

An Overview of Agricultural Development in Trans-gangetic Region of India (1966-2011)

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Abstract—Agricultural development plays an integral part in overall economic development of a country or a region. The role of agricultural development in overall economic growth, food security, generation of employment opportunities, alleviation of rural poverty, and in improving overall quality of life of the population are well accepted. 1960s was the time when High-payoff input model (Green Revolution) was applied to the agriculture in the Trans-Gangetic Region of India and as a result, the region became prime example of success in the world. The intensive utilization of inputs gave higher outputs for crops like wheat, rice, maize, bajra and millets and the region became food basket of the country. The present paper attempts to evaluate the overall agricultural development after the application of High-payoff model from 1966-2011 in Trans-Gangetic Region of India. The paper is organised in sections. Section I deals with land use changes in the region from 1966 to 2011. Section II describes trends in irrigation since green revolution. Third part deals with conclusion.

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