

Acknowledgements

I wish to acknowledge my deep sense of gratitude and indebtedness to all those who helped me in completing this work. First of all, I am grateful to my esteemed supervisor Dr. Harish K. Thakur, Associate Professor, Govt. Degree College, Sunni, Distt. Shimla (HP), for his painstaking guidance, invaluable suggestions and constant encouragement throughout the course of this work. Without his help it would not have been possible for me to complete this work. I feel overwhelmed that I carried out the present thesis under his supervision.

I am grateful to Dr. Kamal Manohar Chairman, Department of Political Science, H.P. University, Shimla and other teaching and non-teaching staff for giving me moral support, encouragement for completion of the study.

I am also thankful to Librarian and the library staff of H.P. University, Shimla, H. P. ICDEOL Library, State Library, Shimla, H. P. Secretariat library, Shimla, JNU, Delhi and Nehru Library, Delhi for providing me the required material throughout my literary pursuit.

My thanks are also due to all my friends and fellow researchers for their love and support.

I feel highly indebted to all the members of my family, my father Sh. Dhani Ram, mother Smt. Santosh and my younger brother Rajesh, and sister Anita.

I am also grateful to my wife Poonam and my son Pranjal for their constant help and support at each and every step.

My thanks are due to Mr. Daljit Singh for typing the thesis well in time.

I shall always remain indebted to God for his magnanimous blessing which have enabled me to realise this dream.

*Puran Chand*¹
27/7/2013
(Puran Chand)