Preface

The problem of hunger and malnutrition has remained the major concern for academicians, researchers and policy-planners. In spite of the remarkable technological and production enhancement, persistence of this problem calls for more commitment and dedication at the level of policy decisions and actions. Because of urgent need to eradicate this problem, this area has remained the focal point of public policy in all the countries of the world.

Chapter one defines hunger and malnutrition which are the most devastating problems worldwide and they are inextricably linked with poverty. It also discusses the socio-economic impact of this problem; various strategies for combating hunger have been analyzed. Towards the end of the chapter, the socio-economic profile of the sample units (Jaipur district) has been introduced.

In chapter 2 hunger and malnutrition are adequately discussed in the context of the Indian economy. An attempt has been made to describe Government's schemes related to hunger and malnutrition.

The third chapter focuses on the same problem with reference to Rajasthan. Detailed analysis of secondary data has been made in this chapter.

The fourth and fifth chapter respectively deals with hunger and malnutrition in Jaipur and with the economic determinants to analyze the impact of Government intervention programmes.

The last chapter dwells on the findings of the researcher and their uses for a better TPDS, MDM and ICDS.
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