

Shri. Vinay Mittal

Born on June 20, 1953 at Saharanpur (Uttar Pradesh), Shri Vinay Mittal, was an alumnus of Doon School, Dehradun and St. Stephen's College, Delhi from where he did his B.A. (Hons.) – English Literature, and he also subsequently studied Law from Delhi University.

A 1975 Batch Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer, Shri Vinay Mittal, was the Chairman, Railway Board (CRB) and Ex-officio Principal Secretary to the Government of India till June 30, 2013. During his long career spanning 38 years, Shri Mittal held various key positions in the Indian Railways. As CRB he was the Head of the apex level decision making body of Indian Railways and his responsibilities entailed overseeing the working and performance of 17 Zonal Railways, 7 Production Units, 1 Research Organization and 1 Premier Educational Institute for training of Group A Officers. As Chairman, Railway Board, Shri Mittal provided strategic leadership and direction in the running of the Indian Railway system professionally, policy formulation and planning covering all aspects of Railway working, induction and assimilation of technologies, development of Railways' vast human resource of a work force of almost 1.4 million, positioning of key senior level functionaries and their teams to ensure accomplishment of Corporate objectives, goals and targets; as also presiding over Departmental Promotion Committees for empanelment of incumbents to HAG level officers in the Railways. In the capacity of Chairman, Railway Board Shri Mittal was the interface with the higher bureaucracy of the Government of India, including PMO, Cabinet Secretariat and the Planning Commission. He represented the Ministry of Railways in various Inter-Ministerial Groups, Committees of Secretaries and other such high level forums. Shri Mittal also contributed significantly to the effective fulfillment of sectoral requirements of various Ministries/ Departments.

As Chairman, Railway Board, Shri Mittal also held the position of Ex-Officio Chairman of the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd (DFCCIL), which has been set up for constructing the two iconic high technology freight corridors of over 3000 kms on the Eastern and Western flanks of the country being attempted on a scale of this magnitude for the first time in India. During Shri Mittal's tenure the Project witnessed significant progress including completion of over 90% Land acquisition, issue of almost all the required environmental and forest clearances, as also award of the World Bank aided major civil construction contract for the 343 kms portion from Khurja to Kanpur on the Eastern Corridor, and JICA aided 641 kms Rewari-Iqbalgarh Western Corridor.

It was largely due to Shri Mittal's efforts that all the PSUs, under the Ministry of Railways, except DFCCIL and IRFC, were granted full functional autonomy with redesignation of their Heads of Office as Chairman-cum-Managing Directors which facilitated substantial autonomy in these Organisations. Shri Mittal was the recipient of the prestigious Railway Minister's Award (MR Award) in 1981 for outstanding performance at all India level. He was awarded Certificate in Transport Management and Containerization by University of Wales, College of Cardiff, UK in 1992, and was also conferred Best Project Award by Department of Maritime Studies and International Transport. When he was the General Manager of the North Western Railway during 2009-2011 the Zonal Railway was able to achieve significant improvements in all the operational and infrastructural parameters and was consequently awarded 5 inter-railway Shields in the

National Awards for outstanding services – 2011, conferred on an all India Zonal Railway basis, during the 56th Railway Week.

Shri Mittal visited USA, China and other countries on several occasions as a part of the Indian delegations deputed to undertake various high level studies on various aspects of railway technology and working. He has also undergone various trainings in USA, U.K and France.

He was appointed Member, UPSC on 8th August 2013.