CHAPTER-III

AREA OF THE STUDY

In this study Meerut has been described into two forms:

3.1. Meerut as a District

3.2. Meerut as a city: This is the main area of study

3.1. MEERUT AS A DISTRICT:

From the administrative point of view the Meerut district is divided into three tehsils and twelve vikas khands

1. Sardhana Tehsil: The tehsil comprised of Sardhana, Sarurpur khurd, Daurala, Rohta and Jani Khurd.

2. Mawana Tehsil: This tehsil comprised of Mawana, Hastinapur, Parikshatgarh, Rajpura and Kharkhuda.

3. Meerut Tehsil: This tehsil comprised of Meerut City, Meerut Cantt and Machhra.

There are 15 town areas in the district and 2 Nagar Parishads – Mawana and Sardhana. There are 10 city panchayats namely- Kithaur, Hastinapur, Parikshatgarh, Lawad, Falawda, Sivalkhas, Karanwal, Sahajanpur, Sashuma, Kharkhuda. There is only one Nagar Nigam namely Meerut one is cantonment
area namely Meerut Cantonment Board. In Meerut there are 93 Nyay Panchayat and 465 Gram Panchayats.

3.2 MEERUT CITY :

This is the main area of study. Meerut City comes in Meerut tehsil. This city is one of the five districts of Uttar Pradesh have more urban area as well as urban population. The brief sketch of Meerut City is as under :

3.2.1. Geography of City:

Location : Geographically Meerut City lies between 29º 01’ North longitude and 77º 43’ East longitude. It is situated at altitude of 290 meters. In shape it is rectangular.

Climate : The major portion of the city lies on a fertile land.

3.2.2. Demography:

Demographically Meerut is one of the nine urban centres of Uttar Pradesh having a population of more than 10,00,000 (approx 12.50 lacs).

3.2.3. Educational Institutions

As regards its socio-cultural environment Meerut City has a very rich cultural heritage. It has been a place of learning. There are a number of Degree and Post-Graduate Degree colleges, 8 Intermediate colleges and 263 High Schools. There are approx. 985 Primary Schools. Besides Meerut has a University
named - **Chaudhary Charan Singh University** which is both affiliating and a residential university.

On the other hand, among 268938 school dropout children of Meerut Mandal, the Meerut has 38980 children in 2004-05 and in total 91955 school dropout children in 2005-06. Meerut has 13210 children, Assistant Commission of Education Direction Rampal Singh Nimash says, that these children are child workers and engage in different works and not admit in school, if admit in school. They left their education after some time (Amar Ujala, 31, August 2006: 6).

### 3.2.4. Slum:

Meerut City is ‘**million plus’** city of Uttar Pradesh. Statistical data of Registrar and Population Commission of India Showed that in Meerut out of 10.68 lakh people, 4.71 people live in slum. In other words, every second person of Meerut, lives in slum. In is said that in Meerut there is one hundred (100) slum official, but unofficial the number of slum are approximately more than two hundred (200) (Amar Ujala, 7th Sep. 2006;1,10)

### 3.1.5. Administrative Structure of Meerut City:

Meerut is administratively into 80 ward by Uttar Pradesh Government through U.P. Nagar Nigam Act 1959. The wards are : New Basti Lallapur, Bhagwat Pura, Malyana, Peelna Saufipur, Medical College, Shaubhapur, Shishari. Shivlokpuri,
Anupnagar Fazalpur, Golabadh, Sundra Erstwhile Pootha, Sharegari, Govind Puri, East Reethani, Abdullapur, Jatohi, Palavpuram, Kaliagarhi, Hafizabad Mevla, Multan Nagar, Ajanta Colony, Subhash Nagar, Buddhhera Jahidpur, Kasim Pur, Kaseru Baksar, Kashi, Nangla Tashi, Defence Colony, Jagriti Vihar, Brahampuri East, L-Block Shastri Nagar, Sabun Gaudam, Khadoli, Civil Lines, East Mahaver, Mohan Puri, Shahpeer Gate, Shiv Shakti Nagar, Modi Puram, Jai Devi Nagar, Bhopal Singh Road, Shastri Nagar Scheme No. 7 Sector 3, Tej Garhi, Baghpat Gate, Suraj Kund Road, Jain Nagar, Shastri Nagar Scheme No. 7, Sector-2, Prahlad Nagar, Nangla Batto, Thapar Nagar, Sarai Lal Das, Phool Bagh Colony, Braham Puri West, Purva Eelahi Baksh, Moori Para, Sarai Bhahelem, Madhav Puram Scheme No. 10, Makbara Abbu, Saddik Nagar, Kailashpuri, Khairnagar Gate, Purva Islamabad, Jamma Nagar, Swamipara, Kidwai Nagar, Ismail Nagar, Shyam Nagar West, Purva Faiyaz Ali, Rashid Nagar, Sakoor Nagar, Tarapuri, Shyam Nagar East, Fakrudeen Ali Ahmed Nagar West, Fakrudeen Ali Ahmad Nagar East, Lakhipura, Jakir Hussain North, Jakir Hussain South, Katim Nagar, Manjoor Nagar, South Islamabad. (Source : Amar Ujala, 11th August 2006: 3-5)

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