

Retired ICAR Employees Welfare Society

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MESSAGE

To,

The Members of Late Dr. M. S. Swaminathan Sab's Family,

We, the members of the Retired ICAR Employees Welfare Society (RICAREWES), Jodhpur (Rajasthan) are deeply shocked to learn of the sad demise of Dr. M. S. Swaminathan on 28th September 2023.

Dr. M.S.Swaminathan was an iconic figure in agricultural science and the driving force behind the Green Revolution in India. His leadership and pivotal role in introduction and development of high yielding varieties of wheat and rice, in late sixties and thereafter, resulted in food sufficiency in India, thereby saved the life of millions of people in the country.

Dr.Swminathan was a great visionary and as Director General of ICAR and IRRI, he had taken these institutions to new heights .After retirement he established the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) at Chennai where he continued his fight against hunger and malnutrition. It was he who introduced the "Women Farmer's Entitlement Bill' in Rajya Sabha in 2012 to strengthen livelihood security and empowerment of rural women. In the year 2004 Government of India constituted National Commission of Farmers (NCF) under his chairmanship to suggest policy framework to improve the life of farmers in India.

In recognition to his services to society and humanity he was honoured at national and international forums and bestowed with prestigious awards like Ramon Magasaysay Award (1970), Padm Bhushan (1972), Padm Vibhushan (1989), World Food Prize Award (1987), etc.

As a DG, ICAR, he had visited CAZRI number of times. He had rare quality to remember and address his students by name. At institute he used to freely mix up with his past students posted at CAZRI during those visits. His interaction with scientists helped generating new ideas and giving new directions to research.

Dr. M.S.Swaminathan was a wonderful, simple and kind human being and his life and work has inspired many people especially those engaged in Agriculture Research & Development.

We realise the deep loss and emotional pain you all are experiencing. We want to share your sorrow and pray to the God to give peace to the departed Soul and strength to you all to bear this irreparable loss.

This message is sent by Dr. T. K. Bhati, Secretary RICAREWES,CAZRI Campus,Jodhpur,Rajasthan on behalf of all the members of the Society.