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A COMPREHENSIVE ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON THE ECONOMIC HISTORY OF INDIA (1500 A.D. TO 1947 A.D.)

The First Year of the Project

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THE Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Poona, has undertaken the preparation of a comprehensive annotated bibliography on the economic history of India. As has already been announced in the Artha Vijnana and several other learned periodicals, the bibliography will cover source material, as well as research work done, in various branches of Indian economic history for the period 1500 A.D. to 1947 A.D. An effort is being made to include all printed and type-script material in English language. The geographical coverage will be the former undivided India. Each relevant work is briefly annotated and where statistical data are available, they are described in sufficient detail indicating in each case the region and period covered. Location of the material consulted and its physical condition is also mentioned.*

With the help of available bibliographies and catalogues of various important libraries, ten separate exhaustive 'check-lists' of books, periodical articles, theses, British parliamentary papers, reports of committees and commisssions, serials, gazetteers, census publications, selections from records, and acts and regulations are being prepared. It is estimated that the Bibliography will cover more than 30,000 works. The entire project is financed by the Indian Council of Social Science Research. The project was launched in April 1972 and it is expected that the work will be completed in about three years' time.

During the first year of the Project, especially during the first few months, much time had to be spent in explaining and re-explaining the method of filling in annotation cards, the coverage, etc. Also, many of the novel situations, not covered by "Explanatory Notes" and "Cataloguing Rules" prepared earlier, had to be settled as and

^{*} As specimens of the work, two annotated entries are reproduced at the end of this note.