This study on the "ROLE OF TRANSPORT IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF U.P." has been divided into five chapters.

The first chapter deals with the Economics of Transportation. This chapter highlights the importance of availability of cheap, efficient and well coordinated transport system for the development of a region. In fact well developed transport system attacks on immobility and makes resources of different areas and countries for the benefit of human being.

The second chapter discusses the demographic and economic structure of Uttar Pradesh. In addition to population growth and per capita income, it also focuses its attention on the state's backwardness and regional disparities and highlights the predominance of agriculture and cottage and small scale industries in U.P.

The third chapter is devoted to make a critical study of the pattern of transport in U.P. Its aim is to examine whether the pattern of transport development in U.P. is serving the needs of the economy of Uttar Pradesh. It also emphasises the need of the development of roads, specially rural roads and road transport to meet the transport requirement of the agro based economy of U.P.
In the fourth chapter, an attempt has been made to examine and analyse the cost pattern of important modes of transport in U.P. and cost benefit analysis of transportation in its operation so as to formulate an efficient and cost effective transport system in Uttar Pradesh.

The fifth and concluding chapter contains a brief summary of the earlier chapters with focus on the findings and suggestions emanating therefrom.

An important feature that emerges out of the work on the topic is the fact that the pre-requisites and infrastructural development of the State have not been properly cared for before embarking upon the schemes of industrialisation including the development of agro-industries in the State. No attention has been given to the construction of roads, bridges, nullahs etc. for linking the for-off villages and rural areas of the state to its districts head quarters and city areas. There is no doubt that such pre-planning would require a huge investment in machines, money and materials, but the fact is that this investment is a "must" and there is no possibility of developing the village based agro-industries unless and until such investment is made. For developing an appropriate transport infrastructure in U.P., the following point must be kept in mind:-

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1. There is a need to link the remote areas of the state with properly developed mode of transport.

2. Though there is a net-work of railways catering to the needs of the goods traffic of Uttar Pradesh, still there is a paucity of rail-links to the village and rural areas. There should, therefore, be a purposeful expansion of railway-lines to these villages.

3. The most important aspect of transport development as a means for agro-industries advancement is the growth and development of road transport. The crux of the problem is to expand the construction of the following pre-requisites of rural transport: -

(a) roads
(b) bridges
(c) nullahs
(d) Manufacture of motors and vehicles
(e) Provision of petrol, diesel at cheap rate.
4. For the outward flow of goods the development of major districts roads as well as provincial and national highways are of great importance.

5. Tax burden which is very high and crippling the growth of road transport should be reduced.

6. Better roads should be given top priority without which road transport could not confer its maximum benefits.

7. The alarming decline in expenditure in relative terms in roads should be checked and corrective measures adopted.

8. Road transport should be directed to help the development of agro-industries both for feeding them with raw materials and also helping them in marketing their goods.