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1.1 Introduction

India is a country of peasants and agriculture provides sustenance to more than two-third of the Indian population ¹ Agriculture is the backbone of Indian economy and no planning for economic growth can be fruitful without the development of agriculture sector. This sector in India assumes special importance in the context of the population explosion and it is required that agricultural planning should be so devised that agricultural productivity should keep pace with the growing population. Efficient agricultural management to ensure better and still better productivity may make valuable contribution to the balanced growth of Indian economy.² It occupies a

¹R.D.Sharma and Sachindra Kumar Azad., “Some Aspects of Agricultural Productivity in a Backward Region of India”, *The Bihar Journal of Agricultural Marketing*, Vol. V, No. 4, October-December 1997.p. 429.

²*Ibid.*, p.431.