

PREFACE

The present study pertains to an estimation of cost of production of bidi tobacco and its bearing on price in Nipani Tract. In recent years, the issue of cost of production of agricultural commodities has become a point of controversy among economists, politicians, farmers, traders, etc. A very strong agitation was launched in 1980 by bidi tobacco growers of Nipani Area demanding the price which covered cost of production and government purchase of tobacco produce at that price. This incident provided an incentive to take up the subject for investigation. Nipani Tract, which formed a concentrated region of production of quality bidi tobacco, in India was, therefore, chosen.

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