

AGRICULTURAL GEOGRAPHY

by

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The senior author of this book Prof. Jasbir Singh needs no formal introduction to the geographers. The geographers are familiar with his valuable contributions to the field of agricultural geography. This time Prof. Jasbir Singh and Dr. S.S. Dhillon have produced a book especially for post-graduate students of geography. The students so far had to refer to either Symons' or Morgan and Munton's book on agricultural geography which are full of examples from many countries other than India. Now they will be delighted to find examples from their own country in addition to other areas.

The present work is divided into six parts. Apart from the initial chapters on

introduction to the subject matter, approaches and physical and non-physical determinants of agricultural patterns; the reader would certainly find chapters on regionalizations, systems, field studies and surveys and models very informative and valuable. The book is systematically organized and the references cited at the end of each chapter add to the value of the book.

One must also appreciate beautiful reproduction of good quality maps. These days when one finds the prices of all kinds of books shooting up, the publishers deserve special mention as they have made this book available at a moderate price.

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SUGARCANE CULTIVATION – A Regional Survey.

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Illustrations

The present book is an outcome of the Ph.D. dissertation work by the author. The study area – Upper Krishna basin – which is rightly identified by the author as sugar bowl of the Maharashtra State, exerts a very strong influence on the economic and political structure of the state through its 16 sugar factories. This makes the study very significant.

Nearly half of the book is devoted to the description of the physio-socio-economic background of the study area. The remaining chapters bring out the spatio-temporal aspects of sugarcane cultivation. The observations are substantiated by the micro level case studies. This is followed by conclusions, appendices and a good bibliography.