P R E F A C E.

The present work is an assessment and analysis of pattern of rural employment in the Bundelkhand Region on the basis of field survey. In this present study an attempt has been made to diagnose the problems of employment before the rural labourers in the Bundelkhand Region and to be more specific in the District of Jhansi. The Bundelkhand Region of the U.P. consists of five districts viz. Jhansi, Lalitpur, Jalaun, Hamirpur and Banda. The district of Jhansi has been selected for the purpose of study because the rural economy of the district can easily represent the Socio-economic conditions of the region which are similar to the rural scene of the other districts of the region.

The present study is divided in eight chapters. The first chapter describes the economic and social profile of Jhansi, which is the universe of the present research work. The second chapter is devoted to review the Employment Programmes in the Five Year Plans. The research methodology adopted in the study, is discussed in the third chapter. The pattern of Rural Employment is effected by the cumulative effect of demographic features, Socio-economic conditions, slow rate of industrialisation Urbanisation, scarcity of non-agricultural employment opportunities and seasonal and stagnant agriculture and the absence of modern craftmanship in the villages. This has been the subject matter of the fourth chapter. The assessment of the existing pattern of
Employment has been the contents of the fifth chapter. The Legislation provisions for the agricultural labourers have been analysed in the sixth chapter. The seventh chapter is devoted for the policy decision, as a way to improve the socio-economic lot of agricultural labourers. The chapter eight summarises the conclusions of the present study.

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