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DATE OF BIRTH: 15.03.1937

NATIONALITY: INDIAN

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

- Member, Karnataka State Finance Commission, 1995-96
- Member, Committee for Fixing Free-structure for Technical Courses, 1996
- Member, High Power Committee for Redressal of Regional Imbalances, 2001-02
- Syndicate Member, Kannada University, Hampi from 1995-96
- Member, Board of Governors, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, from 1995-96
- UGC Visiting Professor at School of Economics, Madurai-Kamaraj University, Madurai, March 1998.
- Member, Karnataka State Planning Board, 2001-03.

KEY QUALIFICATION:

Dr Abdul Aziz spearheaded research in macroeconomic issues, regional planning, decentralized governance and the economics of poverty, in his capacity as Head, Department of Economics, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore (a position from which he was recently retired). Dr Aziz's publications and books on the Karnataka Economy, Industrialization, Externalities and State Policy and Regional Development are regarded as standard texts. He also has to his credit, several articles in international and national journals of economics. As member of the Karnataka State Finance Commission, the High Powered Committee for Redressal of Regional Imbalances and the Karnataka State Planning Board, Dr Aziz has been involved in state level and regional economic planning and decision-making. Dr Aziz has guided several Ph D students of whom 14 have been awarded Ph D degrees. He has presented papers and keynote addresses at seminars and chaired several national and international level seminars.

Dr Aziz has served as a Consultant to World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Swedish International Development Agency, Department for International Development, India (DFIDI) and Wilbur Smith Associates.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Mysore University, 1969
- M.A. , Mysore University, 1960
- B.A., Mysore University, 1959

AWARDS/ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

- Kantharaj Urs Gold Medal
- N.S. Subba Rao Prize for B.A. (Hons.)

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

2000 – till date	Freelance Consultant Member of Karnataka State Planning Board, 2001-03.
1997-2000	Advisor, Decentralised Governance and Planning Project, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.
1981-1997	Professor of Economics, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.
1975-1981	Associate Professor (Economics), Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.
1967-1975	Lecturer (Economics), University of Mysore
1965-1966	Senior Research Scholar, University of Mysore
1964-1965	Research Associate, Shri Ram Center for Industrial Relations, New Delhi.
1960-1963	Research Scholar, University of Mysore

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- As a research Scholar in the Department of Economics, University of Mysore prepared doctoral thesis entitled “Industrial Wage Structure in Mysore State”.
- As a Research Scholar in Shri Ram Center for Industrial Relations, New Delhi, worked on a project “Trade Unionism in a Developing Economy”.
- As a Lecturer in Mysore University, completed a project “Trade Unions and Industrial Peace in Karnataka”.
- In the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, completed the following research projects:
 - Economics of Well Irrigation (co-authored)
 - Participative Management at the Shop Floor
 - Employment Potential of Plan Schemes in Karnataka (co-authored)
 - Socio-Economic conditions of Wooden-toy and Lacquerware Artisans.
 - Vocational Education in Karnataka: Problems and Prospects (co-authored)
 - The Economy of the Urban Informal Sector: A Case Study of the Waste Recycling Industry in Bangalore City.
 - Socio-Economic Survey of Bidriware Artisans
 - Integrated Rural Development Program in Karnataka
 - Ownership Change in Small-scale Enterprises: The Karnataka Case (co-authored)
 - Industrial Investment Climate in Karnataka: A Position Paper (co-authored)
 - Land Reforms in Southern States: Policy, Legislation and Implementation
 - Decentralised Planning: The Karnataka Experiment
 - Economics of Alternative Uses in Marginal Lands by Class of Farmers and their Market Links: A Case study of Farm Forestry
 - Survival Strategies of the Poor
 - Decentralised Governance in Karnataka: A Benchmark Survey
 - Concurrent Evaluation of Panchayat Raj Development Programs in Karnataka (co-ordinated)
 - Management of Poverty Alleviation Programs under Panchayat Raj Institutions in Karnataka (co-authored)
 - Decentralised Governance and Planning in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

- Integrated Waste Management: The Case of Solid Waste in Five Cities in Karnataka
- Rural Development in Karnataka

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

- Industrial Wage Structure in Mysore State (Ph.D thesis), University of Mysore, 1972.
- Trade Unions and Industrial Peace in Karnataka, Development Studies No.13, Institute of Development Studies, University of Mysore, Mysore, 1978.
- Organising Agricultural Labourers: A Proposal, Minerva House, Calcutta, 1980.
- Workers Participation in Management, Asian Publication House, New Delhi, 1980.
- Vocational Education: Problems and Prospects (Jointly), Himalaya, Bombay, 1982.
- Studies in Block Planning (Edited), Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 1983.
- Labour Problems in a Developing Economy, Ashish, New Delhi, 1983.
- The Rural Poor: Problems and Prospectus, Ashish, New Delhi, 1984.
- Urban Poor and Urban Informal Sector, Ashish, New Delhi, 1984.
- Political Economy of Land Reforms (Co-authored), Ashish, New Delhi, 1984.
- Silk Industry: Problems and Prospects (co-editor), Ashish, New Delhi, 1985.
- Management Problems of State Public Undertakings (edited), Printwell, Jaipur, 1989.
- Development Programmes for Weaker Sections, Printwell, Jaipur, 1989.
- Poverty Alleviation in India (co-editor), Sage, New Delhi, 1991.
- India: The Emerging Challenges (co-editor), Sage, New Delhi, 1991.
- Decentralised Planning: The Karnataka Experiment, Sage, New Delhi, 1991.
- Design and Management of Sustainable Projects to Alleviate Poverty in South Asia (co-editor), EDI of the World Bank, Washington, 1993.
- Policies and Programs of Poverty Alleviation (edited), Ashish, New Delhi, 1994.
- Mandal Panchayat System in Karnataka, NIRD, Hyderabad, 1994.
- Decentralised Governance in Asia: Peace and Proceedings of an International Seminar (co-editor), Sage Publications, New Delhi, 1996.
- Regional Development: Problems and Prospectus (editor), Concept, New Delhi, 1996.
- Survival Strategies of the Poor, M D Publications, New Delhi, 1997.
- Industrialisation, Externalities and State Policy (editor), Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 1997.
- Land Reforms in Karnataka (co-editor), Sage Publications, New Delhi, 1997.
- The Karnataka Economy (in Kannada), (co-editor), Karnataka University, Hampi, 1998.
- Decentralised Governance and Planning: A Study (co-author), Macmillan, New Delhi, 2002.

Research Papers

Dr Aziz's research papers (about 50 in number) have appeared in journals such as Economic Affairs, The Asian Economic Review, The Indian Journal of Labour Economics, the Indian Journal of Industrial Relations, The Economic and Political Weekly, The Asian Survey (California), The Journal of Social and Economic Development and in edited volumes. Dr Aziz has also contributed a number of popular articles to newspapers like The Hindu, The Hindu Business Line, Deccan Herald and the Economic Times.

Training Programs Designed and Directed:

Designed and directed training programs for teachers, researchers, elected representatives and administrators such as following:

- ICSSR Research Methodology Course for College and University teachers, of Southern States (India) 1985 and 1986.

- Orientation Course for College Teachers of Karnataka: 1989, 1990 and 1991.
- Training Course in Design and Management of Sustainable Poverty Alleviation Projects for Senior Administrators of South Asian Countries: Aug.1991, Sponsor: World Bank.
- Training Course for Senior Officers of the Commercial Tax Department, Government of India: 1990; Sponsor: Government of Karnataka.
- Training Course for Zilla Panchayat members, Presidents and Vice Presidents (ongoing fortnightly program since July 1995).
- Training Program in research emthods for College and University teachers under the auspices of Kannada University, Hampi (December 1995).

Seminars Organised and Directed

Designed, organised and directed the following seminars:

- State-level seminar on the “Economics of Silk Industry in Karnataka during October 1984; Sponsor: Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation
- National Seminar on the Management Problems of State Public Undertakings during February 1987: Sponsor: The Karnataka State Bureau of Public Undertakings.
- International seminar on Decentralised Governance in Asia during March 1993; Sponsor: The LBS National Academy of Administration, Mussorie and the Government of Karnataka.
- International-level Round Table Discussion on Poverty Reduction Policies and Strategies, December 1993 (Sponsor: ADB, Manila).
- State-level seminar on the Development Problems of the Hyderabad-Karnataka Region, August 1994.
- State-level seminar on the Karnataka Economy at Kannada University, Hampi, November 1995.
- State-level Seminar on the Socio-Economic Implications of Massive Investments in Bellary District, August 1996.

Consultancy Services

- a) As a Consultant to World Bank, coordinated the training program on Design and Management of Sustainable Poverty Alleviation Projects and worked as a resource person on a similar program on its behalf in Shenzhen, China, July 1992. Also recently (November-December 200) prepared a country paper entitled “Democratic Decentralization in India” with Dr Rita M Hilton of CDF, World Bank, Washington.
- b) Worked for Swedish International Development Agency as an Expert, evaluating its social forestry program implemented in Tamil Nadu and Orissa, 1992.
- c) As a consultant to Asian Development Bank, organized and coordinated aRound Table Discussion on Poverty Reduction Policies and Strategies during December 1993 and prepared seminar proceedings for the Bank’s use.

- d) As a Consultant to DFID, prepared a report on downsizing of Rural Development Department, Government of Orissa.
- e) As a Consultant to Wilbur Smith Associates worked as a Team Leader on a project “Strategic Options Study of Road Development in Kerala”.

Countries of Work

China, Denmark, USA and UK – delivered lectures and presented seminars in Universities and research institutes.

Development Planning Experience

In the last ten years, Dr Aziz has been working in the area of decentralised planning and development. Assignments undertaken include:

- A research study on decentralised planning in Karnataka with reference to Zilla Panchayats and Mandal Panchayats.
- A research study on the Mandal Panchayat governance and Planning System in Karnataka.
- A study of Regional Development with reference to the Hyderabad – Karnataka region.
- A study of socio-economic externalities of massive investment in the mining region of Bellary
- A comparative study of local governance and planning in AP, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
- Training of members, Presidents and Vice Presidents of all the 20 Zilla Panchayats of Karnataka
- Strategic Option Study of Road Development in Kerala for Economic Growth

LANGUAGES KNOWN

Language	Speak	Read	Write
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Hindi/Urdu	Fair	Fair	No
Kannada	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Telugu	Fair	Fair	Fair
Tamil	Fair	No	No

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe my qualifications, my experience and me.