PREFACE

Literature published to serve the information needs of primary scientists and researchers is world wide in origin, international in language, diverse in subject content, complex in form, uneven in quality and tremendous in amount.

Primary sources of information are the first and often the only published records of original research and development and accounts of new applications of science and technology to technology and industry. These unorganised and usually unrelated contributions appear almost exclusively in periodicals, separate research reports, patents, theses, technical bulletins, governmental publications, etc.

Periodicals are vital for any research work. These are the basic media through which scientific community in the world communicates and shares knowledge. Every University / research library subscribes to journals to meet the needs of its clientele. Of late, the prices of documents required in libraries are rising faster for various reasons. Add to this problem of inflation rate due to increase in exchange rate of foreign currency. The impact of this inflationary spiral has been most obvious, constant and consistent in the area of periodical subscriptions. Besides the number of new journals is ever increasing. An equally strenuous effort has to be made
by the libraries in avoiding the subscription of new journals.

In view of these, an effort has been made through this work to find out the most consulted periodicals in the field of economics. An effort has also been done to determine the age of journals cited by the researchers. Lists of core authors and their work, core articles, core books and their writers and most researched area in economics have also been prepared.