

VINOD KOTWAL

**Additional Secretary,
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Government of India**

Profile

Vinod Kotwal is a seasoned policy and regulatory expert with extensive experience in government administration, financial management, and regulatory affairs. She currently serves as the **Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.**

With a distinguished career spanning multiple sectors, she has contributed significantly to the **telecom, healthcare, finance, and food safety** domains. Her 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.

Prior to this, she has been leading the **NPPA**, ensuring fair and affordable drug pricing while maintaining industry stability. She also 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. Her 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.

Her expertise extends to food safety regulations, where she 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. She 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, Dr. Kotwal held the position of **Director in the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) from 2004 to 2008**, managing telecom financial policies and regulatory matters.

Education s 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. Her 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 s 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 C Economic Analysis
- Regulatory Frameworks in Food Safety
- Strategic Planning and Business Strategy