ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It is the guidance of Dr. K. Krishna Moorthy, Professor and Head of the Department of Studies in Sanskrit, Karnatak University, Dharwad, that set me towards the goal of writing this thesis. I offer him my heartfelt thanks. Dr. D.N. Shanbhag, Reader, Department of Studies in Sanskrit, Karnatak University, Dharwad, has helped me in various stages of writing this thesis. For this help I am thankfully obliged to him.

The revered Swamiji of Pejavar Mutt has taught me the works of the Dvaita Vedānta. It is his teaching that has inspired me to take up an exhaustive study of the concept of Viśeṣa of the Dvaita school of Vedānta. I offer my humble pranāms to Sri Swamiji.

Dr. L.V. Rajagopal, Retired Professor of Philosophy, has given me some of his thoughts. My thanks are due to him.

My thanks are due to Sri S.S. Raghavachar, Retired Professor of Philosophy and Sri P.S. Seshagiri Rao, my teacher, for their kind help in solving some problems.

I thank the authorities of Karnatak University, Dharwad, for having given me an opportunity to do research under the guidance of Dr. K. Krishna Moorthy, in the Department of Sanskrit. My thanks are also due to the authorities of the Oriental Research Institute, Mysore, for having permitted me to borrow books and consult journals.

C.H. SRINIVASA MURTMY.