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Editor's Introduction

This study of the Tibeto-Burman languages of Uttar Pradesh was initiated and sponsored by Prof. Yoshio Nishi of the Kobe City University of Foreign Studies (now retired) in reaction to the publication of D. D. Sharma's *Tibeto-Burman Languages of Uttarakhand* (1989, 1990), which was found to contain several errors. Funding was also provided by, grant number 03044123, "Historical and sociolinguistic studies of Tibeto-Burman languages of two provinces in Northwestern India". Dr. Suhnu Ram Sharma and Dr. Shree Krishan did the fieldwork and sent the resulting papers to me for the production of this volume. After a first round of editing, Prof. Nishi and I both sent copious comments and questions to the authors. Unfortunately, shortly after the production of the first draft of his papers, Shree Krishan was involved in a car accident in which he sustained a head injury, and subsequently was unable to answer our questions. Because of this, in editing the papers written by Shree Krishan I had to take a more active role in resolving some of the questions we had had about the first draft. In most cases this simply involved resolving inconsistencies in the data and analysis, but in a few cases I actually had to rework the analysis. Where I could not resolve the problems, such as whether there are phonemic nasal vowels or not in Raji, I left it as is. Quite a lot of work was put into improving the papers, and it is hoped that the resulting papers will be of use to scholars in the field.

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