Preface

An attempt in the following pages, has been made, to study some aspects of the problems of small and medium sized industries in the economy of India, with special reference to West Bengal. In view of the emphasis that is being currently placed on the role of small and medium sized industries in the industrialisation programme of the backward economies with scarce capital resources and large unemployed labour forces, such a study will be of great significance.

Although the problems of small industry in the unorganised hand and cottage industries sector have attracted some notice in our country from time to time, the role of small and medium sized industries in the mechanised sector in the rapidly developing economy of the country does not appear to have received the same measure of attention that it deserves. This particular category of industry which still comprising by far the larger section of the total organised industry has been suffering from neglect. It is high time that some attempt is made to assess the role of such types of small and medium sized industries in the country's economy and examine their varied and complex problems.

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