Herb Dhaliwal Minister of Natural Resources

Herb Dhaliwal was born in the state of Punjab, India, on Dec. 12, 1952. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of British Columbia in 1971.

Mr. Dhaliwal has more than 25 years of experience in the private and public sectors, specializing in transportation, maintenance, and real estate development. He was president of an investment company and vice-chair of the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority.

First elected to the House of Commons in 1993, Mr. Dhaliwal is the Liberal member for Vancouver South–Burnaby. He served as Minister of National Revenue from 1997 until 1999, when he was named Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

In 2001 Mr. Dhaliwal received an honorary doctorate of law from Punjab University in Chandigarh, India, and he has a citation from the Canadian Red Cross Society for aiding Kurdish refugees.

Mr. Dhaliwal became Minister of Natural Resources in January 2002.

Mr. Dhaliwal and his wife, Amrit, have three children.