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Preface

The present work is a study of the consequences of globalization for farmers in two rural settings. The study has been carried out in Bulandshahr District of Western Uttar Pradesh. In district Bulandshahr two villages have been selected for the study purposely. One village is situated in urban proximity and the other situated at a distance from the district headquarter town.

The study has been divided into eight chapters.

Chapter first is introductory which includes rationale, the statement of the problem, area of the study, perspective/ approach to the study, universe sample and respondents, methods of data collection and analysis.

Chapter second takes note of an overview of select literature on globalization and specific provisions for agriculture/farmers.

Chapter third deals with introduction of the area of study, details of both of the rural settings i.e. proximity village and interior village.

Chapter fourth deals with the consequences of globalization on farmers in the urban proximity village.

Chapter fifth take account of the consequences of globalization on farmers in the interior village.

Chapter sixth deals with the case studies of strategically located farmers in both of the rural settings.

Chapter seventh seventh deals with the findings on the two villages i.e. proximiy village and interior village in a comparative manner.

Chapter eighth deals with the summary and findings of the present study.

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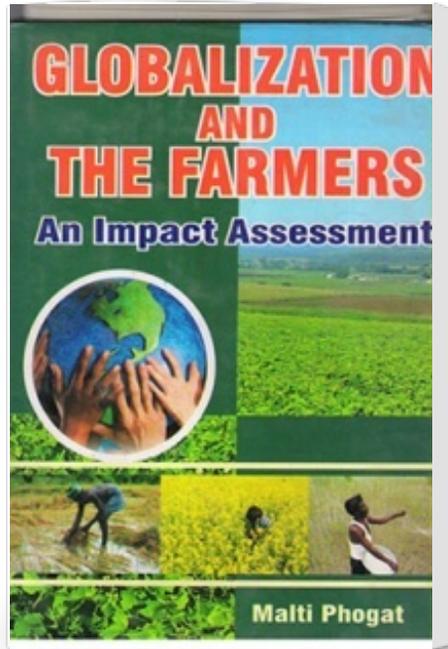
The Problem

1.1. Rationale of the Problem

Nowadays the term globalization is being used in several contexts with a greater frequency. It indicates the changes and alternatives in special contexts in the whole of the world. Many sociologists, anthropologists and other social science scholars have entered into debates. Some sociologists even claimed that globalization to some extent is a crucial concept and not only this it requires some changes or we can say the transformation of the term. Further there are numerous invocations in newspapers, popular books, magazines, on television and radio programmes and in the internet communication in which the term is used without any impressive or clear definition (Robertson:19).

S.R. Mehta (1994:8) considers globalization as a process which dates back to the discovery of America by Columbus but as a concept it got currency in the post war era. Globalization is not rightly perceived as homogenization as in reality it is observed to be heterogeneous because of local interests or national settings. The term global needs to be understood in the sense of viewing problems as universal and demanding equal responsibilities to all nations developed and developing to take them in a form acceptable to them.

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