PREFACE

The existence of a substantial and developed agricultural sector is a precondition for the general economic development of a country. The level of efficiency and productivity in agriculture determines more or less the efficiency of economy. Agriculture forms the backbone of Indian economy despite the concerted industrialization. During the plan period, agriculture still occupies a place of pride.

Uttar Pradesh is a thickly populated state of India consisting of twelve divisions. Jhansi is one of them. It is comprising of seven district- Jhansi, Lalitpur, Jalaun, Hamirpur, Banda, Mahoba and Chitrakoot.

Jhansi and Chitrakoot commissionaries are very backward in comparison to other commissionaries of U.P. Banda district, where the present study has been performed is a constituent of Chitrkoot Dham commissionary and shows clear picture of backwardness. The cultural odds, poor income of inhabited labourers, low level of employment, poor expansion of industries, lack
of irrigating facilities and illiteracy etc. are such conditions that attracted me to work on "Dry Land farming" because the main stay agriculture is rainfed.

This study will impress the researchers and planners, the government and farmers to settle down infrastructure, so as to determine and to enhance the agricultural production as a whole. The basic remedies both on farmers level and on government level that the district needs, have also been suggested within the frame work.

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