

Preface

The research work has been carried out under supervision of Professor Phukan Ch. Basumatary, Department of Bodo, Cotton University, Guwahati and finally come to end of the process. As per Ph.D regulations of the university the research work has been done. It is to point out that the research work has been chosen for a morphological analysis on the use of affix and functional representations in the Boro and Rabha languages. Therefore the title of the research has been entitled **“Affixes in Boro and Rabha:A Typological Study”**

The required data on affix as used in both the languages have been gathered from both the languages. The field work held in different villages for gathering affixes of Rabha language has been a difficult task because of non-intangibility to the target language. But being a native speaker belonging to the Boro speech community I have gathered sufficient data to well-equip the analysis on the affix of Boro language. Though I do not belonging to the Rabha speech community an ample effort has been attempted to gather data on affix of Rabha language. Thus an effort has also been done for an analysis on the subject matter of functional representation of affixes in both the languages. This analysis comprises two major points: one is functional representation of affixes and the other point is morphological affinities in both the languages.

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