

PREFACE

Swadeshi Movement organized in 1905 gave rise to several big and small industries in different parts of India. This movement emerged out of the thoughts put-forth by the nationalist leaders and economists on economic regeneration of our country. *Swadeshi* Movement struck at the roots of economic exploitation carried out under the British colonial rule. It also provided solution to the problem of de-industrialization created by the colonial rule. As Lokmanya Tilak was a powerful leader of *Swadeshi* Movement, it became quite strong in Maharashtra.

In the 20th century, many business and industrial houses emerged in Maharashtra. Kirloskar, Ogale, Cooper, Walchand-Hirachand, Kalyani, Garware, Bajaj were some of the leading business and industrial houses in Maharashtra, which made a remarkable contribution to economic progress of the state in the 20th century. The present topic has been selected by me to trace the rise, growth and decline of the 'Ogale Glass Works Ltd.' Situated in Satara district. I have limited the study of Ogale Glass Works Ltd. up to 1980 A. D.

My research work deals with the local history. Therefore, it will not be out of place to write something about local history here. The famous historian, Hawkins explains about the growing attraction of people for local history,

“So much of the past in visibly perishing before our eyes, more and more people have been led to take an interest in a particular place and wish to find out all about it. Some

shallow-brained theorist would doubtless call this “escapism”, but the fact is that we are not born internationalists and there comes a time when the complexity and size of modern problems leaves us cold. We belong to a particular place and the bigger and more incomprehensible the modern world grows the more will people turn to study something of which they can grasp the scale and in which they can find a personal and individual meaning.”

(Hawkins W. G., Local History In England,
London, 1959, p.6)

The Sources of this work are not available in vast amount; upto the year 1944 the information about Ogale Glass Works Ltd. was in Annual Administration Report of the Aundh State. Ogale Glass Works Silver Jubilee issue is available. I met some members of Ogale family, Balasaheb Ogale and Durga Ogale. They are son and daughter-in-law of Shripad alias Atmarampant Ogale. Priyavanda Kelkar, she is the daughter of Gurunathrao Ogale. Kaveri Ogale, she is the daughter of Shripad alias Atmarampant Ogale. They have given me information about my topic. Besides these original sources I have also used some secondary sources related to my topic. And some references are available from the monthly magazines like Kirloskar, Sampada,...etc. This dissertation is based on limited sources.

This dissertation has been divided into four main chapters followed by the epilogue. Selected bibliography of the work appears at the end of the dissertation.

The First Chapter of this dissertation is ‘Economic Impact of British Rule and Rise of Swadeshi Movement in Maharashtra’ has

been analyzed. It has been pointed out by eminent thinkers that the major economic impact of British rule seen in the form of economic exploitation of the country and drain of India's wealth. It has been concluded that the intellectual background and the actual emergence of a powerful nation wide *Swadeshi* Movement in Maharashtra. It also highlighted produced far reaching effects on the nationalist development and industrial growth in Maharashtra.

The Second Chapter deals 'The promoters of Ogale Glass Works Ltd.' It has mentioned the early life and development of Ogale brothers. The life and work of the Ogale brothers are not only important but also inspiring for the young generation of businessmen and industrialists.

The Third Chapter of this dissertation is 'Expansion of Ogale Industries' has been discussed the main phases and major aspects of development, growth and also diversification of the Ogale industry from its beginning to the closure. Various features of this industry, such as development of the glass works, various Ogale products, different branches and new units, required facilities like banking and transport, prizes and exhibitions, eminent persons who had paid visits to the Ogale industry all these important things related to the Ogale industry have been discussed here only in broad terms.

The Fourth Chapter is 'Impact on Area Development'. It is a survey of a changing face of Ogalewadi. A small industrial colony Ogalewadi stands out for its high progressive outlook along with all the modern facilities.

The Fifth Chapter of this dissertation includes brief summary of discussion contained in the earlier chapters, major research

findings and conclusion of the work. There is discussion regarding the causes and effects of closure of the Ogale Glass Works Ltd. This is study of one glass industry, which was once a flourishing and responsible for the economic progress of that area. But due to the mismanagement, this industry did not last long. This affects ultimately the economic progress of that area and received set back.