The intensive agricultural development programmes have assumed great importance in recent years. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the importance of agricultural science and technology is gradually being realised in our country. A number of Agricultural Universities have been set up in various provinces to develop scientific agricultural methods and to impart education in the science of agriculture. Besides, agriculture is now taught in almost all the Universities of the country and there are a number of agricultural colleges and research institutes which impart special training in the various subjects of agriculture.

In recent years 'Green Revolution' has occupied a place of paramount importance in the five year plans. The central and state governments have reoriented their policies regarding credit, marketing and agricultural prices. The problems of small farmers, rural employment and land improvements have received due consideration. The Government of India has appointed a National Commission on Agriculture to inquire into the various problems of agri-business.
In Raipur district the Intensive Agricultural district programme was launched in 1961-62. The programme has completed ten years of its implementation. During this period, it has been learnt, that the programme has not achieved its short term as well as long term objectives which were expected of it. This calls for an overall revision and reorientation of the agricultural development programmes.

The main objective of writing of this thesis is to evaluate the economic impact of Package Programme in Raipur district as it is only the scientific assessment which can give a clear-cut picture of quality and quantity of services rendered by the development agencies, working in the rural areas. Since the Package Programme is a new programme as it has been implemented in this country, in this form for the first time, the responsibility of a research worker in respect of analysing and interpreting the facts, becomes of paramount importance. It is an adventure on my part to undertake the work of such a rigorous magnitude.

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