PREFACE

After the Arab-Israeli conflict of October, 1973 there was a world wide energy crisis involving petroleum industry in particular. This global energy crisis had a spill over effect on the Indian Petroleum Industry.

There has been no systematic study at the academic level by Indian scholars on this subject. Therefore it was felt necessary to make an in depth analysis of the petroleum industry in India, taking into consideration the energy resources availability in India.

The present work is based on an examination of published and unpublished material collected from organisations like, Ministry of Petroleum, Petroleum Information Service, New Delhi and the Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehra Dun. To get a deeper insight into the complex problems of the petroleum industry extensive discussions were undertaken with a number of individuals in the various oil companies.

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