

P R E F A C E

THE first edition of the Imperial Gazetteer of India was published in nine volumes in 1881. A second edition containing fourteen volumes was issued in the years 1885-87. This was rewritten in 1901 by persons who had acquired experience as Census Superintendents in their respective Provinces or States and a new edition was published in 1907. Information about the districts in India including the Princely States was available in this publication.

The Princely State of Hyderabad, of which Gulbarga formed a district, was publishing gazetteers for each district since 1921 known as the Hyderabad District Gazetteers. But these contained only statistical details of various departments without any description of the districts or their history.

The Ministry of Education, Government of India, drew up an all-India scheme and requested the State Governments to take up the compilation of District Gazetteers as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The Government of Mysore sanctioned a scheme for the compilation of a gazetteer for each of the districts of the State. An Advisory Board consisting of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore as the Chairman and Dr. D. C. Pavate, M.A. (Cantab), Sri V. L. D'Souza, B.A., B.COM. (Lond.), Sri P. H. Krishna Rao, M.A., Prof. K. A. Nilakanta Sastri, M.A., and Dr. S. C. Nandimath, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.) as Members was also constituted to scrutinise the chapters compiled by me and to guide me in the work.

The Gazetteer of Gulbarga district is the third to be published in the series of District Gazetteers of Mysore State, the first two being those of Coorg and Bijapur districts. The chapter headings and contents are in accordance with the pattern laid down by the Government of India. The available Census data of 1961 have been given and in other cases the figures of the 1951 Census had to be depended upon. Every attempt has been made to include the latest figures as far as possible.

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