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Dear Shri Khadilkarjee

I am presenting herewith the Interim Report of the Committee on Unemployment on Some Short-term Measures for Employment.

2. Some basic issues have come up for consideration by us both during our formal sittings while taking evidence and in our own discussions. Some of these relate to the necessity of a substantial re-structuring of the Plan and its priorities, as also the fiscal and financial policies for tackling the problem of unemployment. Thus, it has been discussed as to how far employment creation should be linked with production of essential consumer goods, and to what extent the techniques to be adopted should have a high or low degree of mechanisation. Another important question which has been raised is as to the extent to which employment-oriented schemes would require resources raised by taxation or public borrowing, and whether some schemes could be financed from credit specially created for the purpose as they would be quick yielding and would result in development of essential infra-structure or production of consumer necessities. All these questions, along with other relevant issues, are being studied by the various Working Groups which the Committee has set up. While we are keen that these discussions should be finalised as early as possible, we shall be able to consider these issues adequately and formulate our views thereon only after the Working Groups have completed their task. We have, therefore, thought it proper to defer the examination of these issues to our final report.

3. In the meanwhile, we have felt it necessary to submit this Interim Report so as to suggest some suitable measures which can have immediate effect and which would lead to greater production as well as generation of substantial employment in the short term, particularly in the rural areas. We have been impressed both by the magnitude of the problem of unemployment and the pressing and urgent need to

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suggest some remedial measures which could be taken during the next two years. We hope that these measures besides providing employment opportunities in the short term, would also have a multiplier effect and would generate further employment and promote rural development over a long term.

4. During the deliberations of the Committee we have received valuable assistance from our former colleague, Shri J.C. Mathur, who has also helped us in the preparation of the Interim Report. He has expressed his agreement with the recommendations made in the Report and would like to be associated with them, though formally he is not signing the Report as a Member of the Committee. I would like to take this opportunity of placing on record the Committee's appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by Shri Mathur in its work.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(B. Bhagavati)

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