PREFACE

The aim of the present study is to know the characteristic features of cited literature by the research scholars in Economics. As no other study has been done previously, the present research work has been undertaken. The thesis entitled ‘Citation Analysis of Ph.D. theses in Economics’ is divided into 5 chapters. The origin, meaning, types and utility of Bibliometrics, the need for the study, the basic concepts used in citation analysis studies, the specific objectives of the present study and hypotheses are discussed in the First chapter. The Second chapter deals with the review of literature. The Third chapter deals with the data sources and methodology used for the analysis of data. The Fourth chapter deals with analysis and the discussion of results. A summary, conclusions and suggestions are given in the Fifth chapter.