

PREFACE

The present study relates to the problem of industrial sickness with special reference to units located in M.I.D.C. Industrial Estate, Kudal in Sindhudurg District.

The problem of industrial sickness is assuming serious proportions not only in large sector of our economy, but also in small sector of Indian economy. It is our contention that incidence of sickness is high in small sector because of certain organic characteristics of a small unit.

Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation has got Industrial Estate located at Kudal wherein more than 94 units of small and medium size are located. But a majority of them are small. Though M.I.D.C. offers organised location facility to all these units, 45.3 per cent of these units are almost defunct. The present study aims at studying this phenomenon of Industrial Sickness. It will try to understand the anatomy of these sick units from diagnostic point of view. That will enable us to throw light on the causal factors leading to the industrial sickness. This study will also try to suggest some remedial measures to overcome this sickness. The present study has the following objectives:

- 1 To study the anatomy of sick industrial units with special reference to units located in M.I.D.C., Kudal.
- 2 To understand the dominant causal factors which lead to industrial sickness.

- 3 To prescribe some remedial measures to combat the phenomenon of industrial sickness.

METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

The present study is based on primary data collected from twenty units which constituted more than 20 per cent of the units. Out of the 20 units, we have tried to maintain equal number of units for both the categories, i.e., 10 units from sick units and 10 from functioning units. All these 20 units have been surveyed and 50 per cent of them are reported to be sick. They have been declared sick by the District Industries Centre, Kudal and financial institutions, which are responsible for the financing of these units. The remaining 50 per cent units are functioning. In terms of coverage 50 per cent weightage has been given to the sick units.