PREFACE

This study about the evolution and dissemination of OCP settlements is based upon the extensive fieldwork conducted in the area of six districts of northeastern Rajasthan and five districts of southwestern Uttar Pradesh. The problem about the origin, evolution and dissemination of OCP culture requires an extensive fieldwork to see its link to the contemporary cultures as there are similarities between Atranjikhera and Jodhpura as well as between Jodhpura and Ganeshwar. The extensive archaeological fieldwork on village to village basis is taken to see whether there is any connection between the culture of Ganeshwar and OCP of Ganga Yamuna doab.

This thesis has been divided into six chapters along with appendix. Chapter-1 deals with the general geographical background of the region concerned. As the area concerned is very large, the general background is based upon meso-regions. The palaeo-climate of this region is also discussed. The general outline like geology, geo-morphology, topography, water resources, minerals, flora and fauna, and soils etc. of this region are discussed in this chapter.

Chapter II is concerned with the archaeological researches conducted by various scholars and institutions in and around the region of present study. As the OCP culture is contemporary to various cultures so it was imperative to know the chronological background of this culture.

Chapter III deals with the explorations conducted for this thesis. In this chapter all those sites which were already explored were visited and new sites which are explored is given geo-coordinates, tehsils name, local name if any, water resources, mineral resources, soil types, area, culture types present, height of the mound, shapes of the mound, condition of the sites are discussed. The cultural material is also collected during this exercise. The local name (if any) and direction and distance from the village in whose revenue limits, the site is located is also mentioned.

Chapter IV concerned with dissemination of OCP settlements and settlement patterns. It deals with, where the OCP culture appears in primitive form and evolved in due course of time. It deals with the total number of OCP settlements in various districts and their material cultures. In this chapter I have attempted to show the relationship between the size and number of the OCP settlements according to the soils types and water resources.
Chapter V deals with the material culture of the OCP settlements. In this chapter the pottery and other objects were discussed, specially pottery. An attempt is made to know how the pottery evolved from northeastern Rajasthan to western Uttar Pradesh for the OCP culture.

The last chapter VI has the conclusion developed by researcher on the basis of his study.

An appendix-1is given for the sites explored alongwith its culture types, geo-coordinates, tehsils and districts names, and reference if any. The sources consulted are given in the last followed by the plates.