

## Bio of Ashok Dalwai

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1. Ashok Dalwai as member of Indian Administration Service (1984) has served the States of Odisha & Karnataka, and has been with Govt. of India since 2010.
2. He is presently serving as CEO of National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, in the rank of Secretary to Govt.
3. Dr. Dalwai is a student of agricultural sciences with post-graduation in Agril. Economics and Ph.D in Economics.
4. Apart from holding several positions in his career at field and policy formulation levels, Dr. Dalwai has contributed immensely to effecting several reforms. Some of the important ones include:
  - An Integrated Ten Year (1992-93 to 2001-02) Perspective Plan for Land and Water Management, Kalahandi district, Odisha
  - Contributions to the 'First Agriculture Policy of Odisha State' 1997
  - First Textile Policy of Karnataka State, 2003
  - Self Assessment Scheme (SAS) for Assessment of Property Tax for the City of Bangalore (subsequently adopted across the country)
  - Model Agriculture Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2017 [APLMC Act, in short]
  - Model Contract Farming and Services (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2018
  - Guidelines for Gramin Rural Agriculture Markets (GrAMs)
5. As Chairman of Inter-Ministerial Committee on Doubling Farmers' Income (DFI), his 14 Volume Report is recognized as one of the most comprehensive and evidence based strategies. Dr. Dalwai has now been tasked to supervise DFI implementation as Chairman of Empowered Body.
6. In recognition of his services, Dr. Dalwai has won several awards, including conferment of 'Honorary Doctorate' by his *alma mater*, the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka.