PREFACE

Transport, the vital artery of flow, in totality of all human actions, is a prerequisite of economic dynamism. It is the only tract on which man and the fruits of his actions roll. A Geographer, while attempting to evaluate the geo-economic setting of a country or a part of it, is obliged to search for the flow structure, its means and modes. Because, the production, marketing and turn over of capital and products, economic prosperity and above all, the whole story of advancement of civilisation depends on transport. Naturally, involvement of a geographer in the study of transport system is almost obligatory. This is the principal fact and reason for my interest in Transport Geography.

The gamut of constraints put Assam in a disadvantageous position, so far growth and development of a complex transport system is concerned. She has to depend primarily on road transport especially after the creation of a hostile country Bangladesh – the then East Pakistan. But serious studies in this regard are numerically insignificant. This is another reason that has tempted me to
investigate on the Road Transport problem of my home State. My study mainly based on my personal field work, Government Reports, Census Reports and such other connected publications.

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