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PREFACE.

THE period fixed by the Punjab Government for the compilation of the *Gazetteer* of the province being limited to twelve months; the Editor has not been able to prepare any original matter for the present work; and his duties have been confined to throwing the already existing material into shape, supplementing it as far as possible by contributions obtained from district officers, passing the draft through the press, circulating it for revision, altering it in accordance with the corrections and suggestions of revising officers, and printing and issuing the final edition.

The material available in print for the *Gazetteer* of this district consisted of the Settlement Reports, and a draft *Gazetteer* compiled between 1870 and 1874 by Mr. F. Cunningham, Barrister-at-Law. Notes on certain points have been supplied by district officers; while the report on the Census of 1881 has been utilised. Of the present volume, Section A of Chap. V. (General Administration), and the whole of Chap. VI. (Towns), have been for the most part supplied by the Deputy Commissioner; while Section A of Chap. III. (Statistics of Population) has been taken from the Census Report. But with these exceptions, the great mass of the text has been taken almost if not quite verbally, from Mr. Cunningham's compilation already referred to, which again was largely based upon the Settlement Reports of the district by Messrs. Wynyard and Melvill.

The reports in question were written about 1855, and, modelled on the meagre lines of the older Settlement Reports, afford very inadequate material for an account of the district. No better or fuller material, however, was either available or procurable within the time allowed. But when the settlement operations now in progress are complete, a second and more complete edition of this *Gazetteer* will be prepared; and meanwhile the present edition will serve the useful purpose of collecting and publishing in a systematic form, information which had before been scattered, and in part unpublished.

The draft edition of this *Gazetteer* has been revised by Messrs. Macnabb, Frizelle, Kensington and Douie, and by the Irrigation Department so far as regards the canals of the district. The Deputy Commissioner is responsible for the spelling of vernacular names, which has been fixed throughout by him in accordance with the prescribed system of transliteration. The final edition, though compiled by the Editor, has been prepared for and passed through the press by Mr. Stack.

THE EDITOR.

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Details.	District.	Detail of Tahsils.					
		Ambála.	Kharar.	Jagádhri.	Naráin-garh.	Pipli.	Rúpar.
Total square miles (1881)	2,570	366	366	387	429	745	277
Cultivated square miles (1878)	1,487	297	259	236	202	295	198
Culturable square miles (1878)	402	36	23	114	21	261	37
Irrigated square miles (1878)	271	11	20	35	7	174	24
Average square miles under crops (1877 to 1881)	1,501	267	250	261	226	286	211
Annual rainfall in inches (1866 to 1882)	32·3	32·3	30·1	40·0	40·2	25·8	27·9
Number of inhabited towns and villages (1881)	2,226	289	371	379	331	495	361
Total population (1881)	1,067,263	220,477	167,869	169,640	145,633	299,341	154,303
Rural population (1881)	924,931	153,014	163,604	149,929	134,839	131,568	143,977
Urban population (1881)	140,332	67,463	4,265	19,711	10,794	27,773	10,326
Total population per square mile (1881)	415	602	459	438	330	281	557
Rural population per square mile (1881)	361	418	447	387	314	244	520
Hindús (1881)	681,612	133,124	110,445	116,378	103,066	142,160	85,439
Sikhs (1881)	63,442	12,167	25,010	4,363	2,512	5,020	19,341
Jains (1881)	1,307	570	105	291	185	29	127
Muslimáns (1881)	304,123	72,007	32,286	48,558	39,870	62,126	49,276
Average annual Land Revenue (1877 to 1881)*	785,588	137,179	124,595	110,734	95,966	185,821	131,293
Average annual gross revenue (1877 to 1881)†	1,112,135

* Fixed, fluctuating, and Miscellaneous.

† Land, Tribute, Local rates, Excise, and Stamps.