

Saurabh Kumar

Mr. Saurabh Kumar is an Indian Revenue Service officer of 1992 batch. He is an Electrical Engineer from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur and Masters in Public Policy from National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies, Tokyo, Japan.

Mr. Saurabh Kumar briefly joined the Telecom sector in 1989. In 1992, he got selected in the Indian Revenue Service as Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax. From 1992 until 2002, Mr. Saurabh Kumar worked as Deputy Commissioner in various sensitive intelligence assignments. In the year 1996-97, he was appointed as first officer of the tax department in India to levy tax on national political parties. He also worked in the enforcement wing of the Revenue Department and conducted search and seizure operations against tax evaders. As part of this job, he conducted one of the biggest anti-tax evasion search operation covering 30 cities and over 15 premises on a large industrial group of India which remains one of the most successful operations in the Department.

In 2002, Mr. Saurabh Kumar joined the Union Ministry of Power, Government of India as Deputy Secretary in charge of the Budget and Finance wing with the task of appraising large power projects for government investments. He was part of the government structure that was responsible for taking investment decisions in large power projects. The yearly investment budget handled during 2002-2005 was to the tune of USD 4 billion.

Mr. Saurabh Kumar has worked in various capacities in Income Tax Department, Ministry of Power, and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE). On the completion of the GRIPS Young Leaders Program in 2006, Mr. Saurabh Kumar was appointed as Secretary of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) during 2007-2010, the nodal central body for promoting energy efficiency in India & also the core agency for the implementation of the National Mission on Enhanced Energy Efficiency under the Ministry of Power. One of the key projects implemented under his leadership is one of the world's largest CDM (Clean Development Mechanism) based efficient lighting project.

Mr. Saurabh Kumar has also been in charge of several bilateral projects on energy efficiency with Japan, Germany, France, etc. He proceeded on a UN Deputation to Bangkok for 2 years and was handling environmental issues in Asia – Pacific region. He has worked for design and implementation of programmes for promoting energy efficiency in India, preparing policies for enhancing the off-take of energy efficiency and has actively handled the international climate change negotiations as a part of the national negotiation team.

Mr. Saurabh Kumar has been appointed as the Managing Director, Energy Efficiency Services Limited by the Ministry of Power and he took over as the Managing Director of EESL on 6th of May 2013.

Mr. Saurabh Kumar has developed a project on Unnat Jyoti by Affordable Appliances and LED's for All (UJALA), Agricultural Demand Side Management Programme (AgDSM), Municipal Energy Efficient Pump Sets (MEEP) and Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP). This programme is doing well all over the India. Under the National Street Lighting Programme, all the conventional street lights are being replaced with energy efficient LED street lights across India. This programme has been officially launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 5th January 2015. Under the directions of PMO and Ministry of Power, Mr. Saurabh Kumar has been successfully implementing both these programs as well as several Demand Side Measures including municipal functions, agriculture, public building, lighting etc. with his team.