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1. He assumed charge of his office on October 25.
2. He took charge on October 1 on retirement of Shri Shyam Saran.
3. He succeeded Shri Rajiv Sikri.
4. He succeeded Mrs. Shashi Tripathi.
5. He took over from Shri Atish Sinha who retired on November 30.
6. He took over from Shri Sunil Lal.

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