

PROFILE OF SHRI APURVA CHANDRA, IAS UNION HEALTH SECRETARY



Shri Apurva Chandra assumed the charge of Office of Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India on 2nd January, 2024.

Shri Apurva Chandra joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1988 and belongs to the Maharashtra Cadre. A Civil Engineer, Shri Chandra obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and Masters in Structural Engineering from IIT Delhi. He has long experience of dealing with issues relating to industries while working in the Government of Maharashtra and the Government of India.

Prior to joining MoHFW, Shri Apurva Chandra was Secretary of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. He spearheaded the Ministry's key policy issues on matters related to outreach, broadcasting, stakeholder partnership and collaboration with the Media and Entertainment Sector.

Shri Chandra has worked as Principal Secretary (Industries) in Government of Maharashtra for over four years from 2013 to 2017. During this period, Maharashtra led the country in attracting FDI and other investments. Shri Chandra was instrumental in a slew of new policies like electronic policy, retail policy, a single-window policy to attract new investments. The first smart industrial township under the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) was operationalised at Aurangabad under the leadership of Shri Chandra. During this tenure, leading industrial players like General Electric, General Motors, Volkswagen, Mercedes, Fiat Chrysler, Mahindra, Posco, Emerson, LG, Haier etc. invested in Maharashtra

Shri Chandra has spent several years in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Ministry of Defence in the Government of India. During his stint as DG (Acquisition) in Ministry of Defence, he was instrumental in bringing out the Defence Acquisition Policy, 2020 which laid emphasis on indigenization of weapon systems.

Shri Chandra has also chaired the Governing Body of ILO during the difficult period of Covid.