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Respected Dr Soumya Ji

It was very shocking to learn about the sad demise of Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, Past President of the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), Prayagraj, and a world-famous scientist popularly known as the father of India's Green Revolution. Prof. Swaminathan was not only instrumental in developing high-yielding varieties of paddy that helped ensure India's low-income farmers produce more yield but also immensely contributed to the overall growth and development of the Agriculture sector of our country. NASI and its entire Fellowship/Membership condole the sad demise of Prof. Swaminathan, the Past President of the Academy, who also served in various capacities across several departments of the country, as the Director of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (1961-72), Director General of ICAR and Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (1972-79), Principal Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture (1979-80), Acting Deputy Chairman and later Member (Science and Agriculture), Planning Commission (1980-82) and Director General, International Rice Research Institute, the Philippines (1982-88).

Prof. Swaminathan was closely associated with the NASI; in fact inspired the NASI's scientific fraternity to initiate several projects/programs including the river galleries (in association with Prof. Manju Sharma, and Late Prof. M G K Menon, Past Presidents of the Academy). Prof. Swaminathan's sad demise is an irreparable loss for the NASI.

On behalf of our entire NASI family, please accept our deepest sympathies.