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PREFACE

This publication which is the first of its kind after the achievement of independence reviews the progress of education in India (excluding former Indian States) during the year 1947-48.

2. Before the war it was customary to issue detailed annual reports on education in India, the last one being for the year 1938-39. During the war, however, the publication of these reports had to be suspended as a measure of economy, although the publication of educational statistics in the form of General Education Tables which used to be appended to these reports was continued. A Decennial Review covering the period 1938-47 is also expected to be issued by the Ministry shortly.

3. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the various State Governments and other authorities who have supplied the information on which the report is based.

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EXPLANATIONS

1. *Academic Year*.—For the sake of uniformity the academic year in these tables is taken to coincide with the financial year, i.e., to extend from 1st April of one year to 31st March of the next.

2. *Recognised Institutions* are those in which the course of study followed is that prescribed or recognised by the Department of Public Instruction or by a University or by a Board of Secondary and Intermediate Education constituted by law and which satisfy one or more of these authorities, as the case may be, that they attain to a reasonable standard of efficiency. They are open to inspection and their pupils are ordinarily eligible for admission to public examinations and tests held by the Department or the University or the Board.

3. *Unrecognised Institutions* are those which do not come under the above definition of recognised institutions.

4. *Enrolment*.—For definiteness, the enrolment in the institutions on 31st March of the academic year in question is taken.

5. *Expenditure*.—In calculating the expenditure from Government, District Board or Municipal Funds entered in Tables III-A and III-B and other expenditure tables, all payments or contributions from fees and other sources, which are credited to such funds, are deducted.

6. *Other Sources* include income from endowments, subscriptions, contributions, etc.

7. *Local Boards* include District, Municipal and Cantonment Boards, as well as Town Area Committees.

8. *Engineering Schools* include Survey Schools.

9. *Classes I-XII*.—In Table IV, provision has been made for twelve school-classes, besides the Pre-primary/infant class, covering the Primary, Middle and High School sections. Should the number of classes be less than twelve in a school, the figures of the top class have been shown against Classes XI or X according as the total number of classes is eleven or ten. The figures of the Intermediate Classes of Intermediate Colleges are not shown under "School Education," but are entered against 1st year and 2nd year Intermediate Classes under "Collegiate Education". As a general rule, the duration of each class is taken to be one scholastic year.

10. *Certificated Teachers* are those who have obtained any kind of Teacher's Certificate other than the one granted on the basis of public examination of a Teachers' Training Institution.

11. *Examination Results* refer to those students who were educated during the current year i.e., the year for which the statistics are being given in this publication.

12. All statistics refer to Recognised Institutions only, except where side-headings for Unrecognised Institutions are entered.

13. Statistics for the year 1947-48 given in this report relate to India after partition excluding former Indian States but include those which merged in certain provinces up till the 31st March, 1948 excepting the States merged in Bombay and the States of Dujana and Loharu merged in the East Punjab.

14. The comparative statistics given for the year 1946-47 relate to former British India excluding those Provinces and Centrally Administered Areas which have gone to Pakistan. The Statistics for Assam however relate to the pre-partitioned province.