Agriculture continues to be the main occupation of the world population. It meets all the three basic needs of mankind viz., food, clothing and shelter in one way or the other.

Agriculture as an occupation has come under the following three-way attack during last two hundred years.

1. With the advent of Industrial Revolution many people working in agricultural sectors have moved to the industrial sector.

2. A lot of land which was under cultivation has been utilised by industries and urbanization, leaving lesser land for agriculture.

3. On the other hand, population is growing at an exponential rate. This means that there are more consumers of agricultural products than producers.

Therefore, there is a constant pressure on agricultural sector to increase its productivity. This has led to scientific agriculture with the help of other subjects like chemistry, biology and engineering. As a result, there is an ever increasing need for education and research in the field of agriculture. Further, it is necessary that the fruits of such research and education should reach the actual farmers in the
field. Then, and then only the benefits of scientific agriculture reaches the entire mankind. Libraries function like catalysts in this process.

The present study probes the exact role of libraries in education and research in agriculture. Choosing a set of agricultural scientists, the study first identifies the users' needs. Then, it closely looks at the library which is supposed to have helped them the most. Has that particular library played its role, if not, what stops it from being effective, forms the content of this study. Though the study was done at one agricultural university library, it mirrors the situation in the Indian Agricultural Universities, as it is one of the premier institutions in India. The libraries of the other institutions may be worse and perhaps not better. This diagnostic study could be of interest to both agricultural scientists and the librarians serving them. Its findings and recommendations could help librarians to market their services more effectively.