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The work is the first attempt to its kind in regard to a complete analysis covering all aspects of the agriculture of the state in general and Sonitpur district in particular. I have tried to make the work quite comprehensive considering the necessity of the study because agriculture is the largest productive sector in the state as well as in the district and it provides livelihood to large mass of population directly and indirectly. The study covers all the different aspects and opportunities of the agricultural sector and focus on the recent trends in productivity with a comparative analysis with the agriculturally competitive districts of Assam, developed states like Punjab and Haryana and the national average, major challenges faced by the sector and suggest some remedial measures that would help to meet the basic objectives and aspiration of farmers of the state in general and the district in particular.

The study has its own limitations. The present study is an attempt to provide more comprehensive analysis of the agricultural growth with selected crops and problems in the state and in the district by interfacing a macro picture describe by secondary data with the realities at the grass root, observe through a field survey in which farms and households are the units of observation. Since the agricultural sector is the unorganized sector of our economy, no records of year-wise production is maintained by farmers even by large farmers also. The primary analysis of the year-wise productivity of the sector is mostly depended on official or departmental data provided by the agricultural department of the government. Again there are inherent limitations in deriving macro policy recommendation from micro studies on
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