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Former Governor, Reserve Bank of India,
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Respected Sir,

We are extremely happy to learn from The Hindu of 2nd July 2020 that you have been conferred the P.C. Mahalanobis Lifetime Achievement award on the Statistics Day on June 29, 2020 in "recognition of your contribution to official statistics". This is an honour you rightly deserved and we feel proud of you. Your outstanding contribution to Indian economy, banking and central banking, as also other related areas will be gratefully remembered by the nation, the economists, the bankers, the intelligentsia, the planners *et al*.

From the layman's point of view we can humbly say that statistics and data, analysis based thereon, are extremely important for a scientific national planning. Accuracy and authenticity of data are, therefore, very important. Of late, there have been some unfortunate controversies and debates on veracity of data and their import. With a person of your eminence and integrity being there, the country can rest assured of your guidance in this vital area.

Reserve Bank of India is a very important source of data and statistics. Its areas are fast expanding and RBI data is a big repository helping numerous researches and analysis in diverse segments of national economy. It has earned world-wide acclaim. People like you being associated directly and indirectly with RBI for long, has helped this premier institution and its department of research and statistics achieve this glorious height.

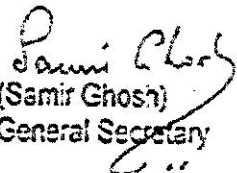
We take this opportunity to sincerely wish you good health and long active service for the nation, earning many more laurels. Please keep well and take all caution in this pandemic situation.

We fondly remember, Sir, the days we passed with you, your love and affection for us; also, your kindness to inaugurate our last conference at Hyderabad in February 2017.

With best of regards, Sir,

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
(Samir Ghosh)
General Secretary

Copy forwarded to Hon'ble Governor, Shri Shaktikanta Das, Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, Mumbai.
This is for his kind information.


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