

## **C.V. of Sri P.C. PARAKH**

Sri P. C. Parakh was born at Jodhpur in Rajasthan in 1945. He graduated from University of Rajasthan in 1963 and took his M.Sc., (Tech) in Applied Geology from the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (formerly University of Roorkee) in 1966. He was awarded Chancellor's Gold Medal for standing first in the M.Sc. (Tech) program. He received Masters Degree in Fiscal Studies from University of Bath (UK) in 1986.

After working for a few years as a Mining Geologist in National Mineral Development Corporation and Hindustan Copper Limited, two major Public Sector mining companies, Sri Parakh joined Indian Administrative Service in 1969 and was allotted to Andhra Pradesh cadre.

Mr. Parakh worked as Sub Collector, Joint Collector, District Collector etc., in different Districts of the State, and in the Departments of Civil Supplies, Land Reforms and Commercial Taxes at Hyderabad, before joining as Director in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, in 1983. While working with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas he handled Marketing and Exploration Divisions of the Ministry.

After return to the services of State Government in 1988, Mr. Parakh worked as Secretary, Industries, Managing Director, Godavari Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd., Managing Director, A.P. Electronics Development Corporation, Commissioner of Industries, Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Principal Secretary,

Department of Public Enterprises, Principal Secretary, Backward Class Welfare Department and Special Chief Secretary and Chief Commissioner of Land Administration.

During his long stewardship of Industries Department, Mr. Parakh organized very successful investment campaigns of the then Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh to South East Asia, U.K and U.S.A. These campaigns made Andhra Pradesh in general and Hyderabad in particular as a major destination for IT and Infrastructure. As Principal Secretary of the Department of Public Enterprises he was responsible for public sector restructuring and privatization of a number of State Level Public Enterprises in Andhra Pradesh under a DFID (U.K.) sponsored programme. As Special Chief Secretary and Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, he took several steps to introduce Information Technology in management of Land Records.

In March 2004, Mr. Parakh returned to the Government of India as Secretary of the Ministry of Coal. During his tenure as Secretary of Coal Ministry, several new initiatives were taken to increase production of coal and bring about transparency in Coal sector in order to break stranglehold of Coal mafia on Coal industry. Mr. Parakh retired in December, 2005 from the Government of India.

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