

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE



Shri S.D. Soman, Chairman, AERB (30.04.1990-26.04.1993)

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing away of Shri S. D. Soman, former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board on 7th November 2021. AERB deeply mourns the demise of Shri Soman. I on behalf of the AERB management and staff extend my heartfelt condolences with prayers to God to give enough strength to the bereaved family to withstand this period of immense grief.

Shri S. D. Soman was born in 1931. After obtaining M.Sc. (Physics) from Nagpur University in 1953, he joined the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) and later the Atomic Energy Establishment Trombay (AEET) in 1955. He had been a member of the Safety Review Committee (SRC) of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE-SRC) till June 1987 and then became the Director, Health and Safety Group, BARC in June 1987. He took over as the Chairman of AERB on April 30, 1990 and

served till 26th April 1993. He will be remembered by us in AERB for his invaluable wisdom and the strong foundation he laid for building a strong regulatory regime in India.

In 1975 Shri Soman was honoured with the “Padma Shri” award by the Govt. of India. He received the “Environmentalist of the Year” award for the year 1985-86 from CHEMTECH Foundation. He was Scientific Secretary for the Third International Conference on Peaceful uses of Atomic Energy held at Geneva (1964).



Shri Nageswara Rao, Chairman, AERB paying floral tributes

He was deputed as a Technical Expert to the Government of Chile for six months in 1970. He was elected Member of the Executive Council of International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA) for the period 1977-84. He received the outstanding service award from IRPA. He was a member of Committee-4 of the International Commission of Radiological Protection (ICRP) during 1979-88. He participated in many Advisory/ Consultants meetings at the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna dealing with radiation protections in nuclear fuel cycles and siting of nuclear power plants. He was a member of IAEA-INSAG.

He had wide ranging interests in Radiological Protection and Environmental Sciences. He had to his credit large number of publications in international journals and presentations in national and international conferences.

Shri Soman was a very humble human being and a man of principles. A strong leader and a silent worker. He leaves behind his strong personal influence in establishing AERB as an effective and efficient regulatory organisation.

All people in AERB pray to God that his soul may rest in peace heavenly abode. We stand with his family to bear this immense sorrow and grief. AERB will fondly remember Shri Soman and his contributions for a long time to come.
