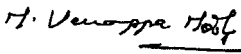


*We have sighted our target  
And need to decide that if we move together  
Nothing is hard to get  
Let us each one be special  
But knit our strengths around  
For we want a country  
That's first on the count\**

It is in this spirit that the Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) in its Report on Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution has tried to examine the background and emerging facets of the many conflicts that plague India. These have been detailed in separate chapters ranging from Left extremism to land and water related conflicts, to conflicts based on religion, regional disparities and social divisions (with particular focus on the SCs, STs and the OBCs) as well as conflicts based upon political identity and ethnicity such as the militancy in the North East. The Report thereafter looks at the extant operational and institutional arrangements for conflict management and how the capacity of these mechanisms can be strengthened so as to better manage and resolve conflicts in the country. It is our hope and prayer that the suggestions in this Report can contribute in some small measure towards our common goal of nation building.

I would like to express my deep sense of gratitude to their Excellencies the Governors of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura and Chhattisgarh and also to Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland and Chhattisgarh for the extremely valuable suggestions given by them during the visit of the Commission to their States.

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