

discusses in detail the management of research. A paper on geography & dryland farming in an arid environment is more focussed & talks of how the agricultural land in the arid region could be managed. Then there are some case studies of the areas in Kumaon Himalayas, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, the last one talking of climatic water balance. The lauduse problems of 'Karewas' of Kashmir is a brief yet informative paper. The essay of S.K. Choudhary recommends

sericulture as an alternate crop system for dryland regions.

The book may be useful as a background reading for those interested in dryland farming, whatever the term may apply. The price of Rs. 500/- is not justified either by the content or by the size of the volume.

The Title of the book lacks clarity, perhaps the author meant 'Human Dimensions of drought & its management ...'

*Human Dimensions and Drought Management in India*, by V.S. Katiyar Pointer publications, Jaipur, 1993 pp 212 price Rs. 300/-

This is a book wherein the author thinks of drought as a 'Social Problem of poverty and dearth, rather a natural hazard. The book is divided into three parts of which part first, in the opinion of the reviewer, is concrete and useful. 'Man with drought' the largest chapter in the book, gives an account of the specific

areas in different states suffering from droughts. The rest of the book is incoherent and talks of themes like afforestation, national water policy, waste water recycling and many others as extension of the main theme. Details of droughts in specific region are quite informative.

*Physical Geography* by B. S. Negi, S. J. Publications, Meerut, Fourth edition, 1993, pp 577 Price Rs. 75/-.

The book first published in 1981, is a text book for degree classes in Indian Universities. Like many other text books in India, the present one mixes the time-worn hypotheses with modern theories and is likely to cause confusion in the minds of young students. The history of ideas as they developed, could be important in certain specific contexts, but in a text book for degree classes, it may lead to confusion. The sequence of chapters in such a large text book could have been thought of more carefully, dividing the book into several parts. There is so much material compressed in the book that often the text appears like an inventory or a classificatory note. No theme is properly introduced and the chapters end abruptly.

The book has no references; the figures, even though borrowed, have not been acknowledged and the entire volume appears like the lecture notes of a teacher. Even the contents of the book are not properly listed. The publishers have not bothered about the quality of printing, let alone the aesthetics of publication. There is no index at the end.

On the positive side there are enough examples from India and the book is low priced and quite affordable.

This is a shoddy production, notwithstanding its several editions. Such a book in the opinion of the reviewer will neither promote an understanding of the subject among the students nor will serve the cause of geography.