

MS, as he was called in personal circle, was tall, handsome, friendly, ready to smile rather than frown. He was a dominant and dynamic personality, always full of ideas and brushed away all diffidence. His loyalty lay with Punjab and 'teth' Punjabi. His wit was ready and SS Grewal and MS together were a delightful company. Silly Punjab leadership buried his great concept of Apni Mandi in their full time occupation with corruption. It is as if they envied him for his brilliance and always chose their own conception of development.

He thought of me as a bit of brinkman and always advised me to avoid writing strongly on files. But he did like my commitment and once generously said that I had surpassed him.

Nothing of that kind ! He became a CEC and in a short time, introduced EVM. Whatever he planned, was soon born and grew fast. Ultimately slipped into politics and became a Union minister. Undoubtedly his genius was great and very developmental.

He had a lovely wife and both were always together. He had three beautiful daughters who have all done wonders. The girls enjoyed basking in his warm affection.

Ultimately felled by an affliction!

I have no doubt he will adorn the small King Arthur's band of knights.

Both of us enjoyed our evenings together. He will last much longer in the minds of Punjabis than most of us.

Our heartfelt condolences to his beautiful family.

- SSB