Preface

Poultry rearing is an age-old traditional practice in Assam. Poultry products *viz.* poultry meat and eggs are common food items of this region. But, the local production of these items are too inadequate to meet the demand. Thus the shortfall has been met-up by importing from states like Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal etc. In spite of favourable climatic condition, familiarity with the practice of poultry rearing amongst the people, favourable market and capable manpower, it is strange that, the poultry rearing has not been developed to the required level in our state. Many poultry farmers, unemployed youths, whom I came into contact with, expressed their hesitation regarding taking poultry practice as a gainful avocation. They were of the impression that poultry farming in Assam is highly a risky affair in face of so many constraints. All these led me to undertake the present study to examine statistically the economic viability of poultry farming as an enterprise in Assam with a special reference to Kamrup district.

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