INTRODUCTION

Carefully complying with the revered examiner's directives including re-arrangement of chapters, revision of bibliography, more elaborate study on poverty alleviation in West Bengal etc., I have to state that several years have passed since my first submission of thesis and meanwhile so many changes have taken place bearing great impact on nation's economy which deserves due consideration.

Social security is a dynamic concept or a living philosophy deeply connected with so many features and factors of social development. In fact, it is an integral part of the present progressive social life.

Comprehensive social security depends on sound and sustainable economic development which in its turn is dependent upon many a major factor which include health, education ecological equilibrium, transparent administration and other elements of like nature. In view of this, important items of them have been separately treated with necessary statistical figures in a few pages along with chapter one. Besides, to cover up new development in social security measures in the country, some additions and alternations were made through new pages. This inclusion, it is hoped, will help broaden the theoretical side of the subject matter of thesis.
Some pages were also devoted on the issue of globalisation because social security can not remain isolated from it.

Social security of two new countries (Cuba and Botswana) have also been included along with others already given.

In fine, it needs to be added that this work would have been completed much earlier had I not been in the severe grip of continued physical sufferings caused by acute and painful predicament affecting heart, tooth and eye at this quite an advanced age.