

P R E F A C E

A growing awareness of the utility of studying the problems of small farmers in developing countries more and more may hardly be missed. There is indeed, a dearth of adequate scholarly literature on small farmers and their various problems in developing economies and particularly at the regional level.

The present project is, however, an attempt to study the problems of financing of small farmers in sample villages of Jalpaiguri District, North Bengal (North Bengal is consisted of five districts viz. West Dinajpur, Malda, Cooch-Bihar, Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri) to bridge a gap to a certain extent, between the growing demand for more and more scholarly literature on small farmers and their problems in these backward regions of West Bengal and the availability of the same in the real world.

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