

Biography of Dr. Rakesh Mohan

Rakesh Mohan has been the Director General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research in New Delhi since 1996. He is also a member of the Tariff Authority for Major Ports, Member of the Board of Governors of the Institute of Economic Growth, Director of the Infrastructure Development Finance Company Limited (IDFC), director of the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Member of the Local Advisory Board of the Dresdner Bank.

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Previously, he served as Economic Advisor to the Government of India for the Ministry of Industry (1988-1996) where he played a major role in the formulation of the New Industrial, Trade and foreign Investment Policies.

He earned his B.Sc. (electrical engineering) at the Imperial college of Science and Technology, University of London; B.A. (Economics) at Yale University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics at Princeton University. He is author of three books on urban economics and urban development and co-author of one on Indian economic policy reforms and of numerous articles.