

PROFILE OF  
DR. NITISH K. SENGUPTA

Nitish K. Sengupta is a combination of an academician, administrator and politician. Educated at Presidency College, Calcutta, Calcutta University, he passed B. A (Hons) and M. A examinations in Ist class and was gold medallist in M. A. He got his Ph.D in Management from Delhi University in 1972. He also did a post-graduate programme in Public Administration from the University of Manchester as a British Council scholar in 1962-63.

Dr. Sengupta joined the I. A. S in 1957 and had a distinguished career as a civil servant during which he held very important positions such as Revenue Secretary, Member Secretary, Planning Commission, Director-General Tourism, Controller of Capital Issues and Secretary, Department of Supply in the Government of India and Secretary, Information and Cultural Affairs and Director of Food Rationing in the Government of West Bengal. After retirement from the government in 1992 he took over as Director-General, International Management Institute, New Delhi which post he held till January 2005. He also taught as Visiting Faculty at IIMs, Calcutta and Ahmedabad, Delhi University and Administrative Staff College, Hyderabad. He is a Hony. Fellow of Indian Institute of Company Secretaries and Fellow of Indian Projects Management Association.

Dr. Sengupta held many Honorary positions such as Chairman, United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations (1981-82), Chairman, Committee on Prasar Bharati Act, (1996), Chairman Committee on Restructuring of Public Sector Petroleum Companies (1998-99). Chairman of a Committee to Recommend on Export Strategy for Steel, President, Indian Society for Cybernetics and Applied Management. Honorary Director, ICRIER and Chairman Management Development Institute. He also conducted Amarnath Yatra Tragedy Enquiry (1996). He was Non-Alignment Movement observer for the presidential election in Palestine in 1996.

Dr. Sengupta is Chairman, Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises. He is also a Member of the Second Pay Revision Committee of Public Enterprises and Member of the Expert Committee for Selecting Independent Directors for Navratna Public Sector Enterprises. Currently he is member of the Management Board of the Kendriya Sanskrit Sansthan and also Founder Chairman of Adarsha Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Contai, Member of the Court of Banaras Hindu University, Member of the Court of Pondicherry University as a nominee of the Central Government.

Dr. Sengupta is a versatile author. He won the best book award in Management from Delhi Management Association. His books include: Unshackling of Indian Industry, Changing Patterns of Corporate Management, Government and Business, India's International Trade since Independence, History of Bengali Speaking People, Strategic management-Vision of the Future. My Times: A Civil Servant Remembers. Bengal Divided: Unmaking of a Nation. Biography of Dr. B. C. Roy and Land of Two Rivers : History of Bengal from Mahabharata to Mujib. Has authored innumerable research articles and monographs.

Dr. Sengupta joined politics in 1996 and was elected as M.P to the 13th Lok Sabha (1999-2004). He was elected as member of the Public Accounts Committee, Petitions Committee, and Standing Committee for Ministry of Railways and Consultative Committee for Ministry of Finance.

Dr. Sengupta has served as Resource Person/ Faculty in a number of U.N-sponsored seminars held at Beijing, Moscow, Singapore, Turin, Bangkok, Seoul, Mumbai and other places on public enterprise reform and developing private sector initiative. Took a leading role as Indian representative in the U. N negotiations on a Code of Conduct for the Trans National Corporations (1979-84). Is widely travelled all over the world.