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My dear Minister,

I have great pleasure in forwarding herewith three copies of the Report of the Legal Aid Committee. The Committee was constituted by an order of the Government dated October 27, 1972, and we were required to submit our Report by the 1st of March, 1973. For various reasons beyond our control, including the absence of any special staff for the Committee, our task took us a longer time than was originally anticipated.

The recommendations made by the Committee would, I hope, receive speedy and sympathetic consideration at the hands of the Government. In order to facilitate their implementation, we have indicated the manner in which they can be given effect to and also the priorities in this regard. The Report, we trust, would be implemented speedily so as to bring about a system by which, through legal aid, justice is made available to the people regardless of penury or social handicaps.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of my colleagues and myself for giving us this opportunity to be of service to the community by formulating a scheme, which, if implemented, would advance social justice and benefit the masses of our country.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

V. R. KRISHNA IYER

Shri H. R. Gokhale, Minister of Law, Justice & Company Affairs, New Delhi

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