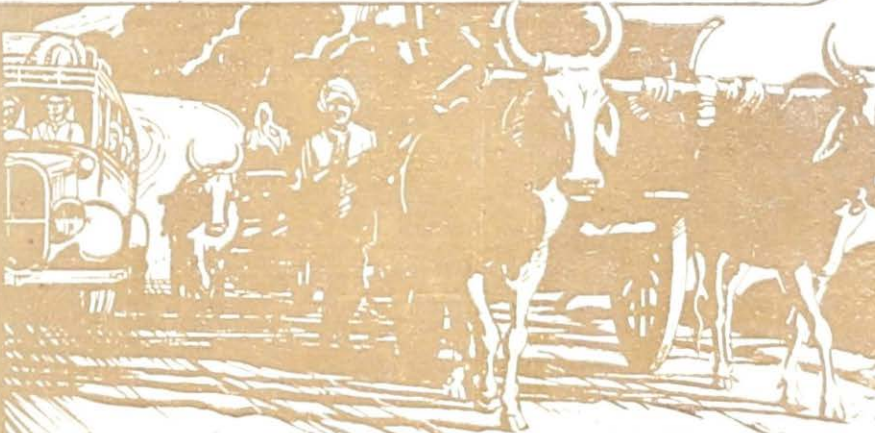


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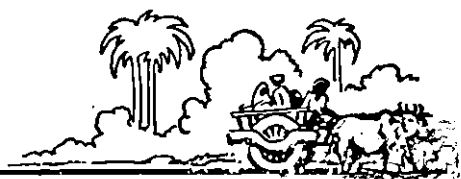
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FOREWORD

The first of the series of Tata Studies in Current Affairs dealt with India's most vital problem, Food. Growing food, however, is only the beginning of the job of feeding people, for it has to be taken all the way from the farm through the market to the consumer, and that demands an efficient road system. The villager, too, needs adequate means of communication with the outside world for the satisfaction of his simple needs and for the provision of some of the amenities associated with civilization. Agriculture thus largely depends for its prosperity on satisfactory transport facilities being available, and this booklet deals with what is in many ways, from the point of view of the agriculturist, the most important of the forms of transport. Seventy-five per cent of our population lives in villages and on their well being, depends the strength of the whole country.

India is very badly served in the matter of roads, and this inadequacy was painfully brought to light during the recent Bengal famine. The lack of an efficient network of roads, particularly in rural areas, over which wheeled transport could bring speedy relief, proved a serious handicap to the transfer of crops from surplus areas to places where drought and famine had brought calamity.

Mr. T. R. S. Kynnersley, the author of this book, is a well known figure in the engineering world of India. He has served the cause of roads, more roads and better roads in this country for many years. He is a past President of the Institution of Engineers and President of the Indian Roads & Transport Development Association.

At the end of the booklet is appended a map of India featuring our existing road system and the new arterial and feeder roads proposed by the Chief Engineers at the Nagpur Conference in 1943. The map will serve to emphasise the magnitude of the problem and the urgency of placing it in the forefront of the national planning which is to create a happier and ampler life for the people of this country.

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