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Minister (Agriculture) and Alternate Permanent Representative



Dr. Bommakanti Rajender joined as Minister (Agriculture) on 17/01/2019 at Embassy of India, Rome and he is the Alternate Permanent Representative of India to FAO, WFP and IFAD. Dr. Rajender is also member of Bureau of Committee on Food Security (CFS), member of Steering Committee of International Year of Plant Health and International Year of Fruits and Vegetables. He is also the member of Evaluation Committee of IFAD.

Prior to this, he was Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India from 2016-18 looking after the National Food Security, National Plant Protection Authority and National Seeds Sector.

He is the Indian Administrative Service officer selected in 1995. He has wide experience at both provincial and federal Governments. He was also the head of National Plant Protection Authority in India and played a major role in market access with several countries including EU, USA and he was monitoring pesticides registration, codex and bio-security matters.

As a National Mission Director of National Food Security Mission, played a significant role in enhancing record food grain production of 284 million tons in the year 2017-18. He worked as a Director, Agriculture, Director, Animal Husbandry and Director, Horticulture, Managing Director of Seed Corporation and Administrator of Agricultural Marketing Board in the State Government of Bihar. He also served as District Magistrate for over 9 years in six districts including the capital district of Patna in Bihar.

He led delegations from Ministry of Agriculture to Australia, Russia, Malaysia, Thailand, Rwanda, USA, UK, China, Philippines.

He worked as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India from March 2015-July 2016, looking after policy and planning of water resources in the country. He worked as Secretary, Rural Infrastructure (Roads), Urban Development, Finance, Industries in the State Government of Bihar.

He holds Master's and Doctorate in Plant Pathology from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and a graduate in Agriculture from Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Hyderabad. He has wide experience in grassroot level administration, policy planning, disaster management, implementation of several schemes of agriculture, rural development and infrastructure both at provincial and federal Governments.

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