PREFACE

The present dissertation, SEASONAL WORKERS IN SUGAR INDUSTRY IN OSMANABAD DISTRICT: A SOCIAL WORK STUDY is mainly dedicated to know the Socio-economic condition of the seasonal workers working in two sugar industries in Osmanabad district. The seasonal workers in the sugar industries have their own peculiar problems regarding their socio-economic life. The life of the seasonal workers has not regulated because of the seasonal work given to them. The wages they earn, the working condition under which they work, the economic condition which they faces during the off season etc. are some of the factors that affects the life of the seasonal workers. Therefore, I have undertaken the present study to through the light on the factors that affect the life of the seasonal workers.

Osmanabad district is considered and recognised as industrially backward district. And this backwardness directly and indirectly affected the life of the workers working in the various industries in Osmanabad district. This is more applicable to the seasonal workers working in the sugar industries in Osmanabad district. Moreover I am belonged to the Osmanabad district and is aware about the problems of the seasonal workers. That is how I inclined towards the present study.

I feel that the present study would certainly help to the management of the sugar industries namely, Tuljabhvani Shetkæri Sahakari Sakhar Karkhaa Ltd., Naldurg. and Terna Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Ternanagar and the trade unions existed there in. The findings and conclusions may not be applicable universally to all the Seasonal Workers in the Indian Sugar Industries but these findings, Conclusions and Suggestions would help to bring certain necessary changes in the working condition and life style on the seasonal workers in the sugar industries in Osmanabad district.

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