

## P R E F A C E

Jute is a principal cash crop of North Bengal, the name commonly attributed to the region which includes six districts of West Bengal, viz, Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, North Dinajpur, South Dinajpur and Maldah. The present study concentrates on the problems and prospects of jute cultivation in North Bengal. The produce of the growers is demanded by jute industry, so their fate is very much linked with the industry which is presently undergoing a crisis. The reasons of the crisis have been analysed in historical background. The problems of the jute growers are aggravated by fluctuations in price of raw jute and imperfections of the market. Resolution of the crisis of the industry as well as removal of imperfections of raw jute market is necessary for ensuring bright prospect of the jute growers.

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