

Ashok Chawla

Shri Ashok Chawla has been a distinguished civil servant with over 40 years of experience in various sectors of the economy in India as well as in International Multilateral agencies. He obtained his Masters in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics in 1972 and joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1973. He started his career in the State of Gujarat and held various positions, including Chief Executive of important State-Owned enterprises. Notably, he was the head of the multi-billion dollar Sardar Sarovar Narmada multi-purpose project.

In the late 1980's, he was posted as Economic Counsellor in the Indian Embassy in Washington DC, USA.

Between 1998 and 2011, he worked in several senior positions in the Federal Government at Delhi. He has been Permanent Secretary in key ministries of the Government of India such as Finance, Economic Affairs, and Civil Aviation.

He has been on the boards of the Reserve Bank of India and also the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority. He was also at different points in time India's Executive Director on the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Alternate Governor for India at the World Bank and at the Asian Development Bank.

Shri Chawla has also held leadership positions in the corporate sector. He has been Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited and a Director on the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC).

In view of his rich and diversified experience, after his retirement from the civil service, he was appointed as the Chairman of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for the period 2011-2016. The CCI is a new market-economy regulator to ensure fair play by business and Industry and it gained immensely in stature during this period.

On completion of his tenure in the Competition Commission, he has associated himself with the following organizations :

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| i) | TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute) | - | Chairman of the Governing Council |
| ii) | TERI University | - | Chancellor |
| iii) | National Stock Exchange (NSE) | - | Chairman |
| iv) | Yes Bank | - | Independent Director and Chairman-designate |