

About Montek Singh Ahluwalia

Montek Singh Ahluwalia is an Indian economist and civil servant who was Deputy Chairman of the Indian Planning Commission from 2004 to 2014, a position which carried the rank of cabinet minister. Ahluwalia played a key role in the Indian economic reform process. He was responsible for producing the document that many consider the blue-print for



the reforms launched in the early 1990s and has consistently pushed for a shift from a reliance on extensive government control over the economy, to a much more open economy with a larger role for the private sector.

The President of India has awarded him the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian honour for public service.

Montek has published a number of articles on various aspects of the Indian economy in academic journals. In February 2020, he published his book *Backstage: The Story Behind India's High Growth Years*. The book is a mix of personal reflections and national economic history, and sets forth Ahluwalia's ideas on issues of contemporary significance including education, rural development and energy.