



C.G. SOMIAH
27 MARCH, 1990-11 MARCH, 1996

Shri C.G. Somiah (born on 11 March 1931) obtained his B.Sc. (Hons.) degree in Chemistry from Loyola College, Madras University. After a brief stint as a faculty of the college, Shri Somiah joined the Indian Administrative service in 1953 and was allotted to the Orissa state cadre. He held various assignments under the State Government including Commissioner, Commercial Taxes; Director of Industries; Additional Secretary (Finance); Secretary, Co-operation and Forestry; and Secretary, Home. In between these assignments, he also served under the Central Government in different capacities with emphasis on Finance.

Shri Somiah was appointed Secretary Department of Company Affairs in 1983 and as Chairman of the Company Law Board administered the Indian Companies Act and the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act. He moved over as Secretary, Planning Commission in which capacity he had the responsibility to advise the Central Government in the formulation of the Seventh Five -Year plan and also in deciding the allocation of financial resources for the various State Plans. Later, Shri Somiah was appointed as the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs administering Centre-States relationship and maintenance of law and order in the country. As Home Secretary, he led a delegation to Pakistan in 1987 to discuss terrorism and narcotics control.

In October 1988, he was appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner, the country's highest authority to advise about action to be taken against civil servants guilty of corrupt practices. He was sworn in by the President of India as the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, a constitutional appointment, in March 1990 for a period for six years. Audit being a unitary function in India, he was responsible for the financial audit of Central Government as well as 26 State governments plus 5 Union Territories.

Shri Somiah was elected to the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three year term effective from July 1993. From January 1995, he became the Chairman of the UN Board of Auditors, the first Indian to be appointed as Chairman. He was assisted by the Comptroller and Auditor General of United Kingdom and Auditor General of Ghana, the other two members of the Board. The Board was responsible for the annual audit of the United Nations and its many agencies round the world and the financial audit of the U.N. peace keeping forces.

He was elected as Chairman of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institution (ASOSAI) for a period of three years 1993-96 and was simultaneously appointed as the Chairman of the Committee on EDP (Computer) Audit by the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI). He was elected as member of the Governing body of INTOSAI at its triennial Congress held in October 1995 at Cairo. For this Congress session he was also elected as the Vice Chairman by the member countries.

Shri Somiah has been a keen sportsman and has won a number of trophies in Tennis, Badminton and Bridge tournaments. He won the South India Junior Tennis Championship in 1948, All Orissa Tennis Championship in 1956, All Orissa Badminton Championship in 1956. He is a keen golfer in his retirement.

Shri Somiah has traveled abroad extensively both officially and privately, he did his sabbatical at the Oxford University in 1974-75, having been awarded the Queen Elizabeth Fellowship.

Shri Somiah was honoured by the Karnataka State with the Rajyotsava award in November 2000.



V.K. SHUNGLU

15 MARCH 1996–14 MARCH 2002

Shri V.K. Shunglu obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Arts from St. Stephens College, University of Delhi in 1959 and a Masters Degree in History from the same University. He joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1962 and held various assignments under the State Government including Principal Secretary Finance, Commercial Taxes, and Secretary Planning. He was deputed to the Central Government and held various posts in the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Finance and Cabinet Secretariat.

Shri Shunglu was appointed as Special Secretary Power in 1993 and as Secretary, Health and Family Welfare in 1994. He was appointed Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion as well as the Department of Company Affairs in 1995. Shri Shunglu had worked in Asian Development Bank from 1985 to 1990 and was on sabbatical at the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank in 1977.

He took over as the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on March 15, 1996. He was Chairman of the INTOSAI Standing Committee on EDP Audit. He was External Auditor for UN from 1996-1999. He was member of the Governing Board of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and Secretary General of Asian Organization for Supreme Audit Institutions. He was also the External Auditor to the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) and Organization for Prevention of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and International Maritime Organization (IMO). He received Jörg Kandutsch Award from INCOSAI Secretary General Dr. Franz Fiedler in 1998 INCOSAI.



VIJAYENDRA N. KAUL
15 MARCH 2002—06 JANUARY 2008

Shri Vijayendra N. Kaul (born on 07 January 1943) has a Masters Degree in History, which he obtained in 1964 from St. Stephens' College, University of Delhi. He entered the Indian Administrative Service in 1965.

Shri Kaul has wide experience of working in various capacities under both - the State Government of Madhya Pradesh (MP), as well as under the Government of India. His assignments under the State Government included stints as Secretary in the Departments of Commerce and Industry and Finance and also as Principal Secretary in the Home Department. His last assignment under the State Government was as Principal Secretary in the Department of Finance. He also held various charges in parastatal organizations under the State Government, including the charges of Chairman of the MP State Industries Development Corporation, MP State Export Corporation, MP State Finance Corporation and the MP State Electronics Development Corporation.

Shri Kaul has held senior positions under the Government of India. These included two terms as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce. He has served on the Board of Governors of Asia Pacific Executive Forum (APEF) and on the Board of Central Public Sector Companies. His main area of expertise is International Trade and Finance. As Secretary to Government of India, Shri Kaul has served in the Ministries of Coal, Chemicals and Fertilizers, and Petroleum and Natural Gas.

As an International Civil Servant, Shri Kaul was seconded to the United Nations in 1991 and served for seven years as Advisor,

Trade Policy for Asia-Pacific Region, UN-ESCAP, Bangkok with jurisdiction over the Asia-Pacific region.

Shri Kaul is a fellow of the Economic Development Institute, World Bank and of the ODC University of Manchester, United Kingdom. He has travelled widely and his hobbies include Bridge, Tennis and Golf.

Shri Vijayendra N. Kaul took over as the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on 15th March 2002. His responsibilities in the international arena include membership of UN Panel of External Auditors and the Governing Board of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI). He also has the responsibility of steering the INTOSAI Standing Committee on EDP Audit as its Chairman. He is also the Secretary General of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI).

C&AG Kaul has been appointed External Auditor of International Agencies such as the World Tourism Organization, Madrid and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), Trieste. Among the specialized agencies in the UN System, he is responsible for the External Audit of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), London, the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), Rome and World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva. The General Assembly of the United Nations appointed C&AG V.N. Kaul as a member of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee comprising five members for a three years term of office beginning 1 January 2008.