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The manuscript was submitted to the Government of West Bengal in August 1981, but the problem of proper printing paper in the phototype setting remained to be solved. The Gazetteers Committee in the meantime continued with the work and a number of publication of volumes of other District Gazetteers was published. By the end of 1983, it was decided that the work remained to be completed by the end of 1984. It was some time that I had to see the passage of the Gazetteers Committee. At this period when it was pretty clear that the printing could not be assumed before November 1984, it was decided that the printing of the Gazetteers should be assumed on 1985.

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The manuscript was revised and sent for the want of proper printing paper in the abrogation of the rules of overworking the Central Gazetteers Unit by the Central Publication Board. The number of typists working could not be increased and none could be spared from the Central Gazetteers Unit. Consequently the work remained to be published and the gazetteers were not able to get the gazetteers printed until November 1984.

The work of gazetteers could not be resumed before November 1984. It showed an awareness of the state, that if one had to see the passage of the gazetteers, one had to work out the work in advance and expedite it.

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