

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the beginning I express my gratitude to my revered teacher Dr. M.M. Jana, Reader, Deptt. of Geography & Applied Geography, University of North Bengal, but for whose unstinted guidance, preparation of my thesis would not have been possible. As supervisor he took sincerest and most painstaking attention to give it present shape. Sincere gratitude is also due to my respected teachers Prof. B. Bhattacharyya, Prof. A. Bhattacharyya and others who have directly and indirectly helped me by giving their valuable suggestions.

I am grateful to different organisations and inhabitants of Siliguri and Jalpaiguri towns for their co-operation in collecting data and informations. In this regard names of Sri Asok Bhattacharyya and Sri Asit Sen, Chairman of Siliguri and Jalpaiguri Municipality respectively, Sri A.K. Chowdhury (Chief Planner, S.J.D.A.), Sri P. Bhattacharyya should be mentioned.

I am very much thankful to Sri Asim Bose who beared sufferings in typing the thesis and to Smt. K. Bagchi for her co-operation in drawing the maps. I also thank to the non-teaching staff of the Deptt. of Geography & Applied Geography. I express my indebtedness to the University of North Bengal for awarding me scholarship.

At last but not least, I am equally grateful to my parents and family members as they have ungrudgingly spared me to carry out my studies.