Profile of Shri Rakesh Goyal

Shri Rakesh Goyal (born on 5th March 1972) is currently holding the post of Member (Hydro), Central Electricity Authority and Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India. He belongs to 1997 batch of Central Power Engineering Services (CPES) Group 'Á' Cadre.

He did his B.Tech (Hons.) in Electrical Engineering from IIT Kharagpur. He also holds Masters of Public Affairs (MPA) from Hubert H Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA.

He has over 32 years of distinguished experience across the entire power sector (including 4 years in Thermal Power plant at Bhilai Steel plant)—spanning thermal, hydro, pumped storage, Power System, Grid operation, legal and regulatory reforms. A proven leader with a rare blend of deep technical expertise, public policy insight, and strategic administrative acumen, dedicated to strengthening India's Power sector.

Prior to joining as Member (Hydro), he had spear headed various divisions of CEA including Hydro project appraisal division (HPA), Power system Planning appraisal Division (PSPA), Operation performance Monitoring Division (OPM), Human Resource development division (HRD), International Cooperation and Coordination (IC&C) apart from being Secretary to the Authority. During his tenure as CE/Secretary, he has taken number of initiatives like Techno-economic appraisals and concurrences of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), formulated/streamlined DPR clearance guidelines, Guidelines for Enabling Infrastructure, formulating CEA guidelines for recognition of training institutes, developing competency-based curricula for engineers, supervisors, and technicians across the power sector, and implementing certification frameworks for Load Despatchers under the CEA (Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2023. He also Developed analytical tools for Annual generation targets, energy accounting, and commercial settlement mechanisms including development of in-house software for Availability Based tariff (ABT) which has now evolved to Deviation Settlement Mechanism (DSM) during the initial period of his career.

As Convener, National Committee on Transmission (NCT) facilitated strategic approvals for transmission systems primarily dedicated to large-scale green energy evacuation. He has contributed significantly as Member of various other committees such as National Committee on Dam Safety of MoWR, Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of MoEF&CC.

He has also worked for 5 years in Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) including one-year foreign training (USA) under Domestic Funding of foreign Training (DFFT) program of DOPT

Academically he has received various accolades including National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) Scholarship as well as Merit holder (3rd position in Class XII)) from Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education.