

Foreword

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The present study by Hasheem N. Saleem is a revised version of her dissertation submitted to the Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad. This study estimates the extent of import substitution by using a modified version of the Chenery Measure in the input-output framework.

The Mahalanobis model which stressed on import substitution industrialisation to achieve long term patterns of growth and self reliance has come under severe criticism in the recent years. The move towards a more market oriented open economy approach implied a shift in the strategy of development. It is in this context that the measure of import substitution to capture the extent of shift in trade policy becomes relevant. It is hoped that this empirical study would be of interest to a wider reaction of industry and trade.

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