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Preface

Not in the distant past business executives had very little scope to exercise their discretion on matters relating to foreign exchange in an environment of limited scope and stricter controls. Understandably, exchange arithmetic was a subject that attracted the attention of a select segment consisting mainly of bankers. Thanks to the speedy and extensive changes that characterised the exchange market in India, giving wider scope for treasury managers, the business executives show more than cursory interest in the subject of foreign exchange and related risk management.

This short treatise was attempted to contribute to the understanding of the fundamentals of Foreign Exchange Arithmetic by the bank employees taking up the professional examination and by the students of post graduate courses on international business. The feedback from the readers of the previous editions clearly vouch that the book has succeeded in rendering a non-technical treatment of the subject bringing it within the easy grasp of the uninitiated. The growing importance of the subject is seen in the inclusion of these topics in the professional examinations of the Chartered Accountants, Management Accountants and Chartered Secretaries.

For the busy executives and students for the professional courses the book provides an authentic introduction to the fascinating subject, in a capsule form, without taxing much on their time. However, there is a comprehensive coverage on the instruments available in the foreign exchange market in India.

I remember with gratitude the contributions of my friend Sri N. Rengarajan and my respected elder colleague Sri T.M. Ramani as the seeds for the book were sown. I continue to be guided by the expertise of the professional brethren and standard works on the subject. M/s Sultan Chand and Sons, have been what an ideal publisher should be. My thanks to all these and to numerous readers whose encouragement has helped the book retain its premier position.

Feedback from the readers — students, teachers and executives — is not only a source of encouragement, but also provides sufficient material for improving the subsequent editions and are gratefully awaited.

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