FOREWORD

In preparing the present work the main object of the writer has been to offer to the scholars and lovers of literature a comprehensive and documented record of the ArabO-Persian vocables used by Tulasi-dasa. For this purpose the Gita Press editions of the Poet (except Ramalala Nahacha which is published by Nagari Pracarin Sabha) have been consulted. The reference and page numbers inside this work indicate the above mentioned editions.

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