

Preface

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The study on the Base and Rate Structure of the proposed Entry Tax in Gujarat was entrusted to the Institute by the Government of Gujarat vide its Resolution No PRCH-1082-141-TH-2 dated August 21, 1982. The study was carried out by Dr M Govinda Rao with the assistance of Shri O P Bohra, Shri A K Sharma, Mrs Neeru Sood and Miss Rashmi Jain.

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The present study was undertaken by the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy at the instance of the Government of Gujarat. The main objective of the study was to design the rate structure and estimate the revenue potential of an Entry tax which could be introduced in place of Octroi now levied by the urban local bodies in the State.

The study which was initiated in the month of September 1982 was required to be completed within a period of five months. The volume of work involved, however, was considerable as the necessary data had to be collected from four large corporations and over 50 municipalities, and thereafter tabulated and analysed before the required design could be formulated and the estimates arrived at. However, I was able to complete the study entrusted to me within the required period largely because of unstinted help I received from the concerned officials of the Government of Gujarat and the various urban local authorities in the State and also the hard work put in by my colleagues in the Institute who worked on the project. I am particularly grateful to Shri C P Sampat and Shri V M Mehta of the Finance Department, Government of Gujarat, for the courtesy and cooperation extended to us. Thanks are also due to the Director, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, Gandhinagar, and the Assistant Commissioner of Sales Tax, Data Processing Division, Ahmedabad.

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