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#### PREFACE

The question of tariff protection has a long tradition of extensive debate. Though the industrial development of a nation does not depend upon tariff protection alone, it occupies a prime place as an instrument of ushering the process of industrialization and economic growth. Extensively restrictive tariff policies have been adopted to deepen and widen the industrial base. The industrial experiences of Germany, U.S.A., Japan and other advanced and developing nations bear testimony to this fact.

All tariffs have protective effects but the scheduled nominal tariff rates are not the real indicators of their actual degree of protectiveness. This calls for a quantitative study of 'scheduled nominal rates of tariffs', 'corrected nominal rates of tariffs' and 'effective protective rates'. Thus, this study will focus on the actual effectiveness of our tariff structure.

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