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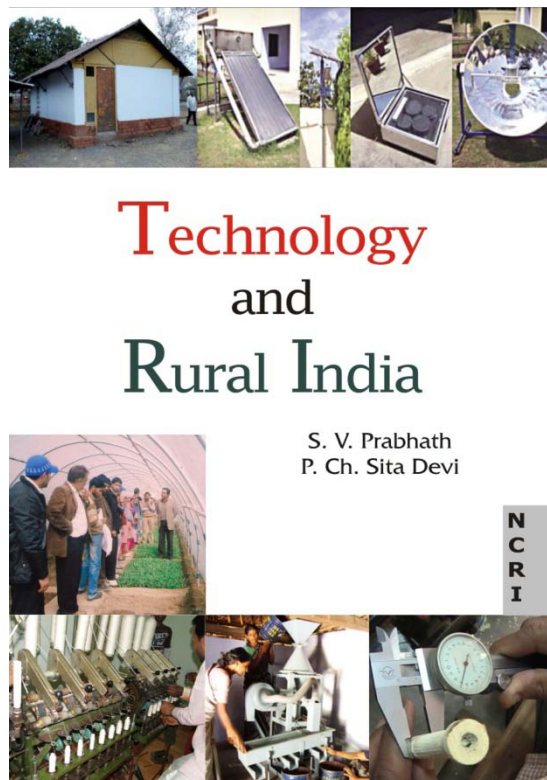
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- B: Technology in Improving Rural Infrastructure
- C: Technology for Service Industry vis-a-vis Rural Sector
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