Basically India is an agricultural country and agricultural growth has direct impact on poverty alleviation and rural employment. As such India is mainly dependent on integration of its agriculture with industry.

After independence, the role and importance of rural agro-based industries as well as development of infrastructural facilities in the economic upliftment of the rural people has been recognized.

Agro-based industries help to improve the state income and facilitating an equitable distribution of the same among different sectors and regions in economy. Furthermore, they help to promote decentralization of development in the economy.

Large-scale employment opportunities are generated by these industries on one hand, and on the other contribute enormously to the process of self sustained growth.

Agro-based industries are instrumental in harnessing the dormant potentials of agriculture and industry and through their mutual integration, they accelerate the pace of rural development.

There is ample evidence that accelerated agricultural development can be a powerful engine for the growth of industry and a stimulus to rapid advancement of an entire economy.

Nobel prize winning economist, Sir Arthur Lewis, traced the origins of England's Industrial Revolution to increasing productivity and purchasing power on the farms.

The rapid industrialization of Punjab following the success of Green Revolution is but one of many confirmations of this principle in India.

India with its conducive and varied climate, the largest irrigated area of any country in the world and still substantial untapped irrigation potential, its vast population and huge reservoir of technical and scientific manpower, and four decades of experience in raising food production to meet the needs of an expanding population is today poised for a breakthrough in agriculture that can double food production and total exports, virtually
eradicate rural unemployment and poverty, and energize the entire economy for rapid
growth.

Agriculture is a critical sector of the Indian economy. Though its contribution to the
overall Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country has fallen from about 30 percent in
1990-91 to less than 15 percent in 2011-12, yet it forms the backbone of Indian economy.
The agro industry is regarded as an extended arm of agriculture.

The development of the agro industry can help stablise and make agriculture more
lucrative and create employment opportunities both at the production and marketing
stages. The broad-based development of the agro-products industry will improve both the
social and physical infrastructure of India. Since it would cause diversification and
commercialization of agriculture, it will thus enhance the incomes of farmers and create
food surpluses.

Rural Economy is basically based on Primary sector i.e. Agriculture.

About 3/4th of India's total population is engaged in agriculture & allied activities. Though India is recognised as an agriculturalist, nation but the vicious circle is that agro-based Industries cannot make rural economy an Industrialised economy and full potential is still to be traced out. Despite 50 years of planning spatial disparities pertains.

A number of plans and schemes have been attempted to solve the problems of rural
unemployment and to raise the standard of living of rural masses. Most of these have
either not taken off or have not been successful at least to the desired extent. Hence only
bringing about the structural transformation of the rural economy by reducing the
dependence of the rural masses on agriculture and by shifting rural population to urban
area is not a solution. Any shift of rural population to urban areas-would be shifting of
the problems.

The development of agro based Industries can help to realise the various linkages or
inter-relationships between Industry and agriculture. If the agro based Industries are
developed it will be possible to reduce regional Imbalances and also to realise the
essential goal of rural development of generating employment opportunities on a large
scale for the weaker sections of the rural society.
It is in the context that a study of the development of Agro-based industries and location of these agro-based industries in or near the rural areas and the impact of these industries on rural employment is of great relevance.

The present study is a modest attempt to make a study of some selected rural areas with a view to know the impact of Agro-based industries on rural employment in Uttar Pradesh with special reference to some selected villages in Saharanpur and Muzaffarnagar district. It focuses on Sugar, Rice Milling and Paper industries which are the most important agro-based industries in Uttar Pradesh.

In the present study, an attempt has been made to analyze the role and impact of agro-based industries on rural employment after adoption of LPG MODEL.

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