PREFACE

This thesis records and examines the activity of street food vending in Guwahati after two years of intensive fieldwork between January 1991 to January 1993. The period after field investigation has been utilised in analysing the data and in writing the thesis.

A few changes have taken place since the completion of fieldwork. However, the year 1991 was kept as the base year for the purpose of this study. Periodic contacts with food vendors were maintained even after the actual period of fieldwork was over to monitor the changes that might have occurred. However, I feel that these changes do not alter the overall significance of the findings presented in this thesis.

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