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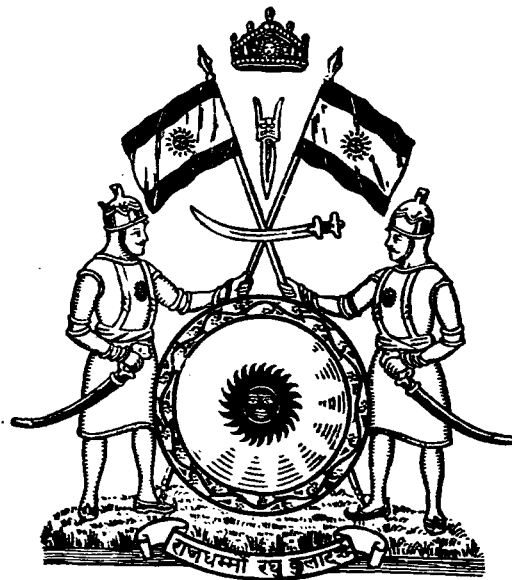
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ERRATA.

Page 92, in column 2 against serial No. 83 *for* word "Tehr" *read* "Deher".

Pages 300 and 302, in the column pertaining to spellings adopted in Village Tables 1941 against serial No. 53 *for* word "Trihgam" *read* "Trehagam", and in the same column on page 302 against serial No. 417 *for* the words "Lali Shath" *read* "Lati Shath" and against serial No. 130 *for* the words "Kuhun Babagund" *read* "Kunanbabagund".

Page 304, in column 2 against serial No. 17 *for* the words "Raj ora Thandakasi" *read* "Rajpora Thandakasi".

Page 312, in column No. 2 against serial No. 232 *for* the words "Mengirpora Makhama" *read* "Nengirpora Makhama".

Page 340, in the column pertaining to spellings adopted in Village Tables 1941 against serial Nos. 342 and 468 *for* the words "Ropora Wamtahal" and "Dragum Khasipora" *read* "Ropora-namtahal" and "Dregam Khasipora".

Page 382, in the column for spellings adopted in Village Tables 1941 against serial No. 3 *for* the words "Porayat Gangangir" *read* "Porayat Gagangir".

Page 398, in column 1 just under serial No. 298 *for* the figures "399" *read* the figures "299".

Page 424, in the column for spellings adopted in Village Tables 1941 against serial No. 291 *for* the words "Darnan Dubedar" *read* "Darnan Dubdrah".

Page VI (Introductory), in the headings *for* the word "diference" in cloumn 4 *read* the word "difference".

Page 481, in line 5 of paragraph 3 of the first cloumn *for* the word "mountainons" *read* the word "mountainous".

INTRODUCTORY.

Village Tables have been produced in the past as a sort of by-product ; they were given no place in the several volumes which constituted previous Census Reports. Whilst the main volumes of the Report were well produced and well printed in English, the Village Tables did not receive the same attention and were printed in Persian characters on rather inferior paper. When the Census Commissioner for India decided that Provincial and State Census Reports on this occasion should consist of an essay of about one hundred pages or less—as distinct from a detailed discussion of each Imperial Table chapter by chapter running into about 400 pages—it was decided to develop the Village Tables into a volume of greater local interest and to give therein notes on the more important aspects of village life. As Provincial and State Census Commissioners were requested to collect information regarding drinking-water supply, markets, fairs and housing conditions etc., the development of the old Village Tables into a part of the main Census Report became essential if proper use were to be made of all the material available. Thus, 'Village Tables and Housing Statistics' at this Census become Part III of the Census Report.

At an early stage we experienced difficulties. When the Village Tables for 1931 were scrutinised it was found they contained many errors in the spelling of village names due, presumably, to clerical and printing errors. The Director of Land Records and the Revenue Commissioner were both asked to supply a list of villages in each district of the State correctly spelt in English. As neither office possessed such a list, the Revenue Commissioner instructed all District Officers to send lists of all villages in the tehsils within their respective districts to the Direction Office of the Census Department as promptly as possible ; in due course all were received. In presenting these Village Tables we have endeavoured to reconcile the spelling of village names adopted on this occasion in English with those given in the 1931 Tables in the Vernacular by means of notes. But it is beyond doubt that many names are still wrongly spelt inspite of all our efforts. The spelling of place names given in the lists supplied by District Officers differs in many cases not only with the spelling given in 1931 but also with the spelling given on the enumeration slips and again with that given on the latest territorial maps of the Jammu and Kashmir State produced

by the Survey Department of the Government of India. It is impossible to produce these tables with village names correctly spelt in the absence of an authoritative list of villages spelt in English according to the spelling given on Survey of India maps or that accepted as correct by His Highness' Government.

District notes precede each set of Village Tables which are given by tehsils for each district ; separate tables are given for the two cities, Jammu and Srinagar. The details given in these notes have been taken partly from the tables themselves, as will be obvious, and partly from reports collected from Charge Superintendents, Tehsil Census Officers and District Census Officers, local representatives of the public and from personal knowledge of local conditions. The figures taken from the tables are naturally accurate but the same cannot be claimed for all details taken from the many notes received although every effort has been made to avoid error or mis-statement. Those with special and detailed knowledge of any subject or locality will detect such mistakes as there may be with respect to the number of schools, dispensaries etc.; but it must be realised that these notes relate to conditions obtaining at the time of the Census operations, that is to say, up to the end of 1940. Since additions, changes and improvements are taking place continuously, it is quite impossible to bring such notes up-to-date before going to press.

In discussing the means of subsistence and indebtedness we have not had access to any upto-date information on the subject such as a report based on a detailed economic survey directed to elicit the facts ; we have had to rely on Settlement Reports which are out of date and even when written did not claim accuracy in this respect. In addition, we have had the benefit of local opinion which in every case denied ability to give any exact information. In these circumstances, it is not surprising if we have had to be content to draw conclusions and to generalise.

The figures for literates were taken from the Enumerators' Abstracts whereas those given in Imperial Table XI were extracted by tabulation from the actual enumeration slips ; for this reason there are bound to be some differences. The differences represent the difference in opinion

between the many individual enumerators and the staff of the Tabulation Office as to the interpretation of the definition of literacy. As the staff of the Tabulation Office were obliged to adhere strictly to the interpretation given to them, the figures in Imperial Table XI must be accepted as correct and those here produced held to be defective to the extent of the difference exposed. As the matter is of considerable local interest a statement is produced at the end of these introductory notes setting forth the differences by tehsils and districts.

It is hoped that nothing in the district notes will be construed as criticism of His Highness' Government but the facts had to be stated candidly; any other approach would destroy entirely any value the notes may have. Few have had a better opportunity than the writer to ponder the conditions obtaining in each district and to appreciate what great improvements have been brought about by His Highness' Government in a comparatively short time. Since the accession of His Highness Maharaja Shri Harisinghji Bahadur in 1925 tremendous changes have been made for the better administration of the State and for the amelioration of the conditions under which His Highness' subjects live. Development takes time and costs money and improvements in connection with roads and communications, irrigation, education, medical facilities, drinking-water supplies etc., etc., can not be effected without large expenditure of both. Conditions of life have changed rapidly in the last few generations and the leeway of half a century cannot be made up at once. Even since the district notes produced in this volume were written His Highness the Maharaja Bahadur has issued commands for important projects to be undertaken to improve conditions which have been the subject of criticism and suggestion in

these notes, *c. g.*, the construction of a bridge over the Ujh river on the road between Jammu and Kathua and the provision of a special grant amounting to Rs. 25,000 from His Highness' private funds to improve the supplies of drinking water in Kandi Illaqa. The district notes have reference to a period ending with the year 1940. In the short period since that date some of the beneficent intentions of His Highness' Government have been translated into fact. Educational and medical facilities are being improved continuously, new roads are under construction in several districts. If the present tempo is maintained a vast improvement will have been effected by the end of 1950 when the next Census will become due.

This volume of Village Tables with its District Notes and Housing Statistics constitutes a departure in Census work in the State and an endeavour to give in handy form a considerable amount of local information about each district. It has its limitations and defects; these are realised by no one more fully than the author. At the next Census it should be possible to remedy the more obvious defects, give more exact information on the subjects dealt with and extend the scope of this volume.

The production of the Village Tables in their present form and the preparation of the district notes which accompany them have involved an enormous amount of extra work—far more than was anticipated. The credit for any success which has been achieved must go in great measure to my staff who have had to work very hard to make it possible to produce this part of the report within a reasonable time; detailed reference to their efforts is made in Part IV of the report—Administration.

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A comparative statement of the figures for literates as given in the Village Tables and Imperial Table XI respectively.

Name of Tehsil.	Village Tables.	Imperial Table XI.	Difference.
Jammu District	45681	43760	1921
Jammu City	22863	22412	
Jammu Tehsil	7232	7507	
Samba	4885	3958	
Sri Ranbirsinghpura	6796	6294	
Akhnur	3905	3589	
Kathua District	10259	9631	628
Kathua	3065	3040	
Jasmergarh	2859	2682	
Basohli	4335	3909	
Udhampur District	16386	15201	1185
Udhampur	4138	4201	
Kishtwar	3388	2919	
Ramban	2680	2352	
Ramnagar	2902	2426	
Bhadrawah	3278	3303	
Reasi District	10838	9053	1785
Reasi	5409	4837	
Rampur Rajouri	5429	4216	
Mirpur District	29005	25873	3132
Kotli	5719	5207	
Mirpur	11578	10349	
Bhimbar	11708	10317	
Chenani Jagir	347	388	-41
Chenani Jagir	347	388	
Poonch Jagir	26674	22913	3761
Bagh	10385	8527	
Sadhnuti	6043	5472	
Haveli	7287	6410	
Mendhar	2959	2504	
Baramulla District	26758	23827	2931
Uttarmachipura (Handwara)	13195	11900	
Baramulla	8410	7402	
Sri Pratapsinghpura (Badgam)	5153	4525	
Anantnag District	75258	67606	7650
Srinagar City	45542	41556	
Khas Tehsil	4967	4620	
Pulwama (Awantipura)	6077	5680	
Kulgam	7245	6094	
Anantnag	11425	9656	

Name of Tehsil.					Village Tables.	Imperial Table XI.	Diference.
Muzaffarabad District	..	..	..	..	15257	13805	1452
Muzaffarabad	..	..	..	..	8788	8360	
Uri	..	..	..	..	4501	3708	
Karnah	..	..	..	..	1968	1737	
Ladakh District	..	..	..	..	5050	4592	458
Ladakh	..	..	..	..	2484	2454	
Kargil	..	..	..	..	1210	1105	
Skardu	..	..	..	..	1356	1033	
Astore District	667	573	94
Astore	667	573	
Gilgit (Leased Area)	1186	1162	24
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Gilgit Agency	1155	Information not available.	
Chilas	376		
Nagar	139		
Hunza	249		
Punial	..	..	..	..	118		
Ishkoman	..	..	..	..	31		
Yasin	..	..	..	..	65		
Kuh Ghizar	..	..	..	..	177		