

Gujarat: Arvind Agrawal appointed as Gujarat State Fertilisers and Chemical Limited CMD

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Additional chief secretary, finance, Arvind Agrawal, who missed becoming chief secretary, has been transferred and appointed chairman and managing director of Gujarat State Fertilisers and Chemical Limited (GSFC). A 1984-batch officer, Agrawal is the senior most IAS officer in the state, while the new chief secretary, Anil Mukim, is junior to him by one year, a 1985-batch officer.

A notification issued by the general administration department on Friday said Agrawal will continue as GSFC CMD for one year from the date of assuming charge, or until further orders.

The state government, meanwhile, did not name his successor in the finance department, leading to widespread speculation about this key government department.

Agrawal is scheduled to retire in April 2020, and has less than six months of service left.

It may be said that Arvind Agrawal had stopped attending office from November 30, after he was superseded by Anil Mukim in the race for the chief secretary's post.

There have been instances in the past, where officers have superseded others in becoming chief secretary. In these cases as well, the officers superseded, were transferred to positions outside the secretariat, mainly to head companies owned by the state government.