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## FOREWORD.

The survey, the second volume of whose report is now being published, was initiated by a letter from the Kolhapur Municipal Borough inviting the Institute to undertake the work. At the time the invitation was received (December 1944) the Institute was facing its chronic problem of shortage of experienced staff. It could not, therefore, undertake to depute a member of its staff to Kolhapur as it had done when conducting the survey at Sholapur. The Institute, therefore suggested the following plan of work to the Borough authorities. "The Institute would plan the survey, would supervise the work at all stages, would tabulate the data and would write the final report. The Institute will not, however, open a separate office at Kolhapur but will work through the Kolhapur Municipal Borough. A separate agency will have to be set up by the Kolhapur Municipal Borough itself for this purpose. The Institute would undertake to advise in the setting up of this agency and the recruitment of its staff, would lay down the complete details of the plan of field work and would send a member of its research staff, say, once a month to Kolhapur to supervise the conduct of this work". This plan of work proved acceptable to the Kolhapur Municipal Borough and was, in the main, adhered to in its actual conduct.

The investigational establishment in Kolhapur was set up in June 1945 and its work finally wound up in March 1947. Mr. N. V. Sovani was in full charge of the work of the survey through all its stages and will be also responsible, in the main, for the reports. He has been assisted on the statistical side by Mr. V. M. Dandekar, Statistician of the Institute. The Chief Investigator at Kolhapur was Mr. W. C. Shrishrimal. As pointed out above, the survey was initiated by the Kolhapur Municipal Borough. The President and Councillors of the Borough and all important officers

of the Borough evinced considerable interest and gave active help in the various investigational projects. The Kolhapur Durbar also extended to the survey its active sympathy. Above all, from the inception to its completion, the survey owed a great deal to Mr. J. P. Naik who was Hon. Secretary of the Reorganization Department, Kolhapur Municipal Borough, when the work was conceived, and was Development Secretary of Kolhapur Government when the work at Kolhapur ended.

This publication represents the second volume of the socio-economic survey of Kolhapur. It deals chiefly with economic aspects and will be followed by a third and final volume dealing with other economic and social aspects of life of the city. As indicated in the foreword to the first volume investigations at Kolhapur followed in many ways the plan of our similar work at Poona and Sholapur. However, as our resources and the extent of active local help available were greater at Kolhapur, we extended the field of the survey in this case in many directions. Vol. I of the Kolhapur Survey report represented an entirely new direction in which work was first done at Kolhapur viz. a Fertility Survey. It will be apparent from the contents of this volume that in economic matters also fresh ground was opened at Kolhapur. For example, an elaborate survey of weekly markets was attempted and an enquiry into working class family budgets was carried out in Kolhapur. The detailed results of both these investigations are incorporated in this publication together with information on some topics dealt with in Vol. I of the Poona Survey.

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## PREFACE.

In this part of the Social Survey of Kolhapur City information about industry, trade and labour is presented. This has been prefaced by an account of the historical growth of the town. The maps that are included in this volume are mainly meant as an aid to the discussion about the growth of the town but they will be also found useful in the discussion of other topics in this volume. Chapter 7 was submitted to the Kolhapur Government as a separate report. It is printed here with only slight changes and without the note on the construction of the cost of living index. The first draft of the portion regarding the trade of the city was prepared by Mr. W. C. Shrishrimal.

As in regard to the first part of this survey I have to thank Mr. J. P. Naik, who was then the Secretary of the Development Department, Kolhapur State, for the invaluable help rendered to me throughout the conduct of the survey. Thanks are also due to the members of the Kolhapur Municipal Borough and to its staff for unstinted help given to us. The map of Kolhapur town in 1862 drawn by one Mr. Deshpande was made available to us through the kind offices of Mr. G. H. Khare, Curator, Bharat Itihas Samshodhak Mandal and Mr. D. V. Kale, Editor *Sanhyadri*, for which we are thankful to both these gentlemen. The map was in the possession of Mr. Karavade who kindly gave us permission to print it. We are indebted to him for this courtesy.

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