

## PREFACE

The thesis entitled : 'The Nyāya Philosophy of Language : Some Problems' is the result of an intensive and critical study on the *Śabdapramāṇa* as admitted in Nyāya school of Indian Philosophy. It gives an analysis of the Nyāya view, which is followed by some philosophical problems that stand on the way of understanding the theories connected with language like the concept of *lakṣaṇā*, *ākāṅkṣā*, *yogyatā*, *tātparya* etc. For this an effort has been made to go through the original Sanskrit texts. In going through the texts I have taken much help and guidance from my supervisor, Professor Raghunath Ghosh, Deptt. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, for which I am grateful to him. Apart from this he has always given me a critical assistance to all theories. The University of North Bengal had provided me a Junior Research Fellowship from 19.02. 1999 to 06.01. 2001 for carrying on my research work, for which I owe a lot to the University. My teachers of the department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal and my colleagues of my college are always with me with their encouragement and inspiration and hence I am grateful to them.

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