The research project "Electronics Industry in India: Review of Strategy and Growth" was initiated in early-1980. The manifold advances in the field of electronics that have been occurring in the past few decades had fascinated me profoundly; the consequence of which was the undertaking of this research project. My mind was earnestly engaged in exploring avenues for multidimensional growth of the electronics industry in India and, see how India can occupy a respectable position in the committee of the advanced nations of the world. In the fulfilment of this aspiration of mine, I was lucky to have the profound inspiration from Prof. Anil Kumar Sarma, Head of the Department of Business Administration, and Dean, Faculty of Commerce, Gauhati University. He unhesitatingly consented to my proposal to take me as his research Scholar. I shall perhaps not succeed in finding adequate words to thank Prof. Sarma for his invaluable guidance in converting my dream to a reality.

Electronics industry being relatively a modern sector in Indian industrial scene, the non-availability of requisite data initially proved for the project one of the biggest hurdle to overcome. Electronics Commission, and a few other bodies in India collect and publish data on production etc. However, such data, mostly at the aggregate level, were unable to provide the basis for an in-depth analysis. Apart from that, a complete industrial classification for electronics industry was yet to emerge.
till late-seventies, and therefore, it was difficult to obtain comprehensive and reliable data on imports, exports and on many other important areas pertaining to the national electronics industry. The situation left me with no alternative other than to complement the available information by arranging collection of requisite data personally.

Initially, it was planned to collect from individual firms the required information through questionnaire-survey. Accordingly questionnaires were prepared and mailed to sample firms with request to return the questionnaire filled up. However, the response from the firms was disappointing and the whole effort ultimately proved abortive. I, therefore, had to rely primarily on company annual reports, prospectus and similar other sources for collecting the required information at the micro level. For a very limited number of cases, I undertook to visiting personally the firms and attempted to collect operational information on the spot through arranged interviews.

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III. Library attached to the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.
IV. Library attached to the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay.
V. Library attached to the Electronics Commission, New Delhi.
VI. Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi.
VII. Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Library, New Delhi.
VIII. Library attached to the Indian Investment Centre, New Delhi.
IX. Directorate General of Technical Development (DGTD), New Delhi.
X. Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi.

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