ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am grateful to

Professor S. Subbaramaiah, Visiting Professor in Economics, Osmania University, Hyderabad for his affectionate, gentle and persuasive guidance;

Professor D.L. Narayana, Professor and Head of the Department of Economics, Dean Faculty of Arts, S.V. University for his keen interest and strong support which prompted an early completion of this work;

Sri Venkateswara University for providing me travel grants and other facilities;

the Indian Council of Social Science Research for a study grant;

the National College of Dangalore-11 for the study leave;

the Connemara Library, Madras; Madras University Library, Madras; the Library of Delhi School of Economics, Delhi; the Library of Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi; the Library of the Railway Board, New Delhi, and Sri Venkateswara University Library, Tirupati, for their help in the collection of information;

the Railway Board for permitting me to collect information from the Board's Office, the General Manager's Office, Southern Railway and the Divisional Superintendent's Office, Guntakal;

a number of Officers of the Indian Railways for according me the necessary facilities for collection of data and for their willing discussions on the Union problems;
the Railwaymen's Unions and Federations particularly the AIR, NFIK, SHES's Central Office, Branch and Divisional Offices in the Guntakal Division; SMU's Central Office, Branch and Divisional Offices in Guntakal Division; the Guntakal Divisional Office of the AIIEA and the Guntakal Divisional Office of the AIRCCA, for the keen interest they showed in my study and their cooperation in providing all the available information;

the Registrar of Trade Unions, Madras for permitting me to collect data from his offices;

and

Mr. E. Ramachenna Reddy for the typing.

I thank

Mr. V. Sambamurthy, Head of the Department of Economics, National College, Bangalore-11 for lightening my teaching work by sharing a substantial part of it;

Dr. L. Kothandarama Naidu, Reader in Economics, S.V. University for his help and encouragement throughout the study;

Mr. K. Nageswara Rao, Research Scholar, S.V.U.P.G. Centre, Anantapur for his able assistance in tabulating some of the data;

Mr. E. Satyanarayana, Lecturer in Statistics, S.V. University for going through the typescript;

and

Mr. Bhaskara Venugopal, Senior Research Officer, Technical Cell, Department of Economics, S.V. University, for his invaluable help and comments.

October 1978

D. NARASIMHA REDDY