PREFACE

The theoretical formulations of economic development have emphasized the existence of dual labour markets in most of the developing countries. Further refinements of theory and the policy emphasis on the so-called Informal sector are both based on rather sketchy empirical evidences. It is necessary to gain better insights into the process of development of urban economy and its impact on the urban labour market. This dissertation is an attempt to contribute to this emerging area of research. The empirical analysis is mainly based on a survey of workers carried out in representative slum clusters in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.*

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