Chapter IX
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In this chapter we summarise the present study and its main findings and evolve in conclusion, a pattern or a model, which may be of wider application. Section I deals with the summary and findings. The conclusions of the study and the 'model' are given in Section II.

Section I
Summary and Main Findings

The approach in the thesis may be broadly described as 'total investment' or 'area' approach. The total investment of the GEB in various thermal power projects — amounting to Rs. 350 crores with a life time extending to 46 years — is the subject of the study. The projects include generation, transmission and distribution of electricity over the entire State of Gujarat covering an area of 1.87 lakhs sq.kms. and a population of 266.97 lakhs (Census, 1971).

GEB is a commercial enterprise in the public sector. Hence financial viability and profitability become significant. But benefits over costs to society become our focus.