PREFACE

Agriculture is the mainstay in the economic life of the people of Assam. Agriculture includes various allied activities such as forestry, fishery and animal husbandry etc. This animal husbandry includes poultry, dairy, piggery etc. Like poultry and dairy, piggery or pig farming is also an important occupation and it can be utilized in generating income as well as employment in this backward region of the country.

The population of Assam has been increasing at an alarming rate during the last five decades. The major problem before this state is scarcity of jobs for the growing population. So, with the growing population, on one hand fixity of land and on the other the economy of the state has been deteriorating day by day. Hence it has become essential to expand some sub sectors like livestock, dairying, horticulture, fishery and poultry for the employment of the growing population. We know that agriculture cannot provide employment opportunity to all the jobless people. Hence the unemployed people must engage themselves in some sub-sectors for their own economic upliftment and for the economic development of the state of Assam. Pig farming is one of the subsidiary sectors to be developed for the fulfillment of unemployment problem to a certain extent. As such I have carried out a research investigation to assess critically the development of pig farming in Assam giving emphasis on the undivided Kamrup District.

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