

STATEMENT - II

The basic data for the thesis has been derived from the explorations and excavations conducted by the author in the Sarasvati and the Drisadvati Valley in Haryana. As such the Chapter II, III, V and VI of the thesis dealing with the explorations, excavations, the pottery and the antiquities respectively are original. But in dealing with the metallurgical studies of the Mitathal Copper objects in Chapter VI the author has drawn on the analysis of these done by Dr. K.T.M. Hegde of the Department of Archaeology and Ancient History of the M.S. University of Baroda. Chapter IV on chronology is original in the sense that the relative chronology of the excavated sites in the region is solely based on the data collected by the author from the excavations. But for cross dating the sequence the author has drawn upon the carbon 14 dates established by the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay or other agencies for the corresponding cultures at other sites in North India. Chapter I is introductory and the information about the physiography of the region has been drawn from the relevant district Gazetteers and the Geological works of D.N.Wadia, Krishnan etc. The hydrology of the region has been largely based on the explorations of the author, though the evidence provided by Sir Aurel Stien, A. Ghosh and R.L.Raikes has also been made use of Chapter VII on conclusions has been based on the data obtained from the field work done by the author.