

"India has invested massively in constructing canal irrigation projects. However, their effective Operation and Maintenance remains a key challenge. As a result, the gap between irrigation potential created and utilised has constantly increased since 1990. Now that the country has exhausted appropriate sites, it is critical that we make a transition from constructing new irrigation projects to managing existing systems well. This book focusing on improving the management of irrigation systems comes at the right time and is a welcome addition to our knowledge on this subject"

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"The book is very timely and will go a long way in helping the farmers as well as state governments by improving the efficiency of the major irrigation projects in the command areas"

HS Gupta

Former Director, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and former Director General, Borlaug Institute for South Asia (BISA), New Delhi

"Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) through Water Users' Associations (WUAs) has emerged as a major strategic shift in improving efficiency in the utilization of irrigation potential created under command areas. But there is meagre and scattered analysis of the experience. The present volume bridges this gap. Based on the data collected systematically the extent of success of the new paradigm is presented comprehensively from the formation of the WUAs to monitoring of irrigation (SCADA) systems, promoting optimal farm practices, diversifying livelihood sources and mitigating risks involved in the projects. A valuable resource for policy makers as much as to the irrigation administration"

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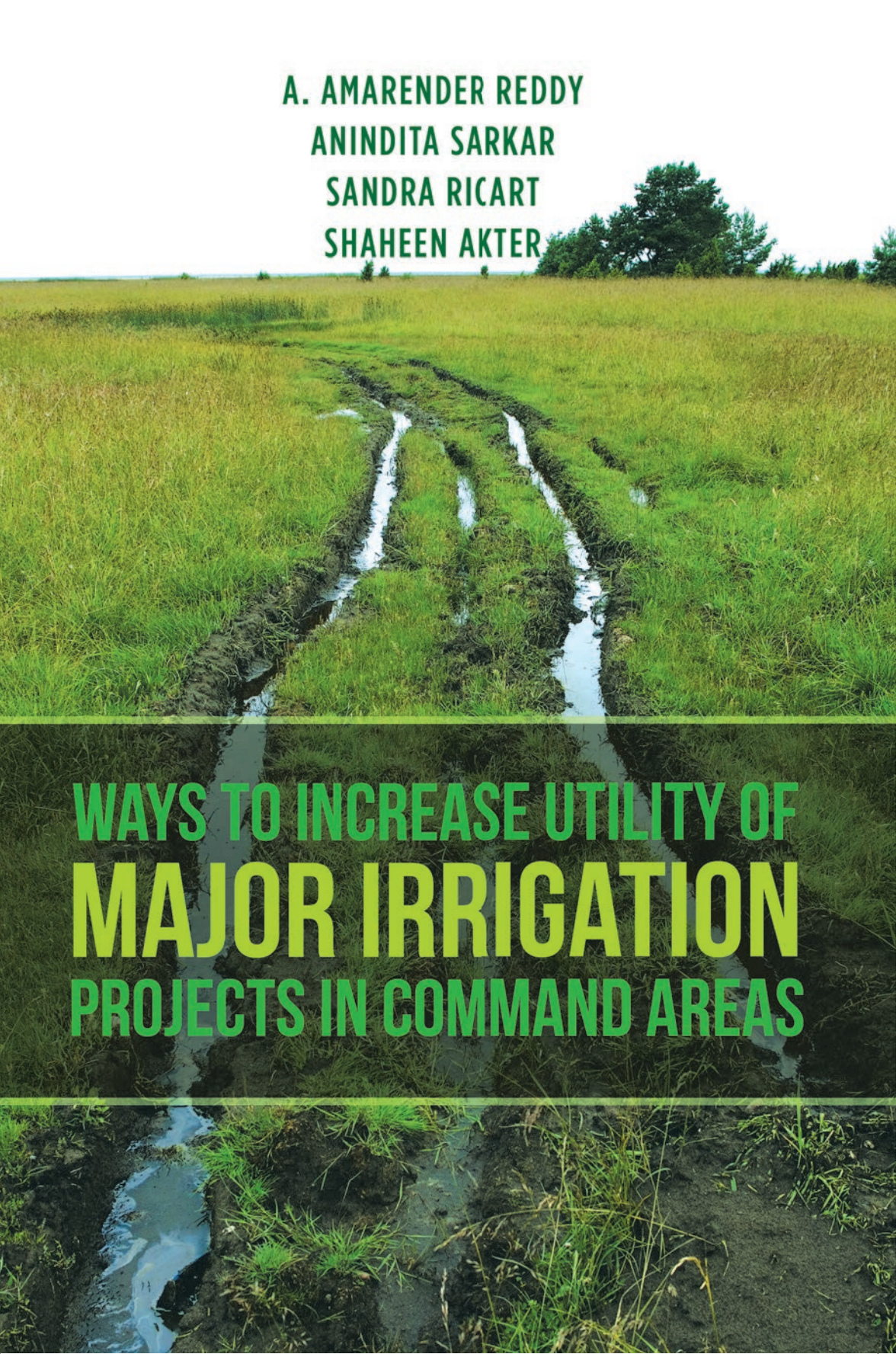


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