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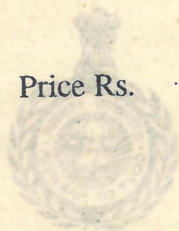
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PREFACE TO REPRINTED EDITION

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 material available in print for the Gazetteer of this district consisted of the Settlement Reports, notes on certain points supplied by district officers and a draft Gazetteer compiled between 1870 and 1874 by Mr. F. Cunningham, Barrister-at-Law. The draft edition of this Gazetteer was revised by Colonels Minchin and Mac-Mohon and Mr. Ogilvie. The gazetteer was compiled under the authority of Punjab Government. It was printed by Shri Ram Das at the Arya Press at Lahore .

The Volume is the reprinted edition of the Hissar District Gazetteer of 1883-84. This is the thirteenth 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.

I am very thankful to the Controller, Printing and Stationery, Haryana and his staff in the press for expeditiously completing the work of reprinting.

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P R E F A C E.

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 Cap. V (General Administration), and the whole of Cap. VI (Towns), have been for the most part supplied by the Deputy Commissioner; while Section A of Cap. 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 Munshi Amín Chand's Settlement Report of the district.

The report in question was written in 1863, and, modelled on the meagre lines of the older settlement reports, affords 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 district again comes under settlement, 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 Colonels Minchin and MacMahon, and Mr. Ogilvie. 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 completely compiled by the Editor, has been passed through the press by Mr. Stack.

THE EDITOR.

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DETAILS.	DISTRICT.	DETAIL OF TAHSILS.				
		Hissar.	Hánsi.	Bhiwáni.	Barwála.	Fatahábad.
		Total square miles (1881)	3,540	841	761	585
Cultivated square miles (1878)	1,815	200	243	473	332	567
Culturable square miles (1878)	1,457	541	462	82	204	168
Irrigated square miles (1878)	165	17	117	...	23	8
Average square miles under crops (1877 to 1881)... ..	2,013	299	346	471	330	567
Annual rainfall in inches (1866 to 1882)	16·3	16·3	16·2	16·3	15·7	15·7
Number of inhabited towns and villages (1881)	631	135	115	100	132	149
Total population (1881)	504,183	98,106	130,614	103,556	78,549	93,358
Rural population (1881)	423,065	83,939	112,784	69,794	74,394	87,154
Urban population (1881)	76,118	14,167	17,830	33,762	4,155	6,204
Total population per square mile (1881)	143	117	172	177	135	121
Rural population per square mile (1881)	121	100	143	120	123	113
Hindus (1881)	384,366	81,200	105,781	91,912	51,279	54,194
Sikhs (1881)	3,143	4	39	3	677	2,420
Jains (1881)	3,102	568	1,775	386	276	97
Musalmán (1881)	113,517	16,290	23,014	11,251	26,317	36,645
Average annual Land Revenue (1877 to 1881)*	426,652	89,382	142,807	71,594	56,353	66,516
Average annual gross revenue (1877 to 1881) †	508,914

* Fixed, fluctuating, and miscellaneous. † Land, Tribute, Local rates, Excise, and Stamps.