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P R E F A C E

Family Welfare Programme is being implemented in this State for the last so many years. Generally this programme has been successful and has attracted the attention of people from outside the State also. But no organised attempt had been made to evaluate the achievements under the programme on a systematic basis. There have been requests from various quarters that a proper assessment of the inputs and achievements of the programme must be made and the future continuance must be decided on the basis of the findings of such an assessment. The State Family Planning Advisory Committee also had raised this point. Government after considering all these aspects, constituted a committee consisting of the following members to evaluate the implementation of the Family Welfare Programme in this State:

1. Secretary to Government, Health Department
(Chairman)
2. Director of Health Services
3. Director of Bureau of Economics and Statistics
4. Prof. Krishna Pillai, University of Kerala
5. Prof. P.K.B. Nair
6. Shri P.S. Gopinathan Nair, Bureau of Economics and Statistics (Member-Secretary)

Later, Dr. R. S. Kurup, Bureau of Economics and Statistics and Dr. A.B. Saha, Regional Director, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India were co-opted as members.

The committee held eleven sittings and gathered information from the public at three sittings at Kozhikode, Trichur and Kottayam. The committee has now finalised the report. On behalf of the members of the committee and on my own behalf as Chairman of the committee I am happy to submit the report to Government.

I had been getting sincere co-operation and valuable assistance from the members of the committee and that has helped considerably in preparing the report. I wish to place on record my deep sense of gratitude to all the members. I wish to make special mention of Shri N. Gopalakrishnan Nair who agreed to continue to co-operate with the committee even after his retirement from the post of Director of Bureau of Economics and Statistics. Similarly, the valuable assistance rendered by the two Professors from the University and the staff of the C.A.R. Centre also deserves special mention. Dr. R.S. Kurup, with his vast experience in the field of Demographic Research has contributed substantially to the technical aspect of the report. Shri P. S. Gopinathan Nair, Member-Secretary had spared no efforts in the discharge of his responsibilities as the Member-Secretary. He was attending to this work in addition to his normal work in the Bureau of Economics and Statistics. I should like to make special mention of the fact that the burden of actual drafting of the report on the basis of the discussions and decisions of the committee mainly fell on his shoulders and he discharged his responsibility in this regard quite efficiently. I thank them all for the sincere co-operation and help rendered by them.

The response from the leaders of public opinion, representatives of the Press, voluntary organisations and the officers and staff of the department of Health Services to the appeals issued by the committee has been very encouraging. But for this enthusiastic response and co-operation, the committee would not have been able to make such a valuable study. On behalf of the committee I express my sincere thanks to everyone who co-operated in our work.

The committee hopes that the report will be helpful in shaping the future programme for not only population control, but for total family health care also in this State.

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