PREFACE

This research work is carried out in a period during which the state of Meghalaya has witnessed substantial changes in expenditure policies. Further, during this time period, there were some recurrent social tensions, which we believe might have led to substantial changes in the public expenditure policies. The study, therefore, is intended to assess the impact of public expenditure on human development in Meghalaya and more importantly, to ascertain that public expenditure has a stronger influence on human development than the per capita income. The study covers a period of twenty years from 1984-85 to 2003-2004 where we have considered education and health as the important indicators of human development in Meghalaya.

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