With the scanty materials at hand, undertaking a research on the contemporary history of the Boros became a challenging task for me. Though some pioneering works have already been lode, they have opened up vistas for further researches in factual details and conceptual analysis. The literature of this community being meager in development was far short from supplying the requirements. Non accessibility to the archival materials, though supplemented to some extent by the information collected from the Government Gazetteers, orders, circulars and letters etc., added to the difficulties. Under such circumstances, I had to heavily depend for this dissertation on the materials collected from the official documents of the political and non-political organization associated with the Boros. These materials have been supplemented by the information collected from the annual and periodical publications of different literary and non-literary organizations, as well as, by the materials collected from different national and state newspapers.

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