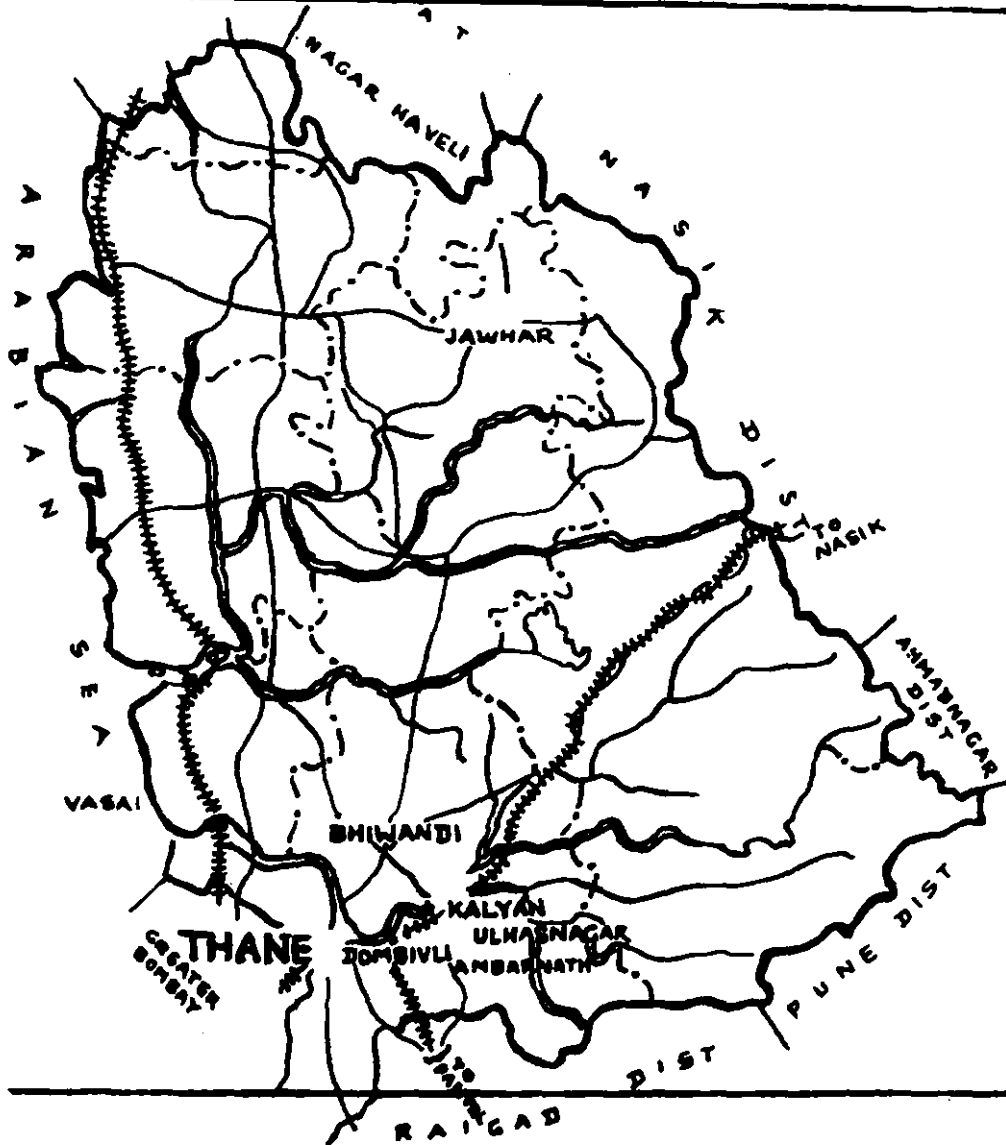

TOWN DIRECTORY



STRICT : THANE

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I N T R O D U C T I O N
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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 now ~~to be~~ published. ~~However, statistics~~ which indicate that urbanisation in the State is to the extent of 35.03%.

2. As per 1981 Population Census and subsequent to the merging of 11 Municipal Councils and 14 non-municipal areas in the newly constituted 6 Municipal Corporations, there are now 11 Municipal Corporations, 209 Municipal Councils, 7 Cantonments and 61 non-municipal areas. Of the total 209 Municipal Councils, 22 are "A" class, 42 are "B" class, 139 are "C" class and 6 are hill-station Municipal Councils.

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 & expenditure, present a heterogenous 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 & Statistics, the District Gazetteer and

the Development Plan Reports prepared for each town 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 town-wise information for the towns in a particular district is being published by the Urban Research Cell of the Town Planning & Valuation Deptt., M.S., Pune. Uptill now the Town Directories for 18 districts in the State have been published and circulated to various agencies.

3. Present Town Directory (Volume No.XIX) relates to Thane District. There were eight Municipal Councils in Thane District prior to 1982. These were (1) Ambarnath, (2) Bhiwandi-Nizampur, (3) Dombivli, (4) Jawhar, (5) Kalyan, (6) Thane, (7) Ulhasnagar and (8) Vasai. Of these towns, Bhiwandi-Nizampur, Kalyan, Thane and Ulhasnagar had "A" class Municipal Councils, Ambarnath, Dombivli & Vasai had "B" class Municipal Councils. while Jawhar had "C" class Municipal Council. Since the data for the year 1981-82 have been collected for their incorporation in the Town Directories of the above mentioned Municipal Councils, even though two new Municipal Corporations viz. Thane and Kalyan by amalgamating three Municipal Councils viz. (1) Ambarnath, (2) Dombivli & (3) Kalyan in Kalyan Municipal Corporation have been established in 1982 & 1983 respectively, the data pertaining to all the above mentioned Municipal Councils prior to their amalgamation have been presented here in their respective Town Directories.

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 up-dated periodically. If the idea of compiling and presenting such a Town Directory is appreciated and found useful, the same would be up-dated accordingly.

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