The main objective of the present work is to examine the interaction pattern of elite and bureaucrats and its impact on development. It is an empirical study of the two districts of Punjab, with similar administrative structure, but with different development potentialities. No doubt a number of other studies on this topic have earlier been conducted in other parts of the country. These studies, if conducted on macro-level are normally ideological and non-ecological. Likewise micro-level studies, though empirical are only isolated attempts either in terms of elite-bureaucrat interaction, or in terms of development. The area of study is also either at the Block level or at the District level.

My attempt is to telescope both the District and Block into a single Universe, with the assumption that Development itself is a total activity and studied as a whole. Another assumption is that Elite-Bureaucrat interaction in terms of Development can best be analysed only in ecological surroundings. As such the present study possesses the merit of being empirically grounded, because of its use of ecological variables like caste.
class, communication, attitudes etc in its analysis. It also offers sufficient scope for further policy-formulation and to advance development efforts. The study has also succeeded in exposing some explored truths about Punjab, which may prevent it from becoming yet another prototype of development, based on observations made in other parts of the country.

The study has been processed as follows: After discussing the Problem, Methodology and the Design of the study, an attempt has been made to locate the Elite and Bureaucrats within our universe and then examine their socio-economic profiles. Subsequent findings have been given on the basis of the communication pattern between the Elite and the Bureaucrats and their perception of administrative structure and development process. In the last interaction pattern of the Elite and Bureaucrats and its impact on development has been analysed.

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