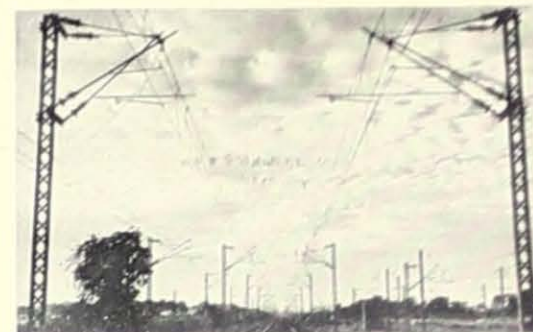
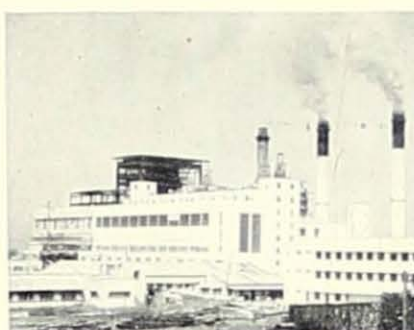


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Foreword

In the establishment of Durgapur as a major industrial centre in the State of West Bengal and the Damodar Valley Region, the years after independence have witnessed the success of planned industrial development. The growth of industry in the region, however, has not been confined to Durgapur only. Throughout the Asansol subdivision the concerted efforts of Central and State Governments and the private investors have spread the rapidly accelerating pace of industrialisation.

The growth of industry in the region has brought in its wake a dynamic and substantial increase in the rate of urbanisation. On the established economic base of the Asansol subdivision, consisting of agriculture, coal mining and some basic industry, the patterns of a new design of industrial urbanisation have been superimposed. The State Government therefore are anxious to ensure that the many-sided growth of the region, with its urban, rural, industrial and mining areas, proceeds according to a comprehensive plan for urban and regional development. The Interim Development Plan for Asansol-Durgapur, formulated by the Asansol Planning Organisation in the Development and Planning (T & CP) Department of the State Government, with financial assistance from the Government of India, is a basic plan formulated with this objective.

The Interim Development Plan will now be discussed and scrutinised in consultation with the public and private agencies concerned, and the various recommendations made in the Plan taken up for enforcement and implementation. As a comprehensive document outlining the prospects, policies and programmes for ensuring the planned development of one of the most vital urban areas and development regions in West Bengal, next in importance only to the Calcutta Metropolitan Region, I am glad to welcome the Interim Development Plan for Asansol-Durgapur.



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Preface

The Asansol-Durgapur region—that is, the Asansol subdivision—is today a complex of many growth nodes, with varied economic and physical characteristics. An over-all development strategy, forming the general framework for the growth of the urban and rural areas of the region is therefore an essential requirement for any realistic plan for developing the individual centres like Asansol and Durgapur.

The Interim Development Plan for Asansol-Durgapur has attempted to formulate, in the context of a broad regional strategy for growth, the basic development plans for the two major urban centres of the region—Asansol and Durgapur. The approach to regional development recommended in the Plan Report, however, is not a detailed regional plan; such a plan is proposed to be drawn up later, during the comprehensive planning stage.

As in the case of the Siliguri Interim Development Plan formulated earlier by the State Government, the emphasis in the Asansol-Durgapur Plan also is on growth and on planning and programming its inducement. The Asansol-Durgapur Plan recognises that planned economic growth is an essential concomitant to planned physical growth.

The Interim Development Plan outlines the prospects for the development of two strong urban centres of the State—Asansol and Durgapur—and the policies and steps needed to ensure their planned growth. The Interim Plan is to be followed in March 1967 by a detailed comprehensive development plan. In this Plan Report, it is proposed to present the comprehensive plans for the region, the Asansol urban area, the Durgapur urban area and the other three urban complexes of the subdivision: Greater Raniganj, the Kulti-Barakar complex, and the Chittaranjan-Rupnarayanpur complex.

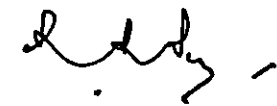
I am grateful to the officers and staff of the Asansol Planning Organisation, who have worked hard and enthusiastically on the preparation of the Interim Development Plan. The Plan, as now finally published, was formulated and written under the guidance of a joint planning team consisting of Shri M. G. Kutty, Director, Calcutta Metropolitan Planning Organisation, and Deputy Secretary, Development and Planning (T & CP) Department; Shri K. C. Sivaramakrishnan, previously Director, Asansol Planning Organisation, and now the Chief Executive Officer, Durgapur Development Authority; Shri Sujit Banerjee, Director, Asansol Planning Organisation; and Shri B. C. Chattopadhyay, Associate Planner, Shri S. N. Bhattacharyya, Engineer-Planner, Shri B. Bhaskar Rao, Architect-Planner, and Shri A. Bhattacharjee and Shri D. N. Basu, Research Officers—all of the Asansol Planning Organisation; and Shri G. K. Choudhury, Senior Planner, Calcutta Metropolitan Planning Organisation.

The Asansol Planning Organisation was unfortunate to lose the services of two of its competent young planners in Shri T. P. Sen Sharma and Shri A. K. Roy Choudhury who died in an accident during the period when the Interim Development Plan was under preparation. Their services to the Organisation are gratefully acknowledged.

I must also express our sincere gratitude to Prof. Leo Jakobson, Professor of Regional Planning, University of Wisconsin, U. S. A., and Consultant, Ford Foundation Advisory Planning Group, who since the inception of the Asansol Planning Organisation had acted as its Adviser during the major part of the planning programme. Prof. Jakobson extended to us the benefit of his long and distinguished experience in regional and city planning. We fondly recollect the warmth of his friendship for, and his pleasant association with, our officers and staff working in the Asansol Planning Organisation. We are grateful to Shri John P. Robin, Chief Consultant, Ford Foundation Advisory Planning Group, Calcutta, who kindly made available to us the services of Prof. Jakobson. Shri Robin has also been kind enough to make it possible for us to draw upon the advice and guidance of Prof. Arthur T. Row, Chairman, Department of Regional Planning, Yale University, U. S. A., in our comprehensive planning effort.

We are also grateful to the members of the Asansol Planning Advisory Council and the Durgapur Development Authority, who in the midst of their busy personal and professional preoccupations assisted and guided the Asansol Planning Organisation in its work. I would especially express our deep gratitude to Shri A. Niyogi, Managing Director, Durgapur Projects Ltd., and Chairman of the Asansol Planning Advisory Council, and to Shri John McCracken, OBE, Director & General Manager, Indian Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., and the Vice-Chairman of the Council. They ably steered the activities of the Planning Organisation in its formative period, and, happily, continue to guide and promote the efforts of the Organisation.

In conclusion, we gratefully acknowledge the financial assistance which the Town and Country Planning Organisation, Government of India, extended to the State Government in the preparation of the Plan. We express our thanks to the Chairman of the TCPO, Shri Gian Prakash, its Director, Shri K. A. Ramasubramaniam, and the Town and Country Planner, Shri C. S. Chandrasekhara, for their assistance and interest in the plan project.



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