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Shri C. P. Malik, Director, National Buildings Organisation (*ex-officio*)

Secretary

Shri T. S. Vedagiri.

General H. Williams, Director, Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee, has also kindly agreed to attend meetings of the Team and the Panels as and when he can spare time. He has, however, placed the facilities of the Central Buildings Research Institute at the disposal of the Team.



**Minister of
Transport and Communications,
INDIA**

New Delhi, April 26, 1958

My dear Pantji,

I have great pleasure in forwarding the Report of the Selected Buildings Projects team on Slum Clearance. You will recall that it was one of the terms of reference of the Team to review the Slum Clearance schemes of a few States and to make general observations on the progress made and the policy underlying the schemes. The Team in turn appointed a Panel under Shri N. V. Modak to analyse the facts and to assess the progress of work. The Report of the Panel has been carefully considered by the Team and it is in agreement with the recommendations made. It may be stated that a Member of the Team was also a member of the Panel and that the Panel has had several discussions with the Team as a whole before its report was finalised.

2. An estimate by the National Buildings Organisation places the expenditure required to demolish and rebuild slums in India at Rs. 10—20 thousand crores. Even if the definition of slums, taken for the purpose of this estimate, is diluted considerably, the task of clearance of slums will still remain a huge one having regard to the present resources of the country. The Team has therefore made certain recommendations for evolving a clear-cut policy on slum clearance so that priorities could be determined for purposes of formulation of schemes having regard to resources that are likely to be made available for the Second and subsequent Five Year Plans. It is understood that a Committee has been appointed under Shri A. K. Sen to consider the various issues arising out of slum clearance. The Report of the Team will be useful to that Committee to lay down clear-cut criteria for determining priorities for the purposes of slum clearance.

3. The Report of the Panel shows that the progress on slum clearance schemes included in the Second Five Year Plan is slow. It also shows that there is organisational deficiency in the co-ordinated

execution of housing schemes in the States as well as for preparation of schemes for the next Five Year Plan. These are matters to which attention is drawn specifically for such remedies as the Committee on Plan Projects may be able to suggest.

4. In the end I take the opportunity of thanking Shri N. V. Modak, Chairman of the Panel, and his colleagues for the trouble that they have taken to prepare the Report.

Yours sincerely,
S. K. Patil.

Shri Govind Ballabh Pant,
Chairman,
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Minister for Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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