

PREFACE

The basic problem as we face to deal with our development plans is the denial of the two basic cheap resources like land and labour at the grass-root area. A lot of difficulties have been facing by the downtrodden men in discharging their labour power, the only source of their livelihoods, in an efficient manner. Similarly, the relatively lower intensity value of land use releases the picture of under utilisation of land resource. The main aim of this write-up is to divulge these two facts in a very smooth manner. This research work is carried out at the University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, West Bengal. Except our second chapter, all other chapters are written on the basis of information collected by us covering the period 2008-09. All the comments we have made in this write up are solely in our own responsible. If any part or any finding of this write up is to be used in future for the betterment of our rural folk then it will be our great achievement and satisfaction.