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Mr. Nepal Chandra Sarker was appointed as Information Commissioner under Section 15(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2009 by the Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Accordingly he joined the Commission on September 16, 2014.

After retirement from govt. service and before joining as Information Commissioner, Mr. Sarker was associated as Advisor/Consultant with various non-governmental organizations in Bangladesh for a period of about 2 years in the matters related to implementation of Right to Information in Bangladesh.

As a member of Bangladesh Civil Service (Administration Cadre) belonging to 1981 batch, Mr. Sarker served the Government of Bangladesh for about 31 years from 1981 to 2012. He was the founding Secretary of the Information Commission, Bangladesh. Among his colourful achievements in the Commission important ones include organising the office of the Commission at the present location and framing of Rules and Regulations for conducting the business of the Information Commission. During his service tenure at the central level he worked in various capacities, such as Member of the Land Appeal Board (Additional Secretary to the Government), Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Shipping, Deputy Secretary of Economic Relations Division and Deputy Director of the Bureau of Anti Corruption. In the field level he served as Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate (Thakurgaon), Additional District Magistrate (Manikganj), Additional Deputy Commissioner (Kurigram), Secretary of Zilla Parishad (Meherpur), Upzila Nirbahi Officer (Pirganj, Gobindaganj and Mathbaria), Trying Magistrate (Lalmonirhat), Upazila Magistrate (Mohanpur) and Assistant Commissioner & Magistrate (Jamalpur Collectorate & Civil Officers' Training Academy).

Mr. Sarker participated in various in-service trainings and workshops on Land Administration and Management, Planning and Project Management, Computer and IT Awareness, Budgeting & Accounting System in related institutions. At the higher level he underwent 43rd Senior Staff Course, Managing At the Top Training (MATT), First Policy Planning & Management Course in Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre.

He participated in the Executive Development Programme in Central Officials Training Institute, South Korea; Expenditure Policy & Management Course in IMF Regional Training Institute, Singapore; Study Tour under the 43rd Senior Staff Course in the Institute of Professional Development, Open University, Malaysia; Managing Change in Singapore Public Service in Civil Service College, Singapore; RTI Study Tour to the USA under the auspices of USAID and PROGATI, Bangladesh; 3rd Commonwealth RTI Programme, New Delhi arranged by Commonwealth Secretariat and ISTM, New Delhi; RTI Workshop in Kathmandu arranged by Asia Foundation, Nepal and Asia Foundation, Bangladesh.

He visited Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong, China, South Korea, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Sweden and the United States of America under different official capacities.

Mr. Sarker did his Graduation with Honours and Master in Accounting from the University of Dhaka with high flyers. He also did LL.B from National University, Bangladesh.

He was born in Tangail on March 05, 1954. He is married and blessed with two sons.