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Born on 21st December, 1956, he was brought up in Anantnag and had school and college education from his home town followed by degree in Law from Kashmir University.



From October, 1981 to Mid-February, 1984 worked as Administrative

cum Law Officer of Jammu and Kashmir Projects Corporation Ltd. and thereafter joined State Revenue Gazetted Services in February, 1984 after qualifying Combined Services competitive Examination (erstwhile Junior KAS). He was inducted in KAS in 1997 and in IAS in 2011 with 2001 as the year of allotment.

He served in various capacities in the State services such as Tehsildar, Under Secretary to Government, (Revenue Department), Assistant Commissioner (Revenue), Assistant Commissioner

(Development), Additional Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla and Anantnag, Chief Executive Officer, Pahalgam Development Authority, Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Deputy Commissioner, Kulgam, Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, Custodian General, Jammu and Kashmir, State Settlement Commissioner, State Commissioner, Survey and Land Records and Vice Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir Lakes and Waterways Development Authority. As Assistant Commissioner, (Revenue) he compiled Revenue laws and formulated legislative programme for the Government addressing the problem areas in the laws relating to land administration, was instrumental and first in the State to introduce composite Housing Scheme, a centrally sponsored scheme, as Assistant Commissioner Development in Block Kangan District Srinagar (now District Ganderbal) apart from formulation of water shed programmes, processed and finalized about 700 ex-gratia cases and about 500 compassionate appointment cases in record period of 02 months as ADC Baramulla under Deputy Commissioner concerned which proved harbinger for the healing

touch policy of the then Government and achieved spectacular progress by completing in 05 months land acquisition from the stage of identification, preparation of land Records and holding of meetings at the village level followed by conclusion of negotiated bargain by Committee headed by the then Divisional Commissioner in 20 out of 22 villages for railway line in the said District, in the capacity of first CEO of the Pahalgam Development Authority formulated, on the basis of expert advice, a perspective developmental plan for Pahalgam in order to upgrade the hill station into a round the year destination by shifting attention to/exploring/harnessing the potential of new spots/places of tourist attraction in and around the area apart from development of 18 hole Golf Course and initiation of winter sports and it is during this time that he was appointed as Yatra officer for the Amarnath Ji yatra 2003 and 2004 which therefore and thereafter was/is only the exclusive domain of the Deputy Commissioner concerned and due to convergence of interests and aggressive campaign launched in the entire area about historicity of the area in facilitating minorities in performing their rituals etc saw stress-free moment of yatris, besides

concurrently performed duties of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, Administrator, Municipal Council Anantnag and Administrator Municipal Committee Pahalgam, as Deputy Commissioner(District Magistrate), Pulwama was rated as highly pro-active District head by fostering synergy amongst various organs of the Central and State Government which brought Administration and people at mutually acceptable convergent levels, In Municipal Corporation Srinagar ensured formulation of vision document for Srinagar city for adoption under Jawahar Lal Nehru Urban Renewable Mission, was posted as first Deputy Commissioner of District Kulgam, which was carved out of District Anantnag in 2007, and laid the foundation for various Institutions and by fixing priorities for implementation under various centrally sponsored schemes by blending and convergence thereof a perspective plan emerged which for long would remain the focus for promotion of Horticulture, Irrigation, Tourism and Flood Management etc and as Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla pioneered the supremacy of civilian authorities in the maintenance of law and order. After 65 years laid down a policy for management of evacuee

property covering almost all matters relating to its use and administration encompassing the methods and procedures for lease/allotment of land/structures, assessment of premium and rent, termination of allotments/leases/evictions, renewal of lease and fresh allotments, inheritance of lease hold rights, regularizations of/transfer of lease hold rights etc which has catapulted the organization in as much as no serious complaints, until then galore and hike by 29 times in revenue realization. He also got combined the departments of Land Records and settlement forming as Survey and land Records with 9 survey and land Records Divisions in the state such as the Kamaraz, Srinagar, Maraz, Chenab Valley, Pir Panchal, Udhampur, Jammu, Leh, Ladakh and Kargil with the salient features for adoption of computerized settlement aiming at preparation of land records and continuous updation thereafter by respective survey and land Records Divisions. In Lakes and Waterways Development Authority succeeding in obtaining the dispensation for maintenance of assets which till then had remained unattended to for long resulting in greater satisfaction level for the employees actually as the life line for conservation preservation of water

bodies as well as optimum utilization of machinery etc besides shift to normative approach rather than individual one. As quasi-Judicial authority Mr. Deva has disposed of record number of cases without a parallel in peers and quality of judgments appreciated by relevant fora i.e. bar fraternity, Second Appellate and Second Revisional authorities.

The State Government, after administering oath of office by CM, described Mr. Deva as an officer with impeccable integrity, unique public image due to deliverable capacity with highest satisfaction level amongst stakeholders wherever posted. Assumed the charge of Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission on 28th July, 2015 and has been elected for 03 years as a member of Standing Committee of National Conference of State Public Service Commissions which is headed by Chairman
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