

P R E F A C E

The Gazetteer of Rohtak district was first compiled after the census report of Sir Denzil Ibbetson in 1881. It was published in 1883-84, and was based on Mr. Fanshawe's Settlement Report of the district. The last edition of this Gazetteer was published in 1910.

During the intervening period, tremendous changes have occurred following Independence, the partition of the country, and the migration of people between India and Pakistan. This volume, first in the series of revised District Gazetteers of Haryana, reflects the changes that have occurred with the re-settlement of thousands of people from West Punjab in this area.

This gazetteer is different from the last one as it has been re-written, and is on the pattern prescribed by the District Gazetteers Unit of the Government of India. The chapters can be grouped into four categories, historical, social, political and administrative. As the partition of the country had a marked effect on this region, a separate chapter has been devoted to 'Rehabilitation'.

Many difficulties were faced in the execution of this work because no socio-economic survey or settlement operations have been undertaken in Rohtak for a very long time; the Provincial Annual Administration Reports were discontinued; the State Archives and other repositories of reference material were left behind at Lahore consequent upon Partition. Despite these limitations, an attempt has been made to collect all available information up to 1966 and wherever possible to bring it up to date.

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