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PREFACE

The District Gazetteer of Koraput was prepared and published by the Gazetteers Unit of the Revenue Department, Government of Orissa, in 1966 under a joint scheme sponsored by the Government of India and the governments of the States and the Union Territories. The present volume is a Supplement to the Koraput District Gazetteer wherein statistical data relating to different chapters have been updated and given in tabular form. Certain additional information have also been incorporated wherever necessary. In preparing this volume, the pattern suggested by the Government of India has been followed.

The district of Koraput with sky-kissing hills and dense forests is predominantly inhabited by the tribal people. Formerly the district was considered to be one of the backward and unhygienic districts of the State. Since Independence various developmental measures have been undertaken to improve the socio-economic condition of the people of this region. New roads, railway lines and bridges have been constructed to improve the communication system. Apart from setting up small and medium-scale industries, a huge alumina plant in the Public Sector is under construction at Dhamanjodi of the district. Some major Hydro-electric Projects like the Machhakund Project and the Balimela Project are located in this district and the Upper Kolab and the Upper Indravati Hydro-electric projects are now under way. The last three are multipurpose projects and are meant to provide irrigation facilities as well. The 20-point programme of the government is being implemented in the district. Attempts have been made to reflect in this handy volume the developmental activities that have taken place in the district since the publication of the District Gazetteer of Koraput in 1966.

The draft of the Supplement was circulated for approval among the members of the Gazetteers Advisory Committee which constitutes as follows :

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In preparing this volume we have mostly followed the spelling of place names approved by the Director of Land Records and Survey, Orissa, Cuttack.

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