Preface

The present work is the culmination of series of efforts to study export of agro commodity and value-added products from Gujarat under WTO regime, the broad objective is to parameterize of selected agro commodities (Ground nut, Sesamum, Cotton, castor, Tobacco ) area production and productivity in India and Gujarat state and critically examine the strength and weakness of the existing set up from export point of view, the agro products grown in India almost in all the states but most important produces in Gujarat. The study was undertaken during 1980-81 to 94-95 i.e. pre WTO, and (1995-96 to 2009-10) post WTO & overall period i.e. (1980-81 to 2009-10).

India is one of the best producer’s, performance in terms of value addition and controlling international markets. India belongs to the category of producer’s exporters. It is however, re-exporter, who is found to achieve the highest order of value addition, and share of export market to analyze the global trade in agro commodity and value added products, production scenario in the country and major producing states, and prevailing scenario with respect to marketing and processing. Important insights are provided by exporters and processors of different regions, a good number of exporters have spent their valuable time discussing important issues, and share their valuable data and experience which are crucial inputs for this study.

Study has been organized as follows; the introductory chapter gives a brief introduction, which includes an agro growth since 1991, impact of agro policy and challenges, export and import performance, effect of import liberalization and recent trends, in second chapter a detailed review of literature has been carried out as per the objectives of present study. The third chapter deals with research methodology, tools and techniques used have been discussed in the chapter. The fourth chapter deals with WTO and foreign trade policy in India. Fifth chapter discusses about India’s Foreign Trade and Agriculture Exports. The sixth chapter presents trends in agriculture in agriculture sector. Export performance, area, production and productivity of agricultural Commodities and agro based products in Gujarat is discussed in chapter seventh. The eighth chapter deals with constraints in processing and exporting agricultural commodities and agro based products from Gujarat based on a survey. The concluding chapter summarizes the major findings of the study& conclusions and suggests some policy implications.

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