PREFACE

What makes aging and the aged a social problem is its recognition by the society as an important aspect of behaviour that needs attention. The recognition is the direct outcome of changed age pyramid, value system and withdrawal of support system from the family.

The problem of the old persons engaged in the industrial sector, particularly those with low wages, is more serious because they do not make any financial provision for their future. In spite of adverse health condition they continue to work till their physical strength allows them. Their failure to earn their livelihood and lack of support from their families make them distitute.

The present study focussed on most neglected aspect of industry i.e. retired industrial workers in Solapur. It is studied from social work point of view to enable the professional social workers of Solapur to design for social work intervention for effective solution of their problems as well as for improving the quality of their life. I am deeply indebted to many people who had extended their co-operation in the development of my research and in my endeavour to standardize my disertation. I cannot possibly mention them all here.

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