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**Details of Employment**

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| **Ministry of Commerce**  **Assistant Director**  **(06.10.1997-09.10.2000)** |
| Matters pertaining to the WTO Committee on Regional Trade Agreements.  In-depth analysis of trade data focusing on sector and region-specific issues; any assignment incidental to monitoring, analysis and review of India’s international trade; Assistance in drafting of the Mid-term Export Strategy document in which sector-wise and region-wise trade trends were analysed for suggesting strategies for the growth of export |
| **Ministry of Commerce**  **Deputy Director**  **(10.10.2000-27.07.2007)** |
| Matters pertaining to Preferential Trade Agreements, Free Trade Agreements, Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA), rules of origin, trade strategies and trade promotion issues including Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) – both at the border and behind the border measures including Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS), Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), Import Licensing, Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation.  The main work included formulating India’s negotiating position in Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) especially trade in goods, customs cooperation, and identification and solving issues relating to non-tariff barriers. The work also involved preparation of India’s request lists and offer lists for tariff liberalization vis-à-vis different trading partners in Free Trade Agreements in goods.  Handled sectoral analysis for identification of NTBs as well as carrying out qualitative and quantitative analysis of trade, tariff and non-tariff databases; drafted policy papers- both on technical and analytical - on WTO and RTA related matters, including analysis of trade policy of other countries and how to address trade facilitation issues. The proposals tabled by other countries were also analysed and negotiating positions prepared.  Coordinated and participated in several WTO and RTA related meetings; Participated in multilateral negotiations as well as bilateral and regional trade agreement meetings (Sri Lanka, SAPTA/SAFTA, APTA, ASEAN, BIMSTEC, Thailand, Singapore, Korea, Japan etc.) and assisted at Ministerial Level meetings/negotiations; Participated in Expert Group meetings which included discussions on trade, investment and trade facilitation, customs cooperation, SPS and TBT issues.  Designed and conducted several studies on trade and trade policy related issues, obtained feedback on such studies and analysed such inputs for finalization of negotiating strategy and trade policy making. |
| **Planning Commission**  **Deputy Advisor (Plan Coordination)**  **(30.07.2007-02.09.2008)** |
| Assigned all matters pertaining to the formulation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of Central Sector Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes; Assistance for formulating the Annual Plans and Five-Year Plans, and policies thereto.  Drafted a chapter in the Eleventh Five Year Plan document and co-ordinated the finalisation of the document by editing some Chapters.  Drafted several policy briefs, analytical notes, follow-up notes as well as Cabinet Notes.  Overall coordination for convening the meetings of National Development Council (NDC), Full Planning Commission (FPC), and Internal Planning Commission (IPC).  Matters related to Parliament and its Committees. |
| **Ministry of Shipping**  **Deputy Secretary/Director**  **(02.09.2008-31.05.2014)** |
| The main areas of work in the first two years of posting included implementation of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) policy in the port sector for capacity augmentation and development/modernisation of ports.  Conducted a detailed appraisal and analysis of the development project proposals submitted by the ports, both from a technical and financial angle. Based on appraisal, made several recommendations in respect of individual port projects.  Played an instrumental role in signing of several Concession Agreements of Major Ports with private sector players by facilitating on-time approvals. Regularly monitored and reviewed the progress of development projects, in particular, implementation of the PPP projects at the Major Ports of the country. Drafted regular progress reports for the Cabinet Secretariat and the PMO through coordination with the port authorities.  Drafted policies for port development such as the Monopoly Policy, etc. Attended to matters before the Supreme Court such as the Sethusamudram project and the petition challenging the Monopoly Policy. Encouraged implementation of the Port Community System for implementing paperless transactions at the ports. Successfully organised the Maritime States Development Council meeting at the Ministers level.  In addition, in the last 3 years of deputation in the Ministry, I handled the ship development and coordination Division which covered all matters pertaining to development of the shipping and ship-building sector including policy formulation, legislation, taxation related issues etc. Some other significant works performed during the deputation period include the following:   1. Participated in pre-budget meetings and drafted the memorandum for consideration by Ministry of Finance for tax and other incentives to the port sector, shipping and ship building sector. One of the important recommendations accepted was withdrawal of the Central Excise duty on ship-building industry. 2. Implemented the shipbuilding subsidy scheme through payment of subsidy to shipyards by a detailed scrutiny of applications for ascertaining their eligibility as per the shipbuilding policy of the Government. 3. Prepared a policy note on measures for promoting the shipbuilding industry by analyzing the challenges faced by the industry and recommending measures to provide a level playing field to the industry and enabling it to become competitive internationally. Co-ordinated industry consultations to prepare the policy note and the matter was taken up with the Committee of Secretaries. 4. Handled matters pertaining to international cooperation in the shipping sector including negotiations for bilateral Maritime Agreements with Egypt, South Korea, Malaysia etc, negotiations with European Union and EFTA countries on Market access for Maritime Transport; operationalising the Tuticorin-Colombo ferry service; initiating action for Cochin- Male ferry service etc. 5. Successfully negotiated Maritime Agreements with trading partners like EU, and EFTA countries, by maintaining cabotage policy in discussions for market access in Maritime services for promoting the Indian flag. 6. Finalized India’s position in consultation with DG(Shipping) for the committee meetings of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)like the Maritime Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) and Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) meetings etc. Paper on “Compatibility of Market Based Measures (MBMs) with WTO Rules” was finalized and submitted as India’s paper for the MEPC meeting in 2011 ; 7. Preparation of the Report of the Working Group for the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-2017) for the Shipping and Inland Waterways sector and for the Shipbuilding and Ship Repair sector and its follow-up; 8. Handled all work pertaining to Public Sector Undertakings, namely, Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL), Dredging Corporation of India including administration, budgeting and policy measures, as well as monitoring their performance.   Represented the Government of India as the Trustee on the Boards of Vishakhapatnam Port Trust, Paradip Port Trust, and Cochin Port Trust. Participated in deliberations at the Board meetings and contributed in the decision-making process in several issues for efficient and smooth functioning of the ports and their development. |
| **Department of Expenditure**  **Director (01.07.2014- 17.08.2015)** |
| Matters pertaining to appraisal and approval of Plan schemes of specified Ministries/Departments. Broad sectors for appraisal included industry, commerce, textiles, heavy industry, rural development, panchayati raj, women and child development.  Examined the proposals for Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) submitted by different Union Ministries/Departments; Drafted/provided comments of the Department on technical/financial issues, which formed the basis of appraisal. Recommendations of the EFC were finalized based on which approvals are sought by the Ministries for implementation of the schemes.  Examined Cabinet proposals on Plan schemes in detail and gave comments to the Administrative Ministries/ Departments. Implementation issues of Plan schemes were also examined based on which recommendations were given to Ministries/Departments.  In addition to the regular assigned duties, worked extensively on the rationalization of Central sector schemes through outcome mapping techniques, as a pre-budget exercise. |
| **Central Electricity Regulatory Commission**  **Chief (Economics)**  **(17.08.2015-20.9.2020)** |
| In my assignment as Chief (Economics Division) in the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, I was leading a team of economists and power market experts in monitoring the short-term power markets and assisting the Commission in facilitating the disposal of various petitions pertaining to power markets. Assigned work included scrutinising applications for inter-state trading license in respect of their capital adequacy and credit worthiness and providing inputs for orders in various cases received by the Commission. Have also provided assistance to the Commission in various adjudication matters at the Commission, inter-alia, disputes related to power purchase contracts, trading licenses, power exchanges, escalation rates for competitively bid out projects and regulatory compliance by market participants.  In addition, following tasks were carried out under my direct supervision:   1. Analysis and review of the overall scenario of the power sector in India with emphasis on competition and pricing in the sector; 2. Preparation of Monthly/ Annual Report on short-term power market in India; 3. Preparation of notifications on various escalation factors and other parameters for determination of tariff by bidding process for procurement of power by distribution licensees; 4. Preparation of Staff Paper on “Coal Price Index” to be developed by CERC; 5. Determination of escalation rate on O&M components of the fixed charges of tariff; 6. Market monitoring and surveillance : Monitoring short-term electricity market including Power Exchanges; 7. Review of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission regulations on trading margins, trading licence and power market; 8. Review of power exchanges; 9. Framing regulations on Cross border trade of electricity; 10. Implementation of National Open Access Registry, a common electronic platform for short-term open access, through Amendment in Open Access Regulations; 11. Regulating introduction of electricity derivatives in the power market; 12. Developing a portal for online submission of data by traders, power exchanges and POSOCO; 13. Developing an efficient power market design; 14. Dealing with petitions pertaining to Power Exchanges, inter-State trading licensees and escalation rates; 15. Handling additional charge of Chief (Legal) and managing court proceedings and overseeing the disposal of petitions; 16. Handling transmission tariff petitions assigned to consultants for true-up of tariff for 2014-19 tariff period and determination of tariff for 2019-24 period; 17. Allocation of Petitions received in the Commission for quick disposal; and 18. Spearheading the e-court proceedings and e-hearing through video-conferencing since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. |
| **Economic Adviser, Department of School Education & Literacy (21/09/2020 – May 2022)** |
| In my capacity as Economic Adviser, I provide policy advise to the Government on economic development issues, in line with National Education Policy 2020. I am also handling work related to developing an Educational Management Information System for ensuring availability of timely and accurate data for school education. In addition, the following works are performed by me:   1. Implementation of Aspirational Districts Programme of Government in respect of education sector for transformation of 112 identified relatively backward districts through focused interventions, to achieve SDG 4-ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education for all. Projects based on use of Information and Communication Technology such as ICT labs, smart classes etc and other infrastructural requirements of schools in Aspirational Districts are appraised and followed up for implementation under Samagra Shiksha scheme and for approval by the Empowered Committee of NITI Aayog, in which I represent the Ministry of Education. 2. Creatively developed portal for community volunteer programme: Prepared guidelines on Vidyanjali 2.0, a volunteer management programme and held several meetings with NIC as well as autonomous bodies, stakeholders including civil society organisations, to get their views on designing the programme. 3. As nodal officer of the Department, coordination for reforms with all the autonomous bodies to reduce compliance burden of citizens in the school education sector and uploading the same on Ease of Doing Business portal. 4. As administrative in charge of NIC, lead the ICT initiatives of the Department with responsibility of re-vamping the website of the Department in line with latest guidelines, implementing e-office with Autonomous bodies and all other technical data requirement developments for the sector. 5. Work related to Economic Survey and Union Budget 2021-22 and 2022-23: Conducted research based on data collected and prepared Economic Survey Chapter on Education. Also provided inputs for Budget Speech of Finance Minister. 6. Drafted a detailed implementation strategy document for planning implementation of the 10 budget announcements 2021-22 for education sector, incorporating inputs of all autonomous bodies, including an assessment of their budget requirement. 7. Webinar on “Harnessing Education, Research and Skill Development for an Atmanirbhar Bharat” held on 3-4 March 2021: Coordinated the Webinar for stakeholder consultations to implement the Budget Announcements, prepared Record of Proceedings and followed up on the recommendations for implementation. 8. Assessed the projected resource requirement for various schemes of the Department and submitted Department's request to the Fifteenth Finance Commission giving detailed justification for demand for grants to States by the Finance Commission. 9. Implementation of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Programme, a cultural exchange programme among students: Prepared revised guidelines for its implementation in November 2020 in accordance with National Education Policy with detailed reporting formats. 10. Direct Benefit Transfer related work: Regularly updating the DBT portal with regard to the DBT Schemes of the Department and following up with States for ensuring data entry.   **Major Achievements:**   1. Launched Vidyanjali 2.0 portal to connect community and volunteers to the government and government aided schools, enabling individuals, private sector and Civil Society organisations to contribute in services/ activities and/or assets/materials and equipment. 2. Significant improvement has been made in Aspirational Districts in terms of Key Performance Indicators of education through appropriate interventions under Samagra Shiksha for facilitating overall development of schools. |
| **Economic Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance(06/06/2022 – till date)** |
| As Economic Adviser (IER) in the Department, I was assigned the following roles and responsibilities during the reporting period:   1. G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG): Participating in the meetings of SFWG as country lead; Finalising the Presidency Note; Setting the agenda through Note on Agenda Priorities; formulating the Work Plan for 2023, drafting of Input Papers, meetings with the co-chairs of the Group, i.e., USA and China on finalisation of priorities of the Group and other documents; Consultations with Knowledge Partners and reviewing their inputs; briefing the press, managing overall administration and content of the Working Group. 2. G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) and Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (FMCBG) meetings: Providing inputs for discussion on Sustainable Finance and participating in G20 FCBD and FMCBG meetings, including negotiations for communique drafting. 3. Domestic outreach events for G20: Organising domestic outreach events in partnership with RBI along sidelines of the two SFWG meetings in Guwahati and Udaipur. 4. Work related to Regional economic blocks: Matters pertaining to SAARC, ASEAN, CIS regions and bilateral issues of countries in the regions. 5. Matters pertaining to Asian Clearing Union (ACU) and SAARC Currency Swap Agreement. 6. Matters pertaining to SAARC Development Fund (SDF) and participation as the Government nominee in the Board meetings. 7. Bilateral issues of Sri Lanka: Participating in meetings on Sri Lanka’s debt restructuring; Preparing briefs and conveying financing assurance of the Government of India to IMF, etc. 8. India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable: Coordination for the first India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable held in September 2022, including preparation of talking points for Hon’ble Finance Minister. 9. BIMSTEC: Matters relating to economic and financial cooperation under BIMSTEC. 10. IER Coordination:   • Overall Coordination of IER Division.  • Matters relating to RTI, grievances, eSamiksha, Parliamentary matters, updation of Webpage pertaining to IER Division.   1. Sectoral charge of Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Tribal Affairs: Attending to their proposals and other references received for comments and follow up. 2. Matters relating to Green Climate Fund and Global Environment Facility 3. All matters concerning United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) including Programmes or Projects funded out of UNDP Budget 4. All matters concerning United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) 5. Govt. of India contributions to UNDP and GEF 6. Political Focal Point for GEF 7. Briefs/ inputs for meetings of UNDP Executive Board, UN ESCAP, UNGA, etc. 8. Matters relating to Sustainable Finance 9. Work related to International Platform of Sustainable Finance (IPSF) 10. India UK Sustainable Finance Forum (IUKSFF) 11. Bilateral Development Co-operation with Government of Japan 12. Preparation of Rolling Plan for JICA ODA loan 13. Preparation of Shelf of Projects for JICA loan assistance from Japan 14. Preparation for signing of Exchange of Notes and Loan Agreements for ODA loan package 15. Completion of formalities for effectuation of projects selected for JICA ODA loan package. 16. All matters relating to the visits of Indian dignitaries to Japan and visits of Missions and foreign dignitaries to India from Japan 17. Processing of the legal opinion for JICA ODA Loan projects 18. India-Japan Strategic Dialogue on economic issues. 19. India-Japan High Level Policy consultations. 20. Grant Aid and Technical Cooperation from Japan Missions/visit from JICA for Development Study/Technical Cooperation. 21. Government of Japan’s NGOs Programmes. 22. Grassroots Funding by Government of Japan. 23. Green Aid Plan of Government of Japan 24. Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) Programme 25. Project/Ministry specific Group Training Programmes offered by JICA. 26. Parliament Questions on subjects handled in JICA Projects Section. 27. Monitoring of disbursement of ongoing JICA loan assisted projects. 28. Submission of material for Annual Report, website material and External Assistance Brochure. 29. Processing of requests of the Project Implementing Agencies for reallocation of funds and extension of the loan agreement for all JICA assisted projects. 30. Preparation of BE-RE for all ongoing JICA assisted projects. 31. Conducting high level review meetings with line ministries, state governments, project implementing authorities and JICA. 32. All ODA Loan project related overseas training programmes conducted by JICA. 33. Policy matters of Bilateral Development Cooperation with South Korea and China 34. India-Korea Finance Ministers’ Meeting 35. India – China Financial Dialogue. 36. Territorial charge of Japan, China and Korea – economic and financial matters |
| **Major Achievements:**   * As country lead of the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group, successfully conducted the meetings of the Working Group during India’s Presidency by navigating the Sustainable Finance Agenda with a focus on the needs of EMDEs. Spearheaded the developed of G20 Sustainable Finance Report by facilitating consensus among the stakeholders on the recommendations for a. mechanisms for mobilisation of timely and adequate resources for climate finance; b. enabling finance for Sustainable Development Goals; and c. capacity building of the ecosystem for financing toward sustainable development. The G20 leaders welcomed the deliverables of the working group. * During India’s G20 Presidency, a Technical Assistance Action Plan endorsed by the G20 leaders, was launched to enhance capacity-building services and tailoring them according to local needs, especially for EMDEs and SMEs; * Loan Agreements for thirteen projects amounting to record JPY 809.38 billion were signed with JICA in various sectors such as transport, road connectivity, forestry, horticulture, health, etc. * Loan agreement with Korea EXIM was signed for the Smart Modern Integrated Logistics Ecosystem (SMILE) project for USD 100 million to establish and operationalize a comprehensive policy framework to enhance logistics efficiency |