PART - B
SURVEY OF PERIODICALS

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this survey is to let the scholars and librarians know about the earliest periodicals, to investigate as to how the idea came into the minds of the people to present thoughts in the form of periodicals and to trace the factors which led to the cessation of a number of periodicals along with characteristic features.

Periodicals are considered to be a major source of communication of latest thoughts. They are indispensable for any library's collection. Here, an attempt has been made to study the origin and development of periodical literature in English language in India, with a view to trace the forces and needs which led to the beginning of periodical publishing and to examine each periodical in order to determine the characteristic features and various changes made in them.

PLAN OF THE SURVEY

This survey was made by personal visits to important and old libraries/archives in India. The principal tools for locating titles physically were the Union Catalogues compiled by INSDOC, ICSSR and others compiled by different libraries regarding the holdings of their own. A set pattern was adopted to note the information about a particular periodical.

EXPLANATION OF ENTRY

The survey of periodicals has been given in chapters fourth, fifth and sixth. In these chapters bibliographical information about a particular periodical has been given in an abbreviated form. Even some of the sentences are incomplete to
achieve brevity. For the periodicals which were issued regularly, it is mentioned 'Regular' while for the periodicals which were irregular in publication, it is mentioned 'Irregular'.

The description of abbreviations used in each periodical entry is as follows:

P : Periodicity in the beginning
Y : Date of origin of periodical
Pl : Place where the periodical started publication
Pubs. : Name of the first publisher
S.B. : Name of the Sponsoring Body
Ed. : Name of the first Editor
Ed(L) : Name of the Editor in 1947
PR : Price when started
PR(C) : Price in 1947
C/INC : Complete or Incomplete, i.e., whether the investigator saw all the issues of a particular periodical or not

The exact spellings used at that time, i.e., whatever printed on the periodicals and the price in Indian currency in use at that time have been given. A brief history of the periodical has been given in sequential order. Efforts were made to record all the bibliographical details, but it has been seen that practice in most of the libraries is to remove the title page before binding; therefore, inspite of the best efforts made by the investigator, some of the columns have had to be left blank.