PREFACE

The development of agriculture is the utmost task in a densely populated and agriculturally dominated economy. The objectives of agricultural development are to achieve socio-economic development for a fast increasing population. In the present study an attempt is made to assess the agriculture and socio-economic development in Rohilkhand plain.

The entire work has been divided into six chapters. In the first chapter an assessment of physical and cultural settings with a brief account of historical background of Rohikhand plain have been made. Second chapter deals with general landuse pattern, crop concentration and crop combination regions of Rohilkhand plain. In the third chapter an attempt has been made to findout the spatial pattern of growth in area, production and yield for all the districts of Rohilkhand.

In the fourth chapter an assessment of agricultural productivity is made to know the high, medium and low productivity regions in Rohilkhand plain. In the fifth chapter correlation between the variables of agriculture and socio-economic development have been computed to know the regional imbalances in the districts of Rohilkhand plain.

Sixth and the last chapter is based on a comprehensive field survey of 37 villages from 37 tehsils belonging to eight districts of Rohilkhand plain. Total 440 households have been surveyed with the help of a questionnaire. This chapter deals with agriculture and socio-economic development in Rohilkhand plain. An attempt also made to know the levels of agriculture and socio-economic development.

In the end of the study some suggestions have been given, which may present a base for framing the planning to achieve balanced agriculture and socio-economic development in the study area.