

PREFACE

Ever since I left the corridors of the University, I had to be busy in a two-fold manner : attending the household chores, and discharging the duties of a teacher in the College. Both being taxing enterprises I had neither the will nor the energy to take up the hurdles and exacting tasks of research. But as life offers many surprises I found myself at one stage set for a research project. Owing to my interest in political ideology I felt that I could do some work in that direction. In the mean time I chanced upon the writings of M.N.Roy, and was profoundly moved by his vision and arguments. I thought I could work out a plan for a project entitled "FROM COMMUNISM TO HUMANISM", and it met with approval from my supervisor, Dr. P.Roy. The result of my endeavours is the present thesis. The work was undertaken in the wake of M.N.Roy's centennial celebrations, and I profited from the seminars on M.N.Roy's thought at the

University of North Bengal. Professor Shibnarayan Roy had lectured on M.N.Roy's notions of 'renaissance' and 'humanism', and I found it increasingly interesting to peruse through M.N.Roy's works.

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