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Dear Shri Mitra,

Kindly refer to Office Memorandum No. 20-4(1)/70-Agri. dated 5th December 1970 setting up the Committee on Pre-School Children Feeding Programmes. I submit herewith the report of the Committee.

2. The Committee reviewed the working of five feeding programmes in the country. These are: (1) the mid-day meals programme for school children and pre-school children, (2) Special nutrition programme for pre-school children, expectant women and lactating mothers, (3) the balwadi feeding programme, (4) the applied nutrition programme and (5) composite nutrition programme. The Departments of Education, Social Welfare and Community Development are involved in these programmes. If we take into account the value of food material used in these programmes, expenses on administration and transport of material and other items, the outlay on these programmes would be of the order of Rs. 300 crores in the Fourth Five Year Plan. In organizing such feeding programmes for the vulnerable sections of the population a package approach appears advisable. This may provide services such as health care and immunisation, nutritional feeding as well as nutrition and health education. It will be necessary to motivate voluntary agencies and the public at large to take increasing interest in operating these programmes. Similar approaches are being attempted already through pilot projects by the Social Welfare Department

and the Central Social Welfare Board. It will be seen from the report of the Committee that such a package approach is quite feasible.

3. The members of the Committee would like to record their appreciation of the work done by Shri K.V. Natarajan and Shri S.N. Panikkar in organizing the work of the Committee as well as in drafting the report.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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