

REPORT

OF THE

THREE-MEMBER COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Headed by

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To enquire into

THE COMMUNAL DISTURBANCES THAT TOOK PLACE IN APRIL 1979. IN AND AROUND JAMSHEDPUR

PREFACE

This Commission was constituted by the Government of Bihar notification no. S.O. 903, dated the 15th of May, 1979 to inquire into the communal disturbances at Jamshedpur in the wake of the Ram Navami festival of the year 1979.

- 2. The services of Shri Ganesh Prasad Sinha, A.D.M., were placed at the disposal of the Commission for utilisation as Secretary of the Commission. He had previous experience of working of other Commissions of Inquiry and he did his best to ensure smooth working of the Commission.
- 3. Amongst the members of the staff special mention has to be made of Shri M. P. Sinha, Peshkar and the three P.As. Sarvshri B. P. Singh, S. N. Sahay and S. Mushtaq Ahmad. They rendered excellent service to the Commission and enabled it to keep to the schedule of work. Without their ungrudging help it would not have been possible to complete inquiry of this vast magnitude.
- 4. The Report of the Commission was drafted after full deliberations amongst the members and the Chairman at their joint meetings. One of the members, Shri S.Q. Rizvi, was to go abroad on the 16th August and so he signed the fair and the two carbon copies on the 12th August, 1981. Every page of the Report has been sealed with the seal of the Commission and the typographical errors have been corrected by me in ink.
- 5. The Commission is grateful to the State Government for making the Civil Defence Building, P.W.D. Inspection Bungalow and the World Bank Rest House at Jamshedpur available for its sittings and office and for stay of the Chairman and the two members and to the local administration for providing transport facilities, etc. within their limitations.

J. NARAIN.

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Chairman.

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