

## **PROFILE OF CHAIRMAN**

Shri Desh Deepak Verma, who took over the reins of UPERC as its Chairman on 28.09.2013, is a retired IAS officer who has held several key positions in the Government of Uttar Pradesh and in Government of India. During his long 37 years administrative career, he has had experience in the field of industry, finance, environment and transport.

A post graduate in Physics and an MBA from Australia in International Business, Shri Verma retired as Secretary to Government of India in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in June 2013. In Government of India, he occupied some crucial positions like Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Foods and Public Distribution and Director General, Sports Authority of India(SAI). He was selected as first head of the India office of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), an international organization with "Observer" status in UN.

At the State level, Shri Verma has been Principal Secretary in the Department of Commercial Taxes and Registration, Department of Transport and Department of Cooperatives in the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh. Before that, Shri Verma was Secretary and Director General of Tourism and Chairman-cum-Managing Director of UP State Road Transport Corporation. He has also held the prestigious positions of District Magistrate of Almora, Aligarh, Bareilly & Agra and Divisional Commissioner of Allahabad and Lucknow divisions. As Commissioner, Lucknow, he was decorated during the Republic Day parade for outstanding contribution to the settlement of 20 years old Shia-Sunni dispute in Lucknow. Shri Verma is also accredited for introducing several industry friendly reforms in the Trade Tax Department like e-filing of returns, removal of all check posts and barriers, e-refunds etc. He also chaired the High Power Committee constituted by the Honorable Supreme Court for proper placement of personnel/engineers working in the Department of Power, Government of UP. His work in the field of Rural Electrification as District Magistrate and Commissioner in some power-shortage Districts and Divisions has been widely appreciated. As Chairman, UP Electricity Regulatory Commission he has been instrumental in introducing pre-paid meters and promoting LED lights in the State of U.P.

Sri Verma has represented India in several the UN Conventions, like Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Cartagena Protocol on Bio-safety etc. He has headed several UN working Groups comprising of all member countries and chaired its meetings at

Hague (Switzerland), Montreal (Canada), Granada (Spain), Curitiba (Brazil), and Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia). He was part of the Parliamentary Delegations to South Africa and Bali, Indonesia in the year 2012-13.

He is interested in Music, Golf, Badminton & Poetry writing. He is supportive of several civil society initiatives in adult literacy, empowerment of physically and mentally challenged sections of society, empowerment of women and promotion of art and culture.