Abstract

The present study entitled “Industrial Development in West Bengal Since 1971” planned to investigate the influence of growth and development in the State. The main objectives:

- To analyze the various manufacturing industries performance during 1971-2004.
- To identify the main problems confronting of manufacturing industries and small-scale industries.
- To examine the nature and extent of inequalities at the district and inter district level in West Bengal.
- To suggest measure this should be taken to realize the full potential of growth and development of industries as well as small-scale industries in the long run.

Beside above objectives, it also concerned (a) on the level of disparities of industries in the State (b) the nature and extent of inequalities at the district level (c) the effectiveness of an indicator in relation to other variables and (d) the potential for future improvements in functioning and planning.

Considering the large size of the study area, it was difficult to carry out this study at the block or the village level. On the other hand, the greater number of indicators also proved to be constraint in the choice of the block or village as a unit of study. Hence, district was considered as an appropriate unit of study. The study is focused upon 18 districts. To illustrate the nature and magnitude of the measures of ‘Industrial Development in West Bengal Since 1971’ variables have been adjusted at different stages with the help of quantitative methods.
To illustrate the effects of the measures of manufacturing industries and small-scale industries, variable have been organized at different stages with the help of quantitative methods. The obtained tables have serialized according to the merits and significance of the problems. There are three main points which have been taken into account for the whole position. At first instance crude date were converted with the help of computer technique into different statistical criteria. Second stage is presentation of the problems with the help of correlation coefficients. The third aspects include the detailed analysis of the problem substantiated by methodology used in simple, analytical and involve calculation of percentage and compound growth rate. Compound growth rate in the case of small-scale industries have been calculated for number of unit, production and employment etc.

Published and unpublished data were procured from various official agencies. These agencies include: West Bengal Bureau of Applied Economics and Statistics, Economic Review, District Statistical Hand Book, News Papers and Internet, etc.

The present study entitled “Industrial Development in West Bengal since 1971”, deals with the analytical as well as the theoretical aspects of subjects, and takes into account the related fields of industrial development in detail. The ongoing work has been divided into six chapters. Chapter 1 deals with the basic premises of the study.

Crux of the problems begins from chapter 2 and onwards. Chapter 2 bases on “Genesis of Industrial Economy”, deals at length the meaning, definitions and emergence of the field. The definition has been substantiated by the opinion of different economists.
Chapter 3 made an attempt primarily to assess the performance of industrial sector in West Bengal. It also elaborates in detail about the salient features of the policy and its prospects in future.

In chapter 4 examine the growth and development of various manufacturing industries i.e. jute, cotton, tea, leather etc.

Chapter 5 evaluates the important role of small-scale industries in the State. In this chapter, it analyze through many table about the number of units and distribution of employment in different zones.

Chapter 6 is related with “Problems of Industry in West Bengal”. this chapter focuses attention on all those components which either create problems for industrial development or sometimes because unavoidable circumstances which hinder the smooth functioning of an industrial unit.

Lastly, the study has concluded the work with some suggestive measures.

At the end a list of bibliography has been included to the sequel.

The works outline s the need for an integrated analysis of economic, social and political activities, involving a variety of institutions and many interactive agencies. It concentrates particularly at the roles and inter connections between certain crucial instrumental freedom, including economic opportunities, political freedom, social facilities, transparency guarantees, and protective security. The work can be useful instruments in the hands of government and non-government functionaries.