PREFACE

As a matter of fact the co-operative movement originally commenced in India with a limited spectrum to relieve the farmers from the clutches of money lenders. But though slow and steady, it has grown in size and area. The co-operative field has occupied a pivotal role in non-credit sector also. Among the productive societies the spinning co-operatives constitute the second largest industrial sector in co-operation.

Co-operatives have been recognized as a suitable instrument in agro-based industries like sugar and spinning. Thus the co-operative sector has been acting as a balancing sector between private and public sectors. Industrial co- operatives represent a new dimension in Indian industrial structure. The efforts towards co-operativisation of large scale production were actually witnessed in 1930s itself.

Andhra Pradesh State was formed with the fusion of two regions namely Andhra and Telangana, both of which had different socio-economic and political set-up. Hence the growth and the development varies from region to region in many respects. The State is one of co-operatively advanced States. In an industrially developing State like Andhra Pradesh Industrial co- operatives claim an important place.

The industrial co-operative movement was comparatively very slow during the pre-plan period but accelerated during the plan period. The commencement of Five Year Plans for planned industrial development synchronizes with the beginning of co-operativisation of textile industry and sugar industry.
The present study is a modest attempt to evaluate the working of co-operative spinning mills with reference to selected units in Andhra Pradesh. In order to make a through and intensive study Rajahmundry and Sathavahana co-operative spinning mills have been chosen. The objectives of the study are to analyse their performance in terms of their financial resources, own potential, borrowings, installed capacity, capacity utilization, sales and financial results.

The work is divided into five chapters. The first chapter covers the research design. The second chapter relates to examination of evolution of industrial co-operatives. The third chapter deals with financial operations. Fourth chapter examines production, marketing and financial results. The fifth chapter is devoted to findings and conclusion.

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