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From

SHRI G. B. PANT, Chairman, Committee of Parliament on Official Language, New Delhi.

To

The President of India, New Delhi.

New Delhi, the 8th February 1959.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Report of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language, constituted in pursuance of clause (4) of Article 344 of the Constitution, toexamine the recommendations of the Official Language Commission, and to report to you their opinion thereon.

> Yours faithfully, G. B. PANT Chairman.

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