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The present study relates to the problems and prospects of industrial development of the district of Sindhudurg. It has been carried out with special reference to Structure, Composition, Finance and Policy. The selection of the district of Sindhudurg is obviously because of its industrial backwardness. This district has been notified as industrially backward district by planning commission with a view to making available concessional and liberal finance to this district. It is interesting to know how industrial planning takes place in industrially backward district of Sindhudurg. Secondly, this newly formed district was very much a part of erstwhile Ratnagiri District. The administrative bifurcation of this district took place in the year 1981. This naturally provided a unique opportunity to have fresh policy mix for district industrialisation. The present study has got the following objectives.

1. To study the structure, composition, finance and policy for industrial development of the district.
2. To know the changes in the structure and composition of industrial economy of the district over a period of time.
3. To ascertain the underlying causal factors affecting them.
4. To throw light on the major problems of district industrialisation.
5. To offer some suggestions for industrial planning to policy makers.

Both the central Govt. and State Govts. are interested in the area of industrial development. These authorities evolve a suitable policy mix at the central and state level. But the impact of this policy mix will be felt at the district level. It is our contention that, in the micro level planning, the 'policy mix' should be the outcome of deliberations carried out at the district level and it should not be thrust upon them. Hence this attempts to study and scan the policy mix for district industrial development in the light of the prevailing geo-eco-politico conditions in the district.

METHODOLOGICAL NOTE :

The study is based on the secondary data collected by the researcher. This secondary data is mainly the statistics available with District planning and Development Council (DPDC) Kudal and District Industries Centre, Kudal. The data relating to Gross Domestic product and Net Domestic product for Maharashtra have been collected from Directorate of Statistics, Bombay.

In a research work based on secondary data especially from reports, Journals, etc. careful sifting is required. This is because the context in which the data have been collected might be different. Many a time even the purpose of

reporting is different. But due care has been taken to 'Sift' the data keeping in mind the purpose and objectives of the present study.

The conclusions and suggestions embodied in the dissertation may not have the 'sweeping' nature. But I am sure that they will provide sufficient 'tips' to policy makers.