PREFACE

Industrial Estate is a generic term and has a variety of connotations. In common usage, industrial estate is a planned clustering of industrial enterprises coupled with physical planning of the site and control measures and variety of facilities. It is historically a British concept which originated during the close of 19th century and quite comprehensive and used in most of the countries of the world with different objectives and names. The industrial estate programme is not new to the programme of industrialisation. It has come to be accepted by many industrially advanced as well as backward countries as a tool for industrialisation. Depending upon the specific situation, it has been taken as a means either to balance the uneven industrial development or to initiate the process of development in various regions. India has preferred to use British concept in planning the built up form of industrial infrastructure inclusive of industrial sites and buildings. It has been utilised as a tool for the up-liftment of small scale industries and to decentralise industrial activities to rural and backward areas. As a supplementary device to the industrial policy of the govt. of India towards the small scale industries this programme intends to remove the handicaps of small
scale industries face. The industrial estate programme by providing the necessary facilities was expected to perform a number of roles in the industrialisation programme of the state.

The present study has been divided into Nine Chapters. The Chapter I deals with the general introduction and defining the concept of industrial estates. In the Chapter II a modest attempt has been made to review the existing available literature on the basis of which the present problem has been formulated. The Chapter also includes the methodology along with the scope and limitations of the study. Chapter III has been devoted to the historical background, economy, infrastructural development and origin of industrial estates in Himachal Pradesh. Chapter IV throws light on the organisational structure of the units and characteristics of the units existing in the estate. In Fifth V detail description has been given on the structure of labour and capital with reference to size, components of employment, range of capital, etc. Chapter VI has been devoted to analyse the role of industrial estates in industrial dispersal and geographical linkage of input and output. Chapter VII deals with the measurement of efficiency and profitability of the industrial units. Chapter VIII describes the various problems concerned with finance,
raw material, marketing, accommodation and labour etc. The Final Chapter presents the summary, findings and offered suggestions.

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