ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I sincerely express my indebtedness to Dr. K. Saratchandra Singh, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Anthropology, Manipur University, for his enthusiastic guidance and necessary helps extended to me right from the initial stage of this research till the completion of the thesis into the present shape. I also feel obliged to record my hearty gratitude and thanks to Mrs. Singh (Smt. K. Surbala Devi), who always show her kindness and hospitality, whenever I used to work with my guide at his residence.

I am grateful to Md. Kheiruddin Shah, Assistant Teacher, Thambalkhong High School, Imphal, Md. Himad Ali, Field Assistant, Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandary, Kwakta and Md. Muhibuddin, Assistant Teacher, Kekru Lower Primary School, Yairipok, for their co-operations extended to me during my fieldworks.

I am specially grateful to Dr. R.K. Ranjit Singh, Senior Lecturer in Anthropology, D.M. College of Science, Imphal, for his valuable helps rendered to me at times of need. Thanks are also due to Dr. L. Rajendra Singh,
Selection Grade Lecturer, Department of Anthropology for providing me departmental facilities during my work.

It is my pleasure to thank Mr. Syed Saeedur Rahman, Section Officer, Manipur University, who took all the trouble of typing the thesis within a short time and still bring out in an excellent outcome.

Lastly, I am thankful to my wife, Nazima Begum, who gave me all moral support during the course of my work.

D.M. College of Science,
Imphal | February 1990.

( Md. Latif Shah 28/2/90)