PREFACE

The present study is somewhat more voluminous than a doctoral dissertation commonly is. This is because the main thesis advanced in this study, viz. that the employment problem in India is essentially the problem of deficiency of demand out of economic development, raises so many issues, a number of them highly controversial, that their avoidance, or just a perfunctory treatment, would have left the study very incomplete and unsatisfactory.

The Thesis as it has finally emerged is considerably different in content from the synopsis submitted at the time of the approval of the subject by the Punjab University. The difference reflects improved understanding of the problem as a result of the studies undertaken since then.

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