PREFACE

The State of U.P. is a backward state from the point of view of industrialisation. There are many zero-industry areas where no-industry with investment of more than one crore rupees in fixed asset exists. The state Govt. has indentified such areas to start a process of rapid industrial growth with a view to removing the regional imbalance.

The state of U.P. has been divided into five economic regions namely the Hill region, the Eastern region, the Central region, the Western region and the Bundelkhand region. The Central region comprises ten districts viz: Fatehpur, Kanpur Dehat, Kanpur Nagar, Unnao, Lucknow, Hardoi, Sitapur, Barabanki, Raibareli and Kheri-Lakhimpur. Of these districts, Kanpur Dehat and Fatehpur have been declared zero-industry areas and these are covered in the present study. These two districts have potentials for the development several industries such as maize processing plant, bimetallic bearing and buses plant, electrical resistance wire project, cattle/poultry feed project, bakers yeast plant, portable electric tools, glass lamps and fluorescent tubes, polypropylene box strapping, carbon paper project, resource-based industries, skill-based units,
demand-based industries, extraction of rice bran oil, bone crushing plant, scooter tyres and tubes, sulphur black special relays, tissue paper, cotton saving thread, cotton waste blankets, PVC foam & leather etc.

In the present study we have examined in detail how far the various schemes of concessional finance and other incentives provided by Central & State Government as well as development agencies, have reached Kanpur Dehat and Fatehpur, the two zero-industry districts of the Central Region. With the help of an empirical brief survey of 21 industrial units located in these two zero-industry areas an endeavour has been made to study the problems of industrialisation there. Through a questionnaire the information about their constraints was gathered and suggestions were obtained from the individual entrepreneur of the sample units.

In the first chapter besides the relevant concepts a review of industrial policy, national objectives and the criteria for selection of growth centre and zero-industry area has been discussed. The second chapter relates to review of State policy and measures for industrial development. The third chapter portrays the profile of Kanpur Dehat and Fatehpur. In the four chapter a review of forms of concessional finance and
the role of agencies providing concessional finance has been discussed and analysed. Chapter five contains the findings of empirical survey of 21 industrial units located at Kanpur Dehat and Fatehpur. Assessment of impact of concessional finance is given in chapter six. Problems and constraints are listed in chapter seven and conclusions and suggestions are enumerated in the last chapter.

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