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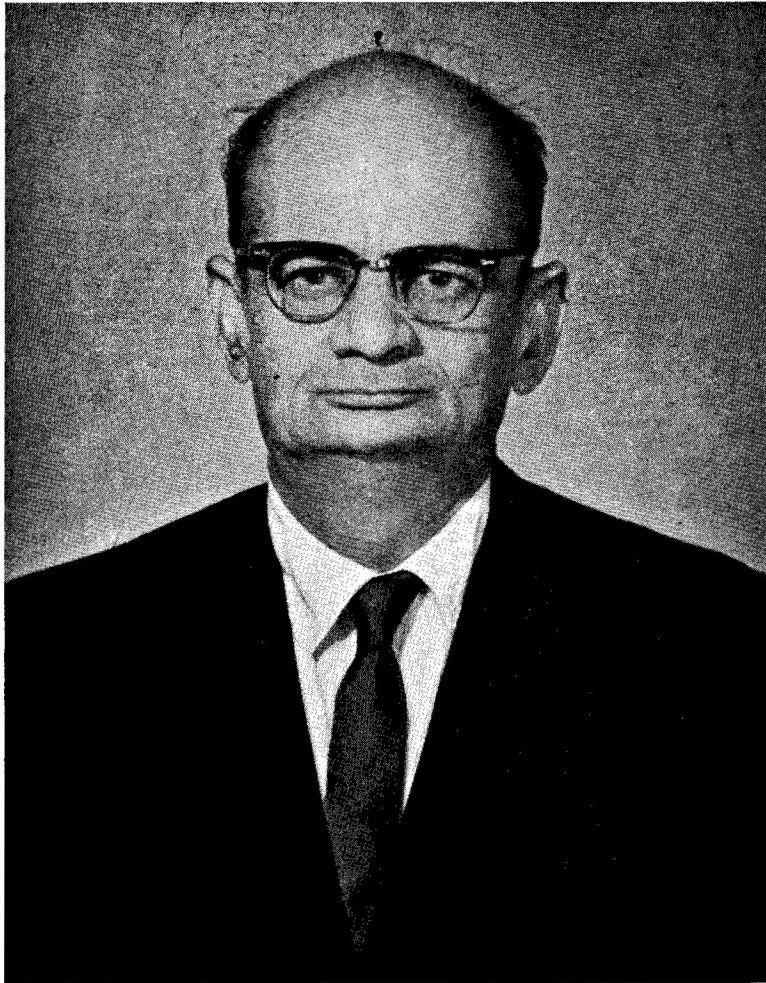
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**SHRI J. J. ANJARIA**

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## SHRI J. J. ANJARIA

(1908-1970)

It was with deep sorrow that we learnt about the sudden demise of Shri J. J. Anjaria in Bombay on 10th April, 1970. During his distinguished career covering a period of about three decades, Shri Anjaria made notable contribution in the field of teaching, public administration and finance. Born on July 15, 1908, Shri Anjaria was educated at the University of Bombay and later at the London School of Economics where he came into close contact with Professor (Lord) Lionel Robbins. He began his career as a teacher at the Fergusson College, Poona and later joined the Wilson College, Bombay and S.L.D. Arts College, Ahmedabad. In 1939 he joined the School of Economics and Sociology of the University of Bombay as a Reader in Economics and became a Professor in the Department of Economics in 1944. Between 1946-48, he was with the International Monetary Fund as Assistant Division Chief and on his return to India, he became Director of Monetary Research in the Reserve Bank of India. In 1950, Shri Anjaria's services were loaned to the Central Government as Chief of the Planning Commission. In 1959, he became concurrently the Economic Adviser to the Ministry of Finance. He was appointed Chief Economic Adviser to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Adviser, Planning Commission from 1956 to 1961. Between August, 1961 and January, 1967, he was appointed as Executive Director for India in the International Monetary Fund. In February, 1967, he was appointed Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India in charge of the Economic Department for a term of three years. He retired from the office of the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India on March 1, 1970. At the time of his death, he was the Chairman of a Committee appointed by the Central Government to inquire into the question of the resumption of forward trading in shares.

An erudite scholar and versatile teacher as he was, Shri Anjaria left a deep impression on the minds of the students of economics. His style of presentation of intricate problems was marked by clarity and precision.

Shri Anjaria's contribution to economic planning in India was significant. He played a major role in the preparation of the first two Five-Year Plans and the draft of the Third Plan. In recognition of his distinguished contribution as an economist, the Government of India awarded him Padma Shri in 1957. He established a tradition of close collaboration between the civil servant and the economics profession in the country.

Shri Anjaria was closely associated with the Society from its inception for a number of years. Between 1944 and 1946, he rendered a valuable service to the Society as its Hon. Secretary & Treasurer. He wrote the classic volume on "The Indian Rural Problem" in collaboration with the late Sir Manilal B. Nanavati. The book was published by the Society first in 1944. By now it has run into seven editions. In spite of his heavy responsibilities as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank, Shri Anjaria took active interest in the work of revision of the seventh edition of this book which was published by the Society in May, 1970. He was elected President of the Sixteenth Session of the Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics in 1955 and of the Indian Economic Conference in 1959. He was elected Hon. Fellow of the London School of Economics in 1968.

He has contributed to many periodicals both in India and abroad. His important contributions include "Essays on Gandhian Economics," and the R.R. Kale Memorial Lecture on "Strategy of Economic Development" delivered at the Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Poona in May, 1969.

Modesty, tolerance, urbanity, gentleness and humane-ness were the attributes of his personality. He had a soft corner for the depressed sections of the rural community. The Society owes to Shri Anjaria a deep debt of gratitude for the valuable services rendered to it, particularly in its formative stages. In his death, the country has lost a renowned economist and an able administrator. To several of us who had the good fortune to work closely with him, it is a great personal loss.