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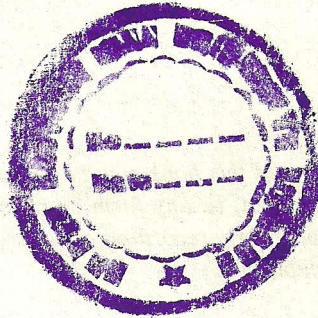
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My Father and Mother*

Foreword

According to Assam Government sources the total number of job seekers registered with the Employment Exchanges was put at 9.77 lakhs at the end of December, 1989. Of this, number of educated job seekers was 5.52 lakhs. This project the enormity of the problem of unemployment of our State.

Shri Bhakta Das, Joint Secretary to the Government of Assam, Education, has made a successful attempt to deliberate on this very important problem confronting the State. It should be appreciated that as a conscientious Officer, Shri Das could find time to study the background, causes and magnitude of the unemployment problem with revealing statistics. As Director of the Employment and Craftsman Training, Shri Das had the opportunity of looking at the problem from close quarters. Shri Das has also reviewed the functioning of the Employment Exchanges and the University Employment Bureaus of the State.

I am sure the book will help the administrators and the planners in formulating policies to meet the challenge of unemployment and also provide adequate background material to research scholars to undertake study on the subject.

I congratulate Shri Das for his commendable work.

N.K. CHOUDHURY
Vice-Chancellor
Gauhati University

Preface

Even after three decades of planning employment opportunities have become an illusion to the Assamese people. Unemployment has become a real problem due to the growth of population, lack of growth of Industries, lack of entrepreneurship and shyness of capital. The increase in the population is though the result of increase in the birth rate and decrease in the death rate, but the illegal immigrants is the main factor and this illegal immigration is the deep-rooted malaise in Assam. Schemes on self-employment are expected to bring ray of hope to the young talents who are now in turmoil in Assam.

There are thousands of unemployed people in Assam, where the 1st Oil Refinery of the world was set up. The result is the growing discontentment among the employable educated youth, anger, frustration and damage has already been done to the psychological fabric of the Assamese youth.

The publication of this book "Unemployment in Assam: An Account of Human Error", I hope will throw some light on the causes of unemployment in Assam. In this Book I have discussed about the Employment service in South-East Asian countries also. The volume also contains information about employment situation and employment service in India and Assam alongwith the programmes implemented by the Government so

far, to create employment. I have also discussed in this volume about the measures to be taken to solve the problem of unemployment in Assam. The information given in this book with datas will be of help to planners/researchers and policy-makers. I hope this book will be welcomed by the readers.

I am grateful to Shri N.K. Chaudhury, Vice-Chancellor of Gauhati University, who has kindly gone through the manuscript and gave me valuable advice and encouragement for its publications. I am also thankful to my publisher for publishing this book, and to my wife and sons, who have encouraged me to take up this work.

BHAKTA DAS

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In this book, the Author has highlighted various causes of the unemployment problems in Assam. The facts given in this book will be of much help to the planners, researchers and also policy makers. The Author has also discussed about the measures to be undertaken by the State Government to solve the unemployment problem in Assam specially amongst educated people.

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BHAKTA DAS at present Joint Secretary to the Government of Assam, Education Department is a senior government officer. He has been serving in different capacities in Assam from 1963. He served as Extra Asstt. Commissioner and Magistrate in Dibrugarh, Judicial Magistrate of Dhubri (a district bordering Bangladesh & West Bengal), Sr. Magistrate in Nagaon district, SDO(S) of Dibrugarh, and SDO(C) of Morigaon Sub-Division. He also served as Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam in the Co-operation Deptt. and Director SFDA in Karbi Anglong district(Hills) of Assam, Addl. Dy. Commissioner and Additional District Magistrate of Sibsagar district, Chief Executive Director Assam Co-operative State Agriculture and Rural Development Bank, Director, Welfare of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes, Assam, Director of Employment and Craftsmen Training, Assam and as Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Education Deptt. As the Director of Employment and Craftsmen Training, Assam, he made indepth studies into the problems of unemployment in Assam and has got deep insight into the causes of the unemployment problem in Assam specially amongst the educated people.

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