PREFACE

The main problems faced by most of the countries are of regional imbalances and of regional inequalities. Even in the developed countries also the regional imbalances and regional inequalities are present in a substantial proportion. India, however, presents a picture of extreme regional variations. Some states are economically advanced and some are backward and even within each state some regions are more developed and some are primitive.

Though, it is impossible to have a perfect balance in the development of different regions of the nation, but, by introducing (implementing) proper economic policies and putting efforts, it is possible to minimise the regional disparity, however such policies are being implemented, in the developing as well as developed countries in the world.

The Samyukta Maharashtra state was created on 1st May, 1960, with the merger of two Marathi speaking areas of Marathwada (which was a part of the former Hyderabad state) and Vidarbha, (which was a part of former Madhya Pradesh).

Thus, presently the Maharashtra State comprises the Western Maharashtra including the Konkan region and the city of Mumbai which is also known as “The Rest of Maharashtra” (ROM) Marathwada and Vidarbha regions.

Despite the differences in indicators and methodologies used by various scholars and committees, the results of these studies indicate the one thing common that the number of backward districts are relatively high in the Marathwada and Vidarbha region than that of Rest of Maharashtra.

The results of these studies shows that there is a wide disparity in the levels of development between the regions.
In respect of sector wise physical and financial backlog, it is found that aggregate backlog has increased between 1984 to 1994 for Vidarbha and Marathwada regions and for Rest of Maharashtra share in total backlog has declined over the same period.

We shall be thus, making a comparison of the relative industrial development made by these three regions of the state in the present study.

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