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TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT.

*Calcutta, the 20th September 1939.*

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith the final report of the Committee appointed by Government to enquire into the prices of paddy and rice and to make recommendations to improve these. The report has been signed by a majority of the members and a few notes of dissent have been added also.

The Committee at their last meeting wished to place on record their high appreciation of the excellent draft report framed by the Secretary Mr. D. L. Mazumdar, I.C.S. They particularly appreciated the large amount of information to be found in the Tables, and while expressing their grateful thanks for the trouble he had taken, desired that his services should be brought to the notice of Government in due course. They also wished to thank the rest of the staff for the hard work which they had done on the Committee's behalf.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

M. CARBERY,

*Chairman, Bengal Paddy and Rice  
Enquiry Committee.*

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