has reference to your d.o. letter No.F.4/3/2013-IR, dated 30 August, 2013 to Additional Secretary to the President regarding appointment of new Chief Information Commissioner.

The proposal as received from the PMO has been approved by the President and the file is placed below. It may kindly be noted that the President will be pleased to administer the oath of office to the Chief Information Commissioner-designate at Rashtrapati Bhavan at 1100 hours on 5 September, 2013.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Saurabh Vijay)

Shri Manoj Joshi
Joint Secretary (AT&A)
Department of Personnel and Training
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 5th September, 2013

S.O.....(E).- The President, on the recommendation of the Committee constituted under sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005), is pleased to appoint Smt. Deepak Sandhu as the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the 5th day of September, 2013.

[F.No.4/3/2013-IR]

(Manoj Joshi)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To

The Manager,
Government of India Press,
Mayapuri,
NEW DELHI.

As Revised
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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)

Notification

New Delhi, the September, 2013

S.O.....(E).- In pursuance of sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005), the President, on the recommendation of the Committee constituted under the said ^{sub -} section, is pleased to appoint Smt. Deepak Sandhu as ^{the} Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the 5th day of September, 2013.

[F.No. 4/3/2013-IR]

Manoj Joshi
(Manoj Joshi)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To

The Manger
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Mayapuri, New Delhi



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(कार्मिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग)

अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 21 दिसम्बर, 2010

का.आ. 2985(अ).—राष्ट्रपति, सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 (2005 का 22) की धारा 12 की उप-धारा (3) के अनुसरण में, उक्त धारा के अधीन गठित समिति की सिफारिश पर, श्री सत्यानन्द मिश्र को 20 दिसम्बर, 2010 से केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त के रूप में नियुक्त करती हैं।

[फा. सं. 4/26/2009-आई.आर.]

राजीव कपूर, संयुक्त सचिव

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC
GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(Department of Personnel and Training)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 21st December, 2010

S.O. 2985(E).—In pursuance of sub-section (3) of Section 12 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005), the President, on the recommendation of the Committee constituted under the said section, is pleased to appoint Shri Satyananda Mishra as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the 20th day of December, 2010.

[F. No. 4/26/2009-IR]

RAJEEV KAPOOR, Jr. Secy.

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North Block, New Delhi
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(R.K. Girdhar)

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Notification

New Delhi, the 5th September, 2013

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(फा. सं. 4/3/2013-आईआर)

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New Delhi, the 5th September, 2013

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(फा. सं. 4/3/2013-आईआर)

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NEW DELHI, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013/BHADRA 14, 1935

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अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 5 सितम्बर, 2013

का.आ. 2681(अ).—राष्ट्रपति, सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 (2005 का 22) की धारा 12 की उप-धारा (3) के अधीन गठित समिति की सिफारिश पर श्रीमती दीपक संधू को तारीख 5 सितम्बर, 2013 से केंद्रीय सूचना आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त के रूप में नियुक्त करते हैं।

[फा. सं. 4/3/2013-आईआर]

मनोज जोशी, संयुक्त सचिव

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(Department of Personnel and Training)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 5th September, 2013

S.O. 2681(E).—The President, on the recommendation of Committee constituted under sub-section (3) of Section 12 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005), is pleased to appoint Smt. Deepak Sandhu as the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the 5th day of September, 2013

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Agenda note for the meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner

Smt. Deepak Sandhu, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission is due to retire on 18.12.2013. As per Section 12(2) of the RTI Act, the Central Information Commission shall have the Chief Information Commissioner and upto ten Information Commissioners. It is necessary to select new Chief Information Commissioner by 18.12.2013.

2. Section 12(3) of the Act stipulates that the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be appointment by the President on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of the following:

- (i) The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee,
- (ii) The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and
- (iii) A Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

3. Sub-sections (5) and (6) of Section 12 provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance. A Commissioner should not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union territory or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.

4. Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 13 provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners can hold office for a term of five years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. An Information Commissioner, on vacating his office can be appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner subject to the condition that his term of office shall not be more than five years in aggregate as Information Commissioner and the Chief Information Commissioner.

5. At the time when selection of the Chief Information Commissioner was to be made in September 2010, the Commission had passed a resolution to the effect that the Chief Information Commissioner should be selected from amongst the Central Information Commissioners. Although, no formal decision was taken on the resolution, on that occasion, Shri A.N. Tiwari, who was holding the post of Information Commissioner was selected as Chief Information Commissioner. Subsequently also, Shri Satyananda Mishra who was holding the post of Information Commissioner was selected to the post of Chief Information

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Commissioner. Same practice was followed in the selection of Smt. Deepak Sandhu in September, 2013.

6. Details of persons holding the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as on 20.11.2013 are given below:

Sl. No	Name of Information Commissioner	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of retirement
1.	Mrs. Sushma Singh	22.05.1949	23.09.2009	21.05.2014
2.	Shri Rajiv Mathur	23.08.1949	01.03.2012	22.08.2014
3.	Shri Vijai Sharma	02.12.1950	01.03.2012	01.12.2015
4.	Shri Basant Seth	16.02.1952	01.03.2012	15.02.2017

Apart from above, the Hon'ble President, on 14.11.2013, has approved the appointment of five more Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission. Offer of appointments have been issued to them and their acceptance letters have also been received. Steps are being taken to administer Oath of Office to the new information Commissioners.

7. Bio-Data of the existing Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commissioners is enclosed [Annexure 'A'].

8. Submitted for consideration of the Selection Committee.

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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Mrs. Sushma Singh
Date of Birth	22 May, 1949
Educational Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BA (Hons) o PG Diploma in Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mrs. Sushma Singh joined the Central Information Commission as Information Commissioner on 23rd September, 2009. Prior to joining the Central Information Commission, she was a member of the Indian Administrative Service from 15th June, 1972 to 31st May, 2009. She is a former Secretary to the Government of India who belongs to the Jharkhand Cadre, 1972 Batch, of the IAS. Mrs. Sushma Singh has served as Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. She has also served in the capacity of Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and also in the Ministry for the Development of the North Eastern Region (DONER). o Her other assignments in the Government of India have been in the Ministry of Water Resources in the capacity of Additional Secretary and in the Ministry of Rural Development as Joint Secretary. o In the newly created State of Jharkhand, to which Cadre she was allotted at the time of its creation on 15th November 2000, she served as its first Home Secretary and later as Development Commissioner. o Prior to that, in the undivided State of Bihar, she has served as Agricultural Production Commissioner, Secretary in the Department of Primary, Secondary and Adult Education, Secretary in the Department of Social Welfare, Special Secretary in the Department of Irrigation and as Additional Finance Commissioner, Government of Bihar. Other important positions held were that of Divisional Commissioner, Santhal Parganas Division, District Magistrate of Samastipur District and Sub-Divisional Officer of Chatra Sub-Division (District Hazaribagh). <p style="text-align: center;">- END -</p>	

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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Rajiv Mathur
Date of Birth	23rd August, 1949
Education Qualification	MA (Political Science)
Area of Eminence	Administration and governance

Experience

- Belonged to the 1972 batch of IPS, UP cadre and served for six years in the State, during the course of which, and remained posted as incharge of an armed battalion, and held charge of district policing. In 1978, joined Intelligence Bureau on deputation under the Earmarking Scheme (EMS) of the Government.
- Remained posted in Shillong, Gangtok and at IB Hqrs, and acquired several decades of experience in its various divisions with specialized experience in administration, governance and national security related issues.
- Was Director, Intelligence Bureau for a two year term from December 31, 2008. As DIB, had the unique opportunity of being privy to almost all aspects of governance and rendered advice on sensitive issues to the senior-most echelons of the government.
- Successfully coordinated operation with the State DGPs in a bid to stem the tide of terrorist actions in the hinterland, a task which required considerable administrative acumen and exemplary team work.
- Was instrumental in revamping the Intelligence set up and raising the quality of intelligence gathering and sharing. Also galvanized the IB machinery and provided leadership to the organization to face challenges.
- Acquired considerable international experience, having served for over three years with the Ministry of External Affairs, as Counselor, Embassy of India, Washington DC and as Chairman of the Asia Pacific World Regional Office, New Delhi, of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) for two years.
- Recipient of the Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service and the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Vijai Sharma
Date of Birth	2nd December 1950
Education Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LL.M., Harvard Law School, Harvard University, USA o LL.M., University College London, UK o LL.B., Lucknow University o B.Sc., Lucknow University
Area of Eminence	(a) Administration and Governance, and (b) Law

Experience

- o Expert Member, National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi
- o **Public Service in I.A.S. :** Recent posting was as Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests (2008-10). Worked as Joint Secretary (1995-2001) in the same Ministry. Growing public interest in sustainability issues led to engage civil society productively and resolve information bottlenecks. As Additional/ Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat (2005-08), apart from servicing the Cabinet and its Committees, improved public service delivery systems, e.g., the procedures for renewal and issuance of passports. Was Secretary to State Government of UP for Environment, Housing and Energy. Had assignments in agricultural financing, cooperative banking and manufacturing. Also had a posting in the United Nations Environment Programme.
- o **Law :** Education in law at University College London and Harvard Law School. Was instrumental in formulating the system for international emission trading and the Clean Development Mechanism as Coordinator & Spokesperson for the "Group of 77 & China" in the Kyoto Protocol debate (1995-2001). In the early years did district/sub-division court-work painstakingly. Posted to the State Chief Secretary's Branch for personnel and Cabinet matters (1979-81).
- o **Information :** The jurisprudence of right-based information, including exemption from disclosure issues, was handled during stint in the Cabinet Secretariat when the RTI Act was taking off. Later, as Secretary, Environment & Forests, deployed technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.

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- **Major Initiatives** some transformational, as illustrated by the following :
 - Wrote White Paper for Controlling Pollution in Delhi : for converting the public transport system from conventional fuels to CNG (1997).
 - International Processes : Conceived and drafted the U.N Guidelines for compliance with and enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (2001), and the Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (2002).
 - Institutions set up : the National Environmental Appellate Authority (1997), the National Ganga River Basin Authority (2009) and the National Green Tribunal (2010).
 - India's Profile : the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in New Delhi (2002) and the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Hyderabad (2012) resulted from the personal initiative.
 - Law and Policy : Drafted statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents, environmental clearances, coastal management housing policy for U.P, and protocol for managing government lands.
- Publications : Wrote op-ed articles for leading dailies and co-authored *The Forts of India* (Collins London, 1986) and *The Forts of Bhundelkhand* (Rupa & Co., 2006).

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Curriculum Vitae

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Education Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management o Chartered Accountancy o Bachelor of Science
Area of Eminence	Banking & Finance, Management, Administration & Governance

Achievements / Work done / Experience :

- o Qualified Chartered Accountant with a Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management having over 37 years experience in the areas of Banking & Finance, Corporate and Taxation Laws, Accounting Standards, Audit Functions, Compliance, Administration etc.
- o Joined Bank of India, a Public Sector Bank as Direct Recruit Officer in April 1974. Held various positions at field level including overseas posting and in administrative offices, posted as General Manager and Chief Financial officer of the Bank from October 21, 2002 to April 30, 2006 and thereafter as Chief Risk Officer upto February 28, 2007.
- o Deputy Managing Director, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) from March 01, 2007 to August 30, 2009. This was a Board Level appointment at par with whole time Directors of Public Sector Banks.
- o Chairman & Managing Director, Syndicate Bank from August 31, 2009 to February 29, 2012.

Others :

- o Was Bank of India's nominee on the Board of Directors of Indo-Zambian Bank, a joint venture with the Government of Zambia and on Commonwealth Finance Corporation Ltd., a company located in Hong Kong.
- o Worked as Member of Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and also Study Group on

International Financial Reporting Standards constituted by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Committee on Taxation constituted by Indian Banks Association.

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**Sub: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the
Central Information Commission**

Reference is invited to the proposal of DoPT in the note dated 22.11.2013 at page 17-18/n in the DoPT File no.4/3/2013-IR [Pt.], on the above subject.

2. The undersigned is directed to convey that Prime Minister has approved nomination of Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law & Justice, on the 'Selection Committee' for the selection of the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

3. DoPT File No. 4/3/2013-IR [Pt.] is returned herewith.


(Dheeraj Gupta)
Joint Secretary to PM
Tel. No. 2301 5944

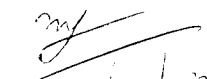
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Date of Birth	22 May, 1949
Educational Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BA (Hons) o PG Diploma in Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mrs. Sushma Singh joined the Central Information Commission as Information Commissioner on 23rd September, 2009. Prior to joining the Central Information Commission, she was a member of the Indian Administrative Service from 15th June, 1972 to 31st May, 2009. She is a former Secretary to the Government of India who belongs to the Jharkhand Cadre, 1972 Batch, of the IAS. Mrs. Sushma Singh has served as Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. She has also served in the capacity of Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and also in the Ministry for the Development of the North Eastern Region (DONER). o Her other assignments in the Government of India have been in the Ministry of Water Resources in the capacity of Additional Secretary and in the Ministry of Rural Development as Joint Secretary. o In the newly created State of Jharkhand, to which Cadre she was allotted at the time of its creation on 15th November 2000, she served as its first Home Secretary and later as Development Commissioner. o Prior to that, in the undivided State of Bihar, she has served as Agricultural Production Commissioner, Secretary in the Department of Primary, Secondary and Adult Education, Secretary in the Department of Social Welfare, Special Secretary in the Department of Irrigation and as Additional Finance Commissioner, Government of Bihar. Other important positions held were that of Divisional Commissioner, Santhal Parganas Division, District 	

Magistrate of Samastipur District and Sub-Divisional Officer of Chatra Sub-Division (District Hazaribagh).

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Curriculum Vitae

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Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Belonged to the 1972 batch of IPS, UP cadre and served for six years in the State, during the course of which, and remained posted as incharge of an armed battalion, and held charge of district policing. In 1978, joined Intelligence Bureau on deputation under the Earmarking Scheme (EMS) of the Government.o Remained posted in Shillong, Gangtok and at IB Hqrs, and acquired several decades of experience in its various divisions with specialized experience in administration, governance and national security related issues.o Was Director, Intelligence Bureau for a two year term from December 31, 2008. As DIB, had the unique opportunity of being privy to almost all aspects of governance and rendered advice on sensitive issues to the senior-most echelons of the government.o Successfully coordinated operation with the State DGPs in a bid to stem the tide of terrorist actions in the hinterland, a task which required considerable administrative acumen and exemplary team work.o Was instrumental in revamping the Intelligence set up and raising the quality of intelligence gathering and sharing. Also galvanized the IB machinery and provided leadership to the organization to face challenges.o Acquired considerable international experience, having served for over three years with the Ministry of External Affairs, as Counselor, Embassy of India, Washington DC and as Chairman of the Asia Pacific World Regional Office, New Delhi, of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) for two years.	

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- Recipient of the Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service and the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

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Curriculum Vitae

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Area of Eminence	(a) Administration and Governance, and (b) Law

Experience

- o Expert Member, National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi
- o **Public Service in I.A.S. :** Recent posting was as Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests (2008-10). Worked as Joint Secretary (1995-2001) in the same Ministry. Growing public interest in sustainability issues led to engage civil society productively and resolve information bottlenecks. As Additional/ Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat (2005-08), apart from servicing the Cabinet and its Committees, improved public service delivery systems, e.g., the procedures for renewal and issuance of passports. Was Secretary to State Government of UP for Environment, Housing and Energy. Had assignments in agricultural financing, cooperative banking and manufacturing. Also had a posting in the United Nations Environment Programme.
- o **Law :** Education in law at University College London and Harvard Law School. Was instrumental in formulating the system for international emission trading and the Clean Development Mechanism as Coordinator & Spokesperson for the "Group of 77 & China" in the Kyoto Protocol debate (1995-2001). In the early years did district/sub-division court-work painstakingly. Posted to the State Chief Secretary's Branch for personnel and Cabinet matters (1979-81).
- o **Information :** The jurisprudence of right-based information, including

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exemption from disclosure issues, was handled during stint in the Cabinet Secretariat when the RTI Act was taking off. Later, as Secretary, Environment & Forests, deployed technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.

- **Major Initiatives** some transformational, as illustrated by the following :
 - Wrote White Paper for Controlling Pollution in Delhi : for converting the public transport system from conventional fuels to CNG (1997).
 - International Processes : Conceived and drafted the U.N Guidelines for compliance with and enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (2001), and the Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (2002).
 - Institutions set up : the National Environmental Appellate Authority (1997), the National Ganga River Basin Authority (2009) and the National Green Tribunal (2010).
 - India's Profile : the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in New Delhi (2002) and the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Hyderabad (2012) resulted from the personal initiative.
 - Law and Policy : Drafted statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents, environmental clearances, coastal management housing policy for U.P, and protocol for managing government lands.
- Publications : Wrote op-ed articles for leading dailies and co-authored *The Forts of India* (Collins London, 1986) and *The Forts of Bhundelkhand* (Rupa & Co., 2006).

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Curriculum Vitae

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Area of Eminence	Banking & Finance, Management, Administration & Governance
Achievements / Work done / Experience : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Qualified Chartered Accountant with a Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management having over 37 years experience in the areas of Banking & Finance, Corporate and Taxation Laws, Accounting Standards, Audit Functions, Compliance, Administration etc. o Joined Bank of India, a Public Sector Bank as Direct Recruit Officer in April 1974. Held various positions at field level including overseas posting and in administrative offices, posted as General Manager and Chief Financial officer of the Bank from October 21, 2002 to April 30, 2006 and thereafter as Chief Risk Officer upto February 28, 2007. o Deputy Managing Director, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) from March 01, 2007 to August 30, 2009. This was a Board Level appointment at par with whole time Directors of Public Sector Banks. o Chairman & Managing Director, Syndicate Bank from August 31, 2009 to February 29, 2012. 	
Others : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Was Bank of India's nominee on the Board of Directors of Indo-Zambian Bank, a joint venture with the Government of Zambia and on Commonwealth Finance Corporation Ltd., a company located in Hong Kong. 	

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- o Worked as Member of Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and also Study Group on International Financial Reporting Standards constituted by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Committee on Taxation constituted by Indian Banks Association.



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8. Present Occupation : Secretary (Security), Cabinet
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9. Work Experience

- As IPS officer of 1976 batch of Madhya Pradesh cadre served as Superintendent of Police (1979-86) in 4 districts and as Deputy Inspector General of Police (1994-96) of the Capital range i.e. Bhopal. Notable successes were achieved during operations against the Wood Mafia, Opium Mafia and the dacoit gangs of Bundelkhand region. Apart from monitoring crime and law and order in these districts, two other critical areas included public grievances redressal and keeping a close watch on the communal situation due to the grading of these districts as hypersensitive.
- Worked with the Joint Intelligence Committee (1986-92) in the Cabinet Secretariat for close scrutiny and in-depth analysis of intelligence inputs. Held frequent meetings with various intelligence agencies for bringing out Fortnightly Digests on Intelligence Analysis and Perspectives. Was responsible for drafting papers pertaining to national security, for submission to Government of India.
- Worked with the Intelligence Bureau at IB Hqrs, Delhi and Bhopal (1998-2012). Was instrumental in revamping the set up in Bhopal and raising the quality of intelligence gathering and sharing, leading to notable successes against Left Wing Extremism and Religious Fundamentalist Groups. Working in IB Hqrs. was privy to almost all aspects of governance and rendered advice on sensitive issues including border areas and VIP Security, to very senior echelons of the Government.
- Nominated as National Security Coordinator for important visiting Heads of States from Russia, USA etc. Travelled as Chief Security Liaison Officer (CSLO) to various countries for laying out security arrangements prior to the visits of Prime Minister and the President.
- Was responsible for framing/revising Government guidelines on Personal Protection, including protection of highly threatened Protectees. Lectured/spoken on various fora including Police/Defence training institutions on various aspects of internal security, VIP Security methodology and threat perception including counter measures to be taken against grave threat to VIPs.

- Recipient of the two highest awards i.e. the Indian Police Medal for meritorious service in 1994 and the President's Police Medal for distinguished service in 2002.
- Nominated Convenor of a team appointed by the Government of India on directions of the Supreme Court in 2003, charged with the responsibility of laying down Witness Protection Scheme for the Prosecution witnesses in Gujarat Riot cases. The team visited Gujarat and submitted its report, which was accepted by the Government.
- Worked as Director (Sports and Youth Affairs – 1996-97) and was responsible for drafting the State document on "Youth Policy" and organized a National Youth Festival on behalf of the State Government.
- Nominated member of the International Security Advisory team of the International Olympic Committee for conducting Olympic Games 1996 Atlanta, USA.
- Appointed Security Coordinator by the Government of India for visiting Pakistani Cricket team to India in 1999. Was again named leader of the G.O.I team which visited Pakistan in 2004 to advise on resumption of Indo-Pak cricket ties after 15 years. The team travelled all over Pakistan visiting various venues and holding meetings with Pakistan Army/Police personnel, sports administrators, sportsmen and persons from all walks of life. Later made more visits to Pakistan in connection with the security of the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister and the visiting Indian Cricket teams.
- Nominated as Head of the Security Team to Bangladesh for making an on ground assessment for the Indian Cricket Team's tour to Bangladesh in 2005-06.
- Currently serving as Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India which includes administrative supervision of the Special Protection Group (SPG) charged with the responsibility of protecting the Prime Minister and highly threatened SPG Protectees. Current responsibility includes serving as Convenor of the National Crisis Management Group headed by the Cabinet Secretary. This entails review of the Crisis Management Plans of the Central Nodal Ministries/Departments on a bi-annual basis. Various aspects of administrative and governance issues are

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delved into while assessing the contingency plans and appropriate advice tendered for strengthening the same.

Miscellaneous

- Life Member of INTACH since 1983.
- Patron of Sant Pathik Vidyalaya affiliated to CBSE located in Rattanganj Block, one of the most backward blocks of Bhagalpur District in Bihar, catering to children belonging to poor families.

Date: June 13, 2013

Place: New Delhi

Signature:



(Yashovardhan Azad)
Secretary (Security)
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9. Achievements/work experience
(in brief): Please see annexure.

Date: 14.6.2013.

Place: Islamabad.

Signature: _____

Name: Sharat Sabharwal.

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Annexure

Bio profile of Sharat Sabharwal

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(Stood first in the University).

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Upon completion of my education, I joined Bank of Baroda as an Officer in February, 1973 and served in its Ghaziabad branch till joining the Indian Foreign Service in July 1975. The emphasis those days in nationalized banks was on financing medium and small industries, small entrepreneurs and farmers. As in charge of Loans and Advances Department of the Bank, I played an active role in promoting financing of the above sectors. It also gave me an opportunity to understand firsthand the problems faced by small farmers and entrepreneurs and extend help of the Bank to improve their economic lot.

2. I joined the Indian Foreign Service in July 1975 and superannuated from it on 30.9.2012 while serving as High Commissioner of India to Pakistan. However, I have continued on this position on re-employment basis and shall be demitting this office on completion of my extended tenure on 30.6.2013. I have gained rich and varied experience while serving for nearly 38 years in the Foreign Service. The jobs that I have handled during this long span of public service have not only given me a deep insight into the world of diplomacy and foreign relations, but also into functioning of the government, its administrative and financial aspects and efforts in recent years to bring about greater transparency in discharge of their functions by various Ministries and Departments. This is spell out in greater detail in the succeeding paragraphs.

3. After the two years' period of training in India as a Foreign Service Officer, I have served in the following positions:-

- Third/Second Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva (1977-79) In this capacity, I was a member of the Indian delegations to UNCTAD, the UN Commission on Human Rights, the Committee on Disarmament and the World Intellectual Properties Organisation.
- Second/First Secretary in Embassy of India to Madagascar (1979-82) Besides handling the political and administrative work in this Mission, I also handled consular work in respect of the large community of Indian origin in Madagascar.
- Under/Deputy Secretary (Economic Relations/Finance) in Ministry of External Affairs (1982-84) I was in charge of Budget of MEA and its subordinate units as well as the Ministry's liaison with the Audit authorities. This gave me an insight into the financial aspects of governance. In dealing with audit matters, I promoted transparency vis-à-vis the audit authorities and reforms in decision making on the basis of observations of the audit authorities.
- First Secretary, Embassy of India, Paris (1984-88) I was in charge of the administrative and political work of the Mission during this period that saw a significant consolidation in relations between India and France. As political officer, I reported extensively on integration of the European market, evolution of relations between the Eastern and Western blocs and internal political developments in France. I co-ordinated the preparations for and arrangements during the visit of the then Prime Minister of India and the then Vice President of India to France in June 1985 and June 1986 respectively.
- Deputy High Commissioner of India to Mauritius (1988-90) Besides assisting the High Commissioner in discharge of all functions of the Mission, I handled directly the sizeable Indian assistance to Mauritius under the Indian Technical and Economic Co-operation Programme and ensured building of closer ties with all sections of the Mauritian population, particularly the large segment of Indian origin. I co-ordinated the arrangements for the visit of the then Vice President of India to Mauritius in March 1988.

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- Director (Vigilance and Communications), Ministry of External Affairs (1990-92): In this job, I dealt with all vigilance work, liaison with the CVC, departmental enquiries and disciplinary action and confidential reporting system in respect of all personnel of the Ministry. Based on the experience gained from the vigilance cases handled by me, I promoted a number of reforms to make the decision making system more transparent. I was member of the group in the Ministry of External Affairs that ensured evacuation of the Indian community from Iraq and Kuwait during the first Gulf War in 1991.
 - Director (Finance), Ministry of External Affairs (1992-94): In this capacity, I was in charge of all financial aspects of functioning of the Ministry: budget, expenditure and audit issues. This included examination of all proposals for expenditure and award of contracts. During my tenure as Director (Finance), the system of examination of budget by Standing Committees of Parliament was introduced. I co-ordinated all work relating to such examination.
 - Joint Secretary (Establishment), Ministry of External Affairs (1994-95): This job encompassed purchase, construction and maintenance of properties of the Ministry of External Affairs and its Missions and Posts abroad, as well as purchase of stores for the Ministry and its subordinate units. I speeded up the work of purchase and construction of properties abroad for use by the Indian Missions, thereby ensuring saving of rental payments by the Government of India for hired properties. Full co-operation was extended to the financial and audit authorities to make the process of awarding contracts for properties and purchase of stores completely transparent.
 - Deputy High Commissioner of India to Pakistan (1995-99): This was a very tense period in relations between the two countries, which saw many ups and downs, including nuclear tests by both the countries and Pakistan's incursion in Kargil. Dialogue between India and Pakistan was re-started in June 1997 after a sizeable gap. I co-ordinated preparations for the visit by the then Prime Minister of India to Lahore in February, 1999. I handled the fallout of the Kargil crisis for the High Commission of India in Islamabad before my departure from Pakistan for the next assignment in the middle of 1999.

- Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in Geneva (1999-2002): The areas covered by me in this assignment were Human Rights, Humanitarian Law, International Labour Organisation, World Health Organisation, UNAIDS programme and co-ordination of overall functioning of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva. In the course of this assignment, I was Deputy Leader/member of the Indian delegations to the erstwhile UN Commission on Human Rights, International Labour Conference and the World Health Assembly. I was also Deputy Leader of the Indian delegation to the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent held in Geneva in October 1999 and member of the Indian delegation to the World Conference against Racism, held in Durban (South Africa) in September 2001. In the UN Human Rights Commission, I played an active role to promote a co-operative rather than intrusive approach for promotion of Human Rights around the globe. I ensured liaison between the Government of India and the World Health Organisation on various WHO assisted health sector programmes in India. In the International Labour Organisation, I promoted policies aimed at improving labour standards, while taking into account the ground realities in developing countries.
- Ambassador of India to Uzbekistan (2002-05): The thrust of my endeavour in this posting was to consolidate further the considerable goodwill between Uzbekistan and India from the days of links between the two countries during the Soviet era. I also promoted political, economic and cultural ties between the two sides through visit of a number of high level delegations both ways. I co-ordinated the visit of the President of Uzbekistan to India in April 2005, which resulted in signing of a number of agreements for bilateral co-operation.
- Additional/Special Secretary (Administration, Consular, Passports and Visa), Ministry of External Affairs (2005-09): In this assignment, I had the overall charge of Administration of Ministry of External Affairs, including personnel administration. I also looked after the Consular, passports and visa work in India and Missions and Posts abroad. Some of my special accomplishments during this period were:-

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- i) I prepared the concept of the Passport Seva Project and was head of the team that fleshed it out with the help of a consultant. I steered this Project to the stage of awarding contract to a Service Provider, who has set up more than 70 Passport Seva Kendras all over the country. These Kendras have considerably improved the conditions for passport applicants. Extensive introduction of Information Technology has also contributed to improvement of passport services.
 - ii) I introduced the concept of outsourcing of work for receipt of visa and consular services applications in a number of countries abroad. This shifted application submission from the usually crowded visa and consular wings of Indian Missions and Posts abroad to more comfortable and well equipped application submission centres in more than one city/location in the countries concerned.
 - iii) I headed the team that introduced issuance of machine printed passports in all passport issuing offices in India and abroad to meet the ICAO requirement of phasing out hand written passports.
 - iv) I streamlined and made more transparent the process of awarding contracts for purchase and construction of properties abroad and purchase of stores for the Ministry of External Affairs and its subordinate units. One way of doing so was by setting up committees of Joint Secretaries to consider issues concerning award of contracts rather than leaving it to one or two officers in the concerned Division.
 - v) I headed the team which simplified and improved the confidential reporting system in respect of Indian Foreign Service officers and improved the benchmarks for promotions in the IFS.

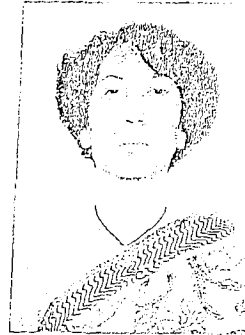
4. High Commissioner of India to Pakistan (April 2009 to date): I have been holding the sensitive assignment of High Commissioner of India to Pakistan since April 2009 and shall be demitting this office on 30.6.2013 upon completion of my extended tenure.

5. As Additional/Special Secretary (Administration), I put in place the infrastructure for application of the Right to Information Act in the Ministry of External Affairs and its Missions and Posts abroad in 2005 and was associated with the implementation of this Act in MEA and its subordinate offices till March 2009.

6. In the end, I would like to highlight that:-

- a) My postings and official visits abroad to various parts of the world have given me a rich and varied exposure to the international scene. This, together with the fact that I put in place the infrastructure for implementation of the Right to Information Act in MEA and its subordinate offices, will enable me to bring additional value to the functioning of the Central Information Commission, particularly in regard to its work related to matters pertaining to India's foreign policy and foreign relations.
- b) The administrative and financial jobs handled by me in MEA have given me a deep insight into functioning of the administrative and financial machinery of the Government. This experience is relevant to the functioning of the Central Information Commission.
- c) My experience of introducing greater transparency in decision making in administrative and financial matters in MEA is also relevant to the work of the Central Information Commission.

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9. Achievements/Work Experience (in brief):
- Belong to 1976 batch of Indian Postal Service, Group 'A'
 - Secretary to Government of India, Department of Posts (DoP) (1.10.2011 to 31.01.2013). Worked also as ex-officio Director General Posts and Chairperson, Postal Services Board during this period.
- Was responsible for running the Postal Administration in the country, formulation of policies relating to Postal Sector and fulfillment of Universal Service Obligations under postal services.
- Administered a Department of nearly half a million employees and a network of 1.55 lakh Post Offices.

- As Chairman of Inter Ministerial Steering Committee led the implementation of the biggest IT project (Rs 5,000Cr outlay) in the Department to transform the processes in 1.55 lakh Post offices and the change management of the employees to improve the efficiency, speed, accountability and transparency of the system. The India Post Technology project was planned to be completed is likely to be completed by the end of 2014. A brief note is annexed.
 - Dop replies to approximately 50,000 RTI applications per annum which were effectively monitored. The Public Grievances settlement mechanism was strengthened to increase customer satisfaction.
 - Mail Network Optimization Project (MNOP) initiated when I was Member(O) has got National E-Governance Award for the year 2012-13 under the category "Outstanding Performance in Citizen-centric Service Delivery"
 - CAPIO (Central Assistant Public Information Officer) module developed by NIC for use of the Department has been made functional in 4707 Post Offices thus deploying technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.
- Member (Operations), Postal Services Board at the level of Special Secretary to Govt. of India (4.09.2009 to 31.10.11) with additional charge of Member (Technology) from 01.03.11 to 31.10.11 and also that of Member, Postal Life Insurance for a few months.
 - Responsible for policy formulation regarding mail operations, rationalization and consolidation of Mail Network in the country.
 - Modernization of mail processing and setting up of Automated Mail Processing system and preparation of National Address Database.
 - Handling of the project on booking and delivery of 'Aadhaar' Letters of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) across the country.
 - As member of the Steering Committee was involved in conceptualization, planning and implementation of the biggest IT project in the Department to transform the processes in 1.55 lakh Post offices.
 - Was involved in conceptualisation of Project Arrow which ushered in an integrated and lasting improvement in the postal system and was awarded with "Prime minister's award for Excellence in Public Administration for 2008-2009" in 2010
 - As Member PLI I was chairperson of the Investment Board. The Investment Board was responsible for laying down broad policy guidelines under which the Insurance Fund was to be invested by the Chief Investment Officer. During the relevant period, i.e., from May 2011 to September 2011 about Rs 1800 crore was invested in the market. There was an increase in the Net Asset Value.
 - Many consumer friendly technology initiatives were taken, such as payment of premium by the insured from anywhere in the country, electronically generated payment of commission to the agents from the central data base.

- o More than 2.5 lakh persons were insured during this period. Along with the increase in the number of persons insured, in Rural Postal Life Insurance, the sum assured also increased by about Rs 4000 crore.
- Worked at the level of Additional Secretary to the Government of India in the following positions:
 - o Chief General Manager (Mail Business) (12.08.08 to 3.09.2009)
 - o Chief Postmaster General, Haryana (15.05.08 to 11.08.08)
 - o Chief Postmaster General, Punjab (2.11.2005 to 14.5.2008)
 - o Chief Postmaster General, Rajasthan (29.6.2005 to 1.11.2005)
- Worked at the level of Joint Secretary to the Government of India in the following positions:
 - o Deputy Director General (Personnel), Department of Posts, New Delhi (01.01.2004 to 22.06.2005)
 - o Postmaster General, Punjab Region (11.02.2000 to 23.12.2003 and 24.07.1997 to 31.12.1998)
- Worked at the level of Director/Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the following positions:
 - o Director, Postal Operations & Planning, Department of Posts, New Delhi (30.08.1994 to 23.07.1997)
 - o Director, Postal Services, Punjab Region, Chandigarh (09.05.1990 to 07.07.1994)
 - o Director, Postal Services, Haryana, Ambala (22.08.1985 to 30.04.1990)
 - o Joint Director, Postal Staff College of India, Ghaziabad.
- Worked at the level of Under Secretary to Government of India in the following positions:
 - o Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Punjab Circle, Chandigarh (01.11.1980 to 04.08.1984)
 - o Assistant Postmaster General (Staff), North West Circle, Ambala (01.05.1980 to 31.10.1980)
 - o Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Haryana Circle, Ambala (01.11.1976 to 30.10.1978)

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Rules.
- 10 Achievements/Work Experience : More than 34 years Legal, Judicial and
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Place: New Delhi

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OCCUPATION : CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE
(INDIAN LEGAL SERVICE - I. L. S.)
- Ⓢ a) POST HELD : JOINT SECRETARY & LEGAL ADVISER
(w.e.f. 3.3.2006 to 31.12.2011)
- Ⓢ b) PAY SCALE : Rs. 37,400 - 67,000/- GP Rs. 10,000/-
(B.P. at superannuation = Rs. 63,440/-)
- Ⓢ c) PLACE OF
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SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110 001
- d) FOR OTHER POSTS
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6. EDUCATIONAL
QUALIFICATION : B. SC. - KANPUR UNIVERSITY, UP, 1970

LL. B (HONS) - ALIGARH MUSLIM
UNIVERSITY, ALIGARH IN 1973
- 7 ADVOCATE
ENROLLMENT NO. : UP-626/1974 DT. 2.4.1974

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PRESENT CADRE

INDIAN LEGAL SERVICE 1988 (ILS-1988)

PROFESSIONAL, LEGAL
& ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPERIENCE

(i) After having being enrolled as an Advocate (Enrolment No. UP-626/1974) on 2nd April 1974 under the provisions of Advocate Act, 1961, had practiced 6 years in various courts of law in criminal, civil and in revenue side. Thus, having 6 years, active legal experience at BAR before entering into Central Govt. Service.

(ii) Experience in Central Government Service having practised as an advocate for 6 years in various courts of law, I joined Ministry of Law in September 1979 through UPSC directly and since then, I had worked on various posts in Ministry of Law & Justice as under:

a) I worked in litigation side of Law & Justice Ministry in various courts i.e. Distt. Courts, High Courts of Delhi and Bombay as an Assistant (Legal) right from 1979 to July 1988. Thus, I have about 9 years active legal experience at various courts dealing with the cases of special knowledge of law.

b) After having being selected through UPSC as Asstt. Legal Adviser (Grade IV of ILS) in Indian Legal Service in August 1988, I worked as Junior and Senior Counsel of CPWD, M/o Urban Development advising on the subject of Arbitration Act 1940, Companies Act, 1956, Partnership Act, 1935 and other Relevant Act and also acted as their junior / senior counsel and appeared and argued on their behalf in arbitration cases before the learned arbitrators during the period from October 1988 to 1990 and also acted as Administrative Officer of the said unit of CPWD under me.

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c) After being posted in Directorate of Estate, Ministry of Urban Development in 1990 as Deputy Director (L), I discharged my duties there as Dy. Director (Lit), their Legal Adviser and also acted as Estate Officer there and decided no. of eviction cases under the provisions of PP Act 1971 during 1990-91.

d) On being promoted as Dy. Legal Adviser (Grade III of ILS) in April 1995 and thereafter as Addl. Legal Adviser (Grade II of ILS) in December 1998, I advised on no. of references received from various Administrative Ministries like Ministry of Agriculture, Finance, HRD, Urban Development, Mines, UPSC, Labour, DoP&T, Home Affairs, External Affairs, Civil Aviation, Social Justice, Textile, Steel, Defence, Coal and Mines, Water Resources, Commerce and Industry, Heavy Industry and Public Enterprise, Health & Family Welfare, Women and Child Development, Youth Affairs & Sports, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Ministry of Law and Justice etc. on various enactments enacted by Parliament including Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985.

e) On being deputation, from January 1999 to December 2000 as Director (L) in Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizer and advised them on various references and also conducted and supervised their litigation pending in various Courts of Law in Delhi/New Delhi and even outside Delhi. Thereafter, I was repatriated to my parent department i.e. M/o Law & Justice in January 2001 and discharged my duties as Addl. Legal Adviser to various Administrative Ministries.

f) I also worked as Arbitrator in DGS&D during 2002-2003 after being posted there, as such, and made and published no. of Awards under the provisions of Arbitration Act, 1940 and Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 in arbitration cases.

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g) I also worked as a Legal Adviser (additional charge during 2002-2005), Ministry of Labour and dealt therewith on various references received on various enactments enacted by Parliament concerning labourers and workers.

h) After my promotion to Joint Secretary & Legal Adviser (Grade I of ILS) w.e.f. 03.03.2006, I had headed a Group comprising of various Ministries/departments and I tendered legal advice on all matters referred to mainly on Constitution of India, 1950, Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985, Contract Act, 1872, Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, Limitation Act, 1963, Companies Act, 1956, Essential Commodities Act, 1955, Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, Minimum Wages Act, 1948, Emigration Act, 1983, EPF and MP Act, 1952, Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, Factory Act, 1948, Employees Insurance Act, 1948, Payment of Wages Act, 1936, Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act, 1986, Muslim Personal Law, Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, IPC, Cr. PC, CPC, Evidence Act 1872 etc. I also guided and supervised my junior officers posted in my group in advice matters, etc.

i) As Member (Law) of Mines Tribunal since 1995 and, thus, had been hearing and disposed of no. of revision petitions filed under Section 30 of MM Act, 1957.

j) I had also been acting as Sole Arbitrator since 2002 in a no. of arbitration cases assigned by the Law Secretary and even by Courts and making and publishing the Awards in such cases.

k) I also attended no. of Conferences/ Seminars held in Delhi and even outside Delhi on the various subjects of law including Intellectual Property Rights. I also participated and represented Ministry of Law in Bilateral Agreement/Treaties between Government of India and other foreign countries.

l) I had also been dealing with the Vigilance cases being Chief Vigilance Officer of Ministry of Law & Justice w.e.f. March 2006 to 31.12.2011.

m) I had also been dealing with the Parliament work being Nodal Officer of the Parliament work of Ministry of Law & Justice, Deptt. of Legal Affairs, New Delhi.

n) Being In-charge of the Judicial Section, Department of Legal Affairs, I had monitored the litigation on behalf of Union of India pending in various Tribunals, Redressal Fora and Court of Law all over India through Central Government Panel Counsel. I had also dealt with the engagement of Law Officers including Attorney General & other Law Officers as Solicitor General of India, Addl. Solicitor General of India and also engagement of Advocates for various panel for Courts of Law and Tribunals.

o) I was also the Nodal Officer of Sixth Pay Commission in Ministry of Law to deal with the references accrued therefrom.

p) I was also the In-charge of Admn.III (LA) Section dealing with administration pertaining to NALSA, ITAT etc. for no. of years.

q) I was also the In-charge of Cash Section (LA) dealing with preparation and payment of various bills, etc.

r) Being nominated a member of various inter-ministerial meeting, I had been attending the same and representing Ministry of Law & Justice.

10 Judicial and Quasi- :
Judicial Experience

More than 16 years as on date (Pl. see Annexure)

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ANNEXUREJUDICIAL AND QUASI JUDICIAL EXPERIENCEAs Estate Officer under the provisions of P. P. Act, 1971

While working in the Indian Legal Service, I was posted in the Ministry of Urban Development in the years 1990-1991 as Deputy Director (Litigation) which is an encadred post in the Indian Legal Service. While holding the said post I performed the functions of Legal Adviser for the Directorate of Estates as well as the Estate Officer and decided a large number of eviction cases under the provisions of P.P. Act 1971. The nature of work of E.O. is quasi-judicial.

2. As Member (Law) of the Mines Tribunal (constituted by the Ministry of Mines)

In the year 1995, I was nominated by the Law Secretary as Member (Law) in the Tribunal constituted by the Ministry of Mines for hearing Revision Petitions filed under Section 30 of MM Act, 1957. This was in addition to my normal duties as an officer of the Indian Legal Service. As Member (Law) of the said Tribunal since 1995 to 2011, I had heard and decided quite a large number of Revision Petitions filed under Section 30 of the above said Act.

3. As Arbitrator

- (a) I worked also as Arbitrator in the Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals (DGS&D), under the Ministry of Supply during the year 2002-03 and heard and decided of quite a number of arbitration matters by making & publishing the awards under the provisions of Arbitration Act, 1940 and Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996.
- (b) During the year 2002-2005, I was posted as Legal Adviser (additional charge) in the Ministry of Labour & Employment and heard & disposed of quite a number of arbitration cases there too.
- (c) Subsequent to being appointed as Addl. Legal Adviser (Grade II of Indian Legal Service) in December 1998, & thereafter, even promoted as Jt. Secy. & Legal Adviser (Grade I of ILS) w.e.f. 3.3.2006, I have been appointed by the Law Secretary as Sole Arbitrator in no. of arbitration cases and in these matters I had heard & disposed of the cases by making and publishing the awards within a reasonable time. It is pertinent to mention here that not even a single award made and published by the undersigned had since been either quashed/modified or remanded back by the Higher Authority /Court of Law.

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4. As First Appellate Authority in RTI Act, 2005

Being appointed as first Appellate Authority for Department of Legal Affairs, Appeals filed u/s 19(1) of the Act were being heard and disposed of by the undersigned after giving due opportunity to the Appellants.

5. Judicial Experience as Part-time Member of ATFE:

I was also appointed, vide Ministry of Law & Justice letter No. A.60011/19/2009-Admn.IV(LA) dated 18th December, 2009, as a part-time member in the Appellate Tribunal for Foreign Exchange, New Delhi. As such, the undersigned had been discharging duties thereof, from December, 2009 to 31.12.2011.

Judicial Experience in the capacity of Chairperson, Airport Appellate Tribunal in the Ministry of Civil Aviation

(i) After superannuation on 31.12.2011 as senior most Jt. Secretary & Legal Advisor in the Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs, I joined as Chairperson of Airport Appellate Tribunal (AAT) in the Ministry of Civil Aviation in the pay scale of Rs. 80,000 (fixed) + other allowances as per Rules on 03.02.2012 and since then has been discharging my duties, as such, with my full devotion and sincerity.

(ii) Here, as Chairperson of AAT, I am supposed to decide the cases pertaining to illegal encroachment of Airports Authority of India's land all over India. At initial stage, the case is to be decided by Eviction Officer and against their orders, the appeal is to be filed by the aggrieved party and decided by Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of Airports Authority of India Act, 1994.

(i) Apart from discharging my duties as Chairperson in the Airport Appellate Tribunal, I also discharge my administrative duties in the said Tribunal.

7. By virtue of above, I have more than 17 years Judicial and Quasi-Judicial experience to my credit. Not only this, considering my legal experience right from the beginning and including my practice in various Courts of Law, I have more than 39 years of active legal and administrative experience at my credit.

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- 1) Name: Madabhushanam Sridhar Acharyulu (Pen Name: Madabhushi Sridhar)
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- 6) Educational Qualification: B.Sc., LL.B., LL.M., M.C.J. (Journalism), Ph.D. (Media Law)
Journalist & Professor of Media Law
- 7) Area Of Eminence: I am well-known in Media Law field. You may type "Madabhushi Sridhar" as key words in google to get relevant information on the internet.
- 8) Present Occupation:
- 9) Achievements/Work Done/ Experience 36 years experience In Social Field (details on the next page) (further details are added in enclosed CV and profile)

Details of work done

ORGANIZATIONS:

- 1) Eenadu: Journalist 1977-1979, Columnist (Edit Page Article writer: 2004 to 2012)
- 2) Udayam: Senior Reporter & Chief Sub Editor: Udayam Daily Newspaper: 1984-1994
- 3) Deputy Director (Media) AP Electricity Regulatory Commission (2000)
- 4) Associate Professor: National Academy of Legal Studies & Research, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad: 2000-06
- 5) Professor: NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad: Since 2005 till date.

SUCCESS STORIES:

- Investigated Corruption of Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam and Secured Relevant files demanding inspection and sought more than 250 certified copies from EO office in 1986 through a Commission of Inquiry, and established Corruption through those documents. Published in Udayam Telugu Daily Newspaper. (Used Right to Information 20 years before it was made law)
- Exposed LIC and Singareni Collieries scandal of illegally collecting huge premia from labour working in coal mines, through Udayam Articles, 1986-87
- Wrote a Book in English on Right to Information, Wadhwa Publishers, New Delhi 2006
- Wrote a book in Telugu on Right to Information, Asia Law House, 2007
- Wrote a Telugu Book on Right to Information Act, for Official Language Commission AP, 2008
- Wrote a book in English on Judging Right to Information (Judgements on RTI) for Center for Good Governance, 2011
- Introduced a module on Right to Information for Post Graduation Course for IRS officers in NADT, Nagpur Hyderabad
- Drafted a module on Right to Information in Media Law, PG Diploma Course, NALSAR University, Hyderabad
- Given more than 150 lectures on Right to Information in training sessions for PIOs, NGOs.
- Resource person on RTI for training the Information Commissioners twice at NLSIU Bengaluru, and CGG Hyderabad

I HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN:

- Drafting a legislative Bill for Abolition of Child Labour and Compulsory Education for Government of Andhra Pradesh 2002, from NALSAR University of Law
- Drafting a Bill for Right to Information for Government of Andhra Pradesh, 2004
- Drafting a Bill for Right to Redressal of Grievance Act, AP, 2008
- Drafting a Bill for AP Rent Control, 2009

The CAMPAIGNS:

- 1) Law and Rights of Women and Children for ETV 2006-07 (Contributed more than 100 visual components on rights and empowerment to crime shows of ETV)
- 2) "This is Law" a rights awareness program (live phone-in) on HMTV Hyderabad 2010
- 3) "Bhoomi Kosam" (For Land) a live phone in TV program on HMTv Hyderabad 2011-12 (All sixty episodes are uploaded in youtube)

Trainee and Resource Person at RTI WORKSHOPS:

- Gave lectures and trained several personnel in hundreds of workshops and seminars on RTI, for AP Police Academy, APARD, CGG, AP Judicial Academy, Hyderabad, and various Government Departments, Public Sector Enterprises.
- Trained and prepared teams for "Mundadugu" an RTI campaign for EENADU Newspaper.
- Presented papers several RTI Review workshops in AP
- Wrote research articles on RTI for Law Journals, Media Journals, Websites etc.
- Wrote edit page articles in Telugu on RTI in daily newspapers

DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- 1) Constitutional Law and other laws
- 2) Law of Torts, Criminal Law, Insurance Law etc

EXPERTISE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Media Law
- Women Rights and Child Rights

EMINENT / WELL-KNOWN IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

- As Professor of Law in AP
- Columnist (Writes articles in Eenadu, Sakshi, Andhra Jyothi, dailies Nadhi monthly, The Hindu, Deccan Chronicle, Asian Age, The Hans India, dailies.
- As an Author of 30 books on law and Journalism both in Telugu and English

WEB LINKS TO NEWS Articles written by me (with pen name Madabhushi Sridhar):

www.nalsar.ac.in (for my profile)
www.nalsarpro.ac.in (for my profile)
www.thehoot.org (for my articles on media law)
www.indiacurrentaffairs.org (for my articles on socio-legal issues)
<http://www.frontpageindia.com>
www.thehansindia.com (for my column in the Hans India Daily Hyderabad.
www.ssrn.com (for my articles on website)

Date: 12.6.2013

Signature

Place: Hyderabad

(M. Sridhar Acharyulu)

F.No. 4/3/2013-IR
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training

North Block, New Delhi
Dated 03rd December, 2013

Meeting Notice

A meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission has been convened under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister at 12.30 p.m. on 05.12.2013 at Parliament House, Room no. 10. A copy of the agenda note is attached.

2. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Manoj Joshi

(Manoj Joshi)

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India
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To

- 1) Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha
- 2) Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law & Justice, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

Copy to:

i. Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

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iii. PPS to Secretary (P)

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Agenda note for the meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner

Smt. Deepak Sandhu, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission is due to retire on 18.12.2013. As per Section 12(2) of the RTI Act, the Central Information Commission shall have the Chief Information Commissioner and upto ten Information Commissioners. It is necessary to select new Chief Information Commissioner by 18.12.2013.

2. Section 12(3) of the Act stipulates that the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be appointment by the President on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of the following:

- (i) The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee,
- (ii) The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and
- (iii) A Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

3. The Prime Minister has nominated Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law and Justice on the Selection Committee. The composition of the Selection Committee will be as under:

- (i) The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee,
- (ii) The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and
- (iii) Union Minister for Law and Justice.

4. Sub-sections (5) and (6) of Section 12 provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance. A Commissioner should not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union territory or hold

any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.

5. Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 13 provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners can hold office for a term of five years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. An Information Commissioner, on vacating his office can be appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner subject to the condition that his term of office shall not be more than five years in aggregate as Information Commissioner and the Chief Information Commissioner.

6. At the time when selection of the Chief Information Commissioner was to be made in September 2010, the Commission had passed a resolution to the effect that the Chief Information Commissioner should be selected from amongst the Central Information Commissioners. Although, no formal decision was taken on the resolution, on that occasion, Shri A.N. Tiwari, who was holding the post of Information Commissioner was selected as Chief Information Commissioner. Subsequently also, Shri Satyananda Mishra who was holding the post of Information Commissioner was selected to the post of Chief Information Commissioner. Same practice was followed in the selection of Smt. Deepak Sandhu in September, 2013.

7. Details of persons holding the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as on 2.12.2013 are given below:

Sl.No	Name of Information Commissioner	Date of Birth	Date Appointment	Date retirement
1.	Mrs. Sushma Singh	22.05.1949	23.09.2009	21.05.2014
2.	Shri Rajiv Mathur	23.08.1949	01.03.2012	22.08.2014
3.	Shri Vijai Sharma	02.12.1950	01.03.2012	01.12.2015
4.	Shri Basant Seth	16.02.1952	01.03.2012	15.02.2017
5.	Yashovardhan Azad	12.3.1954	22.11.2013	21.11.2018

6.	Shri Sharat Sabharwal	23.9.1952	22.11.2013	22.09.2017
7.	Ms. Manjula Prasher	16.1.1953	22.11.2013	15.1.2018
8.	Shri M.A. Khan Yusufi	1.1.1952	22.11.2013	31.12.2017
9.	Shri Madabhushi Sridhar Acharyulu	10.11.1956	22.11.2013	21.11.2018

8. Bio-Data of the existing Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commissioners is enclosed [Annexure 'A'].

9. Submitted for consideration of the Selection Committee.

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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Mrs. Sushma Singh
Date of Birth	22 May, 1949
Educational Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BA (Hons) o PG Diploma in Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mrs. Sushma Singh joined the Central Information Commission as Information Commissioner on 23rd September, 2009. Prior to joining the Central Information Commission, she was a member of the Indian Administrative Service from 15th June, 1972 to 31st May, 2009. She is a former Secretary to the Government of India who belongs to the Jharkhand Cadre, 1972 Batch, of the IAS. Mrs. Sushma Singh has served as Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. She has also served in the capacity of Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and also in the Ministry for the Development of the North Eastern Region (DONER). o Her other assignments in the Government of India have been in the Ministry of Water Resources in the capacity of Additional Secretary and in the Ministry of Rural Development as Joint Secretary. o In the newly created State of Jharkhand, to which Cadre she was allotted at the time of its creation on 15th November 2000, she served as its first Home Secretary and later as Development Commissioner. o Prior to that, in the undivided State of Bihar, she has served as Agricultural Production Commissioner, Secretary in the Department of Primary, Secondary and Adult Education, Secretary in the Department of Social Welfare, Special Secretary in the Department of Irrigation and as Additional Finance Commissioner, Government of Bihar. Other important positions held were that of Divisional Commissioner, Santhal Parganas Division, District Magistrate of Samastipur District and Sub-Divisional Officer of Chatra Sub-Division (District Hazaribagh). 	

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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Rajiv Mathur
Date of Birth	23rd August, 1949
Education Qualification	MA (Political Science)
Area of Eminence	Administration and governance

Experience

- o Belonged to the 1972 batch of IPS, UP cadre and served for six years in the State, during the course of which, and remained posted as incharge of an armed battalion, and held charge of district policing. In 1978, joined Intelligence Bureau on deputation under the Earmarking Scheme (EMS) of the Government.
- o Remained posted in Shillong, Gangtok and at IB Hqrs, and acquired several decades of experience in its various divisions with specialized experience in administration, governance and national security related issues.
- o Was Director, Intelligence Bureau for a two year term from December 31, 2008. As DIB, had the unique opportunity of being privy to almost all aspects of governance and rendered advice on sensitive issues to the senior-most echelons of the government.
- o Successfully coordinated operation with the State DGPs in a bid to stem the tide of terrorist actions in the hinterland, a task which required considerable administrative acumen and exemplary team work.
- o Was instrumental in revamping the Intelligence set up and raising the quality of intelligence gathering and sharing. Also galvanized the IB machinery and provided leadership to the organization to face challenges.
- o Acquired considerable international experience, having served for over three years with the Ministry of External Affairs, as Counselor, Embassy of India, Washington DC and as Chairman of the Asia Pacific World Regional Office, New Delhi, of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) for two years.
- o Recipient of the Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service and the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Vijai Sharma
Date of Birth	2nd December 1950
Education Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LL.M., Harvard Law School, Harvard University, USA o LL.M., University College London, UK o LL.B., Lucknow University o B.Sc., Lucknow University
Area of Eminence	(a) Administration and Governance, and (b) Law

Experience

- o Expert Member, National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi
- o **Public Service in I.A.S.** : Recent posting was as Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests (2008-10). Worked as Joint Secretary (1995-2001) in the same Ministry. Growing public interest in sustainability issues led to engage civil society productively and resolve information bottlenecks. As Additional/ Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat (2005-08), apart from servicing the Cabinet and its Committees, improved public service delivery systems, e.g., the procedures for renewal and issuance of passports. Was Secretary to State Government of UP for Environment, Housing and Energy. Had assignments in agricultural financing, cooperative banking and manufacturing. Also had a posting in the United Nations Environment Programme.
- o **Law** : Education in law at University College London and Harvard Law School. Was instrumental in formulating the system for international emission trading and the Clean Development Mechanism as Coordinator & Spokesperson for the "Group of 77 & China" in the Kyoto Protocol debate (1995-2001). In the early years did district/sub-division court-work painstakingly. Posted to the State Chief Secretary's Branch for personnel and Cabinet matters (1979-81).
- o **Information** : The jurisprudence of right-based information, including exemption from disclosure issues, was handled during stint in the Cabinet Secretariat when the RTI Act was taking off. Later, as Secretary, Environment & Forests, deployed technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.

- o **Major Initiatives** some transformational, as illustrated by the following :
 - Wrote White Paper for Controlling Pollution in Delhi : for converting the public transport system from conventional fuels to CNG (1997).
 - International Processes : Conceived and drafted the U.N Guidelines for compliance with and enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (2001), and the Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (2002).
 - Institutions set up : the National Environmental Appellate Authority (1997), the National Ganga River Basin Authority (2009) and the National Green Tribunal (2010).
 - India's Profile : the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in New Delhi (2002) and the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Hyderabad (2012) resulted from the personal initiative.
 - Law and Policy : Drafted statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents, environmental clearances, coastal management housing policy for U.P, and protocol for managing government lands.
- o Publications : Wrote op-ed articles for leading dailies and co-authored *The Forts of India* (Collins London, 1986) and *The Forts of Bhundelkhand* (Rupa & Co., 2006).



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Curriculum Vitae

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Education Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management o Chartered Accountancy o Bachelor of Science
Area of Eminence	Banking & Finance, Management, Administration & Governance

Achievements / Work done / Experience :

- o Qualified Chartered Accountant with a Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management having over 37 years experience in the areas of Banking & Finance, Corporate and Taxation Laws, Accounting Standards, Audit Functions, Compliance, Administration etc.
- o Joined Bank of India, a Public Sector Bank as Direct Recruit Officer in April 1974. Held various positions at field level including overseas posting and in administrative offices, posted as General Manager and Chief Financial officer of the Bank from October 21, 2002 to April 30, 2006 and thereafter as Chief Risk Officer upto February 28, 2007.
- o Deputy Managing Director, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) from March 01, 2007 to August 30, 2009. This was a Board Level appointment at par with whole time Directors of Public Sector Banks.
- o Chairman & Managing Director, Syndicate Bank from August 31, 2009 to February 29, 2012.

Others :

- o Was Bank of India's nominee on the Board of Directors of Indo-Zambian Bank, a joint venture with the Government of Zambia and on Commonwealth Finance Corporation Ltd., a company located in Hong Kong.
- o Worked as Member of Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and also Study Group on

International Financial Reporting Standards constituted by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Committee on Taxation constituted by Indian Banks Association.

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: MA (ECO) Delhi School of
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: MM Asian Institute of
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8. Present Occupation : Secretary (Security), Cabinet
Secretariat, Government of
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9. Work Experience

- As IPS officer of 1976 batch of Madhya Pradesh cadre served as Superintendent of Police (1979-86) in 4 districts and as Deputy Inspector General of Police (1994-96) of the Capital range i.e. Bhopal. Notable successes were achieved during operations against the Wood Mafia, Opium Mafia and the dacoit gangs of Bundelkhand region. Apart from monitoring crime and law and order in these districts, two other critical areas included public grievances redressal and keeping a close watch on the communal situation due to the grading of these districts as hypersensitive.
- Worked with the Joint Intelligence Committee (1986-92) in the Cabinet Secretariat for close scrutiny and in-depth analysis of intelligence inputs. Held frequent meetings with various intelligence agencies for bringing out Fortnightly Digests on Intelligence Analysis and Perspectives. Was responsible for drafting papers pertaining to national security, for submission to Government of India.
- Worked with the Intelligence Bureau at IB Hqrs, Delhi and Bhopal (1998-2012). Was instrumental in revamping the set up in Bhopal and raising the quality of intelligence gathering and sharing, leading to notable successes against Left Wing Extremism and Religious Fundamentalist Groups. Working in IB Hqrs. was privy to almost all aspects of governance and rendered advice on sensitive issues including border areas and VIP Security, to very senior echelons of the Government.
- Nominated as National Security Coordinator for important visiting Heads of States from Russia, USA etc. Travelled as Chief Security Liaison Officer (CSLO) to various countries for laying out security arrangements prior to the visits of Prime Minister and the President.
- Was responsible for framing/revising Government guidelines on Personal Protection, including protection of highly threatened Protectees. Lectured/spoken on various fora including Police/Defence training institutions on various aspects of internal security, VIP Security methodology and threat perception including counter measures to be taken against grave threat to VIPs.

- Recipient of the two highest awards i.e. the Indian Police Medal for meritorious service in 1994 and the President's Police Medal for distinguished service in 2002.
- Nominated Convenor of a team appointed by the Government of India on directions of the Supreme Court in 2003, charged with the responsibility of laying down Witness Protection Scheme for the Prosecution witnesses in Gujarat Riot cases. The team visited Gujarat and submitted its report, which was accepted by the Government.
- Worked as Director (Sports and Youth Affairs – 1996-97) and was responsible for drafting the State document on "Youth Policy" and organized a National Youth Festival on behalf of the State Government.
- Nominated member of the International Security Advisory team of the International Olympic Committee for conducting Olympic Games 1996 Atlanta, USA.
- Appointed Security Coordinator by the Government of India for visiting Pakistani Cricket team to India in 1999. Was again named leader of the G.O.I team which visited Pakistan in 2004 to advise on resumption of Indo-Pak cricket ties after 15 years. The team travelled all over Pakistan visiting various venues and holding meetings with Pakistan Army/Police personnel, sports administrators, sportsmen and persons from all walks of life. Later made more visits to Pakistan in connection with the security of the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister and the visiting Indian Cricket teams.
- Nominated as Head of the Security Team to Bangladesh for making an on ground assessment for the Indian Cricket Team's tour to Bangladesh in 2005-06.
- Currently serving as Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India which includes administrative supervision of the Special Protection Group (SPG) charged with the responsibility of protecting the Prime Minister and highly threatened SPG Protectees. Current responsibility includes serving as Convenor of the National Crisis Management Group headed by the Cabinet Secretary. This entails review of the Crisis Management Plans of the Central Nodal Ministries/Departments on a bi-annual basis. Various aspects of administrative and governance issues are

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delved into while assessing the contingency plans and appropriate advice tendered for strengthening the same.


Miscellaneous

- Life Member of INTACH since 1983.
- Patron of Sant Pathik Vidyalaya affiliated to CBSE located in Rattanganj Block, one of the most backward blocks of Bhagalpur District in Bihar, catering to children belonging to poor families.

Date: June 13, 2013

Place: New Delhi

Signature:


(Yashovardhan Azad)
Secretary (Security)
Cabinet Secretariat



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7. Area of Eminence: Diplomacy, Administration and Governance.
8. Present Occupation: High Commissioner of India to Pakistan. (Demitting office on 30.6.2013 upon completion of extended tenure.)
9. Achievements/work experience
(in brief): Please see annexure.

Date: 14.6.2013.

Place: Islamabad.

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Name: Sharat Sabharwal.

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Annexure

Bio profile of Sharat Sabharwal

Name: SHARAT SABHARWAL

Date of Birth: 23.9.1952.

Educational Qualifications: B.A (Hons. in Economics) Punjab University.

(Stood first in the University).

M.A. (Political Science), Guru Nanak Dev University.

Upon completion of my education, I joined Bank of Baroda as an Officer in February, 1973 and served in its Ghaziabad branch till joining the Indian Foreign Service in July 1975. The emphasis those days in nationalized banks was on financing medium and small industries, small entrepreneurs and farmers. As in charge of Loans and Advances Department of the Bank, I played an active role in promoting financing of the above sectors. It also gave me an opportunity to understand firsthand the problems faced by small farmers and entrepreneurs and extend help of the Bank to improve their economic lot.

2. I joined the Indian Foreign Service in July 1975 and superannuated from it on 30.9.2012 while serving as High Commissioner of India to Pakistan. However, I have continued on this position on re-employment basis and shall be demitting this office on completion of my extended tenure on 30.6.2013. I have gained rich and varied experience while serving for nearly 38 years in the Foreign Service. The jobs that I have handled during this long span of public service have not only given me a deep insight into the world of diplomacy and foreign relations, but also into functioning of the government, its administrative and financial aspects and efforts in recent years to bring about greater transparency in discharge of their functions by various Ministries and Departments. This is spell out in greater detail in the succeeding paragraphs.

3. After the two years' period of training in India as a Foreign Service Officer, I have served in the following positions:-

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- Third/Second Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva (1977-79): In this capacity, I was a member of the Indian delegations to UNCTAD, the UN Commission on Human Rights, the Committee on Disarmament and the World Intellectual Properties Organisation.
 - Second/First Secretary in Embassy of India to Madagascar (1979-82): Besides handling the political and administrative work in this Mission, I also handled consular work in respect of the large community of Indian origin in Madagascar.
 - Under/Deputy Secretary (Economic Relations/Finance) in Ministry of External Affairs (1982-84): I was in charge of Budget of MEA and its subordinate units as well as the Ministry's liaison with the Audit authorities. This gave me an insight into the financial aspects of governance. In dealing with audit matters, I promoted transparency vis-à-vis the audit authorities and reforms in decision making on the basis of observations of the audit authorities.
 - First Secretary, Embassy of India, Paris (1984-88): I was in charge of the administrative and political work of the Mission during this period that saw a significant consolidation in relations between India and France. As political officer, I reported extensively on integration of the European market, evolution of relations between the Eastern and Western blocs and internal political developments in France. I co-ordinated the preparations for and arrangements during the visit of the then Prime Minister of India and the then Vice President of India to France in June 1985 and June 1986 respectively.
 - Deputy High Commissioner of India to Mauritius (1988-90): Besides assisting the High Commissioner in discharge of all functions of the Mission, I handled directly the sizeable Indian assistance to Mauritius under the Indian Technical and Economic Co-operation Programme and ensured building of closer ties with all sections of the Mauritian population, particularly the large segment of Indian origin. I co-ordinated the arrangements for the visit of the then Vice President of India to Mauritius in March 1988.

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- Director (Vigilance and Communications), Ministry of External Affairs (1990-92): In this job, I dealt with all vigilance work, liaison with the CVC, departmental enquiries and disciplinary action and confidential reporting system in respect of all personnel of the Ministry. Based on the experience gained from the vigilance cases handled by me, I promoted a number of reforms to make the decision making system more transparent. I was member of the group in the Ministry of External Affairs that ensured evacuation of the Indian community from Iraq and Kuwait during the first Gulf War in 1991.
 - Director (Finance), Ministry of External Affairs (1992-94): In this capacity, I was in charge of all financial aspects of functioning of the Ministry: budget, expenditure and audit issues. This included examination of all proposals for expenditure and award of contracts. During my tenure as Director (Finance), the system of examination of budget by Standing Committees of Parliament was introduced. I co-ordinated all work relating to such examination.
 - Joint Secretary (Establishment), Ministry of External Affairs (1994-95): This job encompassed purchase, construction and maintenance of properties of the Ministry of External Affairs and its Missions and Posts abroad, as well as purchase of stores for the Ministry and its subordinate units. I speeded up the work of purchase and construction of properties abroad for use by the Indian Missions, thereby ensuring saving of rental payments by the Government of India for hired properties. Full co-operation was extended to the financial and audit authorities to make the process of awarding contracts for properties and purchase of stores completely transparent.
 - Deputy High Commissioner of India to Pakistan (1995-99): This was a very tense period in relations between the two countries, which saw many ups and downs, including nuclear tests by both the countries and Pakistan's incursion in Kargil. Dialogue between India and Pakistan was re-started in June 1997 after a sizeable gap. I co-ordinated preparations for the visit by the then Prime Minister of India to Lahore in February, 1999. I handled the fallout of the Kargil crisis for the High Commission of India in Islamabad before my departure from Pakistan for the next assignment in the middle of 1999.

- Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in Geneva (1999-2002): The areas covered by me in this assignment were Human Rights, Humanitarian Law, International Labour Organisation, World Health Organisation, UNAIDS programme and co-ordination of overall functioning of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva. In the course of this assignment, I was Deputy Leader/member of the Indian delegations to the erstwhile UN Commission on Human Rights, International Labour Conference and the World Health Assembly. I was also Deputy Leader of the Indian delegation to the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent held in Geneva in October 1999 and member of the Indian delegation to the World Conference against Racism, held in Durban (South Africa) in September 2001. In the UN Human Rights Commission, I played an active role to promote a co-operative rather than intrusive approach for promotion of Human Rights around the globe. I ensured liaison between the Government of India and the World Health Organisation on various WHO assisted health sector programmes in India. In the International Labour Organisation, I promoted policies aimed at improving labour standards, while taking into account the ground realities in developing countries.
- Ambassador of India to Uzbekistan (2002-05): The thrust of my endeavour in this posting was to consolidate further the considerable goodwill between Uzbekistan and India from the days of links between the two countries during the Soviet era. I also promoted political, economic and cultural ties between the two sides through visit of a number of high level delegations both ways. I co-ordinated the visit of the President of Uzbekistan to India in April 2005, which resulted in signing of a number of agreements for bilateral co-operation.
- Additional/Special Secretary (Administration, Consular, Passports and Visa), Ministry of External Affairs (2005-09): In this assignment, I had the overall charge of Administration of Ministry of External Affairs, including personnel administration. I also looked after the Consular, passports and visa work in India and Missions and Posts abroad. Some of my special accomplishments during this period were:-

- i) I prepared the concept of the Passport Seva Project and was head of the team that fleshed it out with the help of a consultant. I steered this Project to the stage of awarding contract to a Service Provider, who has set up more than 70 Passport Seva Kendras all over the country. These Kendras have considerably improved the conditions for passport applicants. Extensive introduction of Information Technology has also contributed to improvement of passport services.
- ii) I introduced the concept of outsourcing of work for receipt of visa and consular services applications in a number of countries abroad. This shifted application submission from the usually crowded visa and consular wings of Indian Missions and Posts abroad to more comfortable and well equipped application submission centres in more than one city/location in the countries concerned.
- iii) I headed the team that introduced issuance of machine printed passports in all passport issuing offices in India and abroad to meet the ICAO requirement of phasing out hand written passports.
- iv) I streamlined and made more transparent the process of awarding contracts for purchase and construction of properties abroad and purchase of stores for the Ministry of External Affairs and its subordinate units. One way of doing so was by setting up committees of Joint Secretaries to consider issues concerning award of contracts rather than leaving it to one or two officers in the concerned Division.
- v) I headed the team which simplified and improved the confidential reporting system in respect of Indian Foreign Service officers and improved the benchmarks for promotions in the IFS.

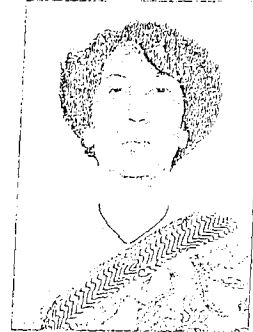
4. High Commissioner of India to Pakistan (April 2009 to date): I have been holding the sensitive assignment of High Commissioner of India to Pakistan since April 2009 and shall be demitting this office on 30.6.2013 upon completion of my extended tenure.

5. As Additional/Special Secretary (Administration), I put in place the infrastructure for application of the Right to Information Act in the Ministry of External Affairs and its Missions and Posts abroad in 2005 and was associated with the implementation of this Act in MEA and its subordinate offices till March 2009.

6. In the end, I would like to highlight that:-

- a) My postings and official visits abroad to various parts of the world have given me a rich and varied exposure to the international scene. This, together with the fact that I put in place the infrastructure for implementation of the Right to Information Act in MEA and its subordinate offices, will enable me to bring additional value to the functioning of the Central Information Commission, particularly in regard to its work related to matters pertaining to India's foreign policy and foreign relations.
- b) The administrative and financial jobs handled by me in MEA have given me a deep insight into functioning of the administrative and financial machinery of the Government. This experience is relevant to the functioning of the Central Information Commission.
- c) My experience of introducing greater transparency in decision making in administrative and financial matters in MEA is also relevant to the work of the Central Information Commission.

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- (c) Diploma in French Language from Punjab University
- (d) Certificate Course in German Language
- (e) Attended National Defence College, New Delhi in 2000 for 11 months

7. Area of Eminence: Governance, Administration and Postal Management

8. Present Occupation: Retired on superannuation on 31.01.2013 as Secretary to Government of India, Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology

9. Achievements/Work Experience
(in brief):

- Belong to 1976 batch of Indian Postal Service, Group 'A'
- Secretary to Government of India, Department of Posts (DoP - 11.11.2011 to 31.01.2013). Worked also as ex-officio Director General Posts and Chairperson Postal Services Board during this period.

Was responsible for running the Postal Administration in the country, formulation of policies relating to Postal Sector and fulfillment of Universal Service Obligations under postal services.

Administered a Department of nearly half a million employees and a network of 1.55 lakh Post Offices.

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- As Chairman of Inter Ministerial Steering Committee led the implementation of the biggest IT project (Rs 5,000Cr outlay) in the Department to transform the processes in 1.55 lakh Post offices and the change management of the employees to improve the efficiency, speed, accountability and transparency of the system. The India Post Technology project was planned to be completed is likely to be completed by the end of 2014. A brief note is annexed.
- DoP replies to approximately 50,000 RTI applications per annum which were effectively monitored. The Public Grievances settlement mechanism was strengthened to increase customer satisfaction.
- Mail Network Optimization Project (MNOP) initiated when I was Member(O) has got National E-Governance Award for the year 2012-13 under the category "Outstanding Performance in Citizen-centric Service Delivery"
- CAPIO (Central Assistant Public Information Officer) module developed by NIC for use of the Department has been made functional in 4707 Post Offices thus deploying technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.


- Member (Operations), Postal Services Board at the level of Special Secretary to Govt. of India (4.09.2009 to 31.10.11) with additional charge of Member (Technology) from 01.03.11 to 31.10.11 and also that of Member, Postal Life Insurance for a few months.
 - Responsible for policy formulation regarding mail operations, rationalization and consolidation of Mail Network in the country.
 - Modernization of mail processing and setting up of Automated Mail Processing system and preparation of National Address Database.
 - Handling of the project on booking and delivery of 'Aadhaar' Letters of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) across the country
 - As member of the Steering Committee was involved in conceptualization, planning and implementation of the biggest IT project in the Department to transform the processes in 1.55 lakh Post offices.
 - Was involved in conceptualisation of Project Arrow which ushered in an integrated and lasting improvement in the postal system and was awarded with "Prime minister's award for Excellence in Public Administration for 2008-2009" in 2010
 - As Member PLII was chairperson of the Investment Board. The Investment Board was responsible for laying down broad policy guidelines under which the Insurance Fund was to be invested by the Chief Investment Officer. During the relevant period, i.e., from May 2011 to September 2011 about Rs 1800 crore was invested in the market. There was an increase in the Net Asset Value.
 - Many consumer friendly technology initiatives were taken, such as payment of premium by the insured from anywhere in the country, electronically generated payment of commission to the agents from the central data base.

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- o More than 2.5 lakh persons were insured during this period. Along with the increase in the number of persons insured, in Rural Postal Life Insurance, the sum assured also increased by about Rs 4000 crore.
- Worked at the level of Additional Secretary to the Government of India in the following positions:
 - o Chief General Manager (Mail Business) (12.08.08 to 3.09.2009)
 - o Chief Postmaster General, Haryana (15.05.08 to 11.08.08)
 - o Chief Postmaster General, Punjab (2.11.2005 to 14.5.2008)
 - o Chief Postmaster General, Rajasthan (29.6.2005 to 1.11.2005)
- Worked at the level of Joint Secretary to the Government of India in the following positions:
 - o Deputy Director General (Personnel), Department of Posts, New Delhi (01.01.2004 to 22.06.2005)
 - o Postmaster General, Punjab Region (11.02.2000 to 23.12.2003 and 24.07.1997 to 31.12.1998)
- Worked at the level of Director/Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the following positions:
 - o Director, Postal Operations & Planning, Department of Posts, New Delhi (30.08.1994 to 23.07.1997)
 - o Director, Postal Services, Punjab Region, Chandigarh (09.05.1990 to 07.07.1994)
 - o Director, Postal Services, Haryana, Ambala (22.08.1985 to 30.04.1990)
 - o Joint Director, Postal Staff College of India, Ghaziabad.
- Worked at the level of Under Secretary to Government of India in the following positions:
 - o Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Punjab Circle, Chandigarh (01.11.1980 to 04.08.1984)
 - o Assistant Postmaster General (Staff), North West Circle, Ambala (01.05.1980 to 31.10.1980)
 - o Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Haryana Circle, Ambala (01.11.1976 to 30.10.1978)

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Place :


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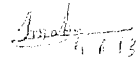
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7. Area of Eminence : Law
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Airport Appellate Tribunal, Ministry of Civil
Aviation, Safdarjung Airport, Rajiv Gandhi
Bhawan, New Delhi-110003 w.e.f. 03.02.2012
9. Pay Scale : Rs. 80,000/- (fixed) + other allowances as per
Rules.
10. Achievements/Work Experience : More than 34 years Legal, Judicial and
Administrative experience.

Date: 04.06.2013

Place: New Delhi


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(w.e.f. 3.3.2006 to 31.12.2011)
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UNIVERSITY, ALIGARH IN 1973
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ENROLLMENT NO. : UP-626/1974 DT. 2.4.1974

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PRESENT CADRE :

INDIAN LEGAL SERVICE 1988 (ILS-1988)

PROFESSIONAL, LEGAL
& ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPERIENCE

(i) After having being enrolled as an Advocate (Enrolment No. UP-626/1974) on 2nd April 1974 under the provisions of Advocate Act, 1961, had practiced 6 years in various courts of law in criminal, civil and in revenue side. Thus, having 6 years, active legal experience at BAR before entering into Central Govt. Service.

(ii) Experience in Central Government Service having practised as an advocate for 6 years in various courts of law, I joined Ministry of Law in September 1979 through UPSC directly and since then, I had worked on various posts in Ministry of Law & Justice as under:

a) I worked in litigation side of Law & Justice Ministry in various courts i.e. Distt. Courts, High Courts of Delhi and Bombay as an Assistant (Legal) right from 1979 to July 1988. Thus, I have about 9 years active legal experience at various courts dealing with the cases of special knowledge of law.

b) After having being selected through UPSC as Asstt. Legal Adviser (Grade IV of ILS) in Indian Legal Service in August 1988, I worked as Junior and Senior Counsel of CPWD, M/o Urban Development advising on the subject of Arbitration Act 1940, Companies Act, 1956, Partnership Act, 1935 and other Relevant Act and also acted as their junior / senior counsel and appeared and argued on their behalf in arbitration cases before the learned arbitrators during the period from October 1988 to 1990 and also acted as Administrative Officer of the said unit of CPWD under me.

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c) After being posted in Directorate of Estate, Ministry of Urban Development in 1990 as Deputy Director (L), I discharged my duties there as Dy. Director (Lit), their Legal Adviser and also acted as Estate Officer there and decided no. of eviction cases under the provisions of PP Act 1971 during 1990-91.

d) On being promoted as Dy. Legal Adviser (Grade III of ILS) in April 1995 and thereafter as Addl. Legal Adviser (Grade II of ILS) in December 1998, I advised on no. of references received from various Administrative Ministries like Ministry of Agriculture, Finance, HRD, Urban Development, Mines, UPSC, Labour, DoP&T, Home Affairs, External Affairs, Civil Aviation, Social Justice, Textile, Steel, Defence, Coal and Mines, Water Resources, Commerce and Industry, Heavy Industry and Public Enterprise, Health & Family Welfare, Women and Child Development, Youth Affairs & Sports, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Ministry of Law and Justice etc. on various enactments enacted by Parliament including Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985.

e) On being deputation, from January 1999 to December 2000 as Director (L) in Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizer and advised them on various references and also conducted and supervised their litigation pending in various Courts of Law in Delhi/New Delhi and even outside Delhi. Thereafter, I was repatriated to my parent department i.e. M/o Law & Justice in January 2001 and discharged my duties as Addl. Legal Adviser to various Administrative Ministries.

f) I also worked as Arbitrator in DGS&D during 2002-2003 after being posted there, as such, and made and published no. of Awards under the provisions of Arbitration Act, 1940 and Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 in arbitration cases.

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g) I also worked as a Legal Adviser (additional charge during 2002-2005), Ministry of Labour and dealt therewith on various references received on various enactments enacted by Parliament concerning labourers and workers.

h) After my promotion to Joint Secretary & Legal Adviser (Grade I of ILS) w.e.f. 03.03.2006, I had headed a Group comprising of various Ministries/departments and I tendered legal advice on all matters referred to mainly on Constitution of India, 1950. Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985, Contract Act, 1872, Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, Limitation Act, 1963, Companies Act, 1956, Essential Commodities Act, 1955, Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, Minimum Wages Act, 1948, Emigration Act, 1983, EPF and MP Act, 1952, Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, Factory Act, 1948, Employees Insurance Act, 1948, Payment of Wages Act, 1936, Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act, 1986, Muslim Personal Law, Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, IPC, Cr. PC, CPC, Evidence Act 1872 etc. I also guided and supervised my junior officers posted in my group in advice matters. etc.

i) As Member (Law) of Mines Tribunal since 1995 and, thus, had been hearing and disposed of no. of revision petitions filed under Section 30 of MM Act, 1957.

j) I had also been acting as Sole Arbitrator since 2002 in a no. of arbitration cases assigned by the Law Secretary and even by Courts and making and publishing the Awards in such cases.

k) I also attended no. of Conferences/ Seminars held in Delhi and even outside Delhi on the various subjects of law including Intellectual Property Rights. I also participated and represented Ministry of Law in Bilateral Agreement/Treaties between Government of India and other foreign countries.

l) I had also been dealing with the Vigilance cases being Chief Vigilance Officer of Ministry of Law & Justice w.e.f. March 2006 to 31.12.2011.

m) I had also been dealing with the Parliament work being Nodal Officer of the Parliament work of Ministry of Law & Justice, Deptt. of Legal Affairs, New Delhi.

n) Being In-charge of the Judicial Section, Department of Legal Affairs, I had monitored the litigation on behalf of Union of India pending in various Tribunals, Redressal Fora and Court of Law all over India through Central Government Panel Counsel. I had also dealt with the engagement of Law Officers including Attorney General & other Law Officers as Solicitor General of India, Addl. Solicitor General of India and also engagement of Advocates for various panel for Courts of Law and Tribunals.

o) I was also the Nodal Officer of Sixth Pay Commission in Ministry of Law to deal with the references accrued therefrom.

p) I was also the In-charge of Admn.III (LA) Section dealing with administration pertaining to NALSA, ITAT etc. for no. of years.

q) I was also the In-charge of Cash Section (LA) dealing with preparation and payment of various bills, etc.

r) Being nominated a member of various inter-ministerial meeting, I had been attending the same and representing Ministry of Law & Justice.

10 Judicial and Quasi-
Judicial Experience

More than 16 years as on date (Pl. see Annexure)

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ANNEXUREJUDICIAL AND QUASI JUDICIAL EXPERIENCEAs Estate Officer under the provisions of P. P. Act, 1971

While working in the Indian Legal Service, I was posted in the Ministry of Urban Development in the years 1990-1991 as Deputy Director (Litigation) which is an encadred post in the Indian Legal Service. While holding the said post I performed the functions of Legal Adviser for the Directorate of Estates as well as the Estate Officer and decided a large number of eviction cases under the provisions of P.P. Act 1971. The nature of work of E.O. is quasi-judicial.

2. As Member (Law) of the Mines Tribunal (constituted by the Ministry of Mines)

In the year 1995, I was nominated by the Law Secretary as Member (Law) in the Tribunal constituted by the Ministry of Mines for hearing Revision Petitions filed under Section 30 of MM Act, 1957. This was in addition to my normal duties as an officer of the Indian Legal Service. As Member (Law) of the said Tribunal since 1995 to 2011, I had heard and decided quite a large number of Revision Petitions filed under Section 30 of the above said Act.

3. As Arbitrator

- (a) I worked also as Arbitrator in the Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals (DGS&D), under the Ministry of Supply during the year 2002-03 and heard and decided of quite a number of arbitration matters by making & publishing the awards under the provisions of Arbitration Act, 1940 and Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996.
- (b) During the year 2002-2005, I was posted as Legal Adviser (additional charge) in the Ministry of Labour & Employment and heard & disposed of quite a number of arbitration cases there too.
- (c) Subsequent to being appointed as Addl. Legal Adviser (Grade II of Indian Legal Service) in December 1998, & thereafter, even promoted as Jt. Secy. & Legal Adviser (Grade I of ILS) w.e.f. 3.3.2006, I have been appointed by the Law Secretary as Sole Arbitrator in no. of arbitration cases and in these matters I had heard & disposed of the cases by making and publishing the awards within a reasonable time. It is pertinent to mention here that not even a single award made and published by the undersigned had since been either quashed/modified or remanded back by the Higher Authority /Court of Law.

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4. As First Appellate Authority in RTI Act, 2005

Being appointed as first Appellate Authority for Department of Legal Affairs, Appeals filed u/s 19(1) of the Act were being heard and disposed of by the undersigned after giving due opportunity to the Appellants.

5. Judicial Experience as Part-time Member of ATFE:

I was also appointed, vide Ministry of Law & Justice letter No. A.60011/19/2009-Admn.IV(LA) dated 18th December, 2009, as a part-time member in the Appellate Tribunal for Foreign Exchange, New Delhi. As such, the undersigned had been discharging duties thereof, from December, 2009 to 31.12.2011.

Judicial Experience in the capacity of Chairperson, Airport Appellate Tribunal in the Ministry of Civil Aviation

(i) After superannuation on 31.12.2011 as senior most Jt. Secretary & Legal Advisor in the Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs, I joined as Chairperson of Airport Appellate Tribunal (AAT) in the Ministry of Civil Aviation in the pay scale of Rs. 80,000 (fixed) + other allowances as per Rules on 03.02.2012 and since then has been discharging my duties, as such, with my full devotion and sincerity.

(ii) Here, as Chairperson of AAT, I am supposed to decide the cases pertaining to illegal encroachment of Airports Authority of India's land all over India. At initial stage, the case is to be decided by Eviction Officer and against their orders, the appeal is to be filed by the aggrieved party and decided by Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of Airports Authority of India Act, 1994.

(i) Apart from discharging my duties as Chairperson in the Airport Appellate Tribunal, I also discharge my administrative duties in the said Tribunal.

7. By virtue of above, I have more than 17 years Judicial and Quasi-Judicial experience to my credit. Not only this, considering my legal experience right from the beginning and including my practice in various Courts of Law, I have more than 39 years of active legal and administrative experience at my credit.

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- 8) Present Occupation:
- 9) Achievements/Work Done/ Experience 36 years experience in Social Field (details on the next page) (further details are added in enclosed CV and profile)

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Details of work done

ORGANIZATIONS:

- 1) Eenadu: Journalist 1977-1979, Columnist (Edit Page Article writer: 2004 to 2012)
- 2) Udayam: Senior Reporter & Chief Sub Editor: Udayam Daily Newspaper: 1984-1994
- 3) Deputy Director (Media) AP Electricity Regulatory Commission (2000)
- 4) Associate Professor: National Academy of Legal Studies & Research, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad: 2000-06
- 5) Professor: NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad: Since 2005 till date.

SUCCESS STORIES:

- Investigated Corruption of Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam and Secured Relevant files demanding inspection and sought more than 250 certified copies from EO office in 1986 through a Commission of Inquiry, and established Corruption through those documents. Published in Udayam Telugu Daily Newspaper. (Used Right to Information 20 years before it was made law)
- Exposed LIC and Singareni Collieries scandal of illegally collecting huge premia from labour working in coal mines, through Udayam Articles, 1986-87
- Wrote a Book in English on Right to Information, Wadhwa Publishers, New Delhi 2006
- Wrote a book in Telugu on Right to Information, Asia Law House, 2007
- Wrote a Telugu Book on Right to Information Act, for Official Language Commission AP, 2008
- Wrote a book in English on Judging Right to Information (Judgements on RTI) for Center for Good Governance, 2011
- Introduced a module on Right to Information for Post Graduation Course for IRS officers in NADI, Nagpur Hyderabad
- Drafted a module on Right to Information in Media Law, PG Diploma Course, NALSAR University, Hyderabad
- Given more than 150 lectures on Right to Information in training sessions for PIOs, NGOs.
- Resouce person on RTI for training the Information Commissioners twice at NLSIU Bengaluru, and CGG Hyderabad

I HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN:

- Drafting a legislative Bill for Abolition of Child Labour and Compulsory Education for Government of Andhra Pradesh 2002, from NALSAR University of Law
- Drafting a Bill for Right to Information for Government of Andhra Pradesh, 2004
- Drafting a Bill for Right to Redressal of Grievance Act, AP, 2008
- Drafting a Bill for AP Rent Control, 2009

The CAMPAIGNS:

- 1) Law and Rights of Women and Children for ETV 2006-07 (Contributed more than 100 visual components on rights and empowerment to crime shows of ETV)
- 2) "This is Law" a rights awareness program (live phone-in) on HMTV Hyderabad 2010
- 3) "Bhoomi Kosam" (For Land) a live phone in TV program on HMTV Hyderabad 2011-12 (All sixty episodes are uploaded in youtube)

Trainee and Resource Person at RTI WORKSHOPS:

- Gave lectures and trained several personnel in hundreds of workshops and seminars on RTI, for AP Police Academy, APARD, CGG, AP Judicial Academy, Hyderabad, and various Government Departments, Public Sector Enterprises.
- Trained and prepared teams for "Mundadugu" an RTI campaign for EENADU Newspaper.
- Presented papers several RTI Review workshops in AP
- Wrote research articles on RTI for Law Journals, Media Journals, Websites etc.
- Wrote edit page articles in Telugu on RTI in daily newspapers

DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- 1) Constitutional Law and other laws
- 2) Law of Torts, Criminal Law, Insurance Law etc

EXPERTISE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Media Law
- Women Rights and Child Rights

EMINENT / WELL-KNOWN IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

- As Professor of Law in AP
- Columnist (Writes articles in Eenadu, Sakshi, Andhra Jyothi, dailies Nadhi monthly, The Hindu, Deccan Chronicle, Asian Age, The Hans India, dailies.
- As an Author of 30 books on law and Journalism both in Telugu and English

WEB LINKS TO NEWS Articles written by me (with pen name Madabhushi Sridhar):

www.nalsar.ac.in (for my profile)
www.nalsarpro.ac.in (for my profile)
www.thehoot.org (for my articles on media law)
www.indiacurrentaffairs.org (for my articles on socio-legal issues)
<http://www.frontpageindia.com>
www.thehansindia.com (for my column in the Hans India Daily Hyderabad.
www.ssrn.com (for my articles on website)

Date: 12.6.2013

Signature

Place: Hyderabad

(M. Sridhar Acharyulu)

Agenda note for the meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner

Smt. Deepak Sandhu, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission is due to retire on 18.12.2013. As per Section 12(2) of the RTI Act, the Central Information Commission shall have the Chief Information Commissioner and upto ten Information Commissioners. It is necessary to select new Chief Information Commissioner by 18.12.2013.

2. Section 12(3) of the Act stipulates that the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be appointment by the President on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of the following:

- (i) The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee,
- (ii) The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and
- (iii) A Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

3. The Prime Minister has nominated Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law and Justice on the Selection Committee. The composition of the Selection Committee will be as under:

- (i) The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee,
- (ii) The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and
- (iii) Union Minister for Law and Justice.

4. Sub-sections (5) and (6) of Section 12 provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance. A Commissioner should not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union territory or hold

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any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.

5. Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 13 provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners can hold office for a term of five years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. An Information Commissioner, on vacating his office can be appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner subject to the condition that his term of office shall not be more than five years in aggregate as Information Commissioner and the Chief Information Commissioner.

6. At the time when selection of the Chief Information Commissioner was to be made in September 2010, the Commission had passed a resolution to the effect that the Chief Information Commissioner should be selected from amongst the Central Information Commissioners. Although, no formal decision was taken on the resolution, on that occasion, Shri A.N. Tiwari, who was holding the post of Information Commissioner was selected as Chief Information Commissioner. Subsequently also, Shri Satyananda Mishra who was holding the post of Information Commissioner was selected to the post of Chief Information Commissioner. Same practice was followed in the selection of Smt. Deepak Sandhu in September, 2013.

7. Details of persons holding the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as on 2.12.2013 are given below:

Sl.No	Name of Information Commissioner	Date of Birth	Date Appointment	Date retirement
1.	Mrs. Sushma Singh	22.05.1949	23.09.2009	21.05.2014
2.	Shri Rajiv Mathur	23.08.1949	01.03.2012	22.08.2014
3.	Shri Vijai Sharma	02.12.1950	01.03.2012	01.12.2015
4.	Shri Basant Seth	16.02.1952	01.03.2012	15.02.2017
5.	Yashovardhan Azad	12.3.1954	22.11.2013	21.11.2018

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6.	Shri Sharat Sabharwal	23.9.1952	22.11.2013	22.09.2017
7.	Ms. Manjula Prasher	16.1.1953	22.11.2013	15.1.2018
8.	Shri M.A. Khan Yusufi	1.1.1952	22.11.2013	31.12.2017
9.	Shri Madabhushi Sridhar Acharyulu	10.11.1956	22.11.2013	21.11.2018

8. Bio-Data of the existing Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commissioners is enclosed [Annexure 'A'].

9. Submitted for consideration of the Selection Committee.

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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Mrs. Sushma Singh
Date of Birth	22 May, 1949
Educational Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BA (Hons) o PG Diploma in Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mrs. Sushma Singh joined the Central Information Commission as Information Commissioner on 23rd September, 2009. Prior to joining the Central Information Commission, she was a member of the Indian Administrative Service from 15th June, 1972 to 31st May, 2009. She is a former Secretary to the Government of India who belongs to the Jharkhand Cadre, 1972 Batch, of the IAS. Mrs. Sushma Singh has served as Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. She has also served in the capacity of Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and also in the Ministry for the Development of the North Eastern Region (DONER). o Her other assignments in the Government of India have been in the Ministry of Water Resources in the capacity of Additional Secretary and in the Ministry of Rural Development as Joint Secretary. o In the newly created State of Jharkhand, to which Cadre she was allotted at the time of its creation on 15th November 2000, she served as its first Home Secretary and later as Development Commissioner. o Prior to that, in the undivided State of Bihar, she has served as Agricultural Production Commissioner, Secretary in the Department of Primary, Secondary and Adult Education, Secretary in the Department of Social Welfare, Special Secretary in the Department of Irrigation and as Additional Finance Commissioner, Government of Bihar. Other important positions held were that of Divisional Commissioner, Santhal Parganas Division, District 	

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Magistrate of Samastipur District and Sub-Divisional Officer of Chatra Sub-Division (District Hazaribagh).

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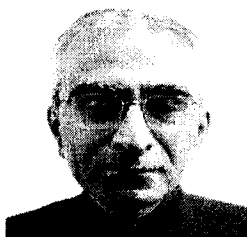
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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Rajiv Mathur
Date of Birth	23rd August, 1949
Education Qualification	MA (Political Science)
Area of Eminence	Administration and governance
Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Belonged to the 1972 batch of IPS, UP cadre and served for six years in the State, during the course of which, and remained posted as incharge of an armed battalion, and held charge of district policing. In 1978, joined Intelligence Bureau on deputation under the Earmarking Scheme (EMS) of the Government.o Remained posted in Shillong, Gangtok and at IB Hqrs, and acquired several decades of experience in its various divisions with specialized experience in administration, governance and national security related issues.o Was Director, Intelligence Bureau for a two year term from December 31, 2008. As DIB, had the unique opportunity of being privy to almost all aspects of governance and rendered advice on sensitive issues to the senior-most echelons of the government.o Successfully coordinated operation with the State DGPs in a bid to stem the tide of terrorist actions in the hinterland, a task which required considerable administrative acumen and exemplary team work.o Was instrumental in revamping the Intelligence set up and raising the quality of intelligence gathering and sharing. Also galvanized the IB machinery and provided leadership to the organization to face challenges.o Acquired considerable international experience, having served for over three years with the Ministry of External Affairs, as Counselor, Embassy of India, Washington DC and as Chairman of the Asia Pacific World Regional Office, New Delhi, of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) for two years.	

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- Recipient of the Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service and the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

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Curriculum Vitae

Name	Vijai Sharma
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Education Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LL.M., Harvard Law School, Harvard University, USA o LL.M., University College London, UK o LL.B., Lucknow University o B.Sc., Lucknow University
Area of Eminence	(a) Administration and Governance, and (b) Law
Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Expert Member, National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi o Public Service in I.A.S. : Recent posting was as Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests (2008-10). Worked as Joint Secretary (1995-2001) in the same Ministry. Growing public interest in sustainability issues led to engage civil society productively and resolve information bottlenecks. As Additional/ Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat (2005-08), apart from servicing the Cabinet and its Committees, improved public service delivery systems, e.g., the procedures for renewal and issuance of passports. Was Secretary to State Government of UP for Environment, Housing and Energy. Had assignments in agricultural financing, cooperative banking and manufacturing. Also had a posting in the United Nations Environment Programme. o Law : Education in law at University College London and Harvard Law School. Was instrumental in formulating the system for international emission trading and the Clean Development Mechanism as Coordinator & Spokesperson for the "Group of 77 & China" in the Kyoto Protocol debate (1995-2001). In the early years did district/sub-division court-work painstakingly. Posted to the State Chief Secretary's Branch for personnel and Cabinet matters (1979-81). o Information : The jurisprudence of right-based information, including 	

exemption from disclosure issues, was handled during stint in the Cabinet Secretariat when the RTI Act was taking off. Later, as Secretary, Environment & Forests, deployed technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.

o **Major Initiatives** some transformational, as illustrated by the following :

- Wrote White Paper for Controlling Pollution in Delhi : for converting the public transport system from conventional fuels to CNG (1997).
- International Processes : Conceived and drafted the U.N Guidelines for compliance with and enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (2001), and the Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (2002).
- Institutions set up : the National Environmental Appellate Authority (1997), the National Ganga River Basin Authority (2009) and the National Green Tribunal (2010).
- India's Profile : the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in New Delhi (2002) and the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Hyderabad (2012) resulted from the personal initiative.
- Law and Policy : Drafted statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents, environmental clearances, coastal management housing policy for U.P, and protocol for managing government lands.

o Publications : Wrote op-ed articles for leading dailies and co-authored *The Forts of India* (Collins London, 1986) and *The Forts of Bhundelkhand* (Rupa & Co., 2006).

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Curriculum Vitae

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Education Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management o Chartered Accountancy o Bachelor of Science
Area of Eminence	Banking & Finance, Management, Administration & Governance
Achievements / Work done / Experience : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Qualified Chartered Accountant with a Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management having over 37 years experience in the areas of Banking & Finance, Corporate and Taxation Laws, Accounting Standards, Audit Functions, Compliance, Administration etc. o Joined Bank of India, a Public Sector Bank as Direct Recruit Officer in April 1974. Held various positions at field level including overseas posting and in administrative offices, posted as General Manager and Chief Financial officer of the Bank from October 21, 2002 to April 30, 2006 and thereafter as Chief Risk Officer upto February 28, 2007. o Deputy Managing Director, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) from March 01, 2007 to August 30, 2009. This was a Board Level appointment at par with whole time Directors of Public Sector Banks. o Chairman & Managing Director, Syndicate Bank from August 31, 2009 to February 29, 2012. 	
Others : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Was Bank of India's nominee on the Board of Directors of Indo-Zambian Bank, a joint venture with the Government of Zambia and on Commonwealth Finance Corporation Ltd., a company located in Hong Kong. 	

- Worked as Member of Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and also Study Group on International Financial Reporting Standards constituted by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Committee on Taxation constituted by Indian Banks Association.



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: MA (ECO) Delhi School of
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: MM Asian Institute of
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7. Area of Eminence : Administration, Governance
8. Present Occupation : Secretary (Security), Cabinet
Secretariat, Government of
India

9. Work Experience

- As IPS officer of 1976 batch of Madhya Pradesh cadre served as Superintendent of Police (1979-86) in 4 districts and as Deputy Inspector General of Police (1994-96) of the Capital range i.e. Bhopal. Notable successes were achieved during operations against the Wood Mafia, Opium Mafia and the dacoit gangs of Bundelkhand region. Apart from monitoring crime and law and order in these districts, two other critical areas included public grievances redressal and keeping a close watch on the communal situation due to the grading of these districts as hypersensitive.
- Worked with the Joint Intelligence Committee (1986-92) in the Cabinet Secretariat for close scrutiny and in-depth analysis of intelligence inputs. Held frequent meetings with various intelligence agencies for bringing out Fortnightly Digests on Intelligence Analysis and Perspectives. Was responsible for drafting papers pertaining to national security, for submission to Government of India.
- Worked with the Intelligence Bureau at IB Hqrs, Delhi and Bhopal (1998-2012). Was instrumental in revamping the set up in Bhopal and raising the quality of intelligence gathering and sharing, leading to notable successes against Left Wing Extremism and Religious Fundamentalist Groups. Working in IB Hqrs. was privy to almost all aspects of governance and rendered advice on sensitive issues including border areas and VIP Security, to very senior echelons of the Government.
- Nominated as National Security Coordinator for important visiting Heads of States from Russia, USA etc. Travelled as Chief Security Liaison Officer (CSLO) to various countries for laying out security arrangements prior to the visits of Prime Minister and the President.
- Was responsible for framing/revising Government guidelines on Personal Protection, including protection of highly threatened Protectees. Lectured/spoken on various fora including Police/Defence training institutions on various aspects of internal security, VIP Security methodology and threat perception including counter measures to be taken against grave threat to VIPs.

- Recipient of the two highest awards i.e. the Indian Police Medal for meritorious service in 1994 and the President's Police Medal for distinguished service in 2002.
- Nominated Convenor of a team appointed by the Government of India on directions of the Supreme Court in 2003, charged with the responsibility of laying down Witness Protection Scheme for the Prosecution witnesses in Gujarat Riot cases. The team visited Gujarat and submitted its report, which was accepted by the Government.
- Worked as Director (Sports and Youth Affairs – 1996-97) and was responsible for drafting the State document on "Youth Policy" and organized a National Youth Festival on behalf of the State Government.
- Nominated member of the International Security Advisory team of the International Olympic Committee for conducting Olympic Games 1996 Atlanta, USA.
- Appointed Security Coordinator by the Government of India for visiting Pakistani Cricket team to India in 1999. Was again named leader of the G.O.I team which visited Pakistan in 2004 to advise on resumption of Indo-Pak cricket ties after 15 years. The team travelled all over Pakistan visiting various venues and holding meetings with Pakistan Army/Police personnel, sports administrators, sportsmen and persons from all walks of life. Later made more visits to Pakistan in connection with the security of the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister and the visiting Indian Cricket teams.
- Nominated as Head of the Security Team to Bangladesh for making an on ground assessment for the Indian Cricket Team's tour to Bangladesh in 2005-06.
- Currently serving as Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India which includes administrative supervision of the Special Protection Group (SPG) charged with the responsibility of protecting the Prime Minister and highly threatened SPG Protectees. Current responsibility includes serving as Convenor of the National Crisis Management Group headed by the Cabinet Secretary. This entails review of the Crisis Management Plans of the Central Nodal Ministries/Departments on a bi-annual basis. Various aspects of administrative and governance issues are

delved into while assessing the contingency plans and appropriate advice tendered for strengthening the same.

Miscellaneous

- Life Member of INTACH since 1983.
- Patron of Sant Pathik Vidyalaya affiliated to CBSE located in Rattanganj Block, one of the most backward blocks of Bhagalpur District in Bihar, catering to children belonging to poor families.

Date: June 13, 2013

Place: New Delhi

Signature:

(Yashovardhan Azad)
Secretary (Security)
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7. Area of Eminence: Diplomacy, Administration and Governance.
8. Present Occupation: High Commissioner of India to Pakistan. (Demitting office on 30.6.2013 upon completion of extended tenure.)
9. Achievements/work experience
(in brief): Please see annexure.

Date: 14.6.2013.

Place: Islamabad.

Signature: 

Name: Sharat Sabharwal

Encl: Annexure.

Annexure

Bio profile of Sharat Sabharwal

Name: SHARAT SABHARWAL

Date of Birth: 23.9.1952.

Educational Qualifications: B.A (Hons. in Economics) Punjab University.

(Stood first in the University).

M.A. (Political Science), Guru Nanak Dev University.

Upon completion of my education, I joined Bank of Baroda as an Officer in February, 1973 and served in its Ghaziabad branch till joining the Indian Foreign Service in July 1975. The emphasis those days in nationalized banks was on financing medium and small industries, small entrepreneurs and farmers. As in charge of Loans and Advances Department of the Bank, I played an active role in promoting financing of the above sectors. It also gave me an opportunity to understand firsthand the problems faced by small farmers and entrepreneurs and extend help of the Bank to improve their economic lot.

2. I joined the Indian Foreign Service in July 1975 and superannuated from it on 30.9.2012 while serving as High Commissioner of India to Pakistan. However, I have continued on this position on re-employment basis and shall be demitting this office on completion of my extended tenure on 30.6.2013. I have gained rich and varied experience while serving for nearly 38 years in the Foreign Service. The jobs that I have handled during this long span of public service have not only given me a deep insight into the world of diplomacy and foreign relations, but also into functioning of the government, its administrative and financial aspects and efforts in recent years to bring about greater transparency in discharge of their functions by various Ministries and Departments. This is spell out in greater detail in the succeeding paragraphs.

3. After the two years' period of training in India as a Foreign Service Officer, I have served in the following positions:-

- Third/Second Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva (1977-79): In this capacity, I was a member of the Indian delegations to UNCTAD, the UN Commission on Human Rights, the Committee on Disarmament and the World Intellectual Properties Organisation.
- Second/First Secretary in Embassy of India to Madagascar (1979-82): Besides handling the political and administrative work in this Mission, I also handled consular work in respect of the large community of Indian origin in Madagascar.
- Under/Deputy Secretary (Economic Relations/Finance) in Ministry of External Affairs (1982-84): I was in charge of Budget of MEA and its subordinate units as well as the Ministry's liaison with the Audit authorities. This gave me an insight into the financial aspects of governance. In dealing with audit matters, I promoted transparency vis-à-vis the audit authorities and reforms in decision making on the basis of observations of the audit authorities.
- First Secretary, Embassy of India, Paris (1984-88): I was in charge of the administrative and political work of the Mission during this period that saw a significant consolidation in relations between India and France. As political officer, I reported extensively on integration of the European market, evolution of relations between the Eastern and Western blocs and internal political developments in France. I co-ordinated the preparations for and arrangements during the visit of the then Prime Minister of India and the then Vice President of India to France in June 1985 and June 1986 respectively.
- Deputy High Commissioner of India to Mauritius (1988-90): Besides assisting the High Commissioner in discharge of all functions of the Mission, I handled directly the sizeable Indian assistance to Mauritius under the Indian Technical and Economic Co-operation Programme and ensured building of closer ties with all sections of the Mauritian population, particularly the large segment of Indian origin. I co-ordinated the arrangements for the visit of the then Vice President of India to Mauritius in March 1988.

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- Director (Vigilance and Communications), Ministry of External Affairs (1990-92): In this job, I dealt with all vigilance work, liaison with the CVC, departmental enquiries and disciplinary action and confidential reporting system in respect of all personnel of the Ministry. Based on the experience gained from the vigilance cases handled by me, I promoted a number of reforms to make the decision making system more transparent. I was member of the group in the Ministry of External Affairs that ensured evacuation of the Indian community from Iraq and Kuwait during the first Gulf War in 1991.
 - Director (Finance), Ministry of External Affairs (1992-94): In this capacity, I was in charge of all financial aspects of functioning of the Ministry: budget, expenditure and audit issues. This included examination of all proposals for expenditure and award of contracts. During my tenure as Director (Finance), the system of examination of budget by Standing Committees of Parliament was introduced. I co-ordinated all work relating to such examination.
 - Joint Secretary (Establishment), Ministry of External Affairs (1994-95): This job encompassed purchase, construction and maintenance of properties of the Ministry of External Affairs and its Missions and Posts abroad; as well as purchase of stores for the Ministry and its subordinate units. I speeded up the work of purchase and construction of properties abroad for use by the Indian Missions, thereby ensuring saving of rental payments by the Government of India for hired properties. Full co-operation was extended to the financial and audit authorities to make the process of awarding contracts for properties and purchase of stores completely transparent.
 - Deputy High Commissioner of India to Pakistan (1995-99): This was a very tense period in relations between the two countries, which saw many ups and downs, including nuclear tests by both the countries and Pakistan's incursion in Kargil. Dialogue between India and Pakistan was re-started in June 1997 after a sizeable gap. I co-ordinated preparations for the visit by the then Prime Minister of India to Lahore in February, 1999. I handled the fallout of the Kargil crisis for the High Commission of India in Islamabad before my departure from Pakistan for the next assignment in the middle of 1999.

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- Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in Geneva (1999-2002): The areas covered by me in this assignment were Human Rights, Humanitarian Law, International Labour Organisation, World Health Organisation, UNAIDS programme and co-ordination of overall functioning of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva. In the course of this assignment, I was Deputy Leader/member of the Indian delegations to the erstwhile UN Commission on Human Rights, International Labour Conference and the World Health Assembly. I was also Deputy Leader of the Indian delegation to the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent held in Geneva in October 1999 and member of the Indian delegation to the World Conference against Racism, held in Durban (South Africa) in September 2001. In the UN Human Rights Commission, I played an active role to promote a co-operative rather than intrusive approach for promotion of Human Rights around the globe. I ensured liaison between the Government of India and the World Health Organisation on various WHO assisted health sector programmes in India. In the International Labour Organisation, I promoted policies aimed at improving labour standards, while taking into account the ground realities in developing countries.
 - Ambassador of India to Uzbekistan (2002-05): The thrust of my endeavour in this posting was to consolidate further the considerable goodwill between Uzbekistan and India from the days of links between the two countries during the Soviet era. I also promoted political, economic and cultural ties between the two sides through visit of a number of high level delegations both ways. I co-ordinated the visit of the President of Uzbekistan to India in April 2005, which resulted in signing of a number of agreements for bilateral co-operation.
 - Additional/Special Secretary (Administration, Consular, Passports and Visa), Ministry of External Affairs (2005-09): In this assignment, I had the overall charge of Administration of Ministry of External Affairs, including personnel administration. I also looked after the Consular, passports and visa work in India and Missions and Posts abroad. Some of my special accomplishments during this period were:-

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- i) I prepared the concept of the Passport Seva Project and was head of the team that fleshed it out with the help of a consultant. I steered this Project to the stage of awarding contract to a Service Provider, who has set up more than 70 Passport Seva Kendras all over the country. These Kendras have considerably improved the conditions for passport applicants. Extensive introduction of Information Technology has also contributed to improvement of passport services.
 - ii) I introduced the concept of outsourcing of work for receipt of visa and consular services applications in a number of countries abroad. This shifted application submission from the usually crowded visa and consular wings of Indian Missions and Posts abroad to more comfortable and well equipped application submission centres in more than one city/location in the countries concerned.
 - iii) I headed the team that introduced issuance of machine printed passports in all passport issuing offices in India and abroad to meet the ICAO requirement of phasing out hand written passports.
 - iv) I streamlined and made more transparent the process of awarding contracts for purchase and construction of properties abroad and purchase of stores for the Ministry of External Affairs and its subordinate units. One way of doing so was by setting up committees of Joint Secretaries to consider issues concerning award of contracts rather than leaving it to one or two officers in the concerned Division.
 - v) I headed the team which simplified and improved the confidential reporting system in respect of Indian Foreign Service officers and improved the benchmarks for promotions in the IFS.

4. High Commissioner of India to Pakistan (April 2009 to date): I have been holding the sensitive assignment of High Commissioner of India to Pakistan since April 2009 and shall be demitting this office on 30.6.2013 upon completion of my extended tenure.

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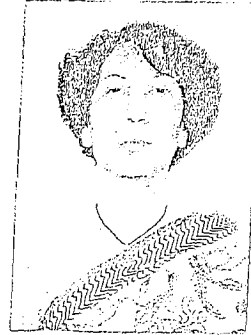
5. As Additional/Special Secretary (Administration), I put in place the infrastructure for application of the Right to Information Act in the Ministry of External Affairs and its Missions and Posts abroad in 2005 and was associated with the implementation of this Act in MEA and its subordinate offices till March 2009.

6. In the end, I would like to highlight that:-

- a) My postings and official visits abroad to various parts of the world have given me a rich and varied exposure to the international scene. This, together with the fact that I put in place the infrastructure for implementation of the Right to Information Act in MEA and its subordinate offices, will enable me to bring additional value to the functioning of the Central Information Commission, particularly in regard to its work related to matters pertaining to India's foreign policy and foreign relations.
- b) The administrative and financial jobs handled by me in MEA have given me a deep insight into functioning of the administrative and financial machinery of the Government. This experience is relevant to the functioning of the Central Information Commission.
- c) My experience of introducing greater transparency in decision making in administrative and financial matters in MEA is also relevant to the work of the Central Information Commission.

14.6.2013.

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6. Educational Qualification:

(a) 1971-1973 – Master's Degree in History, Punjab University.

(b) 1968-1971 – B.A. (Honors) in History

(c) Diploma in French Language from Punjab University.

(d) Certificate Course in German Language

(e) Attended National Defence College, New Delhi in 2000 for 11 months

7. Area of Eminence: Governance, Administration and Postal Management

8. Present Occupation: Retired on superannuation on 31.01.2013 as Secretary to Government of India
Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology

9. Achievements/Work Experience

(in brief):

- Belong to 1970 batch of Indian Postal Service, Group, 'A'
- Secretary to Government of India, Department of Posts (DoP) (1.11.2011 to 31.01.2013). Worked also as ex-officio Director General Posts and Chairperson, Postal Services Board during this period

Was responsible for running the Postal Administration in the country, formulation of policies relating to Postal Sector and fulfillment of Universal Service Obligations under postal services

Administered a Department of nearly half a million employees and a network of 1.55 lakh Post Offices.


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- As Chairman of Inter Ministerial Steering Committee led the implementation of the biggest IT project (Rs 5,000Cr outlay) in the Department to transform the processes in 1.55 lakh Post offices and the change management of the employees to improve the efficiency, speed, accountability and transparency of the system. The India Post Technology project was planned to be completed is likely to be completed by the end of 2014. A brief note is annexed.
 - DoP replies to approximately 50,000 RTI applications per annum which were effectively monitored. The Public Grievances settlement mechanism was strengthened to increase customer satisfaction.
 - Mail Network Optimization Project (MNOP) initiated when I was Member(O) has got National E-Governance Award for the year 2012-13 under the category "Outstanding Performance in Citizen-centric Service Delivery"
 - CAPIO (Central Assistant Public Information Officer) module developed by NIC for use of the Department has been made functional in 4707 Post Offices thus deploying technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.
- Member (Operations), Postal Services Board at the level of Special Secretary to Govt. of India (4.09.2009 to 31.10.11) with additional charge of Member (Technology) from 01.03.11 to 31.10.11 and also that of Member, Postal Life Insurance for a few months.
 - Responsible for policy formulation regarding mail operations, rationalization and consolidation of Mail Network in the country.
 - Modernization of mail processing and setting up of Automated Mail Processing system and preparation of National Address Database.
 - Handling of the project on booking and delivery of 'Aadhaar' Letters of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) across the country.
 - As member of the Steering Committee was involved in conceptualization, planning and implementation of the biggest IT project in the Department to transform the processes in 1.55 lakh Post offices.
 - Was involved in conceptualisation of Project Arrow which ushered in an integrated and lasting improvement in the postal system and was awarded with "Prime minister's award for Excellence in Public Administration for 2008-2009" in 2010
 - As Member PLI I was chairperson of the Investment Board. The Investment Board was responsible for laying down broad policy guidelines under which the Insurance Fund was to be invested by the Chief Investment Officer. During the relevant period, i.e., from May 2011 to September 2011 about Rs 1800 crore was invested in the market. There was an increase in the Net Asset Value.
 - Many consumer friendly technology initiatives were taken, such as payment of premium by the insured from anywhere in the country, electronically generated payment of commission to the agents from the central data base.

- o More than 2.5 lakh persons were insured during this period. Along with the increase in the number of persons insured, in Rural Postal Life Insurance, the sum assured also increased by about Rs 4000 crore.
- Worked at the level of Additional Secretary to the Government of India in the following positions:
 - o Chief General Manager (Mail Business) (12.08.08 to 3.09.2009)
 - o Chief Postmaster General, Haryana (15.05.08 to 11.08.08)
 - o Chief Postmaster General, Punjab (2.11.2005 to 14.5.2008)
 - o Chief Postmaster General, Rajasthan (29.6.2005 to 1.11.2005)
- Worked at the level of Joint Secretary to the Government of India in the following positions:
 - o Deputy Director General (Personnel), Department of Posts, New Delhi (01.01.2004 to 22.06.2005)
 - o Postmaster General, Punjab Region (11.02.2000 to 23.12.2003 and 24.07.1997 to 31.12.1998)
- Worked at the level of Director/Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the following positions:
 - o Director, Postal Operations & Planning, Department of Posts, New Delhi (30.08.1994 to 23.07.1997)
 - o Director, Postal Services, Punjab Region, Chandigarh (09.05.1990 to 07.07.1994)
 - o Director, Postal Services, Haryana, Ambala (22.08.1985 to 30.04.1990)
 - o Joint Director, Postal Staff College of India, Ghaziabad
- Worked at the level of Under Secretary to Government of India in the following positions:
 - o Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Punjab Circle, Chandigarh (01.11.1980 to 04.08.1984)
 - o Assistant Postmaster General (Staff), North West Circle, Ambala (01.05.1980 to 31.10.1980)
 - o Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Haryana Circle, Ambala (01.11.1976 to 30.10.1978)

Date:

Place:


Signature: 12/6/2013

Name: Manjula Prasher

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- 6 Qualification : Please see my C. V. attached.
- 7 Area of Eminence : Law
- 8 Present Occupation : Chairperson
Airport Appellate Tribunal. Ministry of Civil
Aviation, Safdarjung Airport, Rajiv Gandhi
Bhawan, New Delhi-110003 w e f 03 02 2012
- 9 Pay Scale : Rs. 80,000/- (fixed) + other allowances as per
Rules.
- 10 Achievements/Work Experience : More than 34 years Legal, Judicial and
Administrative experience.

Date: 04.06.2013

Place: New Delhi


(M. A. KHAN YUSUFI)

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BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

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(AIRPORT APPELLATE TRIBUNAL)
- b) PAY SCALE : RS. 80,000/- (FIXED) + OTHER
ALLOWANCES AS PER RULES
- c) PLACE OF
CURRENT
POSTING : MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION, RAJIV
GANDHI BHAWAN, SAFDARJUNG
AIRPORT, NEW DELHI-110003.
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OCCUPATION : CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE
(INDIAN LEGAL SERVICE - I. L. S.)
- a) POST HELD : JOINT SECRETARY & LEGAL ADVISER
(w.e.f. 3.3.2006 to 31.12.2011)
- b) PAY SCALE : Rs. 37,400 - 67,000/- GP Rs. 10,000/-
(B.P. at superannuation = Rs. 63,440/-)
- c) PLACE OF
POSTING : MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS,
SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110 001
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HELD : PLEASE SEE SUBSEQUENT PAGES
6. EDUCATIONAL
QUALIFICATION : B. SC. - KANPUR UNIVERSITY, UP, 1970

LL. B (HONS) - ALIGARH MUSLIM
UNIVERSITY, ALIGARH IN 1973
- 7 ADVOCATE
ENROLLMENT NO. : UP-626/1974 DT. 2.4.1974

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PRESENT CADRE

INDIAN LEGAL SERVICE 1988 (ILS-1988)

PROFESSIONAL, LEGAL
& ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPERIENCE

(i) After having being enrolled as an Advocate (Enrolment No. UP-626/1974) on 2nd April 1974 under the provisions of Advocate Act, 1961, had practiced 6 years in various courts of law in criminal, civil and in revenue side. Thus, having 6 years, active legal experience at BAR before entering into Central Govt. Service.

(ii) Experience in Central Government Service having practised as an advocate for 6 years in various courts of law, I joined Ministry of Law in September 1979 through UPSC directly and since then, I had worked on various posts in Ministry of Law & Justice as under:

a) I worked in litigation side of Law & Justice Ministry in various courts i.e. Distt. Courts, High Courts of Delhi and Bombay as an Assistant (Legal) right from 1979 to July 1988. Thus, I have about 9 years active legal experience at various courts dealing with the cases of special knowledge of law.

b) After having being selected through UPSC as Asstt. Legal Adviser (Grade IV of ILS) in Indian Legal Service in August 1988, I worked as Junior and Senior Counsel of CPWD, M/o Urban Development advising on the subject of Arbitration Act 1940, Companies Act, 1956, Partnership Act, 1935 and other Relevant Act and also acted as their junior / senior counsel and appeared and argued on their behalf in arbitration cases before the learned arbitrators during the period from October 1988 to 1990 and also acted as Administrative Officer of the said unit of CPWD under me.

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c) After being posted in Directorate of Estate, Ministry of Urban Development in 1990 as Deputy Director (L), I discharged my duties there as Dy. Director (Lit), their Legal Adviser and also acted as Estate Officer there and decided no. of eviction cases under the provisions of PP Act 1971 during 1990-91.

d) On being promoted as Dy. Legal Adviser (Grade III of ILS) in April 1995 and thereafter as Addl. Legal Adviser (Grade II of ILS) in December 1998, I advised on no. of references received from various Administrative Ministries like Ministry of Agriculture, Finance, HRD, Urban Development, Mines, UPSC, Labour, DoP&T, Home Affairs, External Affairs, Civil Aviation, Social Justice, Textile, Steel, Defence, Coal and Mines, Water Resources, Commerce and Industry, Heavy Industry and Public Enterprise, Health & Family Welfare, Women and Child Development, Youth Affairs & Sports, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Ministry of Law and Justice etc. on various enactments enacted by Parliament including Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985.

e) On being deputation, from January 1999 to December 2000 as Director (L) in Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizer and advised them on various references and also conducted and supervised their litigation pending in various Courts of Law in Delhi/New Delhi and even outside Delhi. Thereafter, I was repatriated to my parent department i.e. M/o Law & Justice in January 2001 and discharged my duties as Addl. Legal Adviser to various Administrative Ministries.

f) I also worked as Arbitrator in DGS&D during 2002-2003 after being posted there, as such, and made and published no. of Awards under the provisions of Arbitration Act, 1940 and Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 in arbitration cases.

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g) I also worked as a Legal Adviser (additional charge during 2002-2005), Ministry of Labour and dealt therewith on various references received on various enactments enacted by Parliament concerning labourers and workers.

h) After my promotion to Joint Secretary & Legal Adviser (Grade I of ILS) w.e.f. 03.03.2006, I had headed a Group comprising of various Ministries/departments and I tendered legal advice on all matters referred to mainly on Constitution of India, 1950. Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985, Contract Act, 1872, Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, Limitation Act, 1963, Companies Act, 1956, Essential Commodities Act, 1955, Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, Minimum Wages Act, 1948, Emigration Act, 1983, EPF and MP Act, 1952, Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, Factory Act, 1948, Employees Insurance Act, 1948, Payment of Wages Act, 1936, Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act, 1986, Muslim Personal Law, Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, IPC, Cr. PC, CPC, Evidence Act 1872 etc. I also guided and supervised my junior officers posted in my group in advice matters, etc.

i) As Member (Law) of Mines Tribunal since 1995 and, thus, had been hearing and disposed of no. of revision petitions filed under Section 30 of MM Act, 1957.

j) I had also been acting as Sole Arbitrator since 2002 in a no. of arbitration cases assigned by the Law Secretary and even by Courts and making and publishing the Awards in such cases.



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k) I also attended no. of Conferences/ Seminars held in Delhi and even outside Delhi on the various subjects of law including Intellectual Property Rights. I also participated and represented Ministry of Law in Bilateral Agreement/Treaties between Government of India and other foreign countries.

l) I had also been dealing with the Vigilance cases being Chief Vigilance Officer of Ministry of Law & Justice w.e.f. March 2006 to 31.12.2011.

m) I had also been dealing with the Parliament work being Nodal Officer of the Parliament work of Ministry of Law & Justice, Deptt. of Legal Affairs, New Delhi.

n) Being In-charge of the Judicial Section, Department of Legal Affairs, I had monitored the litigation on behalf of Union of India pending in various Tribunals, Redressal Fora and Court of Law all over India through Central Government Panel Counsel. I had also dealt with the engagement of Law Officers including Attorney General & other Law Officers as Solicitor General of India, Addl. Solicitor General of India and also engagement of Advocates for various panel for Courts of Law and Tribunals.

o) I was also the Nodal Officer of Sixth Pay Commission in Ministry of Law to deal with the references accrued therefrom.

p) I was also the In-charge of Admn.III (LA) Section dealing with administration pertaining to NALSA, ITAT etc. for no. of years.

q) I was also the In-charge of Cash Section (LA) dealing with preparation and payment of various bills, etc.

r) Being nominated a member of various inter-ministerial meeting, I had been attending the same and representing Ministry of Law & Justice.

10 Judicial and Quasi-
Judicial Experience

More than 16 years as on date (Pl. see Annexure)

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ANNEXUREJUDICIAL AND QUASI JUDICIAL EXPERIENCEAs Estate Officer under the provisions of P. P. Act, 1971

While working in the Indian Legal Service, I was posted in the Ministry of Urban Development in the years 1990-1991 as Deputy Director (Litigation) which is an encadred post in the Indian Legal Service. While holding the said post I performed the functions of Legal Adviser for the Directorate of Estates as well as the Estate Officer and decided a large number of eviction cases under the provisions of P.P. Act 1971. The nature of work of E.O. is quasi-judicial.

2. As Member (Law) of the Mines Tribunal (constituted by the Ministry of Mines)

In the year 1995, I was nominated by the Law Secretary as Member (Law) in the Tribunal constituted by the Ministry of Mines for hearing Revision Petitions filed under Section 30 of MM Act, 1957. This was in addition to my normal duties as an officer of the Indian Legal Service. As Member (Law) of the said Tribunal since 1995 to 2011, I had heard and decided quite a large number of Revision Petitions filed under Section 30 of the above said Act.

3. As Arbitrator

- (a) I worked also as Arbitrator in the Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals (DGS&D), under the Ministry of Supply during the year 2002-03 and heard and decided of quite a number of arbitration matters by making & publishing the awards under the provisions of Arbitration Act, 1940 and Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996.
- (b) During the year 2002-2005, I was posted as Legal Adviser (additional charge) in the Ministry of Labour & Employment and heard & disposed of quite a number of arbitration cases there too.
- (c) Subsequent to being appointed as Addl. Legal Adviser (Grade II of Indian Legal Service) in December 1998, & thereafter, even promoted as Jt. Secy. & Legal Adviser (Grade I of ILS) w.e.f. 3.3.2006, I have been appointed by the Law Secretary as Sole Arbitrator in no. of arbitration cases and in these matters I had heard & disposed of the cases by making and publishing the awards within a reasonable time. It is pertinent to mention here that not even a single award made and published by the undersigned had since been either quashed/modified or remanded back by the Higher Authority /Court of Law.

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4. As First Appellate Authority in RTI Act, 2005

Being appointed as first Appellate Authority for Department of Legal Affairs, Appeals filed u/s 19(1) of the Act were being heard and disposed of by the undersigned after giving due opportunity to the Appellants.

5. Judicial Experience as Part-time Member of ATFE:

I was also appointed, vide Ministry of Law & Justice letter No. A.60011/19/2009-Admn.IV(LA) dated 18th December, 2009, as a part-time member in the Appellate Tribunal for Foreign Exchange, New Delhi. As such, the undersigned had been discharging duties thereof, from December, 2009 to 31.12.2011.

Judicial Experience in the capacity of Chairperson, Airport Appellate Tribunal in the Ministry of Civil Aviation

(i) After superannuation on 31.12.2011 as senior most Jt. Secretary & Legal Advisor in the Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs, I joined as Chairperson of Airport Appellate Tribunal (AAT) in the Ministry of Civil Aviation in the pay scale of Rs. 80,000 (fixed) + other allowances as per Rules on 03.02.2012 and since then has been discharging my duties, as such, with my full devotion and sincerity.

(ii) Here, as Chairperson of AAT, I am supposed to decide the cases pertaining to illegal encroachment of Airports Authority of India's land all over India. At initial stage, the case is to be decided by Eviction Officer and against their orders, the appeal is to be filed by the aggrieved party and decided by Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of Airports Authority of India Act, 1994.

(i) Apart from discharging my duties as Chairperson in the Airport Appellate Tribunal, I also discharge my administrative duties in the said Tribunal.

7. By virtue of above, I have more than 17 years Judicial and Quasi-Judicial experience to my credit. Not only this, considering my legal experience right from the beginning and including my practice in various Courts of Law, I have more than 39 years of active legal and administrative experience at my credit.

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- 8) Present Occupation:
- 9) Achievements/Work Done/
Experience 36 years experience in Social Field (details on the next page) (further details
are added in enclosed CV and profile)

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Details of work done

ORGANIZATIONS:

- 1) Eenadu: Journalist 1977-1979, Columnist (Edit Page Article writer: 2004 to 2012)
- 2) Udayam: Senior Reporter & Chief Sub Editor: Udayam Daily Newspaper: 1984-1994
- 3) Deputy Director (Media) AP Electricity Regulatory Commission (2000)
- 4) Associate Professor: National Academy of Legal Studies & Research, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad: 2000-06
- 5) Professor: NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad: Since 2005 till date.

SUCCESS STORIES:

- Investigated Corruption of Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam and Secured Relevant files demanding inspection and sought more than 250 certified copies from EO office in 1986 through a Commission of Inquiry, and established Corruption through those documents. Published in Udayam Telugu Daily Newspaper. (Used Right to Information 20 years before it was made law)
- Exposed LIC and Singareni Collieries scandal of illegally collecting huge premia from labour working in coal mines, through Udayam Articles, 1986-87
- Wrote a Book in English on Right to Information, Wadhwa Publishers, New Delhi 2006
- Wrote a book in Telugu on Right to Information, Asia Law House, 2007
- Wrote a Telugu Book on Right to Information Act, for Official Language Commission AP, 2008
- Wrote a book in English on Judging Right to Information (Judgements on RTI) for Center for Good Governance, 2011
- Introduced a module on Right to Information for Post Graduation Course for IRS officers in NADT, Nagpur Hyderabad
- Drafted a module on Right to Information in Media Law, PG Diploma Course, NALSAR University, Hyderabad
- Given more than 150 lectures on Right to Information in training sessions for PIOs, NGOs.
- Resource person on RTI for training the Information Commissioners twice at NLSIU Bengaluru, and CGG Hyderabad

I HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN:

- Drafting a legislative Bill for Abolition of Child Labour and Compulsory Education for Government of Andhra Pradesh 2002, from NALSAR University of Law
- Drafting a Bill for Right to Information for Government of Andhra Pradesh, 2004
- Drafting a Bill for Right to Redressal of Grievance Act, AP, 2008
- Drafting a Bill for AP Rent Control, 2009

The CAMPAIGNS:

- 1) Law and Rights of Women and Children for ETV 2006-07 (Contributed more than 100 visual components on rights and empowerment to crime shows of ETV)
- 2) "This is Law" a rights awareness program (live phone-in) on HMTV Hyderabad 2010
- 3) "Bhoomi Kosam" (For Land) a live phone in TV program on HMTV Hyderabad 2011-12 (All sixty episodes are uploaded in youtube)

Trainee and Resource Person at RTI WORKSHOPS:

- Gave lectures and trained several personnel in hundreds of workshops and seminars on RTI, for AP Police Academy, APARD, CGG, AP Judicial Academy, Hyderabad, and various Government Departments, Public Sector Enterprises.
- Trained and prepared teams for "Mundadugu" an RTI campaign for EENADU Newspaper.
- Presented papers several RTI Review workshops in AP
- Wrote research articles on RTI for Law Journals, Media Journals, Websites etc.
- Wrote edit page articles in Telugu on RTI in daily newspapers

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DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- 1) Constitutional Law and other laws
- 2) Law of Torts, Criminal Law, Insurance Law etc

EXPERTISE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Media Law
- Women Rights and Child Rights

EMINENT / WELL-KNOWN IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

- As Professor of Law in AP
- Columnist (Writes articles in Eenadu, Sakshi, Andhra Jyothi, dailies Nadhi monthly, The Hindu, Deccan Chronicle, Asian Age, The Hans India, dailies.
- As an Author of 30 books on law and Journalism both in Telugu and English

WEB LINKS TO NEWS Articles written by me (with pen name Madabhushi Sridhar):

www.nalsar.ac.in (for my profile)

www.nalsarpro.ac.in (for my profile)

www.thehoot.org (for my articles on media law)

www.indiacurrentaffairs.org (for my articles on socio-legal issues)

<http://www.frontpageindia.com>

www.thehansindia.com (for my column in the Hans India Daily Hyderabad.

www.ssrn.com (for my articles on website)

Date: 12.6.2013


Signature


Place: Hyderabad


(M. Sridhar Acharyulu)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR MAKING
RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF INFORMATION
COMMISSIONER IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

The Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister met on 5th December, 2013 to consider the proposal for the appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission and recommended the name of Smt. Sushma Singh for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.


(Sushma Swaraj)
Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha
5-12-2013


(Kapil Sibal)
Minister of Law & Justice
5/12/2013


(Manmohan Singh)
Prime Minister
5-12-2013

MANOJ JOSHI
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Yours sincerely,

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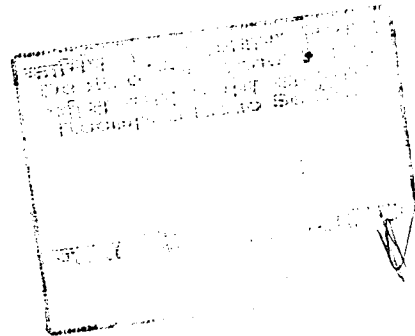
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MAMTA KUNDRA
Joint Secretary(E)
Telfax : 23094276

D.O.No. 4/3/2013-IR

Dated December 10, 2013

Dear Sir,

Smt. Deepak Sandhu, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission is retiring on 18th December, 2013. A new Chief Information Commissioner is to be appointed in her place. Hon'ble President of India has approved the appointment of Smt. Sushma Singh as the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. The new Chief Information Commissioner would have to be administered an Oath or affirmation as per the First Schedule of the Right to Information Act, 2005 by the President. A list of dignitaries who may be invited for the swearing-in-ceremony is enclosed.

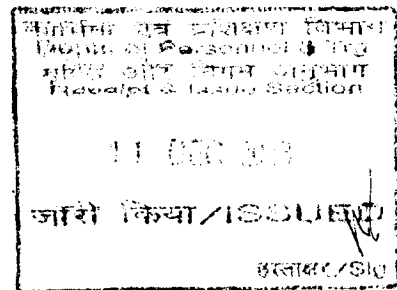
2. You are requested to inform the date and time at which Hon'ble President would be pleased to administer oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner.

Warm regards

Yours sincerely,

(Mamta kundra)

Dr. Thomas Mathew
Additional Secretary
President Secretariat
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Suggested list of invitees of swearing in ceremony of Chief Information Commissioner

1. Vice President of India
2. Prime Minister
3. Chief Justice of India
4. Speaker, Lok Sabha
5. Chairperson, National Advisory Council
6. Home Minister
7. Law Minister
8. Finance Minister
9. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha
10. Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha
- ✓ 11. MoS(PP)
12. Smt. Deepak Sandhu, Outgoing Chief Information Commissioner
13. National Security Adviser
14. Chief Election Commissioner
15. Chief Vigilance Commissioner
16. Comptroller & Auditor General
17. Attorney General
18. Cabinet Secretary
19. Both Election Commissioners
20. Principal Secretary to PM
21. Chairman, UPSC
22. All Information Commissioners
23. Members, UPSC
24. Solicitor General
25. Home Secretary
- ✓ 26. Secretary(Personnel)
27. Law Secretary
28. Secretary, Legislative Department
29. Director, CBI
30. Director, IB
31. Chief Information Commissioner designate
32. Family of Chief Information Commissioner designate
33. Shri R. Ramanujan, Secretary to Prime Minister
34. Shri L. C. Goyal, Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat
- ✓ 35. Establishment officer, DoPT
- ✓ 36. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, DoPT
- ✓ 37. Additional Secretary, DoPT
38. Secretary, CIC
- ✓ 39. Joint Secretary[AT & A], DOPT

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No.F.52-GA(I)/2013

11 December 2013

Dear Ms. Kundra,

This has reference to your d.o. letter No.F.4/3/2013-IR, dated 10 December, 2013 regarding appointment of new Chief Information Commissioner.

It may kindly be noted that the Hon'ble President will be pleased to administer the oath of office to the Chief Information Commissioner-designate at Rashtrapati Bhavan at 1300 hours on 19 December 2013.

With warm regards,

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Yours sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Mathew

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Notification

New Delhi, the December, 2013

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(Mamta Kundra)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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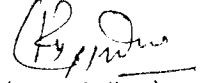
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Sir,

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Yours faithfully,



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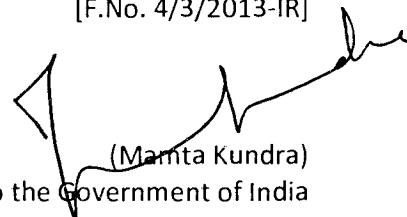
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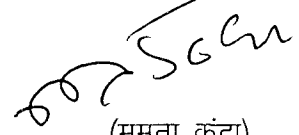
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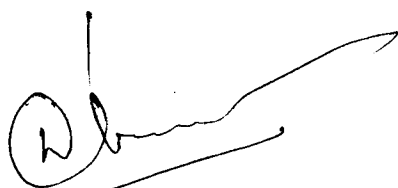
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