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Desh Deepak Verma takes over as new Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha

Desh Deepak Verma has assumed the office of Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha with effect from 1 September 2017.

The Vice-President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha had appointed Shri Desh Deepak Verma, IAS (UP:1978) till recently Chairman, U.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission, Lucknow as the Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha in the rank and status of Cabinet Secretary.

Shri Verma, earlier retired from the post of Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India, in June, 2013, also worked as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Director General, Sports Authority of India.

During his professional career, he occupied top positions in the State Government of U.P. as Principal Secretary in key Departments of Commercial Taxes, Registration, Transport, Cooperatives and Tourism. **He was District Magistrate of four important districts namely, Almora, Aligarh, Bareilly and Agra. Subsequently, he occupied the post of Divisional Commissioner, Allahabad and Lucknow divisions. Thus, he occupied the position of District Magistrate/Commissioner in five out of top ten most sensitive districts of Uttar Pradesh. As Commissioner, Lucknow, he was decorated during the Republic Day parade for the outstanding contribution to the settlement of more than 20 years old Shia-Sunni dispute in Lucknow.**

Shri Verma has also represented India in several UN Conventions. He organised a number of Parliamentary Delegations to different parts of the world during his tenure as Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Shri Verma is a post graduate in Physics from Allahabad University and an MBA from Australia in International Business. He has keen interests in oratory, dramatics, poetry, sports and music.