PREFACE

We, all have probably heard of budget without knowing precisely what budget means. The word budget comes from French language meaning “BONGETTE”. Hence it is merely a quantitative description of work plan for any entity. Anyone who is either a financial analyst or budget officer will find this study very useful and informative in getting acquainted with the budget mechanism.

The research topic entitled “Impact of State Government Budget on Socio-Economic Development of Assam (1995-96 to 2001-02) has been undertaken to investigate the impact of state government expenditure on socio-economic activities of Assam.

Being a student of Commerce I have keen interest on financial discipline of the government which is reflected by its annual budget. Over the years, the role of government in socio-economic development of the state have been increasing. A huge amount of expenditure has been spent by the government on various social overheads. Some questions, like (1) how far these budgetary allocations have been utilised by the government departments? (2) What benefits are derived by the society from the government expenditure as the major part of government revenues are the money contributed by the tax payers of the state?

All these questions led me to undertake the present study to examine the government expenditure and its outcome in Assam during the last seven years. An attempt has been made through this study to understand the impact of the state government budget on socio-economic development of Assam.

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