



**JAMSETJI TATA AWARD  
FOR  
LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT  
FOR QUALITY 2007**

**DR. SURINDER KAPUR**

**CITATION**

*Distinguished Engineer Dr. Surinder Kapur excelled in engineering education with graduation and master's degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University, USA. His pursuit of knowledge led him to complete doctoral thesis at the Michigan State University for which he was awarded Ph. D. in 1971.*

***Surinder Kapur's passion for excellence in engineering and exemplary leadership was evident in rapid growth of Bharat Gears Ltd. where he worked from 1972 to 1990 rising to the position of Vice Chairman and Managing Director.***

***Entrepreneurial zeal led Surinder Kapur to set up a grass root business in the form of Sona Koyo Steering Systems Ltd. in 1990. As the founding Chairman and Managing Director he has driven the rapid growth of the company in highly competitive environment to establish as the leader in the chosen product and market segment. In the process he has set up many other businesses in the auto component sector including acquisition of 21% strategic stake in Fuji Autotech France S.A.S.***

***Surinder Kapur achieved this distinction through his strong belief in application of Total Quality Management principles and concepts with the focus on quality and customer satisfaction. In 2003 Surinder led the Sona Koyo Steering Systems Ltd. to winning the coveted Deming Application Prize. His continued focus on adopting new management approaches has effectively implemented Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) and breakthrough Management to enhance the performance of his Group companies.***

*In the spirit of a missionary Surinder Kapur has propagated his learning and shared his knowledge with various other companies through well structured mechanisms like 100 SME Clusters as Chairman of National Committee on Quality of Confederation of Indian Industry and has made unique contributions to the growth of Indian Industry. He dedicated his life to this cause by spearheading various initiatives as Chairman TPM Club of India for promotion of TPM, CII - Mission on Innovation in Manufacturing; Member - National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council; Chairman - ACMA Centre for Technology, Member Automotive Mission Plan (2006-2016) of the Government; and many others. Surinder Kapur's contribution has been recognized by a variety of awards.*

*Deeply committed to social responsibility Surinder Kapur has vigorously pursued skill development as a means to making a difference in the life of the under - privileged through his Group Companies support to primary, secondary and tertiary education in villages and collaboration with educational institutions. His focus on energy conservation and waste reduction has led to mitigate the impact of Global Warming.*

*Unassuming but determined Surinder Kapur has made significant contribution to the Indian industry and society in his humble way.*

*Jamsetji Tata Award is given to industry leaders who have made significant contribution to the Indian society through their leadership with exceptional and holistic focus on quality. They are persons with humility, constancy of purpose and determination. The Award is given to those who have demonstrated outstanding results and are role models.*

*The Governing Council of Indian Society for Quality is pleased to honour Dr. Surinder Kapur with Jamsetji Tata Award for Life Time Achievement in successfully managing business through quality and contributing to the creation of quality culture in society and thereby bringing prosperity for the people of India.*