

IN MEMORIUM: DR. S. G. TIWARI
1918–1998

Dr. S. G. Tiwari, who for nearly four decades was an active participant in the proceedings of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW) in various capacities, died on March 10, 1998, of a sudden cardiac arrest. It is fair to say that he will be most remembered for his contributions to the development of national accounts in India.

Born in 1918 in Todarpur, India, S. G. Tiwari obtained a Bachelor's degree in 1941; a Master's degree in Economics together with the Wagle Memorial gold medal in 1943 from Benaras Hindu University (BHU).

In 1944, at the age of 26, Dr. Tiwari was appointed as a Lecturer at BHU and in that year he started work on his doctoral dissertation on state income and compiled estimates of state domestic product of Uttar Pradesh for the years 1921–22, 1931–32 and 1938–39 mostly following the production approach and in some cases the income approach. The thesis was submitted to BHU in 1948 and the first D.Litt awarded by BHU was conferred on Dr. Tiwari in the 1949 convocation. After serving two years as the Professor and Head of the Department of Economics at Trichandra College in Nepal, Dr. Tiwari returned to BHU for 4 years as Assistant Professor of Economics. During his stay in Benaras, Dr. Tiwari published a book on food problems in India as well as his doctoral dissertation.

In 1952, Dr. Tiwari moved to Nainital as Professor and Head of the Department of DSB College (now Kumaon University) for a period of six years. The book on Indian Economics was published in Nainital. The book also won the State Government award. While at Nainital, most of Dr. Tiwari's technical contributions remained in the sphere of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations with occasional forays in the area of credit policy and agricultural economics.

In 1959, at the age of 41, Dr. Tiwari joined the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) as Officer-in-Charge of National Accounts where he continued for 9 years. Dr. Tiwari engrossed himself fully in the deliberations of the Working Group set up under the leadership of Professor Richard Stone for producing the UN System of National Accounts (1968) where he was the only representative from the developing world.

At this stage, he started work on translating Alfred Marshall's "Principles of Economics" into Hindi, a project that Dr. Tiwari had undertaken in order to make this book readily accessible to a wider audience in India. His wife Sheila bore a considerable burden of this project.

In 1968, Dr. Tiwari joined the Planning Commission as Chief of Economic Growth and Planning. During the brief period he spent with the Planning Commission, Dr. Tiwari continued with his interest in National Accounts.

In 1970, Dr. Tiwari became the Regional Advisor on National Accounts at the Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific (formerly Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East). This appointment allowed him to undertake over

75 advisory missions to 30 countries in the region. In addition to mission work, Dr. Tiwari also collaborated with the IMF, the World Bank, FAO, Asian Development Bank, South Pacific Commission, and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on issues relating to the development of: balance of payments and government finance statistics; national accounts and basic statistics; agricultural accounts and the flow of resources to agriculture; and indicators to assess agrarian reform and rural development. From 1966 to 1979, he was on the Editorial Board of the *Review of Income and Wealth*.

Dr. Tiwari returned to India in 1985. Back in New Delhi, Dr. Tiwari was an active participant in various Expert Groups and Committees and established the Socio-Economic Policy Analysis and Action Center of which he was made the founding Chairman, a role which he relinquished in 1997. Dr. Tiwari died while in the midst of preparing his contribution for the golden jubilee anniversary conference of the IARIW being held in Cambridge, England. His absence in the future proceedings of the IARIW will be deeply felt.

Dr. Tiwari is survived by his wife Sheila whom he married in 1951 and by his two sons both of whom are settled in U.S.A.

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