PREFACE

This present Thesis is being submitted in fulfilment of the requirements of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the Centre for Earth-Science Department, Manipur-University.

The present study seeks to analyse and interpret the origin, evolution, distribution and classification of various grades of Industries in Manipur State. It examines critically the resource-bases, the infra-structures, feasibility reports for various industrial projects, factors retarding industrialization, including the roles of Industrial Finance Corporation, Public Investment Board, All India Handloom Board, All India Handicrafts Board, Central Small Industries Development Organisation (including Small-Industries Service Institute), State Small Industries Corporation, Commercial Banks and Industrial Co-operatives. It also examines the alternative paths of Industrial Development and the Socio-Cultural and Political factors determining the choice.

Thus, the study for the development of this backward region of the Country is very important. The examination is made by using both primary and secondary information.

In the first chapter an attempt has been made to explain the purpose and scope of study and the method of study adopted. Chapter II and III examine the geographical personality of the region including the physical environment and the economic and cultural setting. The next Chapter IV to chapter VI, constitute the main body of the work. They deal with the origin and evolution of Industrial units, their classification, problem and prospects of the industries in the state. Chapter VII embodies the summary of the findings and the major conclusions reached with suggestions.
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