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## OBITUARY

### DR. DAROGA SINGH

The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics records its profound sorrow at the sad and untimely demise of Dr. Daroga Singh on 13th May, 1988. Dr. Singh was a renowned agricultural statistician and made significant contribution to the development of the discipline of Agricultural Statistics in India. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree in Statistics, specialising in sample survey techniques as applied to agriculture and allied fields. He was appointed as Director of the Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI), New Delhi in 1968, and occupied this position till October 1981. For a short period from 1971 to 1973 he worked as Agricultural Census Commissioner to the Government of India. He took up a short-term assignment with the FAO as Senior Statistical Adviser and worked at Jordan from October 1981 to September 1983. At the time of his death, he was the Chairman of the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies at New Delhi.

During his long and distinguished career, he took keen interest and actively involved himself in the promotion of studies on farm management and cost of production of crops, monitoring and evaluation of development projects and surveys connected with the Agricultural Census. He taught Statistics at the post-graduate level and guided a large number of Ph.D. students. He had to his credit over 200 research papers and technical bulletins published in national and international journals and eight books dealing with agricultural statistics and related subjects. He also served as a Consultant to FAO since 1962.

Dr. Singh was associated with the activities of the Society, and was elected President of the 40th Annual Conference of the Society and presided over the Conference in December 1980. The theme of his Presidential Address was "Imbalances in Agricultural Growth". Besides, he had presided over the Annual Conferences of the Indian Science Congress (1976), Indian Society of Agricultural Science (1981) and Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics (1985).

In his death, the country has lost an eminent agricultural statistician and the Society a learned member and teacher.