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No. ADM.I/6(122).—The President has learnt with deep regret of the death of Dr. Jnan Chandra Ghosh, Member, Planning Commission in the forenoon of Wednesday, January 21, 1959 at Calcutta.

In Dr. Ghosh's death, the country has lost an eminent scientist and educationist who rendered distinguished service in the fields of scientific research, technical education and industrial development.

Starting in 1915 as Lecturer in Chemistry in the Calcutta University, Dr. Ghosh served in the Dacca University from 1921 to 1939 as Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry. From 1939 to 1947 he was Director of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. Immediately after Independence, Dr. Ghosh was appointed Director-General of Industries & Supplies in the Government of India and in this capacity he devoted himself to the problems of industrial development and arranged for the preparation of projects for the development of steel, chemical and machine tool industries.

As the first Director of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, Dr. Ghosh did pioneering work and laid sound foundations for the development of higher technical education in the country. During 1954-55, Dr. Ghosh served the cause of education as Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University. As President of the Indian Science Congress in 1939 and earlier of the Indian Chemical Society, which he had helped to establish, as well as through his association with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Dr. Ghosh played a notable part in the advancement of science in India.

Since May 1955, Dr. Ghosh had served with great distinction as Member of the Planning Commission. He took part in all the stages of the preparation of the Second Five Year Plan and had a large share in working out proposals for the expansion of facilities for technical education at various levels.

The Government mourn the loss of a distinguished public servant and wish to place on record their appreciation of the conspicuous contributions made by him to the development of science, industry and higher technical education. To the bereaved family, they offer their heart-felt condolences.

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