FOREWORD

The Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) under the Ministry of SSI, Government of India, has been playing a key role in facilitating, hand holding and advocating the cause of the Small Scale Sector in India. Right from its inception in September, 1954, SIDO has been instrumental in catalyzing a large number of policy initiatives for the sector. Alongside, we have recognized the need to reach out to both existing as well as potential entrepreneurs in a more direct way so that their dreams and aspirations are translated into reality. As part of this endeavour, SIDO has been publishing Project Profiles to highlight opportunities available in the Small Scale Sector as guides for entrepreneurs.

2. SIDO is now on the threshold of its 50th year. As part of our golden jubilee celebrations, we have taken upon ourselves the challenge of bringing out a complete series of Project Profiles in various trades simultaneously. This golden jubilee series makes available in a consolidated form, as many as 225 Profiles on a large number of new business opportunities that have emerged during the recent past. Each volume comprises of 25 carefully selected Project Profiles, painstakingly prepared and validated by a team of technical officers spread across the length and breadth of SIDO.

3. The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor 2002 has ranked India as No. 2 in total entrepreneurial activity world wide. It is our expectation that these Project Profiles will assist in further expansion of entrepreneurial activity in our country.

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Project Profiles are general guides & need to be customized for each user especially as regards cost estimates which may differ from place to place and time to time. In their own interest, entrepreneurs are advised to work out current cost estimates relevant to their respective situations.