


PREFACE

Diesel oil engine industry is a part of light mechanical engineering industry. Diesel oil engines are manufactured by large scale companies in organised sector as well as by small scale and tiny units in unorganised sector with the growth and development of agricultural sector this industry has developed. As monsoon is irregular and irrigation facilities are inadequate, diesel oil engines are preferred by Indian farmers to lift underground water. Diesel oil engines are also used for stationary purposes such as to operate power thresher, floor mills, power generation and on farm tractors. Thus there is substantial demand for diesel oil engines in developing country like India.

Kolhapur was one of the key centers producing diesel oil engines. Name of Kolhapur is marked on industrial map of India due to its performance in diesel engine production. In fact; Diesel oil engine industry was the foundation of engineering industry of Kolhapur. Family craftsmen of early period in Kolhapur developed their career as repairers of diesel engines to manufacturers of such engines and introduced diesel oil engines as end product. This industry grew and developed very fast in Kolhapur. However due to some reasons this industry has to face demand recession. It also faces a number of problems regarding raw material, labour, marketing, finance etc. Present study deals with the discussion of these problems.

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