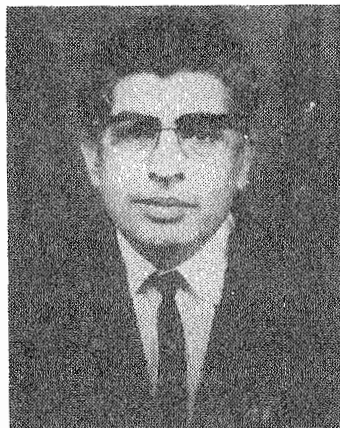


Obituary

HAFIZ AHMED JAGIRDAR
1926 - 1981



Mr. Hafiz Ahmed Jagirdar, Plant Pathologist, Agriculture Research Institute, Tandojam, Sind, died on March, 2 1981 at Karachi due to liver dysfunction. He had been in ill health for about a year but was quite active in guiding phytopathological investigations until a few weeks before his death.

Mr. Hafiz Ahmed Jagirdar was born on January 4, 1926 at Bijapur, India. He migrated to Pakistan and joined the King George VI Institute, Sakrand from where he received his B.Sc. degree in Agriculture. Mr. Jagirdar joined the Department of Agriculture as a Research Assistant in the Division of Mycology in 1955. He carried out research on the etiology of root rot of cotton and received the M.Sc. degree in Plant Pathology from the University of Sind in 1957. Mr. Jagirdar was promoted to the post of Mycologist, Agriculture Research Station, Quetta in 1957 where he worked on diseases of wheat and vegetable crops. He was transferred to Agriculture Research Institute, Tandojam in 1959 and there he carried out research on cotton diseases. In 1965 Mr. Jagirdar served the Agriculture college, Tandojam as Assistant Professor of Mycology for a brief period and then he opted for research wing to which he was inclined and had immense aptitude. He was promoted to the post of Plant Pathologist, Agriculture Research Institute, Tandojam in 1970. Mr. Jagirdar was deeply involved in developing technology for increased crop production. An important part of his work included the search for sources of resistance to diseases in cotton, wheat, oilseeds and vegetables. He carried out studies on the epidemiology and control of plant diseases.

Mr. Jagirdar was instrumental in developing a cooperative project between the Pakistan Central Cotton Committee and Agriculture Research Institute, Tandojam which led to an elaborate investigation on boll rot and root rot of cotton. As an outcome of these studies acid-delinting and fungicidal coating of cotton seed is getting popular in Sind.

Mr. Jagirdar was on many local, provincial and national committees. He was a member of Board of Studies, Sind Agriculture University, Tandojam, Pakistan Central Cotton Committee, Pesticides Standardization subcommittee, Agricultural Pesticides Technical Advisory Committee and Plant Protection Committee of Pakistan Agriculture Research Council. He had authored and coauthored many technical reports, bulletins and research papers.

He is survived by his wife Amatul Ghaffar, a daughter Amatul Fatima and a son Ghous Mohiuddin.

Mr. Jagirdar was known for his welfare works to his colleagues he was a man of great vision, a good guide and a good friend. He will be missed by all who ever met or worked with him.

Ahmed Pasha Jagirdar