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The Natal Indian Congress records its protest at the limited terms of your reference. We submit that in any enquiry particularly where interests conflict where racial prejudices and antagonism are brought into play by the class that holds political power and is added to by the public and powerful ^{public} Press taking sides, it is imperatively so, that the terms of reference of such a Commission should be as wide as possible, so that it does not merely enquire into relevant figures, but also into the facts and reasons of what such figures may show and also it is essential that the effect and remedy should also form the terms of reference.

In an enquiry where the complainants are motivated by a desire to restrict and suppress in an economic sphere of activities of a group which has no political power, it is more so that the enquiry should be full.

An enquiry such as this, from the findings of which, may flow restrictions upon the free movements of a group as in this case the Indian community to which a denial in the sphere of employment, trading rights and property-owning rights already exist, leading as it would by the laws of economics not only to that group's detriment but also to the detriment of the group seeking to suppress it by an intensification of competition in the remaining narrowed spheres of activities. ^{Left to the Indian Council}

The Congress therefore lodges this objection that the terms of your reference should have been broader. However, the

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Congress, in its memorandum and annexures thereto submitted to you this morning, endeavoured to prove by facts, observations, and figures the case of the Indian community under the narrow and difficult position the Congress ^{has} found itself in. The Congress will appreciate such further opportunity to amplify and enlarge upon the statement submitted by any means that you may deem fit to give us during the enquiry.

