

## **Ashok Kumar Gupta**

Ashok Kumar Gupta is a 1981 Batch IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre. He has had an illustrious career of 40 years in public service spanning across sectors from industry, finance, health to defence production. Prior to joining the Commission, he has held several key positions in the Central Govt., such as Secretary to the Government of India in the Deptt. of Defence Production, where he was responsible for liberalising the licencing regime and FDI policy. Previously, he held several positions in the Ministries of Health, Heavy Industries, Shipping, MSME, Commerce & Industry. While posted as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Health, he was dealing with matters relating to International Cooperation, World Bank and WHO projects. He was instrumental in formulating several Govt. policies such as Automobile Policy, Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana, 'Make' Procedure in defence procurement and establishing Vardhman Mahavir Medical College, Delhi. He has extensive experience in Industry, has headed and turned around State Public Sector Units and served on the Boards of Central and State PSUs such as Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Heavy Engineering Corporation, Tamil Nadu Cements and many others. Before moving to the Centre, he held various positions with the Tamil Nadu Govt. Some of his appointments include, CMD, Tamil Nadu Cements, Special Secretary (Finance) and Distt. Magistrate, Villupuram. A gold medallist in Mechanical Engineering from Delhi University, he also holds a Post-Graduate degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University (USA) and an M.Phil. degree in Defence and Strategic Studies from Madras University.