

Obituary



Dr. Baboobhai Vrajla Bhoota, a Member of the EEPC Working Committee and a former Chairman of the Council left for his heavenly abode on April 26, 2008 in Mumbai. Dr. Bhoota was the Chairman of the Council during 1972-74. A committed member and steadfast supporter of the Council, Dr. Bhoota played a pioneering role in giving leadership to the engineering exporting community at a time when import substitution took precedence over all aspects of the country's economic policy making. It was under Dr. Bhoota's leadership that the Council together with the Government of India took a series of steps to boost exports of Indian engineering goods and consultancy services with respect to the projects financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank. Significantly, in January 1973, a three member study team comprising of representatives of the Ministry of Finance and the Council visited South East Asian countries including the ADB headquarters in Manila and Japan with a view to formulate special measures necessary in the country to enable Indian engineering companies to understand the ADB's procurement methods and face up to the other challenges that are peculiar to South East Asian countries.

In his sad demise, the Council and the engineering exporting community has lost a dear friend and a great supporter of the activities of the Council. The members and staff of the Council salute this remarkable personality and convey their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members in this hour of grief.