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P R E F A C E

In November 1896, Lt. Col E. D. NEWNHAM SMITH, the then Cantonment Magistrate, POONA, compiled a small Pamphlet called "THE POONA CANTONMENT LANDS," and thereafter a general survey was made by Mr. C N MEHTA, who submitted his comprehensive report on this Cantonment in the early years of 1900. But Since then, there has been no publication which could throw more light on the subject of Cantonment, its establishment, its Administration, the lands problem and general information of public interest. Mr. M. N MERCHANT, B. E. (Civil) A. M. I. E. (India) A.M. I. Struc E (London), a retired Cantonment Official, persuaded me to take up this useful and informative work and with his able and experienced assistance, I have compiled this little volume, which I am sure will be of interest, not only to the property owners holding Government lands, but also to the general public who will get a glimpse into the working and administration of the Cantonment.

The major problems with which an average resident of the Cantonment, and even the land-holder and property owner, is unaware of are (a) the tenures of lands in Cantonment, and (b) the Administration of the Cantonment, more particularly that of the Civil Populated Areas. In this little book, I have endeavoured to give detailed information on these two vital and important subjects, so as to make it as useful as possible to all concerned. How far I have been successful in this attempt, is for my readers to judge. If my work is appreciated, I shall consider my labours rewarded.

In conclusion, I sincerely thank Mr. M. N. MERCHANT, who worked along with me to compile this book and usefully assisted me.

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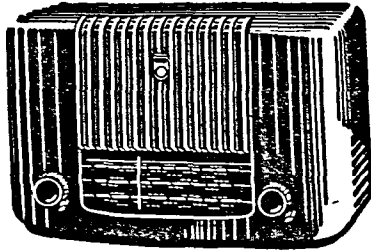
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