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FOREWORD

The irrigation, drainage and flood control projects in India continue to be formed on the old concept of direct revenue return while in most cases the long-term investment projects, at present are not remunerative. The projects cost tends to be high in view of the rising prices, as well as their being more complicated. The major lacuna is that indirect benefits accruing to the community as a result of the project are not accounted for and thinking is gaining ground that these factors must be considered so that a project is accepted on the basis of benefit-cost ratio.

The Central Board of Irrigation and Power at its 34th Annual Session held at New Delhi in November 1961, organised a Symposium on 'Economics and Financing of Irrigation, Drainage and Flood Control Works' and discussions were continued at the 32nd Annual Research Session held at Ooty in May 1962. Seven papers were presented on the various aspects of the subject by irrigation engineers from all over the country. The Symposium was largely attended by representatives from State Irrigation Departments, Planning Commission, Ministry of Irrigation and Power, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, T.C.M. and Central Water and Power Commission.

A Sub-Committee consisting of Sarvashri D. B. Anand, A. R. Venkataraman, Baleshwar Nath, J. P. Mital, K. V. Ekambaram and J. P. Naegamvala examined the various issues that came up as a result of discussions and brought out recommendations for implementation by State Irrigation Departments.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee, Symposium papers and discussions have been compiled in the present publication for use by irrigation officers. The Board is grateful to the authors of the papers and the participants who largely contributed to the success of Symposium and Sub-Committee Members in finalising the recommendations.

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