

## P R E F A C E

The metabolic processes of submammalian vertebrates are very complex and reproduction is one of them. In especially the reproductive processes are very complex, oviparity, ovoviviparity and viviparity. The male tract plays a major role in reproduction; and the mucopolysaccharides (complexes of carbohydrates and protein) are basic metabolites involved in animal metabolism. The study of these metabolites and their distribution in the male tract during different breeding seasons may help in the understanding of reproductive processes. The work included in the present dissertation concerns with the mucopolysaccharides and their distribution in the testis, epididymis and vas deferens during seasonal breeding activities of Hemidactylus

The present research project is divided into five chapters. The first chapter provides a brief review of the literature on reptilian testis, epididymis vasa deference and classification of mucopolysaccharides used in histochemistry.

Chapter II deals with the brief survey of the methods used for the demonstration of mucopolysaccharides. Chapter III describes the material used for the study. Chapter III covers the observations on testes. Chapter IV describes the concentration of mucopolysaccharides from epididymis and vasa deferentia. Chapter V gives brief concluding remarks, and the bibliography with the bibliógraphy cited invarious chapters.