The aim of this Thesis work is to study the current economic problems in the industry in Cachar. This study is on observation and analysis of economic aspects of the 'Tea Industry in Cachar'. By nature, applied economics is a dynamic subject. New developments are taking place all the time. Current problems in applied economics, therefore, can deal with each topic down to the time immediately before analysis starts. In dealing with tea industry in Cachar frequent references to Assam is inevitable. The first cultivation of tea in India started in Assam and Assam remains major tea producing state and Cachar is a district under the state of Assam. Thus, the study of economic problems of the tea industry in Cachar will surely be informative and instructive.

A selection of topics has been made with the aim to include all important economic aspects of the industry. Attempt has been made to make each chapter complete in itself, so that a cross reference from one chapter to another can be kept to a minimum. With a view to analyse the rate of growth and development, I have divided the chapters into Introduction; History, Growth and Development; Cultivation, Manufacturing and Cost of production; Organisation and Management; Capital Structure and Finance, Profitability; Labour and Related Problem; Transportation and Marketing; Export and Export Promotion; Price trends. In the last chapter the problems in general and suggestions thereof have been incorporated.
The present study is based on the field study of 30 gardens of Cachar. Some information was also collected from the head offices of the respective gardens. During the course of my study, I also visited the planters organisations and labour union offices and discussed the matter with them in details. This helped me much to be more critical in my approach and correct to my observations.

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