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CHAPTER - I

1.1 GENERAL BACKGROUND OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

INDIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY :

India has been the home of cotton for many centuries. But the textile industry of ancient India, for geographical and other reasons never organised itself into guilds as those in Europe. With the advent of Industrial Revolution and the British Rule in India, the artisan lost their importance with the inflow of mass produced textiles from abroad. The idea of starting factory for production of cotton cloth and yarn in India took shape during the first two decades of the nineteenth century. The first cotton mill in India was established by a leading firm of English traders in Calcutta towards the end of the second decade of the last century. The second cotton mill in Bengal came into existence in 1830. Then followed the other textile mills like Bombay Spinning and Weaving Mills, Alexander Weaving and Spinning Mills, Central India Spinning Mills, Morarji Mills and so on.

The Cotton Textile Industry is a very old Industry and has rendered 140 years of service to the nation. The Industry has recorded a tremendous growth in capacity and size during all these years. Statistics on the capacity of the industry show that as at the commencement of 1978, there