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Dear all,

Dr. M.S. Swaminathan (1925-2023), India's foremost agricultural scientist and known as the 'Father of the Green Revolution', passed away earlier today.

Of his many contributions to the country's agricultural sector was his chairmanship of the National Commission on Farmers set up in 2004. This eight-member Commission was established to consider the extent of India's agrarian crisis. Between December 2004 and October 2006, the Commission produced five reports -- all of which are housed in the [PARI Library](#). A revised Draft National Policy for Farmers was finally proposed after consultation across states.

The reports serve as a guide to ensure agrarian prosperity, food security and sovereignty, while offering an insight into the systemic deprivations faced by cultivators in India. As the [First Report](#) states, "The acute agricultural distress the nation faces is a symptom of a deep seated malady arising from inadequate public investment and insufficient public action in recent years."

The Commission's proposal on stricter implementation of the Minimum Support Price (MSP), remains only on paper. As does the quest for a community-centred food system. Overall, the M.S. Commission reports continue to be central to 'Seving Farmers and Saving Farming' in the country.

Regards,  
Dipanjali