1. Settlement is often inhibited by swamps and waterlogged areas (a, in the Karimpur police station area) and hedgelike jungle shrubbery on the banks of rivers and sluggish creeks (b, in the Kaligunge police station area). 279

2. National Highway 34 opening up new towns (a, the Jaguli crossing) and new villages (b, one of the new villages). 264

3. National Highway 34 offers transportation for the produce of the villages to different destinations - villagers wait beside the Highway for the next truck, at two of the many points along the long route (a and b). 267

4. The typical village landscape with the paddy-fields (a, in Inayestpur) and one of the paths that offer a common route to the cultivators, scattered wide apart, to the village where they all converge (b, in Inayestpur). 258

5. Bamboo groves, coconut trees, and other typical trees, part of the Nadia landscape (a and b, in the Haringhata police station area). 261

6. Pools and jhils formed by the excavation of earth for house-building or directly for water supply are a source for water for storage against the seasonal uncertainties of rainfall, irrigation, bathing and other domestic purposes, and promote settlement (a, in Manpur and b, in Kulia). 269
7. Railway connections, roads, markets, schools and service centres of various kinds offer stimuli to growth of habitation in a village: (a) a health centre at Simurali; (b) the author at a primary school at Inayetpur; (c) a market at Haringhata.

8. Religion plays an important part in the integration of the community, through rituals (a, a Gajan ceremony) and institutions (b, the old church and convent at Krishnagar, and c, the new temple at Sri Mayapur, an international centre now).

9. Crafts and household industries allow for continuity and innovation: (a) brookstick-making providing employment for the entire family including the children; (b) the traditional dolls of Krishnagar manufactured at Ghurni undergoing a realistic transformation, a more sculpturesque modelling, at the hands of Kartik Ch. Pal and his family.

10. Women and children find employment in (a) gathering fuel, (b) carrying tomatoes in the villages.