

# **PREFACE**

The topic under study — “Study of English Bazar Town and planning for its development.” is selected to unravel the different origin, trend, nature and scale of growth of the town. The town, headquarters of Malda District is a class 1 town according to district census which is an important district of Jalpaiguri Division. The town is one of the oldest in West Bengal and was established in the year 1869. The study hints to some proposals for the solution of many problems coming across in the town. Follow up of those proposals might shape the town to centre of economy of the North Bengal, a region of West Bengal.

The work has been divided into Eight Chapters preceded by an “Introduction”. The introductory portion of the work is devoted to identify the location and history of the town. It also deals with the purpose and objectives of the study, methodology used for study and design of the thesis.

Chapter One deals with demographic studies i.e. population structure and its composition, its density pattern, growth and migration of the people. Literacy rate and the occupations of the town dwellers are also discussed in this Chapter.

The Chapter Two is devoted to study major landuse pattern. Distribution, characteristic and changes of landuses in the town have also been analysed in this chapter.

In Chapter Three different socio-economic amenities and their characteristics in the town which include housing and living condition of the people, different functional and cultural characteristics are discussed in detail.

The Chapter Four has been dealt with identification of various problems and their origin. It is followed by Chapter Five that throws some light on the formulation of strategies for development. This chapter is devoted to analysis any synthesis of statistical data obtained from field study, different mathematical observations as well as computational results.

In the Sixth Chapter examinations and analysis of the previous plans

prepared by various authorities are made and desired strategies for the development of the town is suggested. In the Seventh Chapter, a proposal for developing the town has mentioned. These developmental proposals lead to need of a master plan by combining the infrastructural resources.

Finally, summarising the problems and comparing different aspects in the town some suggestions has been mentioned for their master plan in Chapter Eight. The plan will also help to the development of the town. Thus the hinterland can also be developed. The master plan is to be framed in such a way that the future growth of population and the development of the town might take place side by side.