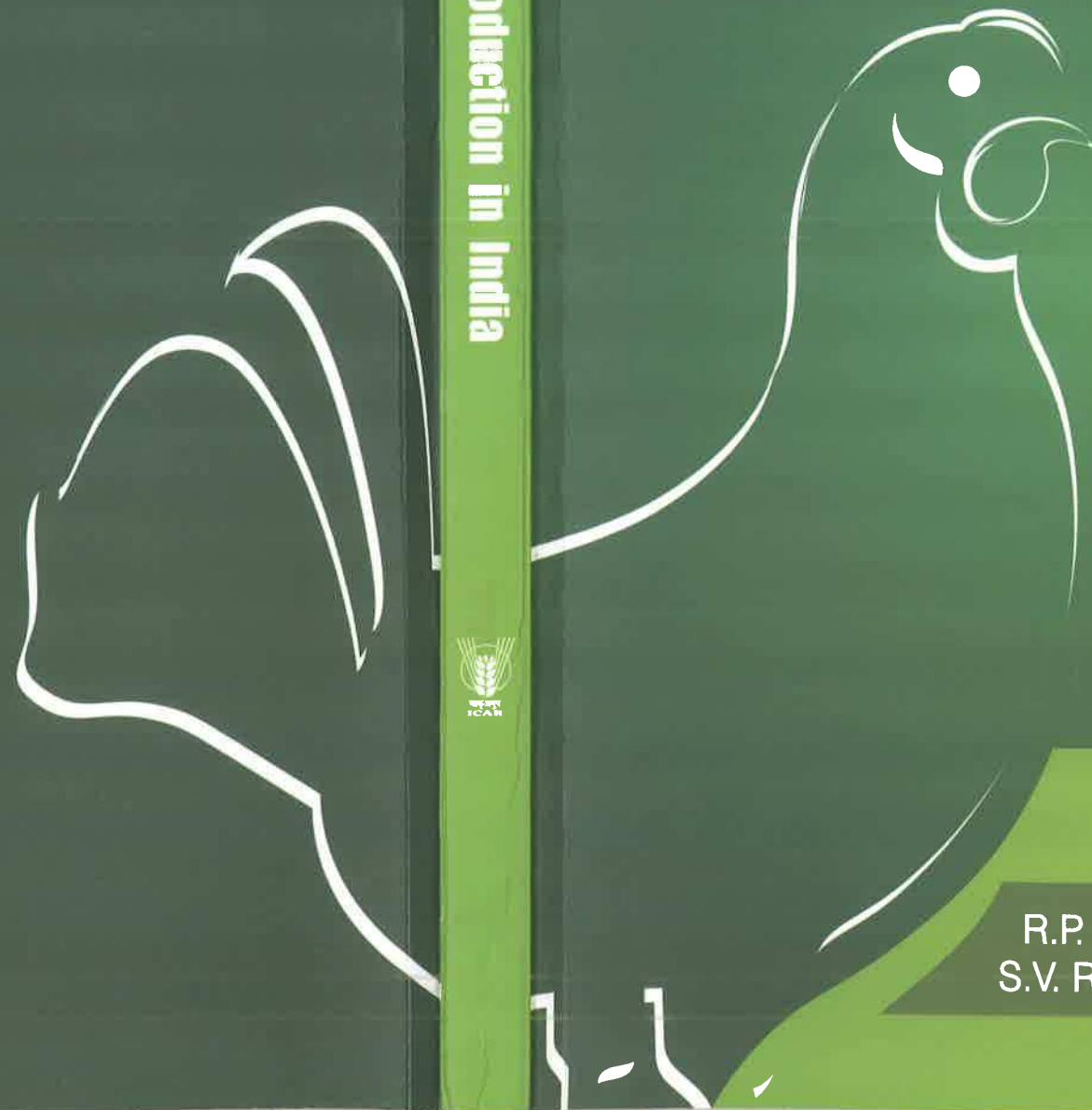




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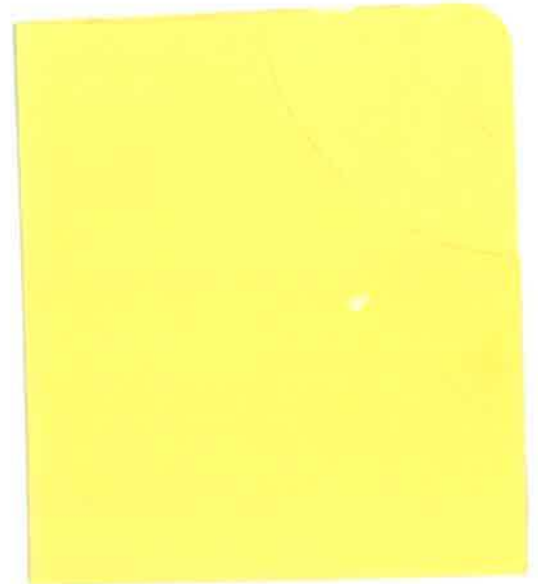


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## Preface

**P**OULTRY farming is a potential tool to fight poverty and malnutrition in vulnerable groups. The poultry sector of Indian agriculture has enjoyed a spectacular growth over last four decades. At present, poultry production is recognized as an organized and scientifically based industry with tremendous employment opportunities. The annual growth rate of 5 to 7% in egg and 10 to 12% in broiler production has made the poultry sector, the fastest growing sector in India, and helped the country in attaining 4th and 5th position, respectively, in egg and chicken meat production in the world ranking. Consequent to that, the per capita availability of egg and poultry meat has also gone up. However, much is still required to be achieved to make per capita availability of 180 eggs and 9 kg of chicken meat. There is ample scope for development in poultry sector in India. Keeping this in mind this book has been perceived and written for the benefit of both urban and rural farming communities.

Vast research work has been conducted in different fields of poultry production in the last few decades. An effort has been made in this book to bring together these findings to update the poultry farming practices to get maximum returns. The compact information is provided on breeds of poultry, conservation and bio-diversity, nutrition, housing and hatchery management, poultry diseases and poultry products technology. Brief information on other poultry species has also been incorporated. Further, the book also deals with economics of poultry farming for the benefit of farming community.

It is expected that the book will provide much needed information on present concept of Indian poultry farming and also serve as valuable source of reference to the students, field veterinarians, researchers and others interested in poultry farming activities.

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