STATEMENT - II

(I) SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

The Ahmedabad district has attracted the archaeological since the end of nineteenth century. Scholars like Burges etc. had described the structural monuments. After this, Prof. R.N.Mehta, Shri S.R.Rao, Shri Harilal Godani and Shri Vasantbhai Trivedi had discovered some sites ranging from Microlithic Age and Harappan period upto mediaeval period. The present work has referred their articles and material as a guide line for the explorations and information.

In addition to this, district gazetters, census reports, and information supplied by the local people was helpful for the understanding interpretation of the material.

DISCOVERIES:

But the main basic sources of information is the village to village survey of the district conducted by the present author. The antiquities obtained from the explorations and monuments and sculptures discovered are the main sources of information.

(II) EXTENT TO WHICH THIS WORK IS BASED ON THE WORK OF OTHERS:

The present thesis is based on the work of others also only to some extent. The information collected from the
works of scholars mentioned above has helped in the basic approach and problem of the research. Moreover, informative facts about geography, geology, population, etc. are collected from the district gazetters etc.

Articles of Prof. R.N. Mohta on the microlithic problem of the district has given much help. The annual reports of the ASI were used to know the latest research on the problem.

THE ORIGINAL PORTION OF THE THESIS

The village to village survey of the district and its up to date descriptions of the sites, forms the basic portion of the original portion of the thesis.

In all thirty two microlithic sites are photographed, studied, noted and interpreted in relation to their topography, geography and tools collected from the sites.

Totally six sixteen Harappan sites are discovered. These are presented in details of their descriptions of mounds, and antiquities like pattern etc.

All these sites are studied in their general feature, as well as in relation to each other and in relation to other sites in Gujarat. Pottery is classified typologically and presented in details.
The chapter regarding conclusions is the original contribution as Ahmedabad district as a whole is reviewed from the view point of archaeology.