

A C K N O W L E D G E M E N T

To Dr.P.W.Deshmukh, Reader in Geography, Department of Geography, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, I am immensely indebted for his keen interest and guidance in this study which ultimately lead me to do the research in this branch of Geography. So, I sincerely greatful thank him for his constant help and valuable guidance through the all stages of this study.

Dr.S.D.Shinde, Prof. and Head of the Department of Geography gave me constant encouragement and created favourable atmosphere in the Department, which lead me to the completion of this work. I also express my thank to <sup>g</sup> words him.

I am indebted to Prin.Abhaykumar Govindrao Salunkhe, Secretary Shri Swami Vivekanand Shikshan Sanstha's Kolhapur for giving the permission me for M.Phil. Degree Course, other wise it was not possible for me I also express my thanks to words him.

I also express my thanks to Prin.(Dr.) Sampatrao S. Jadhav, Kanya Mahavidyalay, Ichalkaranji, Prin.(Sou.) Vijaya H. Patil, Arts, Commerce and Science College, Miraj and Prof.J.B.Patil, L.B.S.College, Satara, who have encouraged me for M.Phil.

I must acknowledge my dept to the different officers like Municipal Council Officer, Powerloom Association Office, Shop Inspector Officer, Water Supply Officer, Head Master of different schools, Land Sale Dalal, S.T.Depot Manager of Kolhapur and Ichalkaranji, S.P.I.,Kolhapur and P.S.I. Shri Ingale of Hatkanangale Police Station, D.Y.S.P.; P.S.I. of Gaonbhag and Shivaji Nagar Police Station in

Conti..

Ichalkaranji city, provided the necessary data for the present study, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to these authorities.

The library facilities were made available by Dr. Balasahab Khardekar Library, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Library of Kanya Mahavidyalay and D.K. College, Ichalkaranji, with help of these libraries, I was able to get references about scientific study and other information needed for this study. Therefore, I express my sincere thanks to the authorities of these libraries.

Also I am special thankful to all the teaching and non-teaching staff of the Geography Department of Shivaji University, Kolhapur, and Kanya Mahavidyalay, Ichalkaranji.

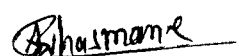
I must express my sincere thank to my wife Sou. Mahananda Vhasmane, for her continuous support and the work had been completed with her constant encouragement and emotional participation.

I owe much to all those who directly or indirectly contributed towards my work in getting the necessary information and for encouraging me in the completion of this work.

Lastly my thanks are also due to Prof. Indalkar A.B. and Prof. Nanavare V.S. for kind co-operation and Shri R.K. Nikam for typing out neatly the present thesis and Prof. Mulik J.D. for maps and diagrams and many others for their prompt help and goodwill.

Kolhapur

/11/1989.

  
( A.S. Vhasmane )