



Ministry of Defence

Shri Rajnath Singh Assumes Office of the Defence Minister

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Shri Rajnath Singh took over the responsibility as the Defence Minister, today. On his arrival at the Ministry of Defence in South Block, Shri Rajnath Singh was received by the Minister of State for Defence Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, three Services' Chiefs, Defence Secretary Shri Sanjay Mitra, Chairman DRDO Dr G. Satheesh Reddy, Secretary (Defence Production) Dr. Ajay Kumar and Mrs S Kutty, Secretary ESW. Shri Rajnath Singh was Minister of Home Affairs since May 27, 2014.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh was given a brief presentation on the functioning of the MoD and all the four Departments of the MoD namely Department of Defence, Department of Defence Production, Department of Ex-serviceman Welfare and Department of Research and Development Organization.

Raksha Mantri Shri Singh instructed the officers to prepare detailed presentations on all Divisions and set time bound targets to achieve the desired outcome.

A Profile:

Shri Rajnath Singh was born on 10 July 1951 in district Chandauli in Uttar Pradesh. He did his masters in Physics from University of Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. He was teacher by profession.

He served as Member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly in 1977 – 1980 and 2001 – 2003. He was Minister of Education in Govt of Uttar Pradesh in 1991 -1992. He served as Minister of Surface Transport in the Union Cabinet from 1999 to 2000. Later he was elected as Chief Minister in the Government of Uttar Pradesh in 2000 – 2002. In 2003, he served as Minister of Agriculture in the Union Cabinet. He was elected to Rajya Sabha 1994 -1999 and again for 2003-2008. In 2009 he was elected to the 15th Lok Sabha. He also served as Member in the Committee on Ethics on 07 October 2009. Shri Rajnath Singh was inducted in the Union of India's Cabinet in a Government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 27 May 2014 as the Minister of Home Affairs.

He is married to Smt Savitri Singh and they have two sons.

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