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My dear Nanda Ji,

Irrigation Team completed study of minor irrigation works in fifteen States of India early this year. Reports in respect of eleven States have already been published and those of the remaining four States are under finalisation and printing.

Based on those studies, an All India Review has now been got out bearing on planning, operation and performance of various categories of minor irrigation works. I am enclosing a copy of the same for your perusal.

This review outlines in general terms only broad features of existing state of small irrigation works—more particularly State managed works—in their various aspects. It also identifies the shortfalls observed by the team in their field studies, and throws light on actual development of irrigation through small schemes and how it can be improved upon. Individual State reports, however, portray the picture more effectively.

A few of these studies were conducted under the leadership of my predecessors, late Dr. N. V. Gadgil and Dr. A. N. Khosla. I will, however, like to state that in conducting these studies the team received the fullest cooperation from the concerned authorities in all the States of India, which is gratefully acknowledged.

Shri Shriman Narayan formerly Member (Agri.) Planning Commission and Shri Tarlok Singh, Member (A&T), Planning Commission have taken considerable interest in pursuance of these studies. My thanks are due to them also.

While members of the team and other officers and staff have all worked with due diligence, including strenuous field inspections in the remote countrysides of different States, yet I will

like to mention the name of Shri Baleshwar Nath, Member, who shouldered the main responsibility of organising the field studies, focalising attention on deficiencies, having discussions with State authorities at different levels and finally formulating the reports.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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