ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The submission of this thesis for the award of a Doctor of Philosophy degree has been made possible by the inspiring guidance and unflinching support of different people and institutions at different stages, right from the time of the survey up to the final submission. It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I wish to acknowledge here the support received from various quarters.

First and foremost, I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the inspiring leadership and guidance provided to me by my supervisor and guide Prof. Sudesh Nangia, from the selection of the topic up to the point of culmination. Without her able guidance made available to me whenever I needed it, I would have been floundering in the dark. Indeed, the intellectual and academic insights provided by my supervisor, Prof. Sudesh Nangia, transformed my initial skepticism into active involvement in the subject and the result is this modest thesis. Therefore, first and foremost I am highly indebted and grateful to Prof. Sudesh Nangia, who instilled the academic zeal to concretize and conceptualize the present study.

Any academic accomplishment of this kind would have been impossible without the intellectual inputs and thought provoking insights from scholars like Prof. M.K.Premi, Prof. Aslam Mahmood and all my teachers at the Centre for the Study of Regional Development, who continue to guide me in my academic pursuits. I am deeply indebted to them for their guidance.

I would like to place on record my appreciation for Varghese, and Selvam, who dealt with my manifold problems without getting rattled. Thank you for the help with the maps, SPSS and all virus related mis-happenings.

I would be failing in my duty if I were not to mention the cooperation and support of the library staff at The Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University, Teen Murti Library and Museum, New Delhi, Indian Statistical Institute Library, New Delhi, ICSSR Library, New Delhi and the Jawaharlal Nehru University Library, New Delhi.
Mr. Mullick’s unconditional help in locating missing books can never be overlooked by the generation privileged to receive it.

I wish to thank all the industrial units in Ludhiana where I was made welcome at the cost of the days work. I cannot forget the migrant respondents who permitted me to intrusively find out details about them and their families, and let me walk down memory lane with them as they recounted their experiences in the city.

My friends and hostel mates also contributed their bit in times when I needed their support. Thank you to all of them. I particularly want to thank Anjana, Mamta, Mona, Sutapa, Abhay, Sadanand, Tiju, Angela, Mala di and Tina for the help rendered from time to time.

Last but not the least, I dedicate this thesis to my dear parents and my family members who in many ways helped me in setting the proper ambience and creating the proper environment and support for finishing this study.

Nivedita Hansraj