PREFACE

The present work is a study of rural development programmes and role of the voluntary organisation of scheduled castes in the process of getting the benefits of recent rural development programmes and the social consequences of the recent rural development programmes upon the beneficiaries, voluntary organisation members and scheduled castes at large. The study has been carried out in a larger block in a large district of the state namely Jammu and Kashmir, i.e. 'Kishtwar' which is tehsil/block headquarter and is a town. In Kishtwar block two village panchayats have been taken for the study purposely. One panchayat consists of large proportion of the scheduled castes i.e. (35%) and the other less proportion (9%). The recent rural development programmes like IRDP, R.S. IAY, JRY and MWS have been emerged as well known programmes of the rural development in the area.

The study has been divided into six chapters.

Chapter 1 is concerned with the introductory part—Rationale, The statement of the problem, Area of study, Perspective/Approach of the study, Universe/Sample and
Respondents, Methods of data collection and Analysis.

Chapter-II deals with an overview of Select Literature upon Rural Development Programmes and specific provisions for scheduled castes, voluntary organisations, studies on scheduled castes, and concepts/terms used in the study.

Chapter-III deals with Introduction of the area of study, process of Rural Development Programme in the area and the voluntary organisation of scheduled castes in Kishtwar.

Chapter-IV deals with Rural Development Programmes and Scheduled Castes voluntarism which includes background of Rural Development Programmes in Kishtwar block, socio-economic background of the scheduled castes beneficiaries, process of getting the benefits, background and recent rural development programmes. and role of voluntary organisation of the scheduled castes in Rural Development process and consequences of Rural Development Programmes.

Chapter-V deals with the case studies of the (i) Beneficiaries (those who applied and succeeded in getting the benefit) of integrated Rural Development Programme, rural Sanitation Programme, Indira Awas Yojna, Jawahar Rozgar Yojna and Million Wells Scheme, (ii) Officials concerned, (iii) Voluntary organisations
members. (iv) Statutory Committee member (v) Non-beneficiaries (those who apply but could not get) the benefit of Rural Development Programmes namely Integrated Rural Development Programme and Rural Sanitation Programme.