

## M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai

M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation is looking for a Director for its Research and Development Centre which has excellent infrastructure in the Taramani Institutional Area of Chennai.

M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation is a non-profit organization of international repute recognized by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Govt. of India and a range of national universities and international organizations. In 1996, the Foundation was awarded the Blue Planet Prize, the first institution in Asia to be chosen for this prestigious international award. Its major focus is research on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development and the current programmes include:

- Coastal systems research
- Biodiversity and biotechnology
- Ecotechnology and sustainable agriculture
- Reaching the unreached
- Education, communication, training and capacity building

The responsibility of the Director will involve management of the Centre and overall guidance of its research and development programmes within the context of the centre's priorities and objectives. The Director will also be responsible for resource mobilization, creating institutional linkages, nationally and internationally, and establishing rapport with its donors.

The preferred applicant will have, in addition to a doctoral degree in an area of the Foundation's research focus and a distinguished record of scientific leadership, a high order of team work and management skill, intimate familiarity with the needs of poor rural women and men, and the aspirations of young scholars. Ability to mobilize resources and strength in institutional advancement are of critical importance.

The job offers more in challenging opportunity than in monetary compensation. The compensation package is negotiable.

The applications with CV should reach Dr K. Kanungo, Chairman, Search cum Selection Committee, Plot No. 24A Aerodrome Area, Post Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar 751 009 by **30 November 1998**.

Selection of candidate is expected during February 1999 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.