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Subject: Sorry to hear about Prof.

Dear Soumya,

I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Professor Swaminathan. During this difficult time, wanted to express my heartfelt condolences to you and everyone at MSSRF.

I had known him personally from my Tata Trust days, having met during our Board Meetings. Had also travelled with him numerous times and spending hours learning about him, about his childhood and his work, and off course about agriculture in general. I did not get a chance to meet with him since 2019, and was hoping to meet him sometime.

Forever grateful for what he did for India. His achievements and legacy will continue to inspire us for generations.

I will always remember the soft-spoken simple man that Prof. was, despite all his achievements and greatness.

Kind regards,

Bhaskar Mitra