

Bio-data of Shri M.Ramachandran Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India

Date of Birth14th June, 1950

Educational Qualifications

- ✪ *B.A. (History, Economics) topped University*
- ✪ *M.A(Economics) First Division*
- ✪ *M.Phil (Eco. Planning) from University of Glasgow, UK*

Career Details

- ❖ *Joined the IAS in 1972*
- ❖ *Allotted to U.P. Cadre*

Postings in the State

- ☉ *Worked as Additional District Magistrate, Uttarkashi, District Magistrate, Bijnor, District Magistrate, Rae Bareli, Commissioner, Meerut/Garhwal/Bareilly Divisions*
- ☉ *Secretary (Higher Education), Government of U.P.*
- ☉ *Principal Secretary (Transport), Government of U.P.*

International assignment:

- *Was selected to be on deputation to United Nations Development Programme from 1986 to 1992 – Specialized in Projects and Programmes.*

Govt. of India Postings:

- ✍ *Was Joint Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India from 1998 to 2003*
(Was on the Board of Directors of Shipping Corporation of Inida, Cochin Shipyard and National Waterways Authority of India)
- ✍ *Was recalled to the State of Uttaranchal from Government of India in February, 2003*

Assignments in the State of Uttaranchal:

- ☐ *Worked as Principal Secretary, School Education, Higher Education, Technical Education*

and

- ❑ *Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister*

and

- ❑ *Additional Chief Secretary & Infrastructure Development Commissioner in the State.*

(was on the Boards of various universities, Chairman of Uttarakhand Transport Corporation etc.)

As Addl. Chief Secretary, supervised the following Departments of the State:

- (i) Public Works Department,*
- (ii) Power,*
- (iii) Non-Conventional Energy,*
- (iv) Tourism,*
- (v) Transport,*
- (vi) Industrial Development,*
- (vii) Urban Development,*
- (viii) Drinking Water,*
- (ix) Irrigation*
- (x) Civil Aviation,*
- (xi) Housing,*
- (xii) Information Technology,*
- (xiii) Bio-technology*
- (xiv) School Education,*
- (xv) Technical Education,*

(xvi) *Higher Education.*

➔ *Took various new initiatives in starting new projects, covering Public Private Partnership projects, lining up \$ 1 Billion Asian Development Bank assistance for the Power, Road and Urban Sectors, \$ 120 million World Bank assistance for the Drinking Water sector etc.*

➔ *Chief Secretary to the Government of Uttaranchal from 4th October, 05 to 30th October, 2006*

(Was Chairman of State Industrial Development Corporation and of Infrastructure Development Corporations as Joint Ventures with IDFC and IL&FS)

TOOK OVER AS SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON 1ST NOVEMBER, 2006.

Has been an Administrator with a difference

✦ *Started a monthly News Letter called 'Vikas Samachar' in Uttarkashi district way back in 1975 to directly convey all details of development sector programmes to all village Pradhans (Heads).*

- ✦ *Work done in organizing annual development Seminars and facilitating new development initiatives in Rae Bareli district was appreciated by the Late Prime Minister (Smt. Indira Gandhi and Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi) who represented the constituency.*
- ✦ *The new initiatives taken in structuring University system and administration in U.P. as Secretary for Higher Education are still considered landmarks.*
- ✦ *As Divisional Commissioner, started the 'Jan Chetna' programme to reach out directly to all villages and local representatives.*
- ✦ *Specialized in project formulation and monitoring while on deputation to the United Nations Development a Programme. Was responsible for formulating and getting approved India's \$ 15 million Leather Sector and \$ and \$ 23 million Jute Sector Programmes – again landmarks*
- ✦ *Has been identified as the 'Infrastructure Man' in the newly created State of Uttaranchal where various new initiatives have been taken under his leadership as Infrastructure Development Commissioner of the State*
- ✦ *Brought out a publication titled 'Uttaranchal : "Ideas That Worked"', first copy of which was accepted by the President of India on 14th August, 2005*
- ✦ *Among other initiatives, facilitated setting up in the State of Uttaranchal, a Chapter of British Scholars, Chapter of the Indian Institute of Public Administration, Setting up of a Civil Service Institute, a high profile cultural complex in Dehradun, a state-of-the-art Doon Library etc.*

Family

Married with two daughters

Special area of interest.

Project Planning (Research Thesis Submitted)

CAREER DETAILS
OF
M. RAMACHANDRAN

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Date of Birth	...	14 June 1950
IAS Batch	...	1972
Educational qualification	...	MA (Economics) M. Phil (Economic Planning from University of Glasgow)

Highlights of postings:

- *Collector and District Magistrate, Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh (1978 – 1981)*
- *Collector and District Magistrate, Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh (1981 – 1983)*
- *Private Secretary to Union Minister of State in the Ministries of Industries, Finance, Commerce, Internal Security, Power (1983 – 1986)*
- *First National Officer selected to be on deputation to United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), India (1986 – 1992)*
 - *Headed the Industry – Trade Sector Programme supervising Project formulation and implementation covering Ministries of Industry, Commerce, Textiles, Steel, Electronics, etc.*
 - *Developed India's first Leather Sector (\$15 million) and Jute Sector (\$23 million) Programme and got it approved by presenting before the UNDP's Governing Council at New York.*
 - *Project formulation and implementation meant close interaction with National institutions and bodies like BHEL, CSIR, Export Councils, Textile Research Associations, Indian Jute Industries Research Association, National Institute of Fashion Technology, DC Handloom and Handicrafts, SAIL, National Informatics Centre, etc.*
- *Divisional Commissioner of Meerut, Garhwal, Bareilly (1992 – 1994 and 1995 – 1996). Divisions took various new initiatives highly appreciated by the public.*

Also headed eight Development Authorities and gave new directions to their activities.

- Secretary (Higher Education) and Principal Secretary (Transport) in Uttar Pradesh (1994 – 1995 and 1997 – 1998).
- Joint Secretary to Government of India in the Ministry of Shipping (1998 – 2003).

Was on the Board of Directors of Shipping Corporation of India, Cochin Shipyard, Inland Waterways Authority of India, Mumbai / Chennai Port Trusts, Kochi Stock Exchange.

In Uttaranchal (2003 to 2006)

- Principal Secretary (Education, Higher Education, Technical Education) (2003 – 2004) - Responsible for various new initiatives.
- Principal Secretary to Chief Minister (2003 – 2006)
- Additional Chief Secretary (January 2004 to October 2005) incharge of Infrastructure supervising and coordinating 16 departments, such as PWD, Irrigation, Industrial Development, IT, BT, Urban Development, Energy, Tourism, Transport, Civil Aviation, etc. Structured the Infrastructure Vision for the State and took a whole lot of new initiatives whereby the State is now on the path of steady development.

Has played an important role in the rapid industrialization of the State. Responsible for facilitating \$1000 million loan from the ADB for the State's Energy, Roads and Urban Sectors. Another \$160 million World Bank assistance lined up for the Drinking Water Sector.

- Chief Secretary of the State from October 2005 to October 2006

Was Chairman of the State Industrial Development Corporation, State Transport Corporation, Infrastructure Development Joint Ventures with IDFC, IL&FS, etc.

Proactive role and exemplary contribution made to take the newly created State of Uttaranchal forward, widely appreciated, both within and outside the State

- Working as Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development since 1st November 2006.