

Preface

For the preparation of this thesis, I have relied mainly on the intensive investigation conducted by me for the purpose.

In the course of my field investigation I visited all the fourteen consumers' co-operative societies under study. I visited the societies to study their working, progress and performance. I visited and collected first hand information from the registers and documents of the societies. I also had discussion with the officials of the co-operative department in the district. I interviewed quite a number of members of different societies.

With a view to get first hand information of the working and problems of different societies, I interviewed all the managers of the societies under study and visited each society several times during the working hours. I also studied in detail the bye-laws of all the societies and also the balance sheet, profit and loss account and annual reports of the all the societies.

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