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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

We are encouraged to publish this volume containing the proceedings of the Fourth Tribal Welfare Conference held at Koraput in April—May 1957, on account of the warm reception which the reports of the previous conferences had at the hands of the public. The fourth Conference has a special significance, in as much as it was held in a district which had the unique honour of having contributed about 1400 Gramdan Villages inhabited mainly by tribals, where the Sarva Seva Sangh is carrying on a great experiment in social uplift of Tribals unparalleled in History. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri Govind Ballabh Pant, Minister for Home Affairs, Government of India and presided over by Shri U.N. Dhebar, President of the Congress. Dr. H.K. Mehtab, Chief Minister of Orissa was the Chairman of the Reception Committee. The Conference as usual was divided into 3 sections, (1) Social Welfare (2) Anthropology and (3) Tribal Representatives, which were presided over by Shri L.M. Shrikant (due to unavoidable absence of the Chairman—elect, Shri Bhogilal Pandya), Shri N.K. Bose and Shri Bahadurbhai Patel (Deputy Minister, Bombay State) respectively. An exhibition was also arranged during the session, which was inaugurated by Shri Raja Naresh Chandra Singh, Minister for Tribal Welfare, Madhya Pradesh. The Conference was very largely attended by the tribals of Koraput district.

The report contains 38 articles contributed by eminent anthropologists, social workers and thinkers and Government Officers with experience in tribal welfare work. They deal with the following subjects mentioned in the Circular dated 15-9-1956 issued before the conference.

(1) SOCIAL WELFARE SECTION.

- (a) Assessment of non-official tribal welfare work, the experience of non-official workers and institutions and the reaction of tribals to it.
- (b) The evaluation of work of official schemes of Tribal Welfare, including Community Projects, and N.E.S. Blocks in Tribal areas, in the First Five Year Plan and suggestions regarding the working of the Official Schemes during the Second Five Year Plan.

(2) ANTHROPOLOGY SECTION.

- (a) Work of Tribal Research Institutions in the States and suggestions if any, for their future programme.
- (b) Coordination between the activities of Tribal Research Institutes and the Office of the Commissioner for S.C. & S.T. and the Department of Anthropology.

- (c) Plan of classifying the tribals at varied levels of development according to the scientific formulae suggested in the Conference of Social Work and Anthropologists.

(3) TRIBAL SECTION.

- (a) Tribal welfare in general.

For shortage of time, only the first 16 articles published in the report could be read at the Conference and discussions held therein.

We regret that for want of proper facilities we are unable to publish the discussions, verbatim.

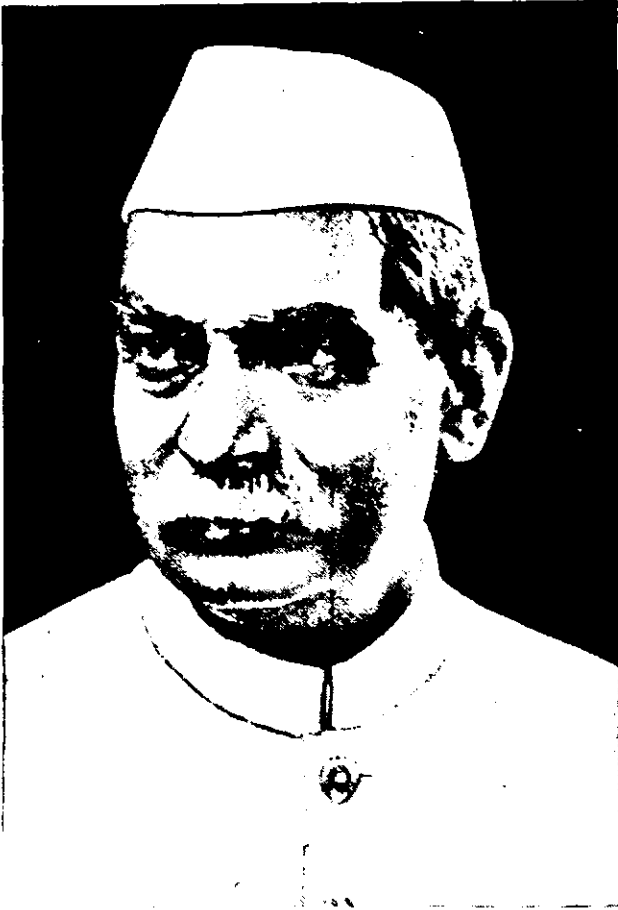
We offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Shri G.B. Pant, Shri U.N. Dhebar, Dr. H.K. Mehtab and Shri Raja Naresh Chandra Singh and the Chairman of the three Sections of the Conference, who have been kind enough to accede to our request to participate in the Conference in different capacities.

We take this opportunity of expressing our deepfelt thanks to Sarva Seva Sangh, Koraput and its band of workers led by Shri Annasabeb Sahasrabudhe, and also to the other institutions and workers of Orissa who have contributed to the success of the Conference.

The State Government of Orissa and in particular, the Chief Minister and Shri Manmohan Pradhan, Minister for Tribal Welfare have helped us in many ways and our thanks are due to them also.

We are grateful to the writers of the articles who have by their contributions given inspiring thoughts and ideas to serve as basis for discussion at the Conference.

Dated : 10th January, 1958.



DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD

President : **BHARATIYA ADIMJATI SEVAK SANGH**

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कोरापुट, उड़ीसा, में होने वाले आदिमजाति सेवक संघ के वार्षिकोत्सव की मैं सफलता की कामना करता हूँ। देश का शिक्षित वर्ग और भारत सरकार इस बात को स्वीकार कर चुकी है कि पिछड़े हुए वर्गों विशेषकर आदिमजातियों की स्थिति में सुधार करना हमारा राष्ट्रीय कर्तव्य है। इस उद्देश्य की प्राप्ति के लिये काफी प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है, किन्तु जब तक दूसरे उन्नत वर्गों की तरह हमारे आदिवासी भाइयों की शिक्षा, आर्थिक स्थिति और रहन-सहन के स्तर में काफी सुधार नहीं हो जाता हमें अपने प्रयत्न बराबर जारी रखने चाहियें। मुझे आशा है कोरापुट में होने वाले सम्मेलन की कार्यवाही के फलस्वरूप इस कार्य को प्रोत्साहन मिलेगा।

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