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In CEA, he worked in various capacities starting from Assistant Director and rose to the level of Chief Engineer, prior to his retirement in February 2016. During his career, he has handled important portfolios like Chief (Engineering) in CERC (2013-2016) and Director (Operation Monitoring) and Director (Transmission) in MoP (2005-12). In CERC, Mr. Saxena was responsible for setting of norms for tariff of Inter-State Generating Stations (ISGSs) and Inter State Transmission System (ISTS), and their tariff determination, amendment/framing and regulations in respect of Indian Electricity Grid Code, Deviation Settlement Mechanism, Point of Connection tariff for ISTS, Open Access, Grant of Transmission Licenses and Trading Licenses and issues related to open access, grid security and grid discipline, etc. In CERC, he headed a Task Force for giving inputs for framing draft regulations for Transmission Planning and was a member/convener of Task Forces/Committees. In CEA, he worked in techno-economic appraisal of and establishment of load dispatch centres in the country and grid management. In the MoP he has handled work related to monitoring of operation of electricity grids and electricity generation, power supply position in the country, allocation of power to states for managing shortages and emergencies, short term fuel management for thermal power stations, crisis and disaster management plan, transmission related issues etc.

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