

# PREFACE

Preparation of State Development Report for the States of India in line with World Development Report is a unique idea which was not only conceived by the Planning Commission but also given concrete shape by them through liberal funding. Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Orissa was entrusted with the task of the preparation of the Development Report for the State of Orissa in the year 2001.

Orissa Development Report is an analytical document which examines indepth the various aspects of the State's economy with the ultimate objective of providing the planners with a broad outline of the areas of immediate as well as long term interventions. This report analyses the status of various sectors of the economy, the trend of development, resource endowment and presents a detailed profile of the leading sectors of the economy. On the basis of the identified goals the Report also attempts to set out policy actions and a vision to achieve the desired outcomes to place the State at par with other States or at the level of national average.

The chapters were contributed by a large number of distinguished scholars both of the Centre and outside. Each of them has tried to highlight the problems and prospects of the sector on the basis of an indepth analysis of the available data with the ultimate objective of providing some policy guidelines.

Great interest was shown by the Government of Orissa by providing us with available information as and when sought. However, while collecting some field level data and official statistics our progress was hampered due to unprecedented flood in the State throwing all our activities out of gear for which there was a delay for a few months in the preparation of the Report. Nevertheless, the enthusiasm and support and co-operation shown by the officials of Government of Orissa, particularly by Sri Debi Prasad Bagchi, Chief Secretary and Sri Srinibas Rath, Development Commissioner are unique and we sincerely acknowledge their help and co-operation without which this report could not have come to light.

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The draft report was discussed in a two-day workshop during 24 – 25th August, 2002 under the chairmanship of Dr. D. N. Tewari, Member, Planning Commission, and among others Shri V. Lakshmi Ratan, Principal Adviser, Planning Commission, a team of officers of Planning Commission, Shri D. P. Bagchi, Chief Secretary, Shri S. Rath, Development Commissioner and Secretaries of the concerned departments of State Government and NGO representatives were present. The report was discussed thread-bare and valuable suggestions were offered in

the workshop. On the basis of the suggestions the report has been revised and brought to a final shape.

Preparation of the State Development Report, that too for the first time, is an arduous task particularly when it is a joint effort with contributions from a large number of authors. This requires not only coordination, but also, effective editorial inputs. In the discharge of this responsibility, Professor Baidyanath Misra, the Founder Director and Advisor (Projects) played the key role. He very painstakingly went through each of these chapters, made several corrections and incorporations and virtually shouldered the entire responsibilities in the preparation of the Report. We take this opportunity to express our deep sense of gratitude for his help.

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We are grateful to Prof. J. N. Patnaik, former Editor, Orissa Review for going through the report and providing editorial inputs.

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The present report, first of its kind and attempted for the first time for the State of Orissa might have some lapses and omissions which may need further improvement. With inputs from the readers and experience gathered by us may help us to prepare the next report in a better form.

We sincerely hope that the Planning Commission would provide us with similar help and support for the preparation of State Development Reports as a regular feature.

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