

Bio Data of Former Chief of Haryana Police, Sh. Bhagwan Singh Rosha

Sh. Bhagwan Singh Rosha was born on 05 February, 1914 at Phillaur (Punjab). An alumni of Government College, Lahore, he came from a distinguished police family. His father, grandfather and great grandfather served in the police. He therefore naturally joined the police service in April 1936 and was allotted the Punjab cadre.

Before partition, he served in Montgomery and Gujranwala apart from other places. After partition, he was appointed the Provincial Transport Controller for Punjab. He later served as SP Ludhiana; DIG PAP and Border Range; DIG Ambala Range; DIG CID and Additional Inspector General of Police of combined Punjab.

On the formation of the state of Haryana on 01 Nov. 1966, he was appointed as its first Inspector General of Police. He served in that appointment upto 10 Dec. 1968. After a short stint as Director General of Civil Defence & Home Guards, Haryana, he moved as IG Sector II CRPF in October 1969 with headquarters at Calcutta.

In the CRPF he very successfully handled the Naxalite problem in West Bengal. He served in that appointment till his retirement on 31 December 1972.

During his service he had the outstanding reputation of an honest and upright Police officer who never bent under political pressure or other external factors. A God-fearing man, he carried out his duties in a sincere, conscientious and helpful manner. He had a pleasant disposition and was liked both by his peers and subordinates. Even till today, 15 years after his passing away, his friends and contemporaries talk highly of him.

He was awarded the Indian Police Medal for Meritorious service in 1949 and the Presidents Medal for Distinguished service in 1966.

A keen sportsman, he played hockey and tennis and in his later years regularly played golf.

After retirement, Sh. Rosha led a peaceful life in his house at Delhi, concentrating on his two loves, Urdu poetry and golf. He passed away peacefully on the morning of 27 July 1993.

Family

Sh. Rosha's wife, Smt. Davinder Rosha was a pious and religious lady. She was a housewife who concentrated on looking after the house and hearth and in bringing up the family. She was an excellent hostess and always looked after the guests. She too passed away soon after Sh. Rosha on 06 February 1995.

Sh. Rosha had two daughters and a son. The elder daughter Harveen is married to Sh. C. K. Sawhney, IPS, a Police officer of the Punjab cadre who retired as Director General Police, Punjab. They are settled at Chandigarh. They have two sons and two daughters.

The second daughter Parveen is married to Sh. S.D. Sarna who retired as General Manager from the Hindustan Petroleum. They are settled at Delhi and have a son and two daughters.

The son Lt. Col Vijay Singh Rosha served in the Indian Army for over 25 years. He commanded the 7th Light Cavalry. He was awarded the mention-in-Dispatches by the President of India during the 1971 war with Pakistan. He took premature retirement in 1991 and is now settled at Delhi. He is presently in export business. He is married to Smt. Trana and has two sons.