

## PREFACE

The present volume of the Mahendragarh District Gazetteer is the eighth in the series of the revised District Gazetteers of Haryana. Before Independence, the Narnaul and Mahendragarh tahsils of this district formed a part of former Princely State of Patiala. A brief account pertaining to the present district of Mahendragarh is available in the Phulkian States Gazetteer, 1904, published by the then Punjab Government and Imperial Gazetteer of India, (Provincial Series), 1908, originally drafted by Mr. H.A. Rose, I.C.S.

During the post-Independence period, many changes have taken place in social, economic and political conditions of the district. On socio-economic side, major changes have been brought about by the implementation of the Five-Year Plans. The introduction of sprinkler method of irrigation in this desertic area 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 depict most of the major changes brought out by the development process in the district.

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