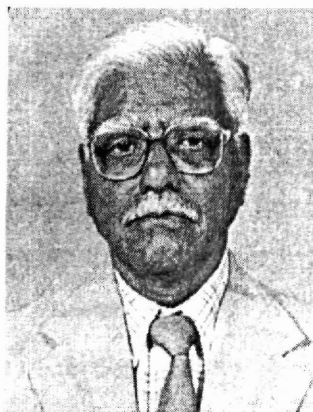


OBITUARY



Mohammed Ziauddin
(1923-2008)

The news of the passing away of Mohammed Ziauddin on the 20th February 2008 came as a shock.

Mr. Ziauddin was born on the 12th October 1923. He obtained the B.Sc. (Hons.) degree of the then Mysore University from Central College, Bangalore in 1946 and immediately got a job as a lecturer in the Central College. He joined the Geological Survey of India on the 11th October 1947 at Calcutta.

His professional life started with geological mapping in the West Godavari district and shifted to economic geology division under S. Narayanaswamy working on the geology of the Kolar Gold Fields. This work provided him good experience and great insight into mineral investigation in general and gold mineralisation in particular. After the completion of the K.G.F. investigation Ziauddin was assigned the work of exploration of the Garimanipenta Copper Prospect and Agnigundala in Andhra Pradesh. A potential copper-lead deposit in Agnigundala and Bandalamottu was located.

Ziauddin went on deputation to Canada under the Colombo Plan (UNESCO) in 1965 for training in geochemical prospecting and study of several metalliferous deposits and mines. On his return from Canada he continued as Technical Secretary and later posted to the publication Division, Calcutta.

He held positions as Director, Madhya Pradesh Circle, Bhopal. He is credited with the discovery of a major copper

prospect at Malanjkhanda. His main interest was gold and was the author of the publication "Gold Resources of India". In 1971, Mr. Ziauddin became Director, Karnataka (North) and Goa and guided exploration for gold in Malappa Konda, Chigargunta areas and Hutti, bauxite in Goa and flux grade limestone in Bijapur district. He served in Orissa Circle in 1977 where he intensified the investigation in the Sukinda chromite deposit which resulted in proving about 200 million tonnes of good metallurgical grade chromite. His stay in Orissa Circle was short lived as he was called to take up the charge of the G.S.I. Training Institute. He was promoted as Deputy Director General of the Western Region at Jaipur. He retired from service on 30th October 1981.

After his retirement, his services were in great demand by many mining companies. Karamchand Thapar Group engaged him for locating glass sand deposit for a glass factory in Nigeria, which he accomplished.

Mr. Ziauddin was a Life Fellow of the Geological Society of India and served as a member of the Council. His death has removed an able field geologist and a respected Fellow of the Society.

He, though, had a rough exterior, was gentle at heart and friendly in spirit. He did not believe in sophistication. Mrs. Ziauddin, who predeceased him, was of great support in his field life and he made sentimental references to her.

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