

# A STUDY OF THE HINTERLAND LIMITS AND TRAFFIC-FLOW PATTERNS OF THE PORT OF COCHIN\*

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## I. *Introduction*

THIS PAPER presents some important results following from a comprehensive survey of the traffic-flows between the Port of Cochin and its hinterland. This survey was conducted by the author in 1961, and relates to the traffic-flows through the port during the year 1960-61. A wealth of data regarding the Districtwise origins and destinations of each of the imports and exports passing through Cochin as well as the relative shares of the various modes of transport in the movement of each of these commodities was collected during the field enquiries made in connection with this survey, the data having been collected from a large number of import/export firms, transport agencies, government departments, etc. connected with the traffic passing through the port. The commoditywise details of this study are analysed and presented with the help of detailed flow-maps in the author's forthcoming book "The Port of Cochin: An Economic Appraisal". This paper presents only some broad results of this study with reference to the hinterland limits, over-all traffic-flows and transport-use patterns of the traffic through Cochin during the year of study.

## II. *The Port's hinterland limits and traffic-flow patterns*

On the basis of the quantitative data regarding the origins and destinations of Cochin's traffic collected during the survey, an effort

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