PREFACE

Present research is a result of collective efforts of Researcher and Supervisor. Before the field visit, review of literature, related to the problem, have been collected. Data have been collected through interview of scheduled caste's Pradhans, observation and formal group discussion. Data is analysed through tabulation and digrams. An effort is also made for comparison of present research's findings with former studies.

Chapter first of the thesis introduce the problem and research, in brief. Chapter second deals with the term scheduled caste. Origin and former terms of scheduled caste as "depressed class", 'deprived caste', 'Harijan', 'Dalit', etc. are briefly explained in this chapter. Step by step, conditions of this weaker section of society and mentioned, are long part of this chapter deals with constitutional and statutory provisions for scheduled castes.

Because problem is related to Panchayati Raj, therefore theoretical knowledge was necessary about this political institution of India. Chapter 2.2 reveal the theoretical part of Panchayati Raj. Panchayati Raj system is existed in India since a long time. Ancient period to 20th century situations of India Panchayati Raj system are explained systematically in this chapter of thesis.

Chapter 2.3 deals with substantion part of research. Several studies conducted by the scholars of social sciences are briefly mentioned, and a gist of these studies is summerised in last.
Chapter 3rd explain to methodology of present research. Rational and justification of the problem, tools and techniques, objectives and area of study are described in this chapter. Brief explanation of sociological concepts, used in present research is also made in this chapter.

Empirical data collected by the field work is analysed in chapter fourth through tables and diagrams. Single variate and by variate tables show the empirical situation of scheduled caste leadership in Panchayati Raj System at village level. Chapter fifth reveal the findings and comprise to findings with findings of former researches.

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