

## PREFACE

The Gazetteer of Bhiwani is the third in succession of the district gazetteers so far brought out by the Haryana Government. This district was formed in December 1972, by integrating certain territories which previously formed parts of two separate districts. Bhiwani and Bawani Khara were a part of the Hisar district together with Loharu, a former princely state. Dadri, which at one time belonged to the erstwhile princely state of Jind, came to Bhiwani from the Mahendragarh district.

Necessarily reliance had to be placed on old gazetteers, particularly of the Hisar district, for much of the material. The Loharu State Gazetteer, 1915 and the Phulkian State Gazetteer, 1904 were of immense help. However, post Independence developments, especially after the creation of Haryana, had to be incorporated from numerous sources and publications both of the Government and private bodies. In the absence of relevant information many spot studies also had to be conducted.

The introduction of canal irrigation in this semi-desertic region is the singular most significant transformation which has taken place in recent years. Hence this gazetteer is not only a geographical and historical record but also tries to capture most of the major changes brought out by the development process. Its reference date, unless specifically stated in the text otherwise, is March 31, 1977.

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