

P R E F A C E

Terrorism is the story about basic human relationships - power and struggle social behaviour - religion and politics. Some do it with their words, some with human will, other with the gun. However, the one question that remains unanswered is whose power - the state, the people or the militant? That is the enigma.

The present thesis entitled "TERRORISM AND STATE RESPONSES: A STUDY IN THE CONTEXT OF PUBLIC POLICY MAKING IN INDIA SINCE 1950" is partly empirical and partly non-empirical study which is based on the available data collected from governmental and nongovernmental sources. This thesis set out to give a connected account of seditious and terrorist activity in India.

The compilation to which I am now writing a preface has no such comprehensive aim as the thesis to which it is, in part, a sequel. It would not be possible to cover the whole field of what would come within the definition of troubles in India. No systematic attempt, however, has been made to review the course of the terrorist movement over the whole period. The present thesis that anticipates will be of considerable value. This thesis in its final form represents an immense amount of research among scattered and diffused contemporary records. It tries to present a new way of thinking about terrorism and about our response to the destructive potential of terrorism.