Introduction

India is world’s largest produce and customer of sugar. India is second largest agro-based industry. Next only to cotton textile, this industry has a long tradition in this country. It started growing in an organized way during the 1930s after introduction of the sugar industry protection act in 1932. Yadav U.S., Sawant B.S., 2012.

As a result the number of factories significantly increased even during the first six years. From 32 in 1930-31 and 135 in 1935-36. During the initial period sugar industry was established almost entirely in the private sector.

Maharashtra is bigger state in India. It has been all along a leading state in the industrial field. Of the country sugar industry occupies an important position on the industrial map of the state of Maharashtra. Kodkari G.U. 2012. The co-operative movement in Maharashtra has played significant role in the social and economic development of the state. Particularly in the rural areas.

The first co-operative sugar factory was established in 1950 with the joint efforts of the renowned late Padmashri Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil, economist late Dr. Dhananjayrao Gadgil in Ahmednagar district. The sugar factories played a major role in the socio-economic development of rural areas in Maharashtra. It has been increasing day by day. Todkari G.U. 2012

The Ahmednagar district is bigger district in Maharashtra state. Ahmednagar district cover an area of 17,048 sqkm. There are 14 talukas in Ahmednagar district. Namely Nagar, Akola, Jamkhed, Kopargaon, Karjat, Nevase, Parner, Pathardi, Rahuri, Sangamner, Shevgaon, Shrigonda, Shrirampur, Rahata.

Ahmednagar is known as sugar bowl of Maharashtra. Co-operative sector is dominant in its sugar industry. It has been playing significant role in overall socio-economic development of the district. The sugar industry has achieved spectacular growth owing to the conducive environment in the district.
Ahmednagar has a remarkable history and tradition of co-operative sugar industry. The district has been known as pioneer of co-operative movement. The co-operative sugar industry is deep rooted and grown in the state since 1950 when Pravara experiments took place in Ahmadnagar district. At present the district has 18 registered sugar factories. Kadam S. M 2012.