

fully implemented. These difficulties should be overcome shortly. In fact, we now have an F.A.O. expert who is working on this problem of marketing. I shall announce specific measures which the Government intends taking to ensure that our farmers get better returns for their Agricultural and livestock products.

The Government is deeply concerned about the problems of the farmers especially those relating to security of tenure. The Government is convinced that safe-guards should not only be provided for foreign investors but for farmers as well. In recognition of this fact I advised the King to appoint a land commission to hear people's complaints about land allocation and to find out whether our people are still satisfied with the way in which the chiefs exercise their powers over land allocation and deprivation. If changes are required, we hope that the people will tell the commission the nature of changes they would like to see. Although the commission has not yet submitted its report and it will be sometime before it does so, my understanding is that our people would like more security so that they can make improvements to their land.

Finally let me conclude by stating within a general strategy and framework of economic development that the Government will define, we would like to see more participation by the people themselves. They should participate in formulating projects as well as implementing them. In this way we can make a concerted effort to fight against poverty, hunger, ignorance and disease.

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