PREFACE

In present situation, the municipal councils in India are suffering from a lot of problems such as inadequate funding, inadequacy or inefficiency of man power, structural deficiencies, outdated system of management etc. This is, consequently, leading to further problems of accountability, reliability of councils and lack of effective financial management.

The major objective of this study is to prepare a solid assessment of the financial administration of municipal councils in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra State. A study of this type of municipal councils would be useful to gain a deep insight in the problems associated with the municipal councils. Further, it would also be helpful for the policy-makers of financial aspects relating to the development of the municipal bodies in India.

Since the difficulties and challenges of municipal councils are similar allover India, I hope the present study will prove quite interesting to the administrators, planners and also for the researchers for restructuring the ongoing policies in the development of municipal councils.