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PREFACE

It was the Fact Finding Committee appointed by the Government of India in 1941 which, for the first time, brought out an authoritative report on various aspects of the Indian Handloom Industry. Since then, the size of the industry increased substantially, and the industry had to face new problems. While some surveys have, in recent years, been conducted departmentally, mainly with a view to assisting the formulation of Government policies relating to the handloom industry the need for comprehensive surveys of all aspects of the industry was keenly felt, and it was thought that the services of independent agencies like the Universities should also be availed of. The University of Madras, which was the first to be entrusted with this work, has completed the survey of the handloom industry in Madras State and submitted its report, which is now being published under the auspices of the All India Handloom Board. The views expressed in the report are those of the Research Unit for the Survey of the Madras University and do not represent the views of the All India Handloom Board or the Government of India.

A survey of the Handloom Industry in Assam, Manipur and Tripura is being conducted by the University of Gauhati, and another survey in Karnataka and Sholapur by the National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi.

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