

Ashok Chawla

Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation

Ashok Chawla joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1973 after a short stint as Probationary Officer in the State Bank of India

Having been allotted to the State of Gujarat, Mr. Chawla held various assignments including Collector of Ahmedabad and Baroda districts, Managing Director, Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation and Chairman and MD of Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited.

His stint at the Government of India saw him holding the posts of Additional Controller of Capital Issues and of Director, Foreign Investment in the Ministry of Finance. Besides, he was also Counsellor (Economic) at the Embassy of India, Washington in the late Eighties.

More recently, he was Additional Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance with responsibilities covering the gamut of external economic relations, foreign investment, infrastructure financing, currency and coinage etc. He was, in addition, the Chairman and Managing Director of the newly-formed Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited. He also was on the Board of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) as a part-time Director.

Presently he is Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation

Mr. Chawla is married and has two children.