

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU  
ABSTRACT

Agriculture - Visit of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, President, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, New Delhi to the State of Tamil Nadu for discussion on agricultural strategies - Reimbursement of air-fare - Orders issued.

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AGRICULTURE (AP.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 1411

Dated the 27th July 1988.

Read:-

From the President, IUCN, letter dated 13.7.1988.

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ORDER:-

Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, President, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, New Delhi, is visiting Tamil Nadu on 4th and 5th August, 1988 for discussion on the agricultural strategies of Tamil Nadu and to give expert opinion on some of the major issues met with by this State in augmenting agricultural production.

2. The Government agree to meet the air-fare and reimburse the actual air-fare, to and from Delhi, to Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, President, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, in connection with this visit referred to in para 1 above, as a special case.

3. The expenditure shall be debited to the Head of Account, "3451 Secretariat Economic Services - 090 Secretariat I Non-Plan-AB. Agriculture Department-04 Travelling Allowance-Voted.

4. This order issues with the concurrence of

p.t.o.

Finance- Vide its U.O.No. 3473/Fs/P/88, dated 22.7.1988.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

D. MURUGARAJ,  
COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY TO  
GOVERNMENT.

To

Dr. M.S. Swaminathan,  
President,  
International Union for Conservation of Nature  
and Natural Resources,  
B4/142 Safdarjang Enclave,  
New Delhi-110 029.  
The Accountant-General, Madras-18./The Accountant-General, (Audit)  
Copy to:- Madras-9./The Sub Pay and Accounts Officer, Madras-9.  
The Agriculture Bills (two copies)  
The Finance Department, Madras-9.  
The Agriculture (AU) Department, Madras-9.  
The Agriculture (Q.P.III) Department, Madras-9.  
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:FORWARDED/BY ORDER:

*Adithyana Srinivasan*  
SECTION OFFICER.

Yla:27/7

*M.S.*  
*28/7/88*

2 April 1987

Dear Dan,

I value your friendship and want it to continue. Therefore, I feel that I should explain why I must recommend disapproval of your wife's request for 40 days of vacation leave without pay.

I must weigh her request just as I would any other CPD employee.

Only one CPD employee has been given extended leave without pay--and she had worked at IRRI for 20 years. Leave was granted after much discussion with Administration. It resulted not only in inconvenience and a slowdown in the production line, but also in hard feelings and accusations of favoritism within the staff.

Malot has been a CPD employee for only 18 months. We are faced with tight deadlines for IRRI Highlights, the Annual Report, and about 20 other books. Recommending approval would set a precedent I do not want.

If Malot were not married to you, I would have turned down the request without a second thought. Instead, I have thought about this a lot. As department head, I have no choice. Even if I were to recommend approval, I doubt that Administration would comply.

I hope that both of you understand.

Tom Hargrove

2 April 87

Dear Malot,

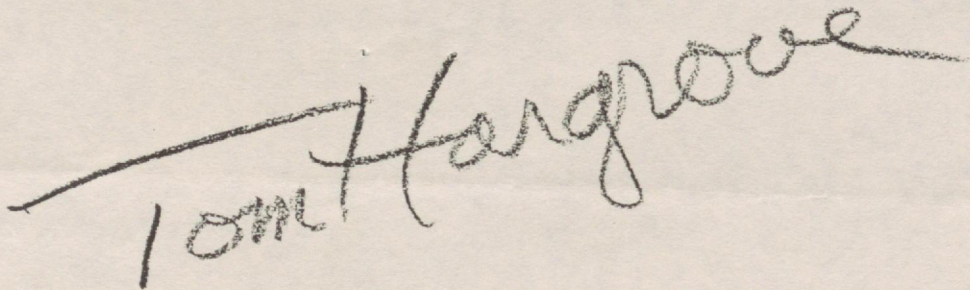
I'm very sorry that I must recommend disapproval of your request for 40 days leave without pay.

As a senior staff wife you naturally want to accompany your husband on this extended trip. I can understand that.

But as a CPD staff member, you must realize that we are faced with IRRI Highlights, the Annual Report, and about 20 other books.

And I, as department head, feel that I have little choice in this matter. I would make the same recommendation if any other CPD employee made the same request. To make an exception for you, on the basis of your husband's position or our friendship, would be unethical. It would put an unacceptable burden on the department, and it would set a precedent for future requests that would not be in the interest of CPD.

Again, I am very sorry. Please let me know if you want me to forward your request, with my recommendation, to the acting director general.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Tom Hargrove". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned at the bottom right of the page.