

RECENT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS IN INDIA
(REVISED EDITION)

CORRIGENDUM

Page	Particulars	As printed	As should be
9	Twelfth line from the beginning	Improvements	Improvement
31	Item vii under 1939	38,840	33,840
41	The year following 1937	194	1941
41	Total value of production, 1941	24,66	24,65
44	Sub-heading	In Indian States	Indian States
45	Exports of Indian Merchandise 1920-21	2,40,41	2,40,01
46	Table II-B, U. S. A.'s share in 1936-37	19	9
46	Table II, mark before the footnote	-	-
53	Last column, against 1943	121,232	121,282
57	Last column, against 1924	18,03,31	18,03,01
57	Last column, against 1925	18,06,01	18,06,36
64	First column, Sl. No. for 'Estate, Land and Buildings'	-	18
65	Number of Public Service companies in 1940-41	710	10
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77	Third column, under 'Settled Labourers'	-	Rs. a. p.
78	Footnote (5)	Intercensal	Intercensal

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

The end of the last Great War saw the emergence of great social and economic changes in almost all parts of the world. In India the franchise was greatly widened and the administration of the entire field of developmental activities was transferred to responsible ministries in the Provinces. An era of protection was inaugurated shortly afterwards as a result of the recommendations of the Fiscal Commission. A decade of readjustment, in India as elsewhere, was followed by the great depression which affected India adversely in common with the rest of the world. The outbreak of the second World War has brought new and incalculable elements of disturbance with it. A new era of readjustment will have to follow the suspension of hostilities and it is clear that the planning necessary to meet the exigencies of the time will have to cover a very wide ground. To control the future, knowledge of the recent past is indispensable, and it was considered useful, therefore, to attempt a factual survey of the whole position. With this end in view the available statistical material has been brought together in this handbook. The colour diagrams furnished herein illustrate in a clear manner the numerous changes that have taken place in the various fields during the inter-war period. Wherever possible, figures for the period following the outbreak of the present war are also included.

The handbook has been prepared by Mr. S. Subramanian, Statistician to the Economic Adviser.

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NEW DELHI,

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PREFACE TO THE REVISED EDITION

In response to the continuous demand for copies of the *Statistical Summary of the Social and Economic Trends in India in the Inter-war Period* which first came out in April 1945, this revised edition is now issued to the public. In this edition, all the tables and charts have been brought up to date, including those on trade and industrial production, which could not previously include the latest figures owing to wartime restrictions. The introduction has also been rewritten in the light of the latest figures.

Other improvements made in the edition are the inclusion of tables showing the distribution of incomes assessed to tax, the amplification of the tables relating to joint stock companies and the insertion of 26 new diagrams.

The greater part of the work of preparing Part II of the revised edition fell on Mr. T. P. Chatterjee, M.A., M.Sc., Assistant Director, Administrative Intelligence Room.

Annual figures for the war period under most of the heads will be included in a forthcoming publication entitled *Statistics relating to India's War Effort* which it is hoped will be shortly released.

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The 20th October 1945.

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