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D.O.No.  
August 4, 1976

My dear Prof. Dhar,

I enclose for your information a copy of a note  
I have submitted to Minister for Agriculture & Irrigation.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*M/S*  
(M.S. Swaminathan)

Prof. P. N. Dhar,  
Secretary to Prime Minister,  
PM's Secretariat,  
New Delhi

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1. In December, 1971, I was invited by the Government of India to join as Director-General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research. I then made an oral request to the Secretary, Department of Agriculture (the late Shri T.P.Singh) and the Minister for Agriculture (Shri Faidruddin Ali Ahmad) that I may be permitted to take up the assignment only for a five-year period, thereby enabling me to return to a research and teaching career at the end of the period. I was later informed that Minister for Agriculture was kind enough to agree to this request and had passed the following order in the relevant file.

"Since Dr. Swaminathan is agreeable to the appointment, steps should be taken to notify his appointment as Director General, ICAR. The terms may be decided later on. His appointment can be initially for five years as suggested by him."

2. I joined as Director-General, ICAR and Secretary to the Government of India on January 14, 1972. Thus, my term will end on January 13, 1977. Appropriate steps will hence have to be initiated to nominate a successor.

3. I am bringing the above to Minister's attention for issue of necessary instructions.

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(M.S.Swaminathan)  
3.8.1976

Minister (A&I)

Handed over to Minister (A & I) personally today.  
D. S. Srinivas  
3.8.76

Remarks  
of D (A&I)

"The appointment may be extended beyond five years for a period which may be decided by discussion with Dr. Swaminathan"