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OF THE

EXPORT PROMOTION COMMITTEE



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EXPORT PROMOTION COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI,
15th September 1949-

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Commerce,
New Delhi.

SIR,

I am directed to submit herewith the report of the Export Promotion Committee constituted in terms of the following resolution No. 64-CW(34)/49^a of the 9th July 1949 of the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce—

“The Government of India have viewed with great concern the unfavourable balance of trade position of India and have been considering ways and means to achieve a balance between exports and imports. With this end in view they have decided that a committee should be appointed to make recommendations for stepping up exports with the following terms of reference:—

- (1) To make recommendations as to the measures to be adopted for stepping up exports so as to achieve balanced trade, with particular reference to exports to hard currency countries.
 - (2) To examine impediments in the way of increased exports particularly price, quality and licensing mechanism, and to suggest what should be done to remedy the situation.
 - (3) To make recommendations on any other matter relevant to the main subject of promotion of export trade.
2. The Committee will consist of—

Chairman.

Shri A. D. Gorwala.

Members.

1. Shri K. D. Jalan.
2. Shri Debes Chandra Ghosh.
3. Shri Ratilal Mulji Gandhi.
4. Prof. D. R. Gadgil.
5. Mr. G. Euthymopulo.
6. Shri Abdul Jalil.
7. One representative of labour.
8. One representative of primary producers.
9. Deputy Director General (Development non-engineering), Ministry of Industry and Supply.
10. Shri L. K. Jha (Member-Secretary).

Government may appoint further members to the Committee as and when necessary.

(ii)

The Committee may co-opt technical officers of the Government of India as members when relevant matters relating to their work come up for examination.

The Committee is accordingly requested to undertake the necessary enquiries and to make its recommendations by September 15th at the latest. The Committee may submit interim recommendations where they find that immediate action is called for and can be taken without waiting for the full report.

The headquarters of the Committee will be at Bombay and it may visit such places as it may consider necessary for the purpose of this enquiry. The Government of India trust that firms, Chambers of Commerce, Associations and persons who are interested or knowledgeable in subjects coming under the inquiry will afford the Committee all the assistance that it may require and will comply with any request for information that may be made."

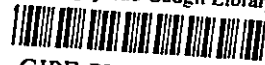
3. Prof. Gadgil was unable to join the Committee. The representatives of labour and primary producers respectively were Shri Harihar Nath Shastri and Shri Upendra Nath Barman.

4. The Committee began its first session on the 22nd July 1949 in New Delhi. Ten meetings of the Committee were held in Delhi, seven in Calcutta and the rest in Bombay. The final session of the Committee for considering the draft report began in Bombay on 11th September and the report was signed on the 13th September 1949 by all the members except Shri D. C. Ghosh who was unable to attend.

5. At its concluding session, the Committee desired that its high appreciation of the work of the Chairman should be conveyed to Government.

Yours faithfully,

L. K. JHA,
Member-Secretary.



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