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FOREWORD

A district gazetteer is a compendium of information pertaining to a district. Its *raison d'être* is the focussing of concerted attention on various aspects pertaining to a district so as to bring into prominence its distinctive features, historical genesis, cultural pattern, socio-economic aspects and latent potentialities for its future. It is an important reference book for administrators, general readers and research workers.

An attempt has been made to portray the Gurgaon district in all its ramifications. The district as covered in this volume was bifurcated on August 15, 1979 and the new district of Faridabad was carved out of it. Since the present volume contains information up to March 31, 1977, it gives an integrated picture of the district before its bifurcation.

The Gazetteers Unit has done a big job in bringing out this gazetteer. It is a matter of gratification that Dr. K.C. Khanna, M.A., Ph.D (London), F.R. Hist. S.M.R.A.A., was able to revise this volume before its publication. Thanks are due to the Chief Minister and the Revenue Minister for their interest in this project.

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PREFACE

This is the fourth gazetteer in the series of the revised District Gazetteers of Haryana, the first three being that of Rohtak (including Sonipat), Karnal (including Kurukshetra) and Bhiwani Districts. The gazetteer of the Gurgaon district was first published in 1884 and the last edition was out in 1910.

The new gazetteer is not the mechanical reproduction of its prototype although the basic features have been retained. Besides, the pattern laid down by the Government of India (Ministry of Education and Culture) has been adopted as far as possible. With the passage of time, most of the information contained in the old district gazetteer became obsolete. After the attainment of Independence in 1947, the changes in socio-economic sphere have been phenomenal. As the Partition of the country had a marked effect on this region, a detailed section on 'Rehabilitation' has been added to the chapter on 'People'. Lakhs of refugees had migrated from Pakistan. Their rehabilitation was a big challenge, but it was met with courage, determination and faith. The creation of Haryana on November 1, 1966, was an epoch-making event. The tempo of development and reconstruction was accelerated. This small State, during the short span of a few years, has changed beyond recognition. The present volume describes the progress made and the changes that have occurred in every sphere of life in the Gurgaon district upto March, 1977. A few later significant changes also have been highlighted. A glossary of Indian words, a bibliography of the more important words used or referred to in the preparation of the gazetteer, an index, a few representative photographs and two district maps are added at the end of the volume.

In a way, most of the project has been cooperative endeavour. The material was collected and licked into shape by the State Gazetteers Unit. A number of sections of various draft chapters were sent to the Deputy Commissioner, District Officers and the Departmental Heads for their comments and data authentication. Their suggestions were incorporated. I am grateful to them all and their staff for helpful cooperation. I wish to thank the Director, North Western Circle, Survey of India; the Botanical Survey of

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