

PREFACE

Agriculture is the most important industry in India. It is the prime mover of the Indian economy. It is a known fact that agriculture is the backbone of Indian economy. Over seventy per cent of the population is engaged in agricultural and allied activities. Agriculture means food for the nation with a population of 70 crores, and work for millions. Agriculture contributes over 40 per cent of national income. It is the basic foundation for our agro-industries as well as for millions of rural industries. So, from any point of view, it is essential that Indian agriculture has to be put on the road of sustained growth.

Agricultural development of India got a systematic support and direction since the beginning of economic planning in the country. The successive Five Year Plans of the country adopted specific policies and devised suitable programmes in consonance with the policies for the attainment of the avowed goals. The present study aims at examining the developmental activity of agriculture through Five Year Plans.

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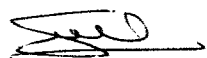
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