

CONFERMENT OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, HONORIS CAUSA ON SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD SINGH

Shri Rajendra Prasad Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, Power Grid corporation of India, New Delhi graduated with BSc (Mech Engg) (Hons) degree in the year 1969 and obtained his Master's degree in Machine design (1971) from the Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University. Joining the Tata Iron & Steel Company as a Graduate Trainee in 1971 he gained valuable experience of over 5 years. In early 1977, he joined the National Thermal Power Corporation, a premier Public Sector Undertaking, during its formative stage and worked in diverse areas including engineering, contracts and project execution. His contributions at NTPC resulted in substantial savings to the Nation and were highly appreciated.

In 1991 Shri Singh joined the Power grid corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL) at the inception and on account of his outstanding contributions he steadily rose to the coveted position of Chairman & Managing Director in November, 1996. His efforts have taken the POWERGRID to commendable heights as evidenced by its progress by leaps and bounds, its turnover having been increased by over 100% and profit before tax by over 120%. POWERGRID has shown an impeccable performance by consistently meeting its budgetary targets and has continued to operate its transmission lines at an availability of over 98%. It has been rated as one of the top ten PSUs to receive the "Prime Minister's MoU Award" successively for three years (1998-99; 1999-2000 and 2000-2001) a rare distinction. During his Chairmanship the organisation has

been consistently achieving "Excellent Performance Rating" by the Government of India. Due to his able stewardship the company has also received the "Mini Ratna Award". Government of India has also conferred on POWERGRID the status of "Central Transmission Utility" (CTU) of the country and today it is recognized as the largest transmission utility in the world.

During his remarkable career spanning over 35 years, Shri Rajendra Prasad Singh has made many valuable contributions and has won various awards/honours and consultancy assignments. He has been a Consultant for the World Energy Council, USA in July, 1998 for his outstanding contributions to the "Development of Energy Sector." He was elected as the President of the "International Association of Electricity Generation, Transmission & Distribution" (Afro Asian Region) in 1998. He is on the governing body of the Premier Management Development Institute (Gurgaon) and is the President of "Indian Committee of CIGRE."

Through out his professional career, Shri Rajendra Prasad Singh has contributed immensely towards development of power sector in the country. His academic interests are manifested by his close links with the premier institutions of the country such as IITs/BHU-IT and IIMs.

Shri Rajendra Prasad Singh has been declared winner of the "TOP CEO Award" by the Institute of Marketing & Management. Shri Singh is the only CMD in Power Sector who has been presented this prestigious award.

