

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
CABINET SECRETARIAT (MANTRIMANDAL SACHIVALAYA)

NEW DELHI, the 4th February, 1986.
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RESOLUTION

The Government have decided to constitute, with immediate effect, the "Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister", with the following Members:-

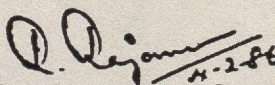
1. Prof. C.N.R. Rao	...	Chairman
2. Prof. J.V. Narlikar	...	Member
3. Dr. P.N. Tandon	...	Member
4. Prof. R. Narasimha	...	Member
5. Dr. A.S. Ganguly	...	Member
6. Dr. Sekhar Raha	...	Member
7. Prof. Madhav Gadgil	...	Member

Dr. V. Sidhartha, presently working in the Office of Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri, will function as Secretary of the Council.

2. The Council will be an advisory body. It will advise the Prime Minister on (a) major issues facing Science and Technology today; (b) the health of Science and Technology in the country and the direction in which it should move; and (c) a perspective plan for 2001 A.D. The Council will also look at specific problems with different scientific departments, policies, priorities for research and technology mission, etc.

3. The Council will be serviced by the Department of Science and Technology.

4. The initial term of the Council will be two years.



(R. RAJAMANI)

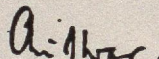
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

(F.No.A.11019/1/86-Ad.I)

ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in Gazette of India.

Ordered also that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and all other concerned.



(ANIL KUMAR)

JOINT SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

To

The Manager,
Government of India Press,
Faridabad (Haryana)

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प्रधान मन्त्री कार्यालय
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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NEW DELHI - 110011

Prime Minister has approved that Dr. V. Siddhartha may be asked to relinquish his position as Secretary to the Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

Sd/-
(Arvind Pande)
Joint Secretary to the
Prime Minister
11.6.1986

Cabinet Secretary

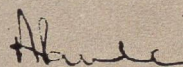
(With reference to Cabinet Secretariat Resolution F.No.A.11010/1/86-Ad.I dated 4th February, 1986.)

No. 17(2194)/86/MS

Dt. 11-6-86

Copy to:

1. Prof. C.S.R. Rao, Chairman, SAC to PM and Director Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore-560 012
2. Dr. S. Ramachandran, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi
3. Dr. V.S. Arunachalam, SA to Raksha Mantri, New Delhi
4. Dr. V. Siddhartha, Office of SA to Raksha Mantri, New Delhi


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June 20, 1986

Dear Siddhartha,

Thank you for your letter of June 11, 1986.

As a member of SAC-PM I found your encyclopaedic knowledge of S & T a great asset. I do hope we will meet on some other occasions, and wish you all the best for the future.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Jayant Narlikar



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4 July 1986

Dr V Siddhartha
Secretariat of Scientific Adviser
to Raksha Mantri
Room No.134, B-Wing
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New Delhi 110 011

My dear Siddhartha,

I am sorry to learn that you are relinquishing your position as Secretary of the Science Advisory Council. This will of course not mean that we will not continue to argue about science and technology in the country, as we have done for so many years in the past!

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R Narasimha)

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अध्यक्ष
Prof. C N R Rao
Chairman

10 July 1986

My dear Siddhartha:

On behalf of the members of the Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and on my personal behalf, I would like to thank you for the assistance you have provided to the working of our Council during the last few months.

The work of the Council, initiated through your assistance, has made a good start and we hope to continue our activities based on these initiatives.

Thanking you once again,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. V. Siddhartha
Office of the Scientific Adviser
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Indian Xpress

JULY 20, 1986

(DELHI EDITION)

Science Council secretary dropped

By SOMNATH SAPRU
Express News Service

NEW DELHI, July 19.

Barely five months after the Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister was set up, as an apex body, its Secretary, Dr V. Siddharath, was dropped and in his place Dr. P. J. Lavakare, Adviser in the Department of Science and Technology has been appointed.

The setting up of the Council in February, 1986 was seen as a measure of the determination of the Government to direct and guide the development of science and technology in the country along productive lines.

The Council was to have a secretariat

to prepare the agenda for the meetings and to co-ordinate the efforts of the members as also to act as liaison for the policy decision implementation to ensure a better feed-back.

The Council, which has eight members including the Chairman and the Secretary, replaced the erstwhile Science Advisory Council to the Union Cabinet (SACC), which had been set up in 1980. Prior to that another body called the National Committee on Science and Technology (NCST) existed, which was set up in November 1971.

The present Council is headed by Prof C. N. R. Rao, Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and includes members from the private sector. This broad-based council is expected to give concrete practical advice to the Prime Minister, as its members are in various areas of technology and themselves distinguished scientists.

However, the sudden dropping of the secretary, though unexpected, was not entirely surprising. It is learnt that the secretariat has not been functioning as the Council wanted it to several meetings have not produced any substantial result, since, no detailed agenda had been prepared to be circulated earlier to enable members, to prepare themselves sufficiently.

The role of the Council had been defined almost on the same lines as that of the present Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, which is presently headed by Prof S. Chakravarty. The Council is in addition to the post of the Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister, Prof M. G. K. Menon, whose role was defined as being similar to that of Mr L. K. Jha, Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister.

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Vide Cabinet Secretariat Resolution No. F. No. A.11019/1/86-Ad.1 dated February 04, 1986, I was appointed Secretary of the Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (**Flag 'A'**). The Resolution reads "Dr. V. Siddhartha, presently working in the Office of Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri, will function as Secretary of the Council". Vide para 3 of the Resolution, the Council is to be serviced by the Department of Science & Technology. However, I performed my functions **in addition to** my duties as an officer in the Secretariat of Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri.

2. Following receipt of Note No. 17(2194)/86 PMS dated June 11, 1986 (**Flag 'B'**) from the Prime Minister's Office, I took action to relinquish my position as Secretary of the Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. Action in this regard was completed on June 17, 1986.

3. In the Indian Express (Delhi Edn.) dated July 20, 1986, a news item has appeared titled "Science Council Secretary Dropped" (**Flag 'C'**). In that item, an aspersion has been cast on the functioning of the Secretariat of SAC to PM.

4. I wish to seek an appointment with MOS (DR&D) to discuss this item and the aspersion cast therein on my functioning, in an additional capacity, as an officer of the Secretariat of Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri.

5. SA to RM being on leave, AS(DR) may kindly accord permission to me to seek appointment with the Hon'ble Minister.

AS (DR)

V. Siddhartha
23 Jul 86

V. Siddhartha
Dr. V. Siddhartha
Tel: 301 0744
July 23, 1986

Business Standard

CALCUTTA MONDAY 11 AUGUST 1986

Science fiction

THE moment any senior official is shifted from his position in Delhi, the rumour mills start operating. Wherever one goes these days, one question that one invariably hears is: why is P.K. Kaul being sent out? You give one version, and that elicits another from the questioner himself. Ultimately, it will be difficult to sift fact from fiction.

Another example is the way Dr V. Siddharth left the science advisory council to the Prime Minister. A scientist working in the defence ministry, he was secretary to the council. The seven-member council included three leading scientists from Bangalore, including the chairman, Prof. C.N.R. Rao, director of the Indian Institute of Science.

Dr Siddhartha had a physical problem. An allergy to something in the atmosphere of Bangalore. The moment he lands in that city he gets a swelling in the face. Though only a secretary to the council, not a member, he could hardly function effectively, especially since the chairman cannot be expected to come down to Delhi for every meeting. So Dr Siddharth decided to quit. That is the fact. But several reports got around giving different versions for his sudden departure from the SAC.

One senior scientist and a member of the council has written to Dr Siddharth that though he was sorry to learn that he is relinquishing his position as secretary, "this will not of course mean that we will not continue to argue about science and technology in the country, as we have done for so many years in the past". It is this spirit of friendly argument that will do good to Indian science, not the petty politics that goes on all the time, stifling the initiative of young scientists.