ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First of all I am deeply indebted to my distinguished supervisor, Prof. P. K. Panigrahi, Department of Political Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Itanagar for his rarest guidance, unfailing help, encouragement, valuable suggestions and meticulous observations without which the research work could not have been completed. He always acted as a friend, philosopher and guide to me. I greatly acknowledge his invaluable guidance, advice and inspiration at every step of the completion of the work. Any acknowledgement of gratitude to him in words will not suffice here.

I am equally indebted to University Grants Commission, North Eastern Regional Office, Beltola, Guwahati, Assam, for giving me Teacher Fellowship under Faculty Development Programme during XIIth Plan period for two years without which the present work could not have been completed.

I acknowledge my deep sense of gratitude to Prof. Pura Tado, Department of Political Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Prof. Nani Bath, Department of Political Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Dr. N. N. Hena, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Political Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Dr. T. Mibang, Assistant Professor (Sr.), Department of Political Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Itanagar, Dr. B. Boruah, former Principal, Dhemaji College, Dhemaji, Mr. Amiya Kr. Handique, Head, Department of English, Dhakuakhana College, Dhakuakhana for their scholarly comments, inspiration and valuable suggestions whenever required. No words would suffice to express my deep sense of gratitude to them.

I also hereby acknowledge my gratitude to all who helped me during the field visit. The present work could not have been completed without the co-operation of the large number of officials who allowed me to access to files and other official documents. In particular, I am thankful to the staffs of the Office of the Sub-Divisional Statistical Officer, Dhemaji, Office of the District Forest Officer, Dhemaji, Office of the Senior Section Engineer, North Frontier Railway, Dhemaji, Office of the District Agricultural Officer, Dhemaji, Office of the State Institute of Rural Development, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam. The staffs of the Office of the Block Development Officer, Machkhowa Development Block and Bordoloni Development Block, Dhemaji are
equally claimants of my thanks for providing necessary information during the course of study. I am thankful to the respondents i.e. beneficiaries and implementing authorities of NREGS for their co-operation and responding my questions free and frankly by spending their valuable time.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Librarians and staffs of Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Itanagar, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh and Dhemaji College, Dhemaji for allowing me to consult the necessary materials.

In course of completion of this study I received maximum valuable help, encouragement and co-operation from various organizations and individuals. I take this opportunity to put on record my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the concerned organizations and individuals. I must be thankful and bow down to the hidden power, which endowed me constancy, inspired me towards the completion of the work.

Last but not the least; I am deeply indebted to my wife Mrs. Jiba Kumari Buragohain (Konch), to my beloved daughter Lakshmishikha (Munu) and lovely son Ankur (Rahul) for their constant help, co-operation, support and encouragement during the preparation of the work. Their contribution is too invaluable to be captured in words. Without their whole-hearted support, this work wouldn’t have seen the light of the day.

Place: RGU, Doimukh, Itanagar

Date: