INFRASTRUCTURE plays a pivotal role in the progress of both economic and social development. It increases the scale of production and helps in establishing strong inter-social linkages. It also enhances the scope for adoption of the modern technology, higher growth and much needed diversification of demand for finished products. Besides, its role in restructuring of depressed or backward regions cannot be undermined. It promotes economic efficiency of such regions by enhancing accessibility to productive resources and physical mobility of raw materials, finished products and factors of production including labour. In other words, it stimulates economic growth by making both product and factor markets function more efficiently. Obviously, these points go beyond penetration and highlight both need and urgency of ensuring adequacy of infrastructure for accelerating both pace and process of development in backward areas. With this end in view, a massive investment on infrastructure development has already been made in the State of U.P. and Eastern region is not exception to it.

In the above context, a numerous studies have been carried out with a view to analysing the relationship between individual components of infrastructure and development. However, studies pertaining to the analysis of development taking into account an integrated view of infrastructure have hardly been attempted so far in the context of the Eastern U.P. Besides, the studies aiming at analysing the adequacy and performance of infrastructure are especially lacking. The present study entitled as Adequacy of Infrastructure for Industrial Development in Eastern Uttar Pradesh is, indeed, an attempt to bridge this gap.

The whole dissertation, organised in seven chapters, can broadly be classified into three sections. The first section comprising the first three chapters primarily aims at searching out the operational definitions of 'infrastructure' and 'industrial development' and describing the geo-physical and socio-economic conditions of Eastern U.P., besides providing methodological inputs required for carrying out the present analysis. The core of the thesis for Eastern U.P. is provided in the second section constituted by the subsequent three chapters focussing mainly on the analysis of changes in status of manufacturing industries,
focussing mainly on the analysis of changes in status of manufacturing industries, the relative contribution of infrastructure vis-à-vis other variables to industrial development and availability, inadequacy and prioritisation of economic infrastructure in the Eastern U.P. Finally, the third section consisting of the last chapter tries to incorporate main conclusions emerging out of the analysis in whole of the dissertation.

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