

PREFACE

The report concerns a relatively long settled area about which little information was available. The writer has endeavoured to sketch a general picture of the area, the problems occurring within it, possible potentialities and major recommendations.

Much of the data it contains should be of some value to other authorities besides the Department of Agriculture. Public Health Matters, Education and Civil Administration problems are discussed. Such social problems cannot be disregarded as they influence the efficiency of peasant agriculture.

The problems which confront peasant agriculture in these days of world food shortages and increasing populations are many. Thus the need for government attention and action is great if a satisfied and efficient peasantry is to be created or maintained.

The solutions to these problems can only be found after careful researches have been made into the peasant way of life. Such investigations must necessarily involve the increased use of surveys of peasant agriculture.

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