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PROFILE:

Has joined the Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in June 2008 after having served the Government of India for more than 21 years. Belongs to Indian Trade Service (I.T.S.), a specialized service in the Government of India dealing with matters of international trade policy formulation and implementation. Worked initially in the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and later in the Ministry of Commerce in the area of international trade & economic matters.

From 1998 to 2008 dealt with the issues of trade negotiations and trade policy formulation for Government of India. Participated in several official as well as Ministerial level delegations representing India to discuss and negotiate various economic cooperation issues, WTO Agreements, trade & investment promotion, preferential trade agreements, Free Trade Agreements, Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA), rules of origin trade strategies, trade facilitation and trade promotion issues. Participated in the FTA negotiations as a deputy to the Indian leader. Led the Indian delegation to negotiate the preferential Rules of Origin for the FTAs/ CECAs with ASEAN, BIMSTEC, European Union, Singapore, Thailand, GSTP, Republic of Korea & Asia Pacific Trade Agreement etc.

During the initial assignments (from 1988 – 1998) worked on the issues relating to trade promotion, implementation of several schemes of the export &

import policy, computerization of offices of DGFT and general administrative matters.

Has done M.Sc. from BHU and M.Phil. from JNU. Done courses on Foreign Trade Policy from IIFT and on Negotiating Strategy from Harvard University.

Written papers and made presentations on several issues relating to trade policy formulation and trade policy of India. Published articles and papers for UNCTAD, UNESCAP, Commonwealth Secretariat etc. and some of the leading periodicals of India on the issues dealing with Regional Trade Agreements and Preferential Rules of Origin, trade liberalization etc.
