PREFACE

A great majority of Indians live in rural areas. Good health is essential for all round development of people-rural or urban. The rural folk are more liable to become victims of illhealth. It has been due to their ignorance, illiteracy and lack of adequate health care information.

So far most of the studies were conducted on students, research scholars, faculty members, lawyers, scientists, engineers and health professionals in relation to their information requirements. Only a very few studies were on rural people with regard to their health information needs. Hence, the present investigation is an attempt to study, in detail, on health care information to rural people in Andhra Pradesh with special reference to Chittoor District.

The thesis is divided into seven chapters. The first chapter is an introduction dealing with the importance of health care information and the statement of the problem.

A brief profile of Chittoor District is presented in the second chapter along with an account of health services organization and infrastructure.

The third chapter deals with the objectives, hypotheses, methodology and the review of literature.

The analysis and interpretation of data collected from rural people, medical officers and librarians is presented in fourth, fifth and sixth chapters respectively.

The last chapter gives a brief summary of the study along with conclusions, recommendations and suggestions for further research.

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