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P R E F A C E

Emphasising the need to improve the lot of workers in the Un-organised Sector of industries, the National Commission on Labour recommended that a better understanding of the problems of different categories of un-organised labour was essential to the formulation of suitable ameliorative measures and that detailed surveys about conditions of work in these employments should be undertaken. The recommendation was accepted by the Govt. and the Labour Bureau was entrusted with the working out of details and conduct of such surveys.

The first survey was conducted in the Building Construction Industry in Delhi in 1977-78, the report on which was released in 1979. This was followed by a survey in Jari Industry at Surat (Gujarat) in 1978. Third in the series, a survey in Fire-works Industry in and around Sivakasi in Tamilnadu was conducted in October, 1979 and report thereon released in early, 1981. The fourth in the series was Match Factories in and around Sivakasi completed in 1980 and report drafted. The fifth in the series was Metalware Industry in Jagadhari (Haryana). The survey was completed in early 1980, and report drafted. The sixth in the series was Agarbathi Industry in the State of Karnataka. The survey was completed in February, 1981. The data thrown up by the survey is presented in the report.

The Bureau had to face a number of problems in getting an up-to-date frame for the survey and also the information from several small establishments in the absence of proper records. The Bureau is deeply

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indebted to the managements of various establishments but for whose help and cooperation this work could have taken a long time to complete. The Bureau takeⁿ opportunity to express its gratitude to Chief Inspector of Factories and Labour Commissioner, Karnataka for their help to our field staff.

The entire responsibility for planning, designing and conducting the survey and bringing out the report thereon was borne by Sh.Kirpal Singh, Assistant Director who gave an excellent account of his experience and skill in the general supervision of work, preparation of tabulation plan drafting of the report in short time under the able guidance of Sh.D.Amarnath, Deputy Director. The field investigation was conducted by S/Sh.J.M.Gautam, O.P.Oberoi, K.S.Rawat and N.Velayudhan and Tarsem Lal, Investigators Grade II.

The views, if any, expressed in this report are not necessarily those of the Ministry of Labour, Government of India.

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