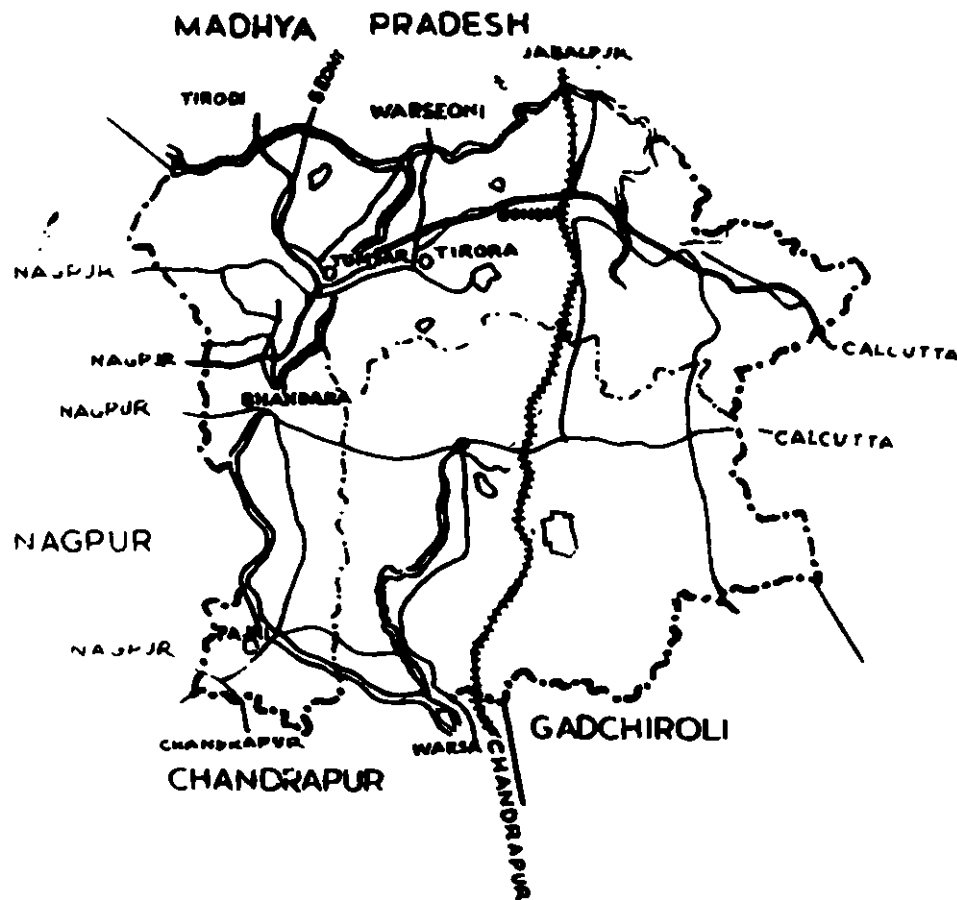

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

I. General -

1. Maharashtra is the most urbanised State in India with a proportion of urban population as 31.2% as against the national average of 19.9% as per 1971 Census. Final results of 1981 Census are yet to be published. However, provisional figures indicate that urbanisation in the State is 35.03%.

2. As per the provisional figures of 1981 Census, there are 307 urban areas in Maharashtra, out of which 220 are Municipal towns, 7 Cantonments, 5 Corporation towns and 75 Non-Municipal towns. Classification of Municipal towns indicates that 20 are 'A' Class Municipal towns, 34 are 'B' Class while the remaining 166 are 'C' Class Municipal towns.

3. Towns in Maharashtra are at different levels of Development. They differ from one another in several respects. Their regional settings, functional characteristics, economic base, infrastructural development, per capita income and expenditure, present a heterogeneous picture. Hence various measures are adopted to achieve a balanced development.

II. Object and Scope -

1. The Registrar General of Census and various other Agencies present the urban statistics in different forms. However, we have compiled the information from the available Census Publications, Municipal Year Book published by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, the District Gazetteer and the Development Plan Reports prepared for each of the towns by this Department. While compiling the information for a town, it is observed that

reference period varies from one source to another. Hence such a compiled information in a precise form was brought up-to-date to a specific reference year by contacting the concerned authorities of the town.

2. Such townwise information for the towns in a particular District is being published by the Urban Research Cell of the Town Planning & Valuation Department, M.S.Pune. Uptill now the Town Directories for Sixteen Districts in the State have been published and circulated to various agencies.

3. Present Town Directory (Volume No.XVII) relates to Bhandara District. There are 5 Municipal towns in the District viz. i) Bhandara, ii) Gondia, iii) Panni, iv) Tirora and v) Tumsar. Of these towns, Gondia has 'A' Class and Bhandara has 'B' Class Municipal Council while all the remaining towns have 'C' Class Municipal Councils. In the following pages, information regarding each of the above Municipal towns has been presented separately in respect of different items relating to the latest available year.

4. Similar volumes of other Districts in Maharashtra will be issued in due course. However, to be really useful, Town Directory will have to be updated periodically. If the idea of compiling and presenting such a Town Directory is appreciated and found useful, the same would be updated accordingly.