

P R E F A C E

Planned socio-economic development of India though visualised prior to independence, rapid industrialization on concretelines got momentum only after independence. Phased planned development of free India, through the system of Five Year Plans, was adopted. Industrialization and its diversification ensures alround development and progress of nation's economy and consequently enhancing the living standards of the people. Of the major industries of the nation, sugar industry is second to none. The sugar industry in India has contributed its share in the development of India's economy in general and raising the standards of living and social status of the farmers and labourers in particular.

As a pioneer sugar factory in this part of the country and one of the oldest of its kind in Karnataka, The Ugar Sugar Works Ltd. has been an ever progressing factory ever since its inception. It has, beyond all suspicion, transformed the lives of the poor and common masses in this area. It has certainly brought happiness and contentment among hundreds of thousands of families by lifting them above the poverty line and securing a just and honorable status to them in society. The factory, that has gone a long way, in successfully bringing about the 'Green

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