

## **Punjab Industrial Sector Mourns Sh. Inderjit Singh Pardhan CICU Chief's Death**

Entire Punjab Industrial Sector expressed grief over the demise of Sh. Inderjit Singh Pardhan, who served the longest term as President CICU continuously for 21 years being elected unanimously. He left for heavenly abode on 10th December 2013. Punjab industry lost sincere industrial leader, advisor, anti corruption crusader and industry patriarch who enjoyed distinction in the industrial sector.

Sh. Avtar Singh General Secretary CICU termed his loss as the biggest setback for the industrial sector. Sh. Inderjit Singh 'Pardhan' S/o Sh. Kahan Singh was born on 01-02-1921 at Nankana Sahib (Pakistan). He did graduation from Khalsa College Lahore and was college mate of Sh. Parkash Singh Badal Hon'ble Chief Minister Punjab, with whom he had cordial relationship till death. He was very close to Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Ex Prime Minister of India. He was one of the few Industrial leaders from Punjab who earned good rapport with the leadership at State and National level. He served the Trade & Industry for the last more than 50 years & was well conversant with the Trade & Industrial problems of Punjab State. A veteran industrialist of Ludhiana, manufacturer of cycle & cycle parts, he earned the distinction of Pardhan, because of his leadership qualities.

Sh. Upkar Singh Ahuja Joint Secretary CICU appreciated and put on record the services rendered by Sh. Pardhan during his life time for the growth and development of MSME sector. By dint of his selfless services for the industry for more than 5 decades, he was popular as the 'Bhisham Pitama' of Punjab industry. An honest personality, he opted to serve the industry especially the Small Scale Sector of Punjab, which has been reeling under various stresses & bottlenecks. He represented CICU in the conference of the World Chambers Congress at Marsalia, France. He served as Chairman Small Scale Industry Development Board Punjab with the status of Cabinet Minister from 2008 to 2012.

Punjab Industry on 10-12-2013 lost patriarch of all times - the Pardhan aged 92.