

## **About Biraj Patnaik**

Biraj Patnaik is the Principal Adviser to the Commissioners of the Supreme Court. He works closely with the Commissioners in discharging their mandates i.e., communicate issues and concerns relevant to food entitlements and articulate policy demands with concerned authorities to augment the implementation of Orders relevant to the right to food case; and make state visits, conduct inquiries, and verify complaints on the compliance of said Orders. Also, Patnaik works intimately with States Advisers to oversee the performance of food schemes on the ground. Moreover, he serves as the overall in-charge of the day-to-day manning of the Commissioners Secretariat.

Patnaik, as well, currently assists the Central Vigilance Committee on the PDS. He is appointed by the Indian Supreme Court in an honorary capacity. Patnaik, has been a member of a number of Committees of the Planning Commission, the Government of India and State Governments on food, health care and public sector reforms.