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The chapters that follow are the outcome of a series of lectures delivered at the Patna University under what is called the *Banaili Readership*. The reason for my choice of the subject is very simple indeed. Planning and reconstruction not only belong to the contemporary climate of economic thought but they are also, in my opinion, the only solution of the problem which faces us in India—the problem of poverty. I have tried in these lectures to give a broad outline of the policy and programme which India should follow after the war in order to raise her teeming millions from their present appalling depth of miseries to a decent standard of living. Vast as the subject-matter is, the reader will find many gaps in these pages which it was not possible to cover in course of a few lectures. Nor is this a blue-print which, in my opinion, can be framed only by the Government of the country on the basis of fuller data and materials. This is no more than a broad indication of the problem and its solution. It may not be possible for all to agree with the views and opinions advocated here. Neither do I claim infallibility for them. But if these pages are able to provoke thought and clarify issues, I shall consider my labour to have been amply rewarded.

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