

BOOK REVIEWS

have attempted innovative ideas which will provide policy leads to the State and therefore, these are confined to the library stack only to be referred by another researcher working in the same area of research. Second, the research is undertaken when sponsored by funding agencies and therefore pitched to the objectives of these agencies. Here the funding agencies not only monitor the funds, but in the recent past (as my experience goes) also 'monitor' the results of such research. Hence the policy leads emerging out of such researches are always dictated by the funding agency and parroted by the researcher. Thirdly, there are sporadic instances where the research is taken just to provide answers to the policy questions usually sponsored by the governments, and if the relationship between the sponsor and the researcher is congenial and continued, then such re-

searches provide good policy interventions and many of them have been seen in the field. Fourth, there are researchers who get interested in the ongoing developmental issues and therefore identify the problems confronting a particular sector or a scheme and investigate it in order to provide better implementation process. Lastly, there are a good number of civil-society organizations as well as non-governmental organizations which undertake social science research to improve the lives of the poor and enhance the aggregate welfare. It is essential to understand that governance and policy making is not similar in the domains of 'haves' and 'have-nots' and therefore, when one deals with policy it is essential to keep in view the requirements of the 'have-nots'.

The book under review is a well-documented study that helps researchers

to lead their findings to policy. Based on diverse case studies the author provides a good reading to researchers, policy makers and research donors in their efforts hunting for an implementable policy threshold. The book will be useful to social scientists desirous of reaching policy, donor agencies to fund proper policy-related research and the administrators. One important view here is that many policy-oriented researches funded by donors come attached with a tag of their views, and thus funded research (under the infamous ToRs) often reaches the known policy domains.

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