With rapid industrialization, the disease of industrial sickness is being experienced on a large scale even before. Apart from developing countries the industrial units in economically advanced countries like U.S.A., U.K., and Japan are also falling the easy prey of this dreaded disease in recent years. As a matter of fact the disease of industrial sickness is assuming alarming dimensions and inhabiting the attention of all related institutions. It is adversely affecting the growth of all types of industrial enterprises. Due to its negative impact it can be as a cause against industrialisation programme. In a developing country like India where infrastructure is underdeveloped and people are less experienced the problem of industrial sickness is posing a serious challenge for industrial development programmes and causes of this industrial sickness are not only many but also different from region to region and industry to industry and therefore, there is need to study the causes and find out remedies so as to rehabilitate the one which are viable in order to avoid unnecessary waste of resources. In a state like Manipur where industrialisation has not taken rapid strides, the growing sickness in industrial sector has created a lot of dislocation in the economy and frustration among the new entrepreneurs.

In fact, the resultant effect of industrial sickness through loss of production, capital and employment has brought much panic to the owners, the financial institutions and the Government. In a state like ours, where unemployment problem is acute and both money as well as capital market are reeling under severe resource crunch, the gravity of the situation can hardly be over emphasized. Thus, all efforts should be made in this direction to combat the menace of sickness in industries. Otherwise, the very industrial base and structure erected in the state would collapse and threaten the entire economy.

The present study is perceptual in nature and diagnostic in content. The study has revealed the factors which have actually caused sickness in small scale industrial in the state of Manipur. Besides this, the study has accomplished other research objectives like, (a) to prevent various conceptual issues of industrial sickness, to highlight the perspectives, the alternate policy measures have been offered which need to be taken earnestly to arrest sickness.

The present study is divided into seven Chapters. The first chapter presents the various conceptual issues of industrial sickness. The second chapter is comprised of the research designed and review of related literature on different aspects of sickness in Small Scale Industries in India. A brief history of the growth and development of small scale industries in India are discussed in the third chapter of the study. In chapter four incorporates up-to-date informations related to the industrial scenario of Manipur. The survey results regarding the factors and causes of sickness etc. have been presented in the fifth chapter. Chapter sixth examines the measures to prevent industrial sickness. Last chapter summarizes the study and puts forth the suggestive measures for combating sickness in small scale industries.
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