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PREFACE

CENSUS TAKING, IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN explained by the Census Commissioner for India, should be regarded primarily as a detached collection and presentation of certain facts in tabular form for the use and consultation of the whole country, and, for that matter, the whole world. Conclusions are for others to draw.

It is upon this understanding of their purpose that Tables have been printed in this volume with only the barest notes necessary to explain such points as definitions, change of areas, etc. But perhaps the word 'barest' is too bare and requires some covering.

In the past it has been customary to preface the Tables with many pages of text, devoted to providing some general description of the area concerned and supported by copious Subsidiary Tables and comparisons with data collected in other provinces, countries and states. On this occasion there is no prefatory text, no provision of extraneous comparisons, and Subsidiary Tables have virtually been made part of the Tables themselves.

We may agree that the present method of presentation has much to recommend it. Those who seriously study census statistics at least can be presumed to be able to draw their own deductions: they do not need a guide constantly at their side, and indeed may actually resent his well-intentioned efforts. All that they require are the bare facts. Yet such people must ever constitute a very small minority.

What of the others—the vast majority of the public? It is hardly to be expected that they can be lured to Census Tavern by the offer of such coarse fare. Tit-bits, carefully selected by competent caterers and served up with appropriate relish, must appear on the Tavern's menu before they can be expected to grace its board.

Yet it is a fact that Census Tavern is not the type of business that can long afford to ignore the man in the street, and rely exclusively and sufficiently on a small but select clientele of Statisticians, Economists, Health Officers and others of scientific eminence. It is a business which, it has tardily been realized, must eventually face liquidation, or at least remain condemned to an uneasy struggle to keep solvent, unless the general public lends its patronage.

It is with realization of these facts that it has been decided on this occasion to issue, *pari passu* with this volume, another publication; one designed specially for the general reader, without the incubus of statistical tables, and freed of technicalities. A kind of intimation, in fact, to acquaint John Citizen that there has been a change in management at Census Tavern and inviting his future patronage.

A word to those who would dispense with a guide. Do you know Rajputana intimately? For, if you do not, then take warning that it has a somewhat unusual background, and that the path to its understanding often lies hidden deep in sand. So perchance you, too, may find something of value, something even to learn in this latter publication, which otherwise you might have been tempted to reject as far too elementary for your purpose.

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Below is a list of the State Census Superintendents and District Census Officers, who took part in the operations during 1940-1941.

<i>Name of State or District.</i>	<i>Name of Officers.</i>
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Ajmer-Merwara	Rao Bahadur Thakur Onkar Singh, General Manager, Court of Wards.
Alwar	Mr. S. P. Bhargava, M.A., LL.B., Principal, Raj Rishi College.
Banswara	Mr. Shiam Shankar Shivapuri, Superintendent of Forest.
Bharatpur	Syed Dayam Hussain Jaffary, B.A., LL.B., Tehsildar.
Bikaner	Mr. Bishandas Chopra, B.A., LL.B.
Bundi	Thakur Mahendra Singh Ranawat, Revenue Member (from January, 1940 to 3rd October, 1940). P. Ram Datt (from 4th October, 1940).
Danta	Mr. R. P. Kanhere, B. Ag.
Dholpur	Sardar Ranbir Singh, B.A., LL.B., Judicial Minister.
Dungarpur	P. Niranjana Das Dutt, State Engineer (also State Census Superintendent in 1921 and 1931).
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Karauli	B. Kistoor Chand Jain, B.A., Secretary Mehkma Khas (also State Census Superintendent in 1931).
Kishangarh	Mr. Narain Das Mehta, B.A.
Kotah	B. Zafar Mohammad Khan, M.A., LL.B.
Kushalgarh (Chiefship)	Mr. Shiam Shanker Shivapuri (under the supervision of Banswara State authorities).
Lawa (Estate)	Swami P. Chandra, Bar.-at-Law (under the supervision of Jaipur State authorities.)
Marwar	Mr. Pannalal (from January, 1940 to 22nd December, 1940). Mr. Udey Raj Mathur (from 23rd December, 1940.)
Mewar	Pandit Yamuna Lal Dashora, B.A., LL.B., Session Judge (also State Census Superintendent in 1931.)
Nimrana (Estate)	Mr. S. P. Bhargava, B.A., LL.B., (under the supervision of Alwar State authorities.)
Palanpur	Mr. Nanalal J. Desai, High Court Pleader.
Partabgarh	Mr. Fatehlal Khasgiwala (also State Census Superintendent in 1921 and 1931.)
Shahpura	B. Swaroop Narain, Treasury Officer (also Assistant State Census Superintendent in 1901.)
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To all of the above I offer my sincere thanks for their cheerful and never-failing help in an undertaking which, during the later stages at least, had to be rushed to secure completion within the greatly curtailed and definite time limit set by the Government of India. Throughout, our relations were—or so I found them—the happiest possible.

To all of them, I repeat, I am deeply grateful. Yet this appreciation would be incomplete were no mention made of those whose services proved to be of outstanding merit. In my humble opinion the following gentlemen are deserving of special commendation :—

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Mr. Narain Das Mehta, B.A., Census Superintendent of Kishangarh State.

Ajmer-Merwara.

Rao Bahadur Thakur Onkar Singh, District Census Officer, Ajmer-Merwara.

Mr. Jawaharlal Rawat, M.A., LL.B., Charge Superintendent, Ajmer-City.

The untimely death, due to a motor accident, of Mr. Pannalal, the State Census Superintendent for Marwar, in the middle of operations, was a great loss to both the State and myself.

For census of the railways, four Chief Railway Census Officers were appointed as under :—

1. W. Blake, Esq., Dy. Chief Auditor, B. B. & C. I. Railway, (broad-gauge system), Bombay.
2. A. H. M. Campion, Esq., Dy. Engineer-in-Chief, B. B. & C. I. Railway (metre-gauge system), Ajmer.
3. C. T. Venugopal, Esq., Senior Accounts Officer, Establishment, Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer's Office, G. I. P. Railway, Bombay.
4. Rao Sahib T. B. Chandwani, Divisional Personal Officer, N. W. Railway, Ferozpur.

I hope that they also will accept my humble appreciation of the very valuable contributions they made to the success of the operations up to the final enumeration.

Among members of my own office, I should like to place on record the name of Mr. H. C. Kothari. This young man at the outset offered his voluntary services from a sheer love of statistics. Later he became a member of the staff and did exceptionally good work both as a Touring Inspector and public lecturer in the pre-enumeration stage and as head of the compilation office in the post-enumeration period. I cannot praise too highly his ability, his keenness and his immense capacity for work. I am deeply indebted to him for the help he gave me at all times. If in the Rajputana Census operations in 1951 he can again be employed, I am confident that the intimate knowledge he now possesses will be of the greatest value to the province.

A. W. T. W.

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