PREFACE

The problem of entrepreneurship appears to be the most acute problem faced by the present day developing countries and the shortage of entrepreneurs is possibly the most potent limiting factor of their economic development. The development of economy is a stupendous task which has been done by entrepreneurs. The development of entrepreneurship in India is vital for accelerating economic activities and uplift of the backward communities. The main aim of our economic activities is to raise the standard of living of the people. This can be attained to a remarkable extent by the development of entrepreneurship.

The various financial institutions act as catalyst agent to accelerate socio-economic development through various innovative entrepreneurial development programmes. Entrepreneurial development to a large extent depends on the supply of finance which is described as the life blood of enterprises. Various commercial banks and development banks have been set up for accelerating the entrepreneurial development in India. Commercial banks provided only short term financial assistance. The Government decided to set up special financial institutions called development banks to cater to the need of industries. The development banks (IFCI,
IDBI, ICICI, LIC, UTI) have been setup and state level development banks (SFC, SIDC) have been setup for accelerating the development of large, medium and small industries by providing financial and various other development assistance required.

In this present work entitled, the role of financial institutions in the promotion of entrepreneurship among backward communities, an attempt has been made to highlight the role of financial institutions (central as well state level) in entrepreneurial development among backward communities. In this study, an attempt has been made to evaluate the role of financial institutions in entrepreneurial development with special reference to some selected units of Gorakhpur division.

The objectives of the study are:
(i) To investigate the socio economic background of the entrepreneurs of backward communities (ii) To judge the role of Government agencies and financial institutions in entrepreneurial development (iii) To highlight the main problems faced by the entrepreneurs of backward communities (iv) To suggest ways means to increase the role conformity of entrepreneurship in economic development.
Frame work - Keeping in view the objectives of the study, the present work has been divided into six chapters.

In the first chapter, an attempt has been made to study entrepreneurial development in India and Uttar Pradesh. This chapter also deals with the concept of entrepreneurship.

The second chapter provides the conceptional framework of the study. The nature of the problem and objectives of study have been defined and a tentative hypothesis has been framed.

The third chapter is devoted to an analysis of the working performance of the All India Financial Institutions. It also highlights the role of these financial institutions in entrepreneurial development. The fourth chapter analyses the performance of UP State Financial Institutions in the area of entrepreneurial development among backward communities.

The fifth chapter analyses the performance of financial institutions of Gorakhpur division in the development of entrepreneurship among backward communities. The sixth chapter computes the conclusions of the study and also presents the finding of the work.

Hypothesis - The present study aims to examine and evaluate the performance of financial institutions for the development
of entrepreneurship. Keeping in view the objectives of the study the following assumption have been made

(1) The entrepreneurs of backward communities could not avail of the facilities provided by financial institutions to their full.
(2) The entrepreneurs of backward communities have done something in the field of trading and farming rather than in Industries.

Research Methodology - In the completion of this work I have relied merely the secondary data, viz journals, reports, periodicals, statements, Government publication and other literature etc. for making an examination, analysis and interpretation of the data. Some primary data were also gathered by surveying the opinion of entrepreneurs of backward communities through the issue of questionnaires. Further the ideas and news of Managing Directors and executives of various financial institutions were ascertained through personal interview/discussion etc. with the help of these data and their interpretation and examination fruitful conclusions and findings have been formulated at the end of the study.