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INTRODUCTION

The Government of India constituted the Administrative Reforms Commission to examine the public administration of the country and make recommendations for reforms and reorganisation where necessary. In regard to the Agricultural Administration it was asked to study (i) the role of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and other Ministries concerned with agricultural production, and coordination between them; (ii) Inter-relationship between the State Agriculture Departments, Community Development Organisations, and other organisations concerned with agricultural production in the State; (iii) organisation for agricultural administration at the State and district levels and (iv) coordination between research and extension organisations. The main motive was to examine the public administration of the country to make it a fit instrument for the development of agriculture on the basis of science and technology.

The Commission appointed a Study Team on Agricultural Administration on the 17th July 1966 which submitted its Report to the Commission on the 2nd September, 1967. The Commission has now directed that the recommendations of the Study Team be considered in a Seminar consisting of the Members of Parliament who have necessary knowledge and

interest in agricultural administration so that their mature thinking and experience would guide the Commission in its final decisions.

Shri N. Sri Rama Reddy, M.P., was appointed the Convenor of the Seminar and about 60 Members of Parliament of both houses agreed to participate in the Seminar on the invitation sent to them.

In view of the importance of the subject and to ensure that all important recommendations made by the Study Team were given due consideration, it was felt that specific issues having relevance to the recommendations should be posed in the Seminar togetherwith such issues as were considered necessary so that the recommendations of the Seminar would ultimately have a bearing on formulating an administrative pattern at various levels keeping in view the terms of reference of the Commission. The subject was broadly discussed under important headings - Agricultural Research, Education & Training, Extension, Administration, Production programmes, Fisheries and Forestry. The recommendations of the Seminar have been compiled in statements under above headings to show the issues raised for discussion, the recommendations made by the Study Team and also the recommendations of the Seminar so that a clear picture of the administrative set-up needed could be arrived at. This procedure is considered

to be helpful to Commission to evolve a suitable agricultural administrative pattern according to their best lights. Organisational charts proposed by the Study Team and the Seminar together with existing set up have been prepared and appended at appropriate places.