ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the able guidance and supervision given to me by my supervisor, Dr. V.S. Pai, Associate Professor, Dept. of Commerce, Manipur University. He was always available and helpful with suggestions, and I was fortunate indeed to have had the opportunity to work under the supervision of such a fine academic.

I express my thanks to Dr. V.P. Giri, Professor, Dept. of Commerce and Dr. S.K. Sharma, Associate Professor and HOD of Commerce, M.U. for their moral support and valuable suggestions during the course of study.

I am highly indebted to Dr. P.K. Rao, Research Officer, SEBI, Bombay, Mr. Tapan Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Statistics and Mr. V. Vadivel, University Engineer for their invaluable help while analysing the data using various statistical tools.

I express my sincere appreciation to the executives of the seven companies studied for providing the necessary research materials in time.

Special thanks must also go to the faculty of Commerce Department, M.U. for granting me the departmental scholarship to cover the expenses incurred in gathering the research data.
A deep sense of appreciation is also due to my parents for providing me the necessary stimulus and help while doing this study.

I thankfully acknowledge Mr. Ng. Nandababu and Mr. M. Shantamani, Instructors, AMWA's Bigyan Computer Centre, Keishamthong for typing the entire dissertation within a short period of time.

Lastly, my prayerful thanks goes to the divine grace of Baba, without which this work would have not been completed as it is.

Kh. Kamala.