

## **Short CV of Dr. Harsha Vardhan Singh**

### **Education:**

B.A. (Honours) in Economics and M.A. in Economics from Delhi University  
M. Phil and Ph. D. in Economics from University of Oxford, UK

Rhodes Scholar from India, 1979

### **Employment:**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2005: Deputy Director General, WTO, Geneva. His responsibilities include areas of Agriculture, Services, Trade and Environment, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, and Technical Barriers to Trade.

June 1997 to September 2005: Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), first as Economic Advisor, TRAI (four years) and then as Secretary TRAI (four years). In charge of all aspects as Secretary, including policy making, procurement and other administrative matters.

Was key part of the initiative to reform and improve the telecom sector in India. Also involved in all interactions of TRAI with national and international agencies/bodies, including multilateral agencies, regulatory bodies, the relevant bodies in the Government and the Indian Parliament; Member/Chair of a number of High Level Committees to address various policy issues; served as Chair of Dispute Settlement Panels of the WTO; member of some trade advisory committees of the Indian government.

June 1985 to June 1997: GATT/WTO Secretariat, Geneva. Served in various parts of the organization, including the Office of the WTO Director General, Trade and Environment and Technical Barriers to Trade, Rules, Trade Policy Review, and Economic Research and Analysis.

In addition to regular work of the GATT/WTO Secretariat, also worked as secretary of Dispute Settlement Panels; serviced the Uruguay Round negotiations on Safeguards and Subsidies; interacted with other agencies, and performed a range of other activities in the Director General's office including co-ordination of in-house activities and those involving other multilateral organizations.

Consultant to various organizations such as the ILO, UNCTAD, World Bank, and Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (Ministry of Industry, Government of India).

Appointed Adjunct Professor in the Centre for International Legal Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University for a period of two years with effect from the Monsoon Semester 2009. Earlier was honorary Professor at the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), and Visiting Faculty at the TERI School of Advanced Studies for their M.A. in Regulatory Studies.