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Muzaffarpur(Bihar) India.

Bihar State Progressive Farmers' Association.

Dated 7/16 /Aug.1987.

Most respected Dear Dr. Swaminathan Sahabji,

I very heartily, joyfully and overwhelmingly congratulate your goodself for your resounding victory at the world contest for winning the First World Food Prize for your unparalleled and outstanding contribution in the field of Agricultural Research, Education and Extension and equally in the food management panorama at National and Inter-National levels.

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Whole Indian society of scientists, administrators and farmers feel highly honoured by this highest award to a great son of India, i.e., your goodself; and hence I take the liberty and feel pride in congratulating the World Food Prize itself, conveying that it is going to get an equal prestige on account of the acceptance of the award by Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, a real messenger of God and Rev. Father of Food Front. On behalf of the Freedom Fighters & Farmers' Family of India, of which I have remained an active field ploughing soldier since 1941 (Nineteen Forty one) fighting constantly in the crop fields, I congratulate the awardee again.

In the last, I repeatedly want to congratulate you, our most loving Dr. Swaminathan Sahab, and make you to recollect a few words of Lord Ram who, while introducing his colleagues of forest friendship like king Sugreev, Mahabeer Hanuman, Senapati Jambantiji and his team, to his respected Guru Bashistha jee Maharaj and his brothers and villages, said "Listen holy sir: all these my comrades proved as so many barks (three masted ship) in taking me across the ocean of the battle. They staked their life in my cause. They are dearer to Me even than Bharat (brother)".

Your goodself Dr. Swaminathan Sahab also always repeat that very feelings when you immediately respond in saying that the latest award is a recognition of the Research achievement and hard labour of the team of Scientists working with you. I remember that Lord Ram again speaks using the Vocal and Voice of our Great Scientist Dr. Swaminathan and actually these honest Scientists and workers are enraptured to hear your kind words and every moment that passes gives some new joy. This I have said quoting the sentiments of Ramayan written by Sant Tulsid Das.

I also as a field fighter farmer share that joy equally as I also contributed to the practical picture of the Green Revolution which I started on my field just after the saddest and horrifying Bengal Famine of 1941.

I very strongly wish to participate in your honour and decoration function at Washington D.C. on October 6, 1987 and I am sincerely searching for the way as how I can come over there to present myself on that happiest occasion. Though it is very difficult for a farmer like me to spend such a heavy amount in coming and going to U.S.A. and staying at least for a week or so there. Also I do not know whether the Host organisation will appreciate my participation or not because they might have thought to invite the Scientists only and not the outsider farmer like me and when there will be invitation card system for the entry to the Smithsonian Institute, then it will be against the Prestige of India as well as my own to come to the door of the Hall. I do not know what to do in this respect. I hope you can advise and help me as to what to do and how to approach for fulfilling my ambition. May God give you the longest life to guide the destiny of world human society, where still partly lies hunger and starvation and much more still remains to be done for Agriculture and for them.

With Kind personal regards,

Enclosures:—

a) Correspondence copies with
Dr. M. V. Rao.

b) two copies photo state of
to, old News papers.

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Your's Sincerely,

Devaki Nandan Prasad Singh

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