

(Copy of the letter received by Prof. Ranga from the Prime Minister)

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Dear Professor Ranga,

Thank you for your letter of the 11th May. I am sorry that your party came to the conclusion that no useful purpose would be served by taking part in the meeting of Members of Parliament called to discuss the paper "Approach to the Fourth Five Year Plan". I set up the special committee of Members of Parliament, including leading members of opposition parties, because Government is genuinely anxious to have the ~~eeeee~~ cooperation of all parties in the planning effort. Your party is not opposed to planning as such and could contribute to the emergence of a national consensus actively participating in discussions of plan proposals in all forums. The discussions on the "Approach" in the National Development Council itself reflected a wide range of opinion. I hope that the Approach of the Planning Commission will be fully discussed throughout the country in ensuing months. I am certain that in the course of these discussions the points raised in your letter will receive full consideration. Development Planning is, as you state, a nation-building activity and I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to take part in the subsequent meetings of the committee of Members of Parliament.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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