

## CONTENTS

	<b>PAGE NO.</b>
List of map	iv
List of diagrams	iv
List of sketches	iv
List of tables	v-vi
Acknowledgements	vii-viii
<b>CHAPTER - ONE</b>	
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	<b>01-38</b>
1.1 Statement of the problem	01
1.2 Tribal social formation	04
1.3 Objective of present study and research questions	18
1.4 Earlier enquiries on Lepchas and their limitations	19
1.5 Method adopted	30
1.6 Plan of presentation	36
<b>CHAPTER – TWO</b>	
<b>THE PEOPLE AND THE STUDY AREA : AN OVERVIEW</b>	<b>39-87</b>
2.1 The people	39
2.1.1 Name of the community	39
2.1.2 Boundary of Lepcha inhabited land	40
2.1.3 Short history of the people	41
2.1.4 Demographic profile	47
2.1.5 Industrial classification of Lepcha population	53
2.1.6 General description of Lepcha agriculture	60
2.2 The study area	66
2.2.1 Village – Mani Gumpa	71
2.2.2 Village – 5 <sup>th</sup> Mile Lepcha Gaon	72
2.2.3 Village – Pochaok	74
2.2.4 Basic statistics	76
<b>CHAPTER – THREE</b>	
<b>OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF LAND</b>	<b>88-131</b>
3.1 Management of land	88
3.1.1 Land management in the study area	89
3.1.2 Land management by <i>Moo</i>	94

(ii)

3.1.3	Terms and conditions of share cropping	101
3.2	Ownership of land	106
3.2.1	Gender and land ownership	106
3.2.2	Land ownership and genealogy	108
3.2.3	Land transfer	112
3.2.4	Users of land	116
3.3	Some relevant aspect of land	119
3.3.1	Pattern of land holding	119
3.3.2	Intensity of land use	120
3.3.3	Land rent	122
3.3.4	Rent free land	125
3.3.5	Land measurement and record of land	125
3.3.6	Classification of land	127
3.3.7	The landscape	130
<b>CHAPTER – FOUR</b>		
<b>SOURCE AND TYPE OF LABOUR</b>		<b>132-163</b>
4.1	Source of labour	132
4.1.1	Age and sex composition of household	133
4.1.2	Unmarried members	139
4.1.3	Adopted members	141
4.2	Type of labour	144
4.2.1	Household labour	144
4.2.2	Wage labour	146
4.2.3	Exchange labour	148
4.3	Classification of work	151
4.3.1	Paddy	152
4.3.2	Soyabean, Dal and <i>Morshem</i>	154
4.3.3	Maize	154
4.3.4	Millet	155
4.3.5	Ginger	156
4.3.6	Cardamom	157
4.3.7	Gladioli	157
4.3.8	Vegetables	159
4.4	Agricultural Holidays	161
<b>CHAPTER – FIVE</b>		
<b>FINANCE, TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES</b>		<b>164-193</b>
5.1	Source of finance	164
5.2	Types of implements and tools	169

5.2.1	Ploughing implements	170
5.2.2	Harrowing implements	172
5.2.3	Sowing and transplanting implements	173
5.2.4	Weeding implements	174
5.2.5	Irrigating implements	175
5.2.6	Spraying implements	176
5.2.7	Harvesting implements	177
5.2.8	Threshing implements	178
5.2.9	Measuring device	178
5.2.10	Technique of harvesting and grinding	180
5.2.11	Storing device	182
5.2.12	Carrying method	184
5.3	Use of manure and fertiliser	186
5.4	Source of water	188
5.5	Management of animal labour	189
5.6	Changes in cultivation	192

**CHAPTER – SIX****DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE****194-211**

6.1	Food for consumption	194
6.2	Seed for agriculture	201
6.3	Payment to exchange labour	202
6.4	Social obligations	203
6.5	Ritual obligations	207
6.6	Miscellaneous obligations	211

**CHAPTER – SEVEN****CONCLUSION****212-222****BIBLIOGRAPHY****223-228****APPENDICES****229-241**

I	Statement of adopted child in the study area.	229
II	Details of land awarded to girl child or adopted child.	230
III	Copy of <i>Khatian</i> .	231-232
IV	List of unmarried child crossing marital age.	233-235
V	Matrix of reciprocal exchange of labour for agriculture : Mani Gumpa	236
VI	Matrix of reciprocal exchange of labour for agriculture : 5 <sup>th</sup> Mile Lepcha Gaon	237
VII	Matrix of reciprocal exchange of labour for purposes other than agricultural operation : Mani Gumpa	238
VIII	Matrix of reciprocal exchange of labour for purposes other than agricultural operation : 5 <sup>th</sup> Mile Lepcha Gaon	239
IX	Matrix of reciprocal exchange of bullock : Mani Gumpa	240
X	Matrix of reciprocal exchange of bullock : 5 <sup>th</sup> Mile Lepcha Gaon	241