

P R E F A C E

Indian economy is basically an agricultural economy, labour co-operatives are mainly necessary as a way out to reduce the problem of unemployment and for removal of poverty providing work to a large number of agricultural labours primarily in rural areas.

It is with the same objective, the Govt. of Maharashtra passed the co-operative act in 1960, and concentrated efforts are made to speed up the co-operative movement.

However, nobody has studied the labour co-operatives in detail generally in Maharashtra and particularly in Bhoom taluka. In other words, though there is a great need of development of labour co-operatives to reduce the problem of unemployment, labour co-operatives is an neglected area of co-operative movement.

Therefore, the researcher has concentrated on this particular type of co-operative societies and selected as a topic of research.

For the purpose of research study the whole study is divided in to five chapters which are as follows:

- (1) Introduction to Bhoom taluka and research methodology.
- (2) Co-operative movement in Osmanabad District and Bhoom taluka.

(3) Theoretical framework of labour co-operatives.

(4) Analysis and interpretation of the data.

(5) Summary conclusion and suggestions.

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