Preface

This thesis is the result of continuous thinking over a number of years regarding the violation of human rights in West Bengal. It is a matter of fact that over sixty years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we live in an age when abuses of human rights are very common. In fact, majority of human rights are violated in the world.

In this situation, my thesis has acquired much significance. I have tried in the following pages to investigate the incidents of violations of human rights and the functioning of the West Bengal Human Rights Commission (WBHRC) to protect and promote them, especially before the formation of the present Government in West Bengal.

Sorry to say, I have not found a single work on WBHRC, the thrust area of my thesis. But there are other aspects of the human rights written by different scholars. I have to depend very much on the primary sources for my thesis. I have had the advantage of working in the Office of the WBHRC at Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata, and have also been able to use the kind of source
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