



### **Mr Ashish Bahuguna**

Mr. Ashish Bahuguna was appointed to the Indian Administrative Service in July, 1978 and retired in February, 2015 on superannuation. He has worked in the State Governments of West Bengal and Rajasthan, as well as in the Government of India, in various capacities in the fields of agriculture, rural development, education, textiles, tourism and financial management. He has about 20 years of experience of working in the food and agriculture sector in, both, the Central Government and the State Government and has held the posts of Joint Secretary, Additional Secretary, Special Secretary and Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture in the Government of India. Post retirement, he was appointed for a period of three years as Chairman, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India till July, 2018. Currently, he is a Public Interest Director on the Board of National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Ltd and also a member of the Board of Consumer Voice, an NGO dedicated to protecting the rights of consumers. He is also a Trustee of the Mobius Foundation, an NGO dedicated to promoting education for sustainable development.

He has been intimately involved in the development and implementation of policies, programmes and schemes in all the sectors He has worked in with the active collaboration of other stakeholders viz industry, ngos and other departments of the Government. He also had the opportunity of working with several international multilateral organisations such as FAO, UNDP, WTO, ESCAP and IJO and has served on the Board of ICRISAT, an international agricultural research institute. He also has experience in negotiating bilateral and multilateral trade and other pacts on behalf of the Indian Government. He is, therefore, well qualified to work with disparate groups to forge common cause and consensus to the satisfaction of all stakeholders.