

Introductory Address

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Now commences the Second All India Conference on Engineering Materials & Equipment in this renowned hall of Rabindra Sadan. At the outset I like to record the deep sense of sorrow on the sudden demise of B.B. Ghosh, the former Adviser to the Governor of West Bengal and Chairman, C.M.D.A who gave enthusiastic support to this All India Conference on Engineering Materials & Equipment held last year. This year too he showed his eagerness to associate with this activity when he was contacted before his departure for Bombay. Hardly two days have passed after his return from Bombay he was suddenly taken away from this world. During my discussion with him nearly two months ago he stressed on the value of holding some sort of exhibition on Engineering Materials & Equipment on which we shall discuss. Next to Dr. B. C. Roy, Sri B. B. Ghosh, took keen interest for the development & improvement of Calcutta and worked very hard for it by devising ways and means to finance the Projects. When the total target of 4th plan was Rs. 43.43 crores for the Improvement of CMD he had stretched the programme and was able to arrange

for Rs. 150 crores for improvement works during the terminal period of 4th Plan. It has opened new avenues of employment of technical and non-technical personnel as well as for utilisation of large quantities of standard and substitute materials to feed the programme. Manufacturers of the execution materials will open a new vista for many grades of workers.

Last year we stressed on urban activities. This year in the second conference we are giving stress on materials and equipment for activities in rural sectors having links with the urban ones.

We are fortunate to have in our midst the renowned scientist and our revered National Professor Shri Satyen Bose as the Chief Guest and Professor A. C. Roy, an erudite scholar of engineering science and veteran professor of engineering technology, the former Vice-Chancellor of North Bengal University, as the President of the meeting. The Chairman of the Reception Committee is Sri B.C. Ganguli, one of the ablest administrator with a very straight forward outlook and vision and positive dynamism for doing work.