

PREFACE / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Promotion of small-scale industries has been one of the main strategies for economic development in the developing economies of the world. India, has not been an exception to this. Eversince Independence, Government Of India has been paying serious attention towards the promotion & development of this vital sector of our economy; as it generate employment at low cost, assists in the dispersal of industrial activity and can help redress regional imbalances. Keeping this in view, the Government Of India has introduced a wide range of policies and programmes. An intensive institutional support-net-work has also been created. One of such programmes was the establishment of " District Industries Centre " at the district level.

In pursuance of the Industrial Policy, 1977; which called for shifting the focal point of the heavily industrialised metropolitan cities to the district headquarters; a programme for setting up District Industries Centre was launched by the Government Of India, with the objectives of making available various assistance & clearances required under one roof & promoting rural industries. Accordingly, a DIC was set up in each district of the country in a phased manner. In the State Of Maharashtra, DICs have been set up in all the 29 Districts of the state.

The initial enthusiasm with which number of DICs were

set up, tapered off very soon. These DICs have now been in operation for a decade or so. Of late the performance of DICs has come under severe criticisms. As the working of these DICs has evoked mixed reactions, it is the right time (After a decade) to take stock of working of such centres.

The present study is therefore, an attempt to review the working of DICs (under various schemes launched through them) with special reference to Satara, DIC.

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