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The Strategy for Agricultural Development

By S. R. Sen. Taplinger Publishing Co., New York,
for Asian Publishing House. 324 pages. 1962. \$7.

THE AUTHOR, S. R. Sen, is amply qualified by professional experience to write on the subject of economic development. He is currently the Joint Secretary of the Planning Commission of the Government of India. Prior to this assignment he held the post of Deputy Economic and Statistical Advisor to the Government of India.

His book is a collection of essays on economic development prepared for delivery at various meetings or seminars. Most of them deal with general problems of policy and strategy for economic development and several are related to the Indian situation only.

These essays (18 in number) discuss a wide range of specific subjects. They are grouped under three headings: (1) Agricultural Development, (2) Techniques of Planning, and (3) Commodity Problems and Policies.

In the first group of essays the strategy for economic development, the adoption by the Planning Commission of the Ford Foundation recommendations for Indian Agricultural development, and forestry and agriculture in India are elaborated.

The second group includes discussions on techniques of planning, the Indian planning machinery, and some policy implications of the plans that have as their goal a self-generating economy.

Under the third heading the essays deal with commodity problems and policies, price policy, effects of price supports, economic consequences of restrictive policies, and the influence of foreign agricultural surplus disposal on underdeveloped economies.

The listing of selected subjects under the major divisions of this book is not exhaustive, but gives some indications as to the general contents of the whole package.

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