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## FOREWORD

Of late, public attention has been drawn to the growing importance of the problem of the uplift of aboriginals or *Adivasis* whose population is stated to be not less than twentyfive millions. This interesting little work deals with the customs and beliefs regarding marriage, birth, death and religion of the Warlis, one of the aboriginal tribes scattered all over the Thana District of the Bombay Presidency. Mr. Save, the author of the book, is an Assistant to the Backward Class Officer with the Government of Bombay, and has first hand knowledge of the social, economical and cultural life of these people which he has put to good use in the compilation of this work. I have great pleasure in recommending this book to any one, who desires to know something about these interesting people, who have been neglected so far. Of particular interest is Chapter IX, headed 'property versus poverty'. It shows that 81 per cent out of them cannot balance their budget and even those, who can do so, live in a very miserable manner. The author deserves congratulations for the patient labour, which he has undertaken in bringing out this volume.

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Bombay Province, Area with Warli population.

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