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PREFACE.

IN accordance with the instructions contained in the Government of India's circular No. $\frac{19}{25-1}$, dated 22nd June 1896, a monograph on the "Cotton Fabrics" of Bengal was prepared in each district of these provinces. The present consolidated monograph for the Province has been based to a great extent on reports received from each district, but facts have also been ascertained at first hand by me, and much supplementary matter has been added from personal enquiry and observation. The following works have been consulted:—

- (1) "Textile Manufactures and Costumes of the People of India," by Dr. Forbes Watson.
- (2) "The Industrial Arts of India," by Sir George Birdwood.
- (3) "The Tribes and Castes of Bengal," by the Hon'ble H. H. Risley, I.C.S.
- (4) "Dictionary of Economic Products," by Dr. George Watt, C.I.E.
- (5) "Bihar Peasant Life," by Dr. G. A. Grierson, I.C.S.
- (6) "Ancient India," by Mr. R. C. Dutt, I.C.S.
- (7) Report on the existing "Arts and Industries in Bengal," by Mr. E. W. Collin, I.C.S.
- (8) "Art Manufactures of India," by Mr. T. N. Mukharji.
- (9) "Hand-book of Indian Products," by Mr. T. N. Mukharji.

The information given in the monograph relates to industries that are indigenous. Illustrations will be found appended to the report.

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APPENDIX II.

Chief centres of the cotton industry.

(Extracted from reports received from District Officers.)

District.	Centres of the Industry.
1	2
Burdwan ...	Nelpur, Katwa, Kalna.
Birbhum ...	Villages of Supur, Raipur, and Hambazar in thana <i>Boipur</i> , and Alunda and Tantipara in thana <i>Suri</i> .
Bankura ...	Bankura towa, Gopinathpur, Barjoro, Rajagram, Birsingpur, Kenjakura.
Midnapore ...	Golgram, Pathra, Patna Bazar (Town Midnapore), Mohanpur, Mia Bazar (Town Midnapore), Balarampur, Jalibanda, Nandakisorepur, Amdoi, in the Sadar subdivision. Ghatal, Radhanagar, Irpala, Narajole, Chandrakona, Kalma, Kunapur, Ramjibanpur, Hajipur, Kamarpukur, Kulat, Khirpai, Jaipur, Koiapat-Badanganja, Malidanga, Khanakul, Kharsar, Balidewanganja, Rajnagar, Gourhati, Mugra in the Ghatal subdivision, Panchkura, Berkhoda in Tamluk, Charabarh, Khondrai in Contai.
Hooghly ...	Villages of Khanakul, Kristonagar, Ramjibanpur, Myapur in the Jahanabad subdivision, Haripal, Dwarhatta, Atpur in the Serampore subdivision, and Dhaniakhali and Tantibazar in the Sadar subdivision (also French Chandernagore).
Howrah ...	Some of the villages in thanas Ampta and Bagan in Ulubaria subdivision.
Nadia ...	Santipur, Kushtia, Kumerkhali, Harinarayanpur, and Meherpur and Krishnagar.
Khulna ...	Baksha, Bansdaha in Sackhira, and Phultala in the Sadar subdivision.
24 Parganas ...	Baranagar, Jaynagar, Pankra, Purua, Khorgachi, Santra, and Bhabla.
Jessore ...	To a small extent—all the subdivisions of this district.
Murshidabad	Sadar subdivision— <i>Jellinghi Police Station</i> .—Chakchentan, Barsabari, Sadikhandiar, Dhanirampur, Chuchamora, Faridpur, Nilambarpara, Debipur, Srikrishnapur, Baganpara, Chaknarainpur, Gowripur, Raipur, Basudebpur, Nowadapara, Chak Ramprasad, Kupla, Sahebnagar. <i>Azinganj outpost</i> .—Romna Etwarnagar, Fatepur, Lokhinathpur, Josh Khikari, Malalipur. <i>Hariharpara</i> .—Swaruppur, Dangapara, Sandalpur, Tartipur, Nutan Saruppur, Loehamali, Choa, Joykrishnapur. Kandi subdivision— <i>Khargram</i> .—Nagar, Gopinathpur, Balia, Mahisar, Dhanigram. <i>Kagram</i> .—Sonarundi, Shirpara, Shemulia, Bonwaribad, Ezara, Kagram, Talibpur. <i>Burwan</i> .—Sapaldaha, Kamamoli, Paluti, Jugsarah, Sattara, Kooli. Jangipur subdivision— <i>Suti</i> .—Sultanpur, Gopalganj, Auran-gabad, Nurpur, Fateullapur, Ishpara, Sankarpur, Sadikpur, Bahadurpur, Aseran.

APPENDIX II—continued.

District.	Centres of the Industry.
1	2
Murshidabad— <i>conold.</i>	<i>Samserganj</i> .—Mamrezipur, Arjunpur, Chancharpur, Upar Chanchar, Mahadebnagar, Serpur, Bhabanimati, Maheshathali, Kristopur, Joykristopur, Loharpur, Raghunandanpur, Samserganj, Moheshpur, Sibala, Hoglebari, Dhulian, Arupnagar, Polashbona.
Rajahahi ...	<i>Dewansarai</i> .—Natibarpara, Aermari, Kristopur, Ramnagar, Upar Raninagar, Ramergram, Shahabad, Mohai.
	Villages.
	<i>Thana Tancor</i> ... 32
	<i>Do. Panchupur</i> ... 25
	<i>Do. Nator</i> ... 25
	<i>Do. Baraigram</i> ... 68
	<i>Do. Lalpur</i> ... 26
Jalpaiguri ...	Centres of the industry are not mentioned in the district report.
Darjeeling ...	Phansidewa.
Dinajpur ...	Patiram, Gangarampur.
Rangpur ...	The Kurigram and Nilphamari subdivisions.
Bogra ...	Chief centres of industry are not returned.
Pabna ...	Towns of Pabna and Serajganj and the following villages:— Dogachi, Salangah, Radhanagar, Malanchi, Tantiband, Shibarampur, Barapara, Garadaha, Dubla, Sadullapur, Taraberia, Suganagar, Nischindapur, Dulai, Aminpur, Masanda, Shibpur, Ekdanta, Chakaiberia, Gopalpur, Goneshpur, Solaipur, Jalaipur, Rajapur, Bera, Chatmahar.
Dacca ...	Nawabpur, Tantibazar, Kaltabazar in the town of Dacca, and the following villages:—Dhamrai, Sabhar, Bahati, Bhatara, Abdullapur, Mireswarai, Demra, Kachpur, Matail, Doga, Manikganj.
ymensingh...	Towns of Kishorganj and Bazitpur.
uridpur ...	The chief centres of the industry have not been returned.
ckergunge...	<i>Thana Kotwali</i> —Madhabpasa. <i>Thana Gournadi</i> —Uzirpur. <i>Thana Jhalokati</i> —Gabhkan.
	Also Barisal, Jhalokati, Patuakhali, Bhola.
Tippers ...	Centres of the industry are not mentioned.
Noakhali ...	Information is not forthcoming regarding the chief centres of the industry.
Chittagong ...	Hathhazari, Putiya, and Cox's Bazar.
Patna ...	Thanas Sultanganj and Alamganj in the city of Patna, and Dinapur.
Gaya ...	No mention is made of the chief centres of the industry in the district report.
Shahabad ...	Arrah, Buxar, Sassaram and Bhabua.
Chapra ...	Chapra Town, Mirganj, Siwan.

APPENDIX II—concluded.

District.	Centres of the Industry.
	2
Champanan ...	Champanan, Madhuban, and Gobindganj thanas in the Saran subdivision.
Muzaffarpur ...	<i>N.B.</i> —The chief centres of sale are Muzaffarpur, Berhampur, Damodarapur, and Islampur in the Sadar subdivision and Sitamarhi and Sursand in the Sitamarhi subdivision.
Darbhanga } Monghyr }	Centres of the industry are not mentioned in district report.
Bhagalpur ...	Sadar, Banka and Madhepara subdivisions.
Purnea ...	Centres not mentioned.
Malda ...	Kaliachak, Ratna, Old Malda, and Kaligram.
Sonthal Parganas.	Rajmahal, Pakur, Dumka, Deoghur, and Godda subdivision,
Cuttack ...	The chief centres of the industry are not returned in the district report. In Gulnagar and Cuttack town, however, there are many weavers.
Balasore ...	No information has been given in the district report regarding the chief centres of the industry.
Angul ...	Tigiria and Baramba.
Puri ...	<i>N.B.</i> —The chief centres of sale are—Ghoradia, Banimalipur, Nagpur, Nuapalam, Ratanpur, Lingpur, Sarkantar, Bhalibari, Narangar, Chhangir, Tangi, Bangi-Tangi, Banpur Bazar, Atharbhag, and Tulsipur, Charchika, and Kalapatthar Banki.
Hazari bagh } Lohardaga }	Centres of the industry are not returned.
Palamau }	
Manbhum. }	
Singhbhum ...	Dalbhum.