PREFACE

The first word-list based on the frequency of occurrence in India was prepared by Rev. J. C. Koenig in Hindi. There is no other work in any other Indian language on a very large scale except in Gujarati. In Marathi the study undertaken by Shri S. N. Bhat is the first of its kind. Since then, no comprehensive list of words is prepared for the use of the workers engaged in the field of preparation and compilation of textbooks and other reading material for the pupils of primary schools.

The present work is a very humble and modest attempt at preparing the vocabulary list in Marathi of children of standards I and II based on the study of the textbooks used by them. The study is limited to the first two standards of the primary schools so as to undertake a thorough study and analysis of the vocabulary of children studying in them.

This type of research work is being undertaken for the first time in Marathi at the doctorate level. It will provide a base-list of words for various purposes. It is a prime need of the day.

This work is directly based on the study of the textbooks. It will throw light on the vocabulary of the textbooks in use of the children of the primary schools,
particularly for the standards I and II. It will also be helpful to the teachers and will prove a source of great help to the writers and compilers of textbooks and juvenile literature.

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