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PREFACE TO REPRINTED EDITION

The District Gazetteer is a miniature encyclopaedia and a good guide. It describes all important aspects and features of the district; historical, physical, social, economic and cultural. Officials and other persons desirous of acquainting themselves with the salient features of the district would find a study of the Gazetteer rewarding. It is of immense use for research scholars.

The old gazetteers of the State published in the British regime contained very valuable information, which was not wholly re-produced in the revised volume. These gazetteers have gone out of stock and are not easily available. There is a demand for these volumes by research scholars and educationists. As such, the scheme of reprinting of old gazetteers was taken on the initiative of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana.

The Ambala District Gazetteer of 1892 was compiled and published under the authority of Punjab Government in 1893. The Settlement Officers, Messrs. Kensington and Douie supplied the basic material for the gazetteer to Mr. F. Cunningham, Barrister-at-Law, who drafted the Ambala District Gazetteer, 1892.

The Volume is the reprinted edition of the Ambala District Gazetteer of 1892. This is the eighth in the series of reprinted gazetteers of Haryana. Every care has been taken in maintaining the complete originality of the old gazetteer while reprinting. I extend my appreciation to Sh. A.K. Jain, Editor, Gazetteers and Sh. J.S. Nayyar, Assistant, who have handled the work with efficiency and care in the reprinting of this volume.

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PREFACE.

The first edition of the *Ambála Gazetteer*, published in 1885, was prepared mainly from a draft *Gazetteer* compiled between 1870 and 1874 by Mr. F. Cunningham, Barrister-at-Law, which again was largely based upon the Settlement Reports of the district by Messrs. Wynyard and Melvill, written about 1855.

A revised settlement of the district was begun in 1882 and 1883 and finished in 1889. The Assessment and Final Reports of the Settlement Officers, Messrs. Kensington and Douie, have supplied the chief material from which a revised edition of the *Gazetteer* has been prepared. The statistical Tables have been brought up to date, and wherever possible the Census figures of 1891 have been incorporated.

Where fuller information is required on the subjects noticed in Chapter III, Section B (Social and Religious Life), Section C (Tribes and Castes), and Chapter IV, Section A (Agriculture), it will be found in the Punjab Census Reports of 1881 and 1891, and in the *Ludhiána* or *Karnál* volumes of the *Gazetteer* series.

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DETAILS.	District.	DETAIL OF TAHSILS.					
		Ambála.	Kharar.	Rúpar.	Naráin-garh.	Jagádhrí.	Pípli.
Total square miles (1892)	2,412	355	369	288	435	406	559
Cultivated square miles (1892)	1,516	278	237	191	217	266	327
Culturable square miles (1892)	304	34	26	19	22	44	159
Irrigated square miles (1892)	80	2	17	24	5	12	20
Average square miles under crops (1889 to 1892)	1,434	249	231	203	199	256	296
Annual rainfall in inches (1872-73 to 1891-92)	32·9	32·7	30·1	28·5	37·7	40·2	28·8
Number of inhabited towns and villages (1891)	2,115	288	370	357	311	373	416
Total population (1891)	1,033,427	230,567	168,642	146,816	141,326	168,634	177,442
Rural population (1891)	893,562	151,273	168,642	138,123	130,881	148,796	155,847
Urban population (1891)	139,685	79,294	...	8,693	10,445	19,838	21,595
Total population per square mile (1891)	428	649	457	509	325	415	317
Rural population per square mile (1891)	371	426	457	480	301	366	279
Hindús (1891)	630,857	135,643	102,567	65,651	97,984	114,944	114,068
Sikhs (1891)	93,679	13,559	31,982	33,858	3,639	4,612	6,029
Jains (1891)	2,823	1,341	270	227	450	493	42
Mussalmáns (1891)	300,856	75,089	33,684	47,029	39,252	48,560	57,262
Average annual land revenue* (1889 to 1892) Rs.	8,70,651	1,54,534	1,47,442	1,55,316	1,14,018	1,34,770	1,64,571
Ditto gross revenue† (1889 to 1892) "	13,06,456

* Fixed, fluctuating and miscellaneous (excluding assigned land revenue.)

† Land, tribute, local rates, excise and stamps.

NOTE.—The average figures for area under crops and for land revenue and gross revenue are calculated for the three years 1889-90 to 1891-92 only, as the district was reduced in 1888-89 by the transfer of 89 villages from the Pípli tahsil to the Karnál district.