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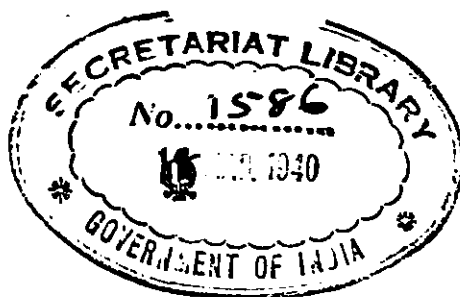
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PREFACE

The 1939 edition of the *Indian Finance Year-Book* is issued in a period of grave unsettlement in the national and international, in the political as well as the economic spheres. Ever since the *Year-Book* was first issued in 1932, it has been our aim not only to enlarge its scope and improve the quality of its contents, but also to re-orientate, from time to time, the plan of this publication to the changes in the objectives of national economic policy. It was in this spirit that, with the inauguration of provincial autonomy, more and more information relevant to the economic policies of responsible popular governments was incorporated in the *Year-Book*. The adoption of the policy of economic planning by the Congress Governments and the appointment of the National Planning Committee marked another vital change to which the plan of the *Year-Book* had likewise to be adapted anew. But the problems raised by economic planning are so fundamental, complicated and far-reaching that they have had to be tackled in the National Planning Series of which two numbers are issued in 1939. Only the changes which lie outside the scope of planning as such, *e.g.* new trends in provincial taxation, are examined at length in the present *Year-Book*. With the outbreak of the European war and resignation of the Congress ministries the inchoate character of present conditions has suffered a disconcerting accentuation which precludes any radical changes in the plan of the 1939 *Year-Book*.

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