PREFACE

The present study, *Agrarian Relations in Kashmir: A Case Study of Two Districts*, examines agrarian structure and changing relations within two districts - Baramulla and Jammu - of Jammu and Kashmir State. It studies twenty-four villages, using the rural community as the unit of analysis. The study has attempted to generate data through the use of both archival methods and first hand village-level survey.

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