

PROFILE OF PROF. RAMESH CHAND

Current Status: Member of NITI Aayog in the rank and status of Union Minister of State.

Education: Ph. D. Agricultural Economics from Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. M.Sc. Agricultural Finance, B.Sc Agriculture.

Work History:

- Director, ICAR National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi, 2010 to 2015.
- National Professor, National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi, 2016 to 2010.
- Acting Director, National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi, 2005 to 2006.
- Professor and Head, Agricultural Economics Unit, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University Enclave, Delhi, 2002-2004.
- Principal Scientist, National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi, 1996-2002
- Professor, Department of Economics, Punjab agricultural University, Ludhiana, 1995-1996.
- Visiting Fellow (Reader), Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University Enclave, Delhi, 1993-1995
- Associate Professor- Agri Economics, YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan, Himachal Pradesh, 1988-1993.
- Agricultural Economist, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural development, Mumbai, 1987-1988.
- Assistant Economist, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, 1984-1987.

International Experience

- ❖ Visiting Professor, University of Wollongong, Wollongong, NSW Australia, April to August 2000.
- ❖ Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Developing Economies, JETRO, Chiba Shi, Japan, May to September, 2003.
- ❖ Senior Policy Subscriber (consultant) to FAO RAP, Bangkok, for Three Months, During June 2007 to May 2008.
- ❖ Undertaken 12 research projects as Consultant for FAO, ESCAP/United Nations, UNDP, UNCTAD, Commonwealth, World Bank, OECD.

Special Assignments

- ✚ **Chaired** various Committees/Working Groups on Agriculture, Food Policy, Food Security, Farm Income, Market and Prices and WTO constituted by various Ministries and Planning Commission, GoI and various States.
- ✚ **Member**, Steering Committee on Agriculture for 11th Five Year Plan, Planning Commission, Government of India. **Prepared model** for 4% growth in Agriculture sector during XI Plan.

- ✚ **Represented** in 15 high level committees and experts groups constituted by Ministry of Agriculture, M/O Food, Public Distribution, and Consumer Affairs, M/O Finance, Government of India, as Member or Chairman.
- ✚ Prepared **white paper** on Medium Term Priority Framework for **FAO** in India, 2009.
- ✚ **Chief Editor, Agricultural Economics Research Review, New Delhi, 2014 - .**
- ✚ **Nominated** as member in India's delegation to G20 for Agriculture Group, 2011 and 2012.
- ✚ **Nodal officer** nominated by Government of India for Agriculture and Rural Development matters related to SAARC for six years.
- ✚ Served as **GB Member** of SAARC Agriculture Centre, Dhaka.

Significant Awards/Recognitions

- **RAFI AHMED KIDWAI AWARD 2011** for outstanding contribution in the field of Social Sciences, by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi,
- **JAWAHARLAL NEHRU AWARD-1985** by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, in recognition of the outstanding research contributions of my Ph.D. thesis.
- **Fellow**, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi.
- **Fellow**, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics
- **Life Member**, Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.

Publications: Selected Papers/Books

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2. Changes in Rural Labour market and Their Implications for Agriculture, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol XLIX No. 10, 47-54. March 8, 2014.
3. International Trade, Regional Integration and Food Security in South Asia, in *Regional Integration in South Asia, Trends, Challenges and Prospects*, (ed) Mohammad A Razzaque and Yurendra Basnett, The Commonwealth, Ch. 12, 239 to 264. London, UK. 2014.
4. Development Policies and Agricultural Markets, *Economic and Political Weekly, Review of Rural Affairs*, V.47 (52): 53-63, 2012.
5. Food Security and Undernourishment in India: Assessment of Alternative Norms and the Income Effect, Keynote paper, *Indian Jn of Agri Economics*, 68(1): 39-53, 2013.
6. Temporal and Spatial Variations in Agricultural Growth and Its Determinants, *Economic and Political Weekly, Review of Rural affairs*, V.47 (26 & 27): 55-63, 2012.
7. Farm Size and Productivity: Understanding the Strengths of Smallholders and Improving their Livelihoods, *Economic and Political Weekly, Review of Agriculture*, V.46 (26 & 27): 5-11, 2011.
8. Agricultural Trade Liberalization Policies in India: Balancing Producer and Consumer Interests, in *Twenty Years of India's Liberalization, Experiences and Lessons*, UNCTAD Geneva and WTO Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi, 37-57, 2012.
9. Total factor Productivity and Returns to Investment on Agriculture Research,

Agricultural Economics Research Review, Vol. 25 (2): 181-194, 2012.

10. Achieving 4 Per Cent Growth Rate in Agriculture During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, in *India's Economy and Growth, Essays in Honour of VKRV Rao*, Sage Publications, New Delhi. pp 69-86, 2010.
11. The Seeds Bill, 2011: Some Reflections, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 46(51): 22-25, 2011.
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13. Effect of Global Recession on Indian Agriculture, *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 65 (3): 487-496, 2010.
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16. Global Food and Financial Crisis: Experience and Perspective From India, in *Agricultural Reforms and Trade Liberalization in China and Selected Asian Countries*, Policy assistance series 6, RAP Publication 2009/15, FAO RAP, Bangkok, 2009.
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18. Fertiliser Use, Nutrient Imbalances and Subsidies: Trends and Implications, *Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research*, Sage Pub, Vol. 3, No. 4, 409-432, 2009.
19. Instability in Indian agriculture During Different Phases of Technology and Policy, *Indian Jn of Agril. Economics*, 64(2): 187-207, 2009.
20. Farm Income in India : The Context of Development and Institution in Gopal K. Kadekodi and Brinda Viswanathan (ed) *Agricultural Development, Rural Institutions and Economic Policy, Essays for A. Vaidyanathan*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2009.
21. Capital Formation in Indian Agriculture: National and State level Analysis, in D. Narsimha Reddy and Srijit Mishra (ed.) *Agrarian Crisis in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2009.
22. Agricultural Development Policies and Growth of India Agriculture, in Agarwal Manmohan (ed.). *India's Economic Future: education, Technology, Energy and Environment*, Social Science Press, New Delhi, 2009.
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25. Wheat Market: The Distortions Caused by Government Intervention, *Economic and Political Weekly*, V.44(12): 41 to 46, 2009.
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28. India's Agricultural Challenges and their Implications for Growth of its Economy in Masahisa Fujita (Ed.) *Economic Integration in Asia and India*, Palgrave MacMillan, New York. Pp. 145-171, 2008.
29. The State of Indian agriculture and Prospects for Future, in Kanchan Chopra and CH Hanumantha Rao (ed) *Growth, Equity, Environment and population: Economic and Sociological Perspectives*, Sage, New Delhi. Ch 8, pp 133-148, 2008.
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