

**BIO-DATA OF SHRI L. MANSINGH, CHAIRPERSON,  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS REGULATORY BOARD  
INDIA**

Shri L. Mansingh belonged to the 1970 batch of the Indian Administrative Service of the Gujarat cadre. His last assignment prior to superannuation was Secretary to Government of India in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs from 01.06.2004 to 31.10. 2006. In this assignment, he was responsible for all consumer-related issues, internal trade including futures trading, commodities exchanges, monitoring of prices of essential commodities and ensuring adequate availability of these commodities. Standards setting and conformity assessment through Bureau of Indian Standards was also part of the responsibilities.

2. Prior to the present assignment, Shri Mansingh was Director General of Foreign Trade for the period from August, 2002 to May, 2004. During his tenure, the reform process in this area was carried forward through total simplification of the EXIM Policy and the procedures to make it exporter friendly with adoption of infotech. DGFT Head Office became ISO 9200 certified with all Zonal and Regional Offices initiating the process of getting certified.

3. In his first stint with Government of India, Shri Mansingh was Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce looking after engineering and project exports. In his second stint from 1987-1992, he was Joint Secretary (Industrial Policy) in the Department of Industrial Development in charge of Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (SIA). As such, he was directly responsible for the implementation of the New Industrial Policy, 1991 which started the process of liberalization.

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4. In Government of Gujarat, Shri Mansingh has worked in various capacities, most of which have been in areas of finance, investment promotion and industrial development and management of large projects. He has occupied posts such as Director (Institutional Finance); Secretary (Economic Affairs); Managing Director, Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam; Industries Commissioner; Managing Director, Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation and Principal Secretary of Industries & Mines Department. He was also the Member-Secretary of the State Finance Commission with a broad TOR encompassing the role of the State Government in a liberalized economic environment, which submitted its report in April, 1994. As such, Shri Mansingh has direct involvement and experience in formulation and implementation of reform process in both the State and the Central levels. He was given the special assignment of relief and rehabilitation following the Kutch Earth-quake of 2001 as Chief Co-ordinator Relief and Rehabilitation.

5. He has been appointed as the Chairperson of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2007, with a tenure of 5 years.

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