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Seminar at Ooty.

The aim of the Third Plan should be to take the country a significant step forward to its goal of a socialist society and, to this end, work for a self-generating and self-accelerating economy.

The large scale units of production which remain in private hands are to be appropriately controlled and regulated.

The Seminar felt that in a planned economy prices could not be left entirely to market forces, but had to be socially regulated.

There should be a national wage and salaries policy based upon the principle of having a definite maximum subject to exceptions in the case of personnel with specialised qualifications. Wages should be related to productivity.

Profits, after deduction of all necessary payments, including normal remuneration, were intended not only for the benefit of those working in the concerns but for society as a whole. Such profits must, therefore, also be utilised for financing developmental schemes in the interest of society.

Norms of productivity should be set up for different industries on the basis of a sample survey of different concerns in each industry and targets formulated.

Special taxation should be levied on unearned, functionless, speculative and windfall incomes. In particular, increments in urban land values should be subjected to special taxation.

The Seminar also agreed that positive steps be taken to bring about a substantial reduction in the existing disparities of income and wealth in both rural and urban sectors of the national economy.