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V. M. Jakhade
(1918 - 1986)

OBITUARY

V. M. JAKHADE

The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics deeply mourns the sad and untimely demise of Shri V. M. Jakhade on 20th August, 1986. He was an eminent agricultural economist and able administrator.

After obtaining his post-graduate degree in Economics and a degree in Law from the University of Bombay, Shri Jakhade started his career in 1943 as Professor of Agricultural Economics at the College of Agriculture, Poona. He joined the Reserve Bank of India in 1945. His diligence and devotion earned him leading positions in the Reserve Bank. He was appointed Director of the Rural Economics Division in the Economic Department in 1955 and he held this position till 1961 when he was appointed Deputy Economic Adviser and later as Adviser, Economic Department in 1969. He retired from the Reserve Bank of India in 1977. During his distinguished career in the Reserve Bank of India, he was associated in different capacities with the All-India Rural Credit Survey (1951-52), All-India Rural Credit Follow-Up Surveys (1957-64), All-India Rural Debt and Investment Survey (1961-62) and All-India Debt and Investment Survey (1971-72). Besides these all-India Surveys, he directed, supervised and guided a number of field studies and investigations on a smaller scale, which were either problem-oriented or of evaluation type undertaken by the Reserve Bank for operational and policy purposes.

Shri Jakhade had a long and close association with the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics. He served the Society as member of its Local Advisory Committee, Executive Committee, Editorial Board of the Journal, as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and as Vice-President. He presided over the 29th All-India Agricultural Economics Conference held in December 1969.

In his long tenure as the Editor of the Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics, he provided content and direction on the basis of which the Journal acquired its present position of a leading national and international periodical on the subject.

The loss of Shri Jakhade is shared by his professional colleagues, Office-bearers of the Society and his friends. He leaves behind his wife, a son and a daughter.