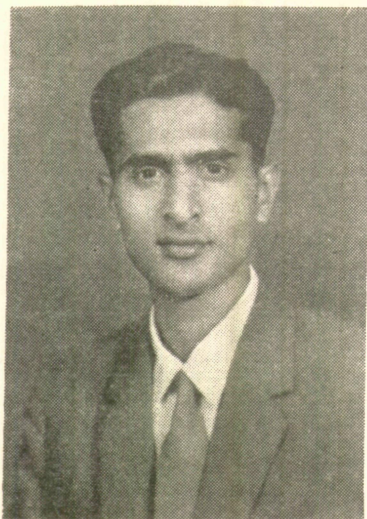


## OBITUARY



**T. B. SUNDARA**

(1928—1976)

It is with deep regret I have to record the death of Sri T. B. Sundara, Senior Geologist, Department of Mines & Geology, Karnataka on the evening of Thursday the 18th November 1976.

Tumkur Bramhayya Sundara was born on 1st June 1928 and had his early education at Tumkur. He graduated with Honours in geology from the Central College in 1951 and took his M.Sc. in 1952. Soon after, he joined the Department of Mines and Geology as an Assistant Geologist in 1953. He was actively associated in the early stages of exploration of the Kudremukh iron ore deposit. Again in the earlier years of Chitradurga Copper Co., he functioned as its Chief Executive Officer. He was deputed under the Colombo plan to Canada to study modern methods of mineral exploration. As a member of the iron ore investigation scheme he was responsible for the survey and location of a number of important iron ore and manganese ore deposits in N. Kanara District. He did excellent work as Senior Geologist of the Bellary Division. He was transferred to Bangalore and had been tipped to become Deputy Director in the Department of Mines and Geology when the cruel hand of fate suddenly struck and brought to an end a promising career.

These are the bare facts of the career of Sundara. Greatness of a person, it is said, can be judged by the way he treats little men. Sundara's boundless affection extended to every one. The driver, the servant, people from humbler walks of life received the same loving and affectionate treatment as was accorded to his more distinguished guests. Villagers especially wherever he camped developed a great affection for him. I marvelled at the way birds used to perch and settle on his shoulders and eat out of his hand.

Sundara was very lucky in his marriage. He had found a partner who was inseparable and followed him like a shadow. She doubled his pleasures and greatly supplemented his several noble qualities. There was no one, high or low connected with the Department of Mines and Geology of Karnataka who had not enjoyed the generous hospitality of their home. Sundara has left a very large circle of friends to mourn his loss. Even the doctor treating him in the end wept when all his endeavours failed to revive the heart that had stopped beating!

Such was Sundara who is no more.

B.P.R.