PREFACE

The establishment of State Bank of India under the State Bank of India Act 1955 which came into force since July 1, 1955 was a bold step to bring about radical changes in the structure and policy objectives of the banks in the country. The primary objective of bank establishment was to convert the urban based banks into the development oriented and social-justice based public sector banks. Inspiring from the performance of the State Bank of India. The Govt. had taken another bold step which was the nationalisation of 14 major commercial banks in July 19, 1969. Basically the purpose was to convert the banking of classes into the banking of masses so that adequate banking services could be provided to the neglected and priority sector of the society. It is realised that since the Banks have stopendous investment potentiality, they can make a significant impact on the existing problem of priority sector lendings through the rapid expansion of banking, services on the other.

Present study reveals the role of State Bank of India in financing the priority sector specially in Aligarh district. Present study is an attempt to investigate how far the State Bank of India has successfully financed to the priority sector in the district Aligarh as well as in the blocks with the help of secondary data as well as of the primary data. The scored data was analysed to empirically impact of the loan on the borrowers. Whether the income of the borrowers increased or not. The primary data collected through the
random sampling method. 100 borrowers were taken for the investigation. Agriculture and Small Scale Industries have taken for investigation. Agricultural survey was done in Block Lodha with five villages and Industrial Survey was done in the Aligarh district.

The thesis in hand reports the results of the above study in six chapters. The chapter one is Introductory chapter, which presents the 'Review of previous researchers, need and scope of the study, Research methodology, and Limitation of the research work. The chapter second present the priority sector lending and the guidelines of RBI to the priority sector. The chapter III presents about the State Bank of India. Chapter fourth presents the profile of Aligarh district with map and scope of priority sector in the Aligarh district. Chapter five represents the State Bank of India's lendings towards priority sector specially in Aligarh District with the sources of Primary and Secondary data. An attempt has been made to know the impact of loan on the borrowers. The final chapter presents the conclusion findings and suggestions.