

Obituary Notice

MAJOR-GENERAL C. K. LAKSHMANAN

(1898-1970)

Many people outside India, and many in India not connected with the Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh, will be saddened to learn of the passing of Major-General Lakshmanan at the age of 72. For many years he had been closely connected with the Leprosy Control Programme of the Government of India, and served as a most understanding and gracious link between the Government and voluntary agencies concerned with leprosy in India. As Director-General of Health Services, he was (from 1954 to 1958) an *ex-officio* member of the governing body of the Central Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute at Chingleput and helped with his mature advice during the critical formative phase of its activities.

General Lakshmanan was educated in Madras and in London (at St. Bartholomew's Medical College and Hospital). He had a very distinguished career, first in the Indian Army and then in civil employment under the Central Government, rising eventually to the highest position. Both before and after his official retirement, he was often called upon because of his expert knowledge and wide-ranging sympathies.

It was during his years as Honorary Secretary of the Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh (1958 to 1969) that he was brought into contact with leprosy workers throughout India and made many happy acquaintances with leprologists on the international scene.

Our deep sympathy goes to his widow and members of the family.

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