

P R E F A C E

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ABBREVIATION

I.H.Q.	Indian Historical Quaterly
J.A.R.S.	Journal of the Assam Research Society
J.A.S.B.	Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal
J.N.S.I.	Journal of the Numismatic Society of India.
O.D.B.L.	Origin and Development of Bengal Language.

System of Transliteration

आ = ā ई = ī ऊ = ū ऋ = ṛ

ए = e, ओ = o

च = ca, छ = cha,

ज = j ट = ta ठ = tha ड = da

ढ = dha ण = na, ब = ba,

य = ya व = va ष = sha

श = śa Visarga = h

anusvāra = m

An exception has been made in respect of Koch Bihar
(instead of Koca Vihāra). The usual spellings are used for
modern names and place names.