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PREFACE

This is the Sixth Report of the Expenditure Reforms Commission. This covers:

- (1) Ministry of Steel;
- (2) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas;
- (3) Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals; and
- (4) Department of Fertilisers.

Shri M. Satyapal, former Secretary, Government of India functioned as the Commission's Advisor and assisted in the preparation of the report on Ministry of Steel. Shri T.N.R.Rao, former Secretary, Government of India functioned as the advisor and assisted in the preparation of the other three reports. Shri M. Satyapal, Shri T.N.R.Rao and the Chairman/Member Secretary of the Commission had the benefit of detailed interactions with the Secretary and senior officials of these ministries/departments. These interactions helped to clarify many issues and given shape to the recommendations as now presented. The Commission would like to place on record their sincere appreciation for the support extended by Shri M. Satyapal and Shri T.N.R. Rao and to the Secretaries and senior officials of the Ministry of Steel, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

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