

CONTENTS

	Page Number
PREFACE	i, ii & iii
LIST OF TABLES	x to xv
LIST OF FIGURES	xvi
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS	xvii
CHAPTER – I: INTRODUCTION	
1.01. Introduction	1
1.02. Statement of the Problem	3
1.03. The Profile of the study area	8
1.04. A Profile of the Female Workforce in Barpeta District of Assam	9
1.05. Objective of the Study	11
1.06. Significance of the study	12
1.07. Brief Review of Literature	12
1.08. Research Hypothesis	38
1.09. Methodology	38
1.10. Data Processing	40
1.11. Limitation of the study	42
1.12. Chapterisation	42
CHAPTER – II: SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF RURAL WOMEN IN ASSAM	
2.01. Sex Ratio	46
2.02. Age Composition	49
2.03. Region wise average age Composition of Population in Assam	51
2.04. Sex disparity in age Composition	53

	Page Number
2.05. Population in the age group 0 – 6	56
2.06. Fertility, Mortality, Natural Growth Rate and Infant Mortality Rates	57
2.07. Sex Specific Mortality Rate	60
2.08. Life Expectancy	61
2.09. Marital Status	64
2.10. Age at Marriage	67
2.11. Mean age at Marriage	67
2.12. Maternal Mortality Rate	69
2.13. Literacy Rate	71
2.14. Gross Enrollment Ratio in Schools	76
2.15. Basic Amenities of Life	83
2.16. Labour Force Participation	86
2.17. Physical Well-being	90

CHAPTER III: NATURE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF RURAL WOMEN IN ASSAM

3.01. Women's Work Participation	94
3.02. Rural-Urban Differential in Female Work Participation	95
3.03. Age Specific Female Work Participation Rate (ASFWPR)	97
3.04. Education Specific Female Worker Population Ratio (ESFWPR)	99
3.05. Female work participation rate in Main, Marginal Category and non-workers	101
3.06. Age Group Wise Labour by Sex in Assam	103
3.07. Occupational Structure	105
3.08. Distribution of Main Workers by Industrial Categories	109

3.09. Participation of Women in Organized Sector	112
3.10. Employment and Unemployment Position of Women	113
3.11. Mode of Female Employment	121
3.12. Educated Unemployment	124
3.13. Census of Assam Government Employees	126
3.14. Average Daily Wage Rate in Rural Areas	127

CHAPTER IV: ROLE OF RURAL WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AND

ALLIED ACTIVITIES; CASE STUDY OF BARPETA DISTRICT

4.01. Selection of villages for survey in Barpeta District	135
4.02. Female Cultivators and Agricultural labourers in Crop Cultivation	139
4.03. Female Cultivators and Agricultural Labourers in livestock and poultry related activities	153
4.04. Female Cultivators and Agricultural Labourers in Sericulture	155
4.05. Female Cultivators and Agricultural Labourers in Handloom and Weaving	158
4.06. Female Cultivators and Agricultural Labourers in Food Processing	160
4.07. Women's Work in Aggregate	161
4.08. Differences in Labour Time Use of Female Cultivators and Agricultural Labourers	163
4.09. Variation of Labour Time use of Female Cultivators and Agricultural Labourers	164
4.10. Analysis of Variance of Labour Time-use of Female Cultivators and Agricultural Labourers	165

4.11. Comparison of labour time use of Female Cultivators and Agricultural Labourers within the Groups	165
--	-----

CHAPTER V: COMPOSITION OF INCOME AND CONSUMPTION

EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS IN BARPETA DISTRICT

5.0. Composition of income and consumption expenditure of cultivators and agricultural labourers in the study villages	168
5.01. Average Income from different sources	168
5.02. Per Capita Income	173
5.03. Percentage share of various sources of income to the per capita income	177
5.04. Group-wise Difference of income of Female cultivators and Agricultural Labourers	182
5.05. Group-wise variation of income of cultivators and labourers	183
5.06. Analysis of variance of Income of Cultivators and labourers among study groups	184
5.07. Analysis of variance of income of cultivators and labourers within study groups	184
5.08. Consumption Expenditure	186
5.09. Per-capita Consumption Expenditure	192
5.10. Percentage share of per capita consumption expenditure	196
5.11. Difference of consumption expenditure	201
5.12. Average propensity to consume for the female cultivators and agricultural labourers	202
5.13. Group-wise variation of consumption expenditure	202
5.14. Analysis of variance of consumption expenditure of cultivators and labourers among study villages	204
5.15. Analysis of variance of consumption expenditure of cultivators and labourers within study groups	204

**CHAPTER VI: ECONOMIC STATUS OF FEMALE CULTIVATORS
AND AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS IN BARPETA DISTRICT**

	Page Number
6.01. Relative share of assets of cultivators and labourers	208
6.02. Per capita assets	213
6.03. Liabilities of female cultivators and agricultural labourers	218
6.04. Per capita liabilities	222
6.05. Purpose wise liabilities	225
6.06. Housing conditions	228
6.06.1. Cattle yard status	230
6.06.2. Ventilation status of houses	232
6.07 Access to safe drinking water	233
6.08 Access to toilet facility	235
6.09 Access to radio, television and mobile phone	237
6.10 Health problems and health care services	239
6.10.1 Perceived health problems	239
6.10.2 Reproductive health	242
6.10.3 Utilization of medical care	245
6.11 Literacy Rate	246
6.12 Economic well-being of female cultivators and agricultural labourers	248

CHAPTER VII: SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

7.01 Summary	255
7.02 Conclusion	272
7.03. Suggestions	273

SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY	276
APPENDIX – I : Map of Assam	297
APPENDIX – II : Map of Barpeta District	298
APPENDIX – III : Photographs	299-302