Appendix I

Birth-date Controversy About Sayaji Rao

There are divergent views regarding the birth-date of Maharaja Sayaji Rao. The compilers of the Gazetteer of the Baroda State mention the date as March 17, 1863. G. S. Sar-desai, Apte and Doctor have mentioned March 11, 1863. Sampat Rao, the elder brother of the Maharaja, admitted that it was very difficult to tell the exact birth-date of Sayaji Rao. However, he stated it to be February 23, 1863. Out of these three dates, March 17, 1863, has been accepted by the Birthday Centenary Celebration Committee constituted by the M.S. University of Baroda in 1863. A Commemoration volume was brought out by this Committee on March 17, 1963. It is strange to note that the compilers of the Baroda State Gazetteer, Apte and Doctor should accept March 5 as the birth-date of the Maharaja. Keeping in view of all these conflicting dates, March 17 may be accepted as the correct date of birth of Maharaja Sayaji Rao.

2. SSGG, Part IV, p. 25.
5. SSGG, Part I, p. 72.