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Educational Qualification:

M.A. (History) (Delhi University- St. Stephen's College);
Diploma in Trade Policy from WTO (3 month course)

Presently working as Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, in IIFT. A Civil Servant belonging to the Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Central Excise).

Past Engagements:

Jan 06 –June 08: Worked as Additional Director in the Directorate General of Export Promotion, Ministry of Finance, Government of India and dealt with issues relating to export promotion by Export Oriented Units.

Oct. 2000- Dec. 2005

Worked as Deputy Secretary/Director in the Trade Policy Division of the Department of Commerce and in this capacity handled certain WTO issues and bilateral trade negotiations. Was responsible for negotiations on Trade Facilitation, RTAs and harmonisation of non-preferential rules of origin. Also worked as the nodal officer for the Trade Policy Review of India conducted in WTO in June 2002. For varying periods of time, also handled the work relating to Non Agriculture Market Access (NAMA), TRIPS and Environment.

1990 - Sept. 2000

Worked in various capacities in the field-formations of Customs and Central Excise in Mumbai and Belgaum. In Mumbai, was entrusted with various responsibilities, namely, anti corruption work in D'te of Vigilance, Western Zone, administration work in Chief Commissioner's office in Mumbai Central Excise Zone, assessment of imported goods in Mumbai Custom House; and anti-smuggling work in Marine and Preventive Wing of Commr. of Customs (Preventive). In Belgaum, headed the Belgaum Central Excise Division covering all the manufacturing units in Belgaum District.

Contributions in negotiation related work :

While working in the Trade Policy Division of the Department of Commerce, actively negotiated on India's behalf in WTO on several customs and other trade policy issues. Actively contributed to India's paper outlining India's negotiating proposals on RTA Transparency Mechanism in the Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) (WTO Document No. TN/RL/W/114 dated 6 June 03) and India's negotiating proposals on Trade Facilitation (WTO Documents TN/TF/W/68 dated 24 Oct. 2005, TN/TF/W/77 & TN/TF/W/78 both dated 9 Feb. 2006, TN/TF/W/121, TN/TF/W/122 & TN/TF/W/123 all dated 4 July 06 and TN/TF/W/57 dated 22 July 2005). Indian proposals were formulated after a comprehensive study and internal deliberations with all stakeholders. Also actively contributed to preparation of the Country Report for India's Trade Policy Review during 2002 published as a WTO Document WT/TPR/G/100 dated 22 May 2002.

Was part of the Indian delegation to the Ministerial Conferences in Cancun (2003), Geneva (2004) and Hong Kong (2005). Represented India in the negotiation for drafting Annex D of the July Framework Agreement (modalities for negotiation on trade facilitation) adopted in WTO on 1st August 2004.

Was part of the Indian delegation which negotiated the Preferential Trade Agreements between India and Mercosur and India and Chile during 2004 and 2005.

Acted as a resource person for national and international training programmes on trade policy issues conducted by institutions such as Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Research and Information System for the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (RIS), Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) and UNCTAD.

Written contributions:

- (i) Article in Hindu Business Line (30 Jan. 07) titled 'Making RTAs Transparent'.
- (ii) Article in Economic Times (19 March 07) titled 'India Ready to discuss one Singapore Issue- trade facilitation'.
- (iii) Working paper in esocialsciences titled 'Trade Facilitation: A Brief Negotiating History'.
