

# ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STATUS OF WOMEN WORKERS IN INDIA



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## PREFACE

It is inevitable that in a study of the kind attempted in this publication there should be several pitfalls. In this country, so far, there has been no publication or report, official or unofficial, solely devoted to the problems of women workers in industry. The Bureau had, therefore, to break much fresh ground in preparing the present publication. It is, therefore, hoped that in the reception of this work consideration of the difficulties involved in its preparation would temper criticism.

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