

**Manpreet Singh Badal** (born 26 July 1962) is an Indian politician and leader of the Indian National Congress. He has been member of Punjab Legislative Assembly from 1995 to 2012 and served as a finance minister in the government of Parkash Singh Badal from 2007-2010.

### **Education**

Manpreet Singh Badal was born on 26 July 1962 in Muktsar. His father is Gurdas Singh Badal, the brother of Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal.[4] Manpreet Singh Badal attended The Doon School and St. Stephen's College, Delhi. He was subsequently awarded a law degree by the University of London.

### **Career**

He was elected to the Punjab Legislative Assembly in May 1995 on a Akali Dal ticket from Gidderbaha.[6][7][8] He was re-elected from Gidderbaha constituency in 1997, 2002 and 2007.[9][10] In 2007 he was made finance minister in Parkash Singh Badal government. He was removed from this post over difference about debt waiver offer from the Centre with the rest of party. Subsequently he was expelled from the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) in October 2010. He formed a new political party called People's Party of Punjab.[11][14] In the 2012 Punjab elections, his party formed political alliance with CPI, CPM and Shiromani Akali Dal (Longowal) with Badal as their candidate for the office of chief minister