

PRESS NOTE

SHRI AJAY KUMAR BHALLA TAKES OVER AS CMD, ITPO

Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of 1984 batch of Assam-Meghalaya, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce took over as the Chairman and Managing Director of the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) in addition to his existing charge w.e.f. July 03, 2015.



Shri Bhalla also served as Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India from January 08, 2015 to April 12, 2015 and worked as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal and Government of India with effect from 1st July 2010. In this capacity, he handled disinvestment of Coal India Ltd., various policy issues including auction of coal mines.

As Joint Secretary (April 2005 - May 2007) in the Department of Shipping, he looked after Port Development, Port Operations, HRD matters relating to Major Ports. He was instrumental in finalization of a new Model Concession Agreement and Tariff Policy for PPP Projects in Port Sector. As Director (Ports) in the Department of Shipping, Government of India (May 2002 - March 2005), he looked after the port operations and HRD matters of all the major ports in the country. Earlier, he has worked in various capacities in the State Governments as well as Central Government.

Shri Bhalla holds an MBA Degree from University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. He is an M.Sc. (Botany) from University of Delhi and M.Phil (Social Sciences) Punjab University.
