

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am deeply indebted to Prof. A.K. Pal, Professor in the Department of Geography and Applied Geography for his unstinting help, invaluable guidance and constant affectionate encouragement. It was a great privilege for me to have opportunity for working under him. With his immense knowledge, scholarly interest, critical appraisal and timely assistance and great perseverance he will remain source of aviding inspiration to me. No word can be adequate to express my gratitude to him.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Prof. Pranab Chakravorty, Prof. Bimalendu Bhattacharjee, Prof. Mrs. Anima Bhattacharjee. Dr. Suman Saha of Geography Department. North Bengal University for their valuable suggestions and comments during this work.

I express my thanks to Sri. P.N. Ray (Asstt. Botanist) Dr. S. Mukherjee (Asstt. Botanist). Dr. Mrs. S. Koley (Asstt Botanist), Dr. S.D. Chatterjee, (Jt. D.A), Dr. Pradip Sen (Agricultural Chemist) and Mrs. Rasmoni Dev. (Asstt Librarian) for granting me the necessary cooperation in every possible way of oil seed research station, Berhampore, Murshidabad.

I express my thanks to Sri Pradut Chawdhury, Sri Goutam Nag and Sri Indrajit Sen for processing data in computer.

I acknowledge my obligation to my college authority specially to Sri S.K. Mazumder (Secretary, Board of Governors) and to the Principal Sri Hiralal Das of Union Christian Training College, Berhampore.

I wish to thank Sri Sunil De, Manotosh Chakraborty and Sri Kajal Dey for their active cooperation and help as and when they were required.

I wish to thank my wife Mrs. Haimanti Das Gupta and son Harit Das Gupta for encouragement and active help for completion of this work.

Lastly, I wish to thank Prof. T.N. Gangully, Prof. G. Ghosh, Prof. Md. Nizamuddin, Dr. R.K. Adhikari, Dr. K. Banerjee, Dr. K. Chatterjee of my college for their active help and necessary cooperation.

Dept. of Geography and  
Applied Geography  
North Bengal University  
June, 1993

H. K. Das Gupta.  
( H.K. Dasgupta )