

## CONDOLENCE

The members of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics deeply mourn the sad and sudden demise of Dr. S.M. Shah, Retired Professor and Head, Department of Statistics, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar (Gujarat) on November 1, 1997 at Ahmedabad.

Dr. Shah was a life member of the Society and took keen interest in its activities. In the death of Dr. Shah, the Society has lost a dedicated and disciplined worker as well as a well wisher.

The members of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics convey their heartfelt sympathies and condolence to the members of the bereaved family and pray to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul and enough strength to bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

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The members of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics deeply mourn the sad and sudden demise of Prof. Raghu Raj Bahadur on June 7, 1997 after a long illness. Prof. Bahadur was the life member of the Society.

Born on 30 April, 1924 in Delhi, Prof. Bahadur completed his Ph.D. Degree in 1950 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA. He worked as Professor of Statistics in Indian Council of Agricultural Research (Statistical Section) during 1952 and as Research Statistician in the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta from 1956 to 1961 and thereafter joined as a Professor in the University of Chicago, USA. Prof. Raghu Raj Bahadur was one of the most outstanding Mathematical Statisticians of Indian origin. His pioneering work on large deviation theory and its role in the comparison of tests of significance and estimates of parameters, sufficiency and unbiased estimation, examples of inconsistency of maximum likelihood estimates and representation of quantiles are particularly noteworthy.

In recognition of his contribution to mathematical statistics, he was awarded the prestigious John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship in 1968-69. He was a Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy, the Indian Academy of Sciences, and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics. He was a member of the International Statistical Institute and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

In the death of Prof. Bahadur, the scientific community in general and the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics in particular have lost a dedicated, renowned statistician as well as a well wisher.

The members of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics convey their heartfelt sympathies and condolence to the members of bereaved family and pray to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul and enough strength to bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.