

PREFACE

The present study was undertaken six years back, in order to assess the position of secondary schools in the State of Gujarat. It was expected that the study would be useful to the Departments of Extension Services and the teachers' training colleges in the State of Gujarat. While planning their curricula, the training colleges, can now include definite facts about the different aspects of the secondary schools and the courses could be made more practical and need oriented. In the same manner, the Departments of Extension Services also, can take into consideration these facts while planning their inservice education activities. It is also expected that the work would be significant to the Department of Education and the inspectorial staff in giving a professional orientation to their activities.

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