

VINOD KOTWAL

**Member Secretary,
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Profile

Vinod Kotwal is a seasoned policy and regulatory expert with extensive experience in government administration, financial management, and regulatory affairs. He currently serves as the **Member Secretary at the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)**, where he plays a crucial role in pharmaceutical pricing and policy regulation in India.

With a distinguished career spanning multiple sectors, he has contributed significantly to the **telecom, healthcare, finance, and food safety** domains. His expertise in business strategy, team management, and strategic planning has helped shape key regulatory policies at the national level.

Professional Experience

Vinod Kotwal has held several leadership positions across government institutions. Since **June 2020**, he has been leading the **NPPA**, ensuring fair and affordable drug pricing while maintaining industry stability.

Prior to this, he served as **Deputy Director General (DDG) in the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)** from **May 2017 to June 2020**, overseeing key telecom policies and financial regulations. His tenure at **the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) as Advisor (Finance & Economic Analysis)** (April 2015 – April 2017) was instrumental in formulating economic and financial strategies for the telecom sector.

His expertise extends to food safety regulations, where he served as **Director (Codex) at the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** (July 2012 – April 2015), contributing to national and international food safety standards. He also worked as **Director at the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister** (September 2011 – July 2012), providing economic policy guidance at the highest level of governance.

Additionally, Kotwal held the position of **Director in the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) from 2004 to 2008**, managing telecom financial policies and regulatory matters.

Education & Academic Credentials

Vinod Kotwal holds a **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Regulatory Studies** from the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi**, with a focus on regulatory frameworks and governance. His academic background reflects a deep engagement with law, finance, and policy:

- **Master of Laws (LL.M) in Banking, Corporate, Finance, and Securities Law** – National Law University, Delhi
- **Post-Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights Law (PGDIPRL)** – National Law School of India University, Bangalore
- **M.Phil & Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Administration** – Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), specializing in food regulatory systems

- **Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance and Financial Management Services** – Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi

Areas of Expertise

- Telecom Policy and Regulation
- Pharmaceutical Pricing and Healthcare Policy
- Financial & Economic Analysis
- Regulatory Frameworks in Food Safety
- Strategic Planning and Business Strategy