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#### **BRIEF PROFILE**

S. N. Gupta, Born 1957, graduated with Hons, in EC Engineering in 1979 from Kurukshetra, University, INDIA. From 1979 to 1980 he completed his post graduation in Electronics Design Technology at CEDT, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and was appointed as Project Manager of ETDC complex of HARTRON. In 1981 he joined Wireless Planning and Coordination Wing of Ministry of Communication and was posted as Officer-in-charge of Wireless Monitoring Station, Srinagar and Secretary, Regional Advisory Committee of SACFA for J&K and HP.

In 1983 he joined IRSSE Cadre of Western Railway. Since 1985 to 1989 he held various positions on that Railway including one-year tenure as Senior Project Manager for Passenger Reservation Computerisation System at Bombay. From 1989 to 1994 he worked with Indian Railways Institute for Signal Engineering & Telecom as a faculty for signalling, Telecom and Computers. At this centre he was involved in developing and conducting courses in advanced Telecommunication technologies for senior Railway officers from India and Abroad.

Since August 94 he worked with IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED as Additional GM and was involved in the execution of optical fibre and other projects dealing with modern telecommunication systems at National and International level.

Up to August, 2000, he was Heading IRCON's first "BUILD-OWN-OPERATE" based Optical Fiber Project between Mumbai and Delhi and also the ISP Project.

Till Nov.2006, he worked as Principal Advisor with Telecom Regulatory Authority of India at the level of Additional Secretary and headed the Fixed Network Division incl. Interconnection, IN, IPLC, ILDO, NLDO. Earlier he headed Converged Network Division dealing with Regulatory, Technical and Economic aspects of Data Networks and Services including VOIP, Internet Services, IPv6, Broadband, e-Governance, Internet Governance, QOS and NGN. He was also a member of various task forces of Govt. dealing with implementation of Broadband, e-Governance, Internet Governance, Broadband over Power Lines and IPv6.

Mr. Gupta was awarded the Minister of Railways award for the outstanding performance during 1995-96.

He retired as a Major from Railways Engineers Territorial Army and is also a Grade I Radio Amateur.

He is widely traveled abroad to Europe and Asia being Chairman of various Experts' Groups of Asia Pacific and South East Asia in the field of VOIP, Internet Telephony, ICT and Domain Names. He was also deputed as an ITU expert on an UNDP assignment on Internet Exchange and International VOIP Gateway and IP based Interconnect Exchange for Bangladesh. He was also a member of NGN Regulation review group of ITU. Recently he completed his Masters in Telecom Policy and Regulation as an ITU Scholar from University of West Indies through e-learning.

He is a Fellow and Chartered Engineer of Institution of Electronics and Telecom Engineers, India. He is also a Life Member of Institution of Railway Signal and Telecom Engineers & Vice-President and Trustee of PTC India Foundation. He is elected as Vice President of ISP association of India and Advisor to OSP Association of India. He is the founder President of ACTO, an Industry body of Carriers and member of National ICT Committees of ASSOCHAM, CII and FICCI. He is also elected as the Jt. Secretary of APT-ITU Foundation of India.

He has been included in "Asia-Africa – Men & Women of Achievement" by Reguerdon, Malaysia & was nominated for 2006 MAN OF THE YEAR by American Biographical Institute.

Presently, he is working with BT Global Services as Chief Regulatory Advisor for India & SAARC, dealing with Regulatory, Licensing, Competition and Government Affairs.