AN INTRODUCTORY NOTE

This is a macro level analysis of the role of export sector in India's growing economy under her development planning. The study starts with a theoretical framework in which the vital role of export sector in promoting the process of growth is pinpointed. Theoretical formulations and empirical evidences have been proposed to establish the positive correlation relationship between the export sector and the process of economic growth in an economy. The influence of planning and industrialisation in imparting a new structural dimension to the export sector in India -- both productwise and marketwise -- has been analysed in the subsequent chapters.

The second and third chapters provide a comprehensive analysis of the structural dimensions of India's export sector during the plan period, while the fourth chapter provides a thorough analysis of the major constraint areas confronting the export sector in India. The analysis in these three chapters has been helpful in identifying the market and product prospects and
problems and also in suggesting proper corrective measures to overcome the constraints to the export sector. These chapters, therefore, constitute the core of the thesis.

The analysis in the subsequent chapters has been supplementary to the findings in the core chapters. A detailed analysis of the institutional and policy measures taken during the plan period has been made in the fifth and the sixth chapters.

The Government's action in evolving a network of institutions to promote the export sector and in bringing about modifications in her export policy in recent years amply shows the realisation on her part that export sector is capable of giving a significant thrust to the process of economic growth in the country. A summary of the findings and suggestions is provided in the last chapter.