Agrarian Changes in Travancore is a captivating theme. The Scholar has identified this potential area for doctoral research. Agriculture occupies a prominent place in the changing trends of modern world. Moreover, this still remains a virgin field for intensive research, no one has taken it up for any doctoral programme so far. This is an added advantage and incentive to the scholar.

Basically Travancore is an agricultural country. The agrarian system of Travancore is generally marked by unequal distribution of land and its productive utilization, crop pattern, income and other. The ever increasing population puts pressure to transform agricultural land into industrial units, road and new settlements. As a result the food supporting system has been diminishing at a fast rate. Continuous rise in the value of different essential commodities coupled with decline in money value led to hindrance of development of small and marginal farmers.

The objective of this study is to evaluate the essential features brought out in the declarations, statutes and acts in the history of land tenure in Travancore. But a comprehensive account of agrarian changes in Travancore is yet to be attempted. This study seeks to meet this need in historical research.

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