## **Note on Transliteration**

The spelling 'Behar' (Bihar) has been kept if occurring in a citation from a primary source or in a title. Transliteration of Hindi words follows the style adopted by R. S. McGregor (ed.) in *The Oxford Hindi–English Dictionary* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1993). Diacritical marks have been used only in translations and not in case of proper nouns and place names. The contemporary place names have been used, for example, Monghyr instead of the more familiar modern Munger. All translations are by the author unless otherwise noted.

