PREFACE

The need for development of forest based industries and the conservation of forest wealth has been well recognised. The abundant and rich variety of flora available in the forest is the source material for many tiny and cottage industries which generate considerable employment opportunities for the rural and tribal inhabitants. The importance of development of forest based industries can be gauged from the fact that they also help substantially in augmenting exports. Development of forest based industries has been the concern of Government since we attained independence. The present study concentrates its attention on the various points of development of forest based industries in the Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh. The scope for development of forest based industries though seems to be very large, the continuous exploitation of forest-wealth is again causing concern for the environmentalists. Therefore, the study also focuses its attention on the need for conservation of the forest wealth by various means like social forestry, peoples participation, etc., in order to pave way for the survival of the forest based industries in the long run.

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