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PREFACE

The Government of India have been considering for sometime the feasibility of controlling the acreage under cotton as a contributory measure for augmenting production of foodgrains and achieving self-sufficiency therein by 1970-71. The significance of cotton as a rotational crop for building up the nutritional level of land as well as the economic implications of diverting areas under cotton to foodgrains called for a detailed agro-economic study of the problem. Accordingly a three-member Study Group headed by Dr. S. R. Sen, Additional Secretary, Planning Commission, was constituted on the 18th March, 1967 to make the study. The Group has submitted its Report within a short period of about two months.

The Report makes a careful examination of the various issues concerning the distribution of land between foodgrains and cotton under the Fourth Five Year Plan. In particular, it focusses attention on the serious economic problems involved in the reduction of the area under cotton in favour of foodgrains. It is hoped that the Report will be of interest not only to policy-makers and planners, but also to all others who are interested in the problems of efficient allocation of land and other resources between these important crops.

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