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SIR,

I have great pleasure in enclosing herewith Volume I of the Report of the Refractories' Committee.

2. Amongst the terms of reference, first consideration was given to an assessment of demand and availability and in this volume, this aspect has been covered in detail with recommendations for bridging the gap between demand and availability.

3. The various Sub-Committees set up for making assessment of availability of raw materials, possibilities of standardisation of refractory shapes and specifications and the manufacture of equipment required for the refractory industry are continuing their work. In consideration of the amount of data collection and analysis required, some more time would be required before their Reports would be available. It is anticipated that recommendations covering all these aspects would be submitted to the Government by March 1972.

4. It was found that there has been no effort made so far to have at one point of reference important data relating to demand and availability of refractories. It has meant that a mass of data had to be compiled, sifted and analysed. All possible information and data on demand and supply, category-wise, norms of consumption etc. have now been collected at one place for ready reference to the present Report. While projections of demand and availability have been made for a period of 15 years, data pertaining to the next 5 years has been based on better known factors and can be considered as more reliable. So far as projection for 10 years and particularly 15 years is concerned, it had to be obviously based on a large number of assumptions. In any case, even for shorter term projections, it would be necessary to have the figures in the Report up-dated on an annual basis. I would suggest that the Refractories Panel under the Ministry of Industrial Development where there is representation of Department of Steel, DGTD, the Refractory Manufacturers and the Steel Plants be the coordinating agency for carrying out this work. The most appropriate time for such stock taking could be around January/February every year. Since the Panel meetings are normally held once every 2 months, one or two meetings every year could be wholly devoted to the task of updating the Report so that the situation is under constant review.

5. It has been a great pleasure for me to be associated as Chairman of this Committee and I am indeed grateful to the Department of Steel for affording me this opportunity.

Yours faithfully,
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To

The Secretary,
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