PREFACE

With the transformation of Indian agriculture, the pattern of agricultural marketing system has also been changed in order to provide better facilities to market users. The establishment of regulated markets by the state governments is a commendable attempt in this direction. In Uttar Pradesh this Act was passed in 1964, by the 'Rajya Krishi Utpadan Mandi Adhiniyam'. Now there is a good network of regulated markets in Uttar Pradesh. These regulated markets are the controlling centres of agricultural marketing and have a crucial role not only in stimulating agricultural development but also to accelerate the pace of economic development.

In the present study an attempt is made to assess the role of regulated markets in the development of agriculture in Aligarh district.

The entire work has been divided into seven chapters. First chapter is the introductory part of the study dealing with the statement of the problem, significance of the study, objectives, hypotheses, methodology and data collection, review of selected works done by foreign and Indian geographers as well as agricultural scientists.

Second chapter examines the geographical outlook of the study area. It deals with physical profile, demographic profile, agricultural economy and non-agricultural economy of the study area. Third chapter deals with the over all view of regulated agricultural market i.e., their need, important features, objectives, significance, historical background etc. Fourth chapter describes the system of regulated markets of Aligarh district. This chapter gives a holistic view about the regulated markets of the study area.

Chapter five and six discusses the role of regulated markets through the different aspects of market arrival and through measuring market arrival intensity from market hinterland and their relation to size of the farmers coming to the markets. The last chapter examines the relationship between the regulated market and agricultural development.

At the end of the study, conclusion and suggestions have been given which may present a base for the planners to frame the plan for the improvement of regulated marketing system and agricultural development in the study area.