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**IS ECONOMIC EQUALITY AT ALL POSSIBLE ?**

**IS COMMUNISM NATURAL TO THE SOIL OF INDIA ?**

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two essays which secured the first and second prizes  
in the competition conducted by the Prize Essay Competition  
Committee of Delhi in 1934.

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## PREFACE

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In August 1934 a few gentlemen formed themselves into a Committee with a view to encouraging the art of writing and development of expression among the youngmen of India and after considering various suggestions they decided that the best way of achieving this object was to select every year a number of subjects and to invite essays on them, awarding cash prizes for the best efforts. The Committee consisted of:—

1. The Deputy Commissioner Delhi. (Chairman).
  2. Mr. I. M. Stephens, C.I.E., Director, Public Information, Government of India.
  3. Mr. U. N. Sen, C.B.E., Associated Press.
  4. Mr. J. C. Chatterji, Superintendent of Education, New Delhi.
  5. Sardar Bahadur Sardar Sobha Singh, New Delhi.
  6. Rai Bahadur Dr. Hari Ram, Hony. Magistrate Delhi.
  7. Khan Bahadur Haji Mohd. Yusuf, Hony. Magistrate, Delhi.
  8. Rai Bahadur N. R. Sen, Registrar, Delhi University, Delhi.
  9. Mr. M. W. Yeatts, I. C. S., Deputy Secretary Education, Health & Lands Deptt. Government of India
- and 10 Mr. S. N. A. Jafri, who is also to act as Secretary of the Committee.

A number of subjects were chosen and essays in English, Urdu and Hindi were invited from all parts of India without any restriction to race, creed, domicile, or occupation. It was proposed to award a prize of Rs. 200 for the best essay in English and Rs. 100 each for best essays in Urdu and Hindi. Messrs. Yeatts, Byrt, Lacey and Roome were appointed judges for English essays and Professor Ashfaq Husain Qureshi and Mahomahopadhaya Pandit Harnarayan Sastri for Urdu and Hindi essays. In all 106 essays in English, 13 in Urdu and 8

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in Hindi were received. The writers of English Essays represented all provinces of India. Madras topping the list with 33 competitors followed by Bengal with 23 and Delhi and U. P. with 16 each. Other provinces represented were C. P. (including C. I. and Rajputana) 14, Bombay 9, Punjab 8, Burma 5 and B. & O, 2.

The response in Urdu and Hindi both in the number of people making the attempt and the general standard of the results of their efforts was very disappointing. It was therefore decided to award only Rs. 50 each to the best essays in Urdu and Hindi and to utilise the consequent saving of Rs. 100 to award a second prize in English as the number of really well written English essays was very encouraging.

The prizes awarded were :—

ENGLISH.

*1st Prize.*— Mr. Kandala Krishnamurthy, B.A., LL.B., Coconada, East Godawari District, South-India.

*2nd Prize.*— Mr. G. D. Karkare, Nagpur City, C. P.

URDU.

Mr. Irshad Hussain Baqai.

HINDI.

Mr. Govind Chandra Pandey.

This brochure contains the two prize winning essays in English.

With the very limited funds at our disposal it was not possible for us to award more prizes although a large number of English essays called for recognition. It is however proposed to continue these competitions and our experience of the last one justifies the hope that our youngmen will respond increasingly to the opportunities thus offered to them to display their literary ability.

S. N. A. JAFRI,

*Secretary, Prize Essay Competition  
Committee.*