PREFACE

This study of a minor political party of West Bengal attempts to establish that the working of a political party depends largely on the role performance of its leading activists and this performance is intimately associated with their role perception. In this study the author has tried to prove his point through an analysis of the social background and the psychological traits of 101 leading activists of the West Bengal Congress(0). Here, the terms, "leaders" and "leading activists" have been used - as synonymous ones - to denote the leading members of the Congress(0) at all levels of the party, state, district and local.

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