

## **Inaugural Address by Mr P K Basu, Secretary, Agriculture**

The Secretary Mr P K Basu while inaugurating the Workshop was highly enthusiastic that this critical issue is being jointly addressed by all stakeholders and he shall keenly look forward to the Proceedings and Recommendations of the Workshop personally. He was also full of praise for the organizers to make this happen and provide all experts a platform to debate this complex issue. He emphasized on need to educate all the players in the field i.e. Industry, Regulators, Farmers, People in the lab & field. He highlighted the issues being faced by Indian exports of agriculture commodities because of the MRLs. He emphasized an **“Open Dialogue”** to solve the industry problems with special reference to MRLs. He profusely thanked Dr R K Srivastava and his team members from Ministry of Health (MOH) for streamlining the MRL establishment process.