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R P Singh (born October 1951) passed his Post Graduation in Mathematics from Advanced Centre for Pure Mathematics, Punjab University, Chandigarh in 1973 and after a brief stint of teaching Pure Mathematics & Statistics to graduate classes, joined the Administrative Service.

Apart from the regular field assignments for the I.A.S. Officers, he has wide experience in regulatory areas of Finance, Industry, Urban Development and infrastructure. He worked both as Commissioner of Hyderabad Municipal Corporation & Vice Chairman of Hyderabad Urban Development Authority. He had long stints as Managing Director of Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation & Commissioner of Taxation in Andhra Pradesh. He was posted to Punjab & Sind Bank as Chairman in March, 2005 when the Bank was in continuous losses and had accumulated historically highest NPAs (19%). He spent four and half years in the Bank during which the Bank recorded highest growth in the Industry and the NPAs came down to lowest level in the whole industry (0.6% gross). As Secretary in the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, his major initiatives were:

- 1) rationalisation and consolidation of FDI policy
- 2) re-inventing and establishing the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Project (DMIDC)
- 3) putting together the manufacturing policy for the country.

After retirement from the Indian Administrative Service, he was selected by the Government of India for appointment as Chairman, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Major policy initiatives like rescheduling of premium payable to Government, exit policy etc. during his tenure retrieved the sector from a slump. An innovative dispute resolution mechanism saw amicable settlements of disputes amounting to more than Rs. 17000 crores. Presently he is on the Boards of Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., Bharti Infratel and Lodha Developers.