

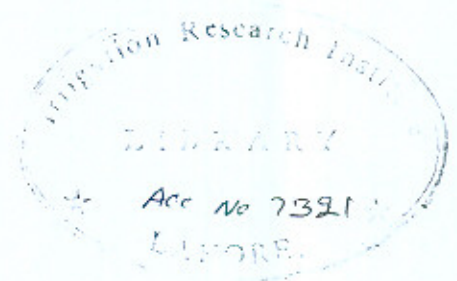
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(Brief Life Sketch)

Mian Masud Akhtar was born in Baghbanpura, Lahore, Punjab on the 23rd April, 1926.

He got his early education in Kinder Garten Section, Queen Marry College, Lahore and then Government High School Baghbanpura and Forman Christian College, Lahore. He graduated in 1943 with Mathematics (Double Course). He was also awarded 'Honourable Mention' in Mathematics by the College. He graduated in Civil Engineering in 1946. He is thus a double graduate. He is also member, Pakistan Engineering Council and Fellow Institute of Engineers Pakistan.

He joined the then Punjab Irrigation Department in January, 1947 i.e. before Independence.

He served in this Department in various capacities for over 39 years. During this period, he held territorial charges in the Irrigation Commands of Lower Chenab Canal, Upper Chenab Canal, Upper Jhelum Canal, Lower Jhelum Canal, Sulemanki Head Works and its Canals and Thal Canals etc. He also held charges in the then Central Design Office where he worked in the design of Rasul Hydel Power Station, Durghai (NWFP) Power Station and Mianwali Power Station. He also worked in Design and Research Office in Irrigation Secretariat of the then West Pakistan (Now Pakistan). During this tenure of service he made special contributions to remodelling of Nara Canal System in Sind Province, design and surface and sub-surface in Baluchistan Province etc. He was also associated with the construction work of field/seepage drains in RECHNA DOAB and construction of Irrigation Channels in Thal Project, Punjab. He remained associated with the field investigations and project planning of the following projects:—

- i. BUNAH Water Storage Scheme, JABA Water Storage Scheme, JATLI Water Storage Scheme on various Tributaries of River Jhelum.
- ii. He prepared a complete Pilot Project of Soil Conservation in Saruli Watershed in Chakwal Tehsil of Jhelum District.
- iii. The well known greater Thal Project and Jalalpur Canal Project were also revised and updated by him in their existing shape.

Thus Mian Masud Akhtar possesses an extensive experience in Planning of Projects, Field Surveys, Design, Research, Construction and Operation/Maintenance Works in various fields of Engineering Profession.

He is author of the following technical papers written for FAO/UNDP Seminar held at Damascus during Dec. 1971;

- i. Effective use of Irrigation Water at Farm Level.
- ii. Land and Water use in the Near East.

He also presented the following papers in the Seminar on "Water Management and Control for Agriculture" held in Tokyo, Japan during October, 1972.

- i. Country Report for Pakistan.
- ii. Rice Production and Water Management.
- iii. Water Management for Diversified Agriculture.
- iv. Institutional Support to Irrigated Agriculture.
- v. Economics of Irrigation and Drainage Scheme.

He was appointed as Secretary to Government Punjab, Irrigation and Power Department on 19-4-1984 and continued to hold this job till 22-4-1986 when he retired on super-annuation after attaining the age of 60

During his tenures as Secretary to Government, he re-organized the Irrigation Department and added two new posts namely Chief Engineer Planning and Chief Engineer Development with their necessary infrastructure. An important major foreign aided project namely Command Water Management Project is being exclusively handled by the newly created Chief Engineer Development of the Department.

During his assignment as Secretary to Government, Irrigation and Power Department, he was selected for a study tour as a part of technical training programme arranged by United States Bureau of Reclamation, to discuss design parameters, construction/operational techniques and maintenance problems of sub soil Drainage in 1984. During the course of this tour, he visited various projects in Egypt, UK, Canada, USA, Japan etc.

He has been issued appreciation letters for the official duties rendered by him by the then Governor Punjab and Minister for Irrigation and Power, Punjab.

He was elected unanimously as President of Pakistan Engineering Congress at the Annual Session of 1985. During his tenure of this office, he made substantial contribution to encourage technical activities by arranging lecturers by eminent engineers/scientists of national and international reputation. Those invited to deliver such lectures included Dr. S.S. Kirmani of World Bank, Dr. Khalid Mahmood of Washington University, USA, Dr. Karren of UK, Dr. Munir Ahmad, Chairman Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, General Talat Masood Chairman Ordinance factories of Pakistan, Dr M.E. Jensen President International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, etc. etc. These functions have been of immense technical benefits to the Engineers engaged in various branches of Engineering and Technology in the Country. It is hoped and prayed that this useful practice would continue in future.

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