

WITH THE BEST COMPLIMENTS

OF

Mr. M. V. ARUNACHALAM

MADRAS

Reference ~~to~~ my personal discussion with you, I am sending the attached papers. I shall be grateful if you could let me have the required particulars to enable me to complete the nomination form.

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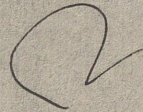
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My dear

As desired by you I enclose the information you have asked for. I am grateful to you for your generous thoughts.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



M.S. Swaminathan

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7 Achievements

From 1947 when he took his B.Sc. Ag degree from the Agricultural College ~~College~~ at Coimbatore until today, Dr. Swaminathan has devoted his entire time and talent to the application of science and education to problems relating to hunger and rural poverty.

In 1947 he joined the Indian Agricultural Research Institute as a post-graduate student. From that time, until 1982, when he left for the Philippines to serve as the Director General of the International Rice Research Institute, he has served Indian agriculture well both as a scientist and a research and development planner and administrator. On his return to India from the Philippines in 1988,

Dr. Swaminathan started a Research Foundation at Madras with the funds associated with the ^{first} World Food Prize awarded to him in 1987 at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., USA. A copy of the Annual Report of this Foundation is enclosed, ~~and~~ which ~~it will give~~ gives an idea of the work being done on integrating economic efficiency, social equity and ecological sustainability in the development and dissemination of agricultural and rural technologies.

The Albert Einstein World ~~Awa~~ Science Award presented to Dr. Swaminathan in Mexico in 1986 was in recognition of his serving as the living embodiment of Albert Einstein's motto,

"Concern for man himself and his fate must always form the chief interest of all

technical endeavours in order that the
Creation of our minds shall be a blessing
and not a curse"

Dr. Swaminathan's work in
agriculture has been characterised throughout
by an emphasis on a symbiotic
relationship between farmers and scientists.
For providing structured opportunities
for such a feed-back relationship, he
organised the National Demonstrations,
Whole village / watershed operational
research projects, Lab to Land programme
and Krishi Vigyan Kendras. His
role in providing the necessary
Community Leadership for transforming
Indian agriculture, the Ramon
Magsaysay Foundation chose him in
1971 for its Community Leadership
Award.

His concern for equity in development led to his organising special programmes for rural women. He wrote for the first time in the planning history of India a chapter on ~~Environment~~ Women and Development in the VI Five Year Plan document (1980-1985)

The International Association for Women in Development (AWID) presented to him in 1985 its first International Award for "outstanding contributions to the integration of women in development"

Regarding population growth, poverty and environmental degradation as the three major challenges before Indian planning, ~~he~~ Dr. Swaminathan has tried to ~~not~~ build research and development programmes in agriculture on the basis of sound ecological

and social ground rules. Thus, he also introduced in the VI Plan a separate chapter on Environment and Development, again for the first time in plan documents. He chaired National committees on the eradication of leprosy and blindness. His work ~~for~~ relating to the promotion of environmentally sound technologies received recognition through the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement and the Honda Prize for Eco-technology. He was also elected President of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources for two terms (1984-90), when he often underlined the fact that unless the poor and the panda evoke equal concern, environment protection will be a lost cause.

agricultural base is not inconsiderable. To your talks in the planning Commission, you brought deep concern for nation's realities besides the intellectual discipline of a scientist.

The French writer Guy Sorman chose Dr. Swaminathan among the 28 thinkers of the 20th century who have influenced the world in a positive direction

(Guy Sorman, 1989, Les Vrais Penseurs de Notre Temps). The U.N. Secretary General, Mr. Perez de Cuellar, ~~wrote~~ said on the occasion of the conferment of the First World Food Prize in 1987,

Dr. Swaminathan is a living legend. His contributions to agricultural science have made an indelible mark on food production in India and elsewhere in the developing world. By any standards, he will go into the annals of history as a world scientist of rare distinction.

The late Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi wrote in March, 1982, on the eve of Dr. Swaminathan taking up the position of Director General, IARI

"You have made significant contribution to our scientific and economic policy making. Your role ~~is~~ in strengthening ours"