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ALTHOUGH the book is primarily intended for students reading for the B.A. Honours and M.A. Degrees in Economics in the different universities in India, we hope that it will be found not unworthy of the attention of teachers and economic experts. We also venture to think that the work will be found useful by publicists and legislators. It offers a main line of orientation to those who wish to become acquainted with the principal economic and politico-economic problems before the country—problems which directly affect the prosperity and ought to engage the attention of every responsible citizen.

The fundamental problem of writing a comprehensive treatise on Indian Economics is that of selection from an enormous mass of material which, moreover, is scattered through a considerable literature, much of which is fugitive in character. We have tried to condense it without rendering it indigestible and unintelligible.

We have approached controversial questions with absolute impartiality and moderation and have endeavoured to maintain the necessary 'objectivity of vision and evenness of temper'. Our aim has been to be accurate rather than exciting, useful rather than polemical.

It will be noticed that we have treated, more fully than usual, agricultural and rural problems which hitherto have tended to be neglected. We consider the space we have allotted to agriculture and allied topics abundantly justified in view of their importance and the growing public interest in them.

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THE very generous praise bestowed upon the book by teachers and students of Indian Economics and the rapid call for a second edition indicate that the book has supplied a long-felt want. Events of economic import have of late been moving with extraordinary rapidity in India. An attempt to bring the treatment of the subject up to date has, therefore, necessarily meant the inclusion of much additional matter. As it was, however, desirable, so far as we could help it, not to increase the size of the book in the revised version, the original text has been subjected to a rigorous examination with a view to economy of space. We hope, however, that in the process of cutting out the extra trimmings, nothing of real importance has been sacrificed.

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OPPORTUNITY has been taken in this edition to bring facts and figures up to date. The latest Census figures (for 1931) have been given wherever possible: the Reports of the Tariff Board regarding the grant of protection to the Indian Salt Industry and the Sugar Industry have been reviewed along with Government action thereon: and the Reports of the various Provincial Banking Inquiry Committees have been laid under contribution in dealing with such questions as Rural Indebtedness and Marketing Organization.

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APPENDIX

CENSUS OF INDIA (1931)

Table A—Population of Provinces and States¹ and Variation since 1921

Province, State or Agency	Population 1931	Variation, 1921-31 (+ Increase (- Decrease (Per cent)	Province, State or Agency	Population 1931	Variation, 1921-31 (+ Increase (- Decrease (Per cent)
India ...	351,450,689	+ 10·2	17. Baluchistan States ...	403,719	+ 6·5
<i>Provinces</i> ...	<i>270,612,162</i>	<i>+ 9·55</i>	18. Baroda State ...	2,442,924	+ 14·8
1. Ajmer-Merwara	560,576	+ 13·2	19. Bengal States ...	972,291	+ 8½
2. Andamans and Nicobars ...	29,463	+ 8·17	20. Bihar and Orissa States ...	4,642,663	+ 17·2
3. Assam ...	8,784,943	+ 15·5	21. Bombay States	4,377,455	+ 13·1
4. Baluchistan ...	463,492	+ 1·2	22. Central India Agency ...	6,615,204	+ 10·3
5. Bengal ...	49,997,376	+ 7·08	23. Central Provinces States ...	2,478,519	+ 19·9
6. Bihar and Orissa	37,590,356	+ 10·5	24. Gwalior State ...	3,520,708	+ 1·5
7. Bombay (Presidency including Sind and Aden)	21,102,126	+ 9·06	25. Hyderabad State ...	14,395,493	+ 15·04
8. Burma ...	14,652,272	+ 10·8	26. Kashmir State	3,645,339	+ 9·8
9. Central Provinces and Berar...	15,472,628	+ 11·2	27. Madras States...	6,748,107	+ 23·6
10. Coorg ...	163,089	- 0·45	28. Mysore State ...	6,554,573	+ 9·62
11. Delhi ...	636,827	+ 30·4	29. N.-W. F. Province (Agencies and Tribal Areas) ...	2,259,305	- 20·3
12. Madras ...	46,731,850	+ 10·4	30. Punjab States...	4,909,537	+ 11·1
13. N.-W. F. Province ...	2,423,380	+ 7·64	31. Rajputana Agency ...	11,223,708	+ 14·01
14. Punjab ...	23,580,520	+ 13·9	32. United Provinces States ...	1,205,608	+ 6·2
15. United Provinces of Agra and Oudh ...	48,423,264	+ 6·7	33. Western India Agency ...	3,997,290	+ 12·9
<i>States and Agencies</i>	<i>80,838,527</i>	<i>+ 12·3</i>			
16. Assam State (Manipur) ...	446,084	+ 16·1			

¹ See *The Bombay Government Gazette*, 2 April 1931, pp. 716-7.

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Table B—Population of Principal Towns¹ and Variation since 1921

Town	Population 1931	Variation 1921-31 (+) Increase (-) Decrease (Per cent)	Town	Population 1931	Variation 1921-31 (+) Increase (-) Decrease (Per cent)
<i>Ajmer-Merwara</i>			<i>N.-W.F. Province</i>		
Ajmer ...	119,305	+ 5.10	Peshawar ...	111,233	+ 6.49
<i>Bengal</i>			<i>Punjab</i>		
Calcutta with			Lahore ...	429,403	+ 52.4
suburbs and			Amritsar ...	265,435	+ 65.6
Howrah	1,383,898	+ 4.2	Multan ...	119,344	+ 4.7
Calcutta (proper)	1,161,410	+ 27.9	Kawalpindi ...	116,867	+ 15.5
Howrah ...	222,488	+ 13.9			
Dacca ...	140,477	+ 17.6	<i>United Provinces of</i>		
<i>Bihar and Orissa</i>			<i>Agra and Oudh</i>		
Patna ...	158,230	+ 31.8	Lucknow ...	273,546	+ 13.7
<i>Bombay</i>			Cawnpore ...	242,356	+ 11.9
Bombay ...	1,157,851	- 1.53	Benares ...	205,509	+ 3.55
Ahmedabad ² ...	274,007 ²	+ 17.7 ²	Agra ...	230,190	+ 24.07
Karachi ...	260,639	+ 20.1	Allahabad ...	183,931	+ 16.9
Poona ...	163,100	- 24.06	Bareilly ...	144,173	+ 11.3
Sholapur ...	135,632	+ 13.4	Meerut ...	136,740	+ 11.5
<i>Burma</i>			<i>Baroda</i>		
Rangoon ...	400,419	+ 17.3	Baroda ...	112,862	+ 19.1
Mandalay ...	148,292	- 0.42	<i>Central India</i>		
<i>Central Provinces</i>			<i>Agency</i>		
<i>and Berar</i>			Indore ...	127,151	+ 36.5
Nagpur ...	215,003	+ 48.8	<i>Gwalior</i>		
Jubbulpore ...	124,469	+ 14.4	Lashkar ...	86,758	+ 7.92
<i>Delhi</i>			<i>Hyderabad</i>		
Delhi ...	439,736	+ 44.4	Hyderabad ...	377,006	- 6.72
<i>Madras</i>			<i>Kashmir</i>		
Madras ...	647,225	+ 22.8	Srinagar ...	173,649	+ 22.5
Madura ...	182,007	+ 31.4	<i>Mysore</i>		
Trichinopoly ...	141,640	+ 17.6	Bangalore (in-		
Salem ...	102,181	+ 95.5	cluding Civil		
			and Military		
			Station) ...	306,365	+ 28.9
			<i>Rajputana Agency</i>		
			Jaipur ...	144,362	+ 20.09

¹ See *The Bombay Government Gazette*, 2 April 1931, pp. 746-8.

² Figures for 1921, (variation, 1911-21). 1931 enumeration incomplete.

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