PREFACE

This thesis covers study of the various aspects of widow's problems - financial, social, child rearing and problems in widow remarriage. It also provides suggestions and recommendations for the widows problems that need to be tackled in our state, for their rehabilitation.

This thesis is grown out of the personal experience of the investigator, who became a widow early in life. Thus she learned from personal experience what it is to be a widow - and the innumerable problems she had to face - economically, socially, legally and personally. The investigators selection of the subject - "Problems of Educated and Uneducated widows" with special emphasis on social, economical and personal problems, will prove fruitful as such data will help to bring about socio-economic and legislative measures to alleviate the sufferings and exploitation of widows.

The purpose of this study is to identify and investigate the socio-economic and personal problems, status and background of educated and uneducated widows of Greater Guwahati.

With these objectives in view the thesis is divided into seven chapters.

Chapter I outlines a brief introduction to the broad...
area of consideration. A clear statement of the problem, need, justification, objectives, variables, hypotheses, and significance is presented with organisation of research work.

Chapter II reviews important literature related to the study of widows. Indian and western studies are abstracted.

Chapter III deals with methodology wherein descriptive survey research and survey appraisal techniques, like questionnaire, self-view and autobiography, and statistical techniques used in analysis has been discussed.

Chapter IV deals with the construction, description and scoring of data gathering instruments.

Chapter V deals with sampling procedure and administration of the instruments.

Chapter VI deals with the scoring, analysis and interpretation of data.

Chapter VII consists of a summary, wherein findings, recommendations and suggestions for further research is discussed.