

section vividly reveals how different disciplines of geology and various and analytical techniques have interacted in getting a full understanding of the complicated processes of loess formation.

Four papers relating to engineering, geological and geotechnical investigations of loess emphasize the importance of loessic studies in such environmental problems as landslides, soil erosion and utilization of loessic soils, etc.

Publishers of this volume, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, have, in the preface, dedicated the volume to 'experts of engineering geology, earth science and environmental science'. There is no doubt that this publication is an important step towards man's understanding of Quaternary processes relating to loess formation.

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'EXPERIMENTS IN ENGINEERING GEOLOGY' By K. V. G. K. Gokhale and D. M. Rao, Tata McGraw-Hill Publishing Company Limited, New Delhi, 142 pages, Price Rs. 22.50.

It has been well realised that Engineering Geology is one of the branches of Geology, essential both for Geologists as well as Civil Engineers. The present book under review fulfills an urgent need and forms a valuable addition to the limited number of books on Engineering Geology.

The text has been planned through a set of practical courses useful for students pursuing the subject for graduate studies.

Experimental techniques have been conveniently grouped and dealt with under six sections: identification methods of rocks and minerals, engineering properties of rocks, aggregate properties, site evaluation techniques viz., geophysical methods as applicable to Civil Engineering problems and groundwater aspects.

Hence, this book on 'Experiments in Engineering Geology' is useful and welcome text and forms an important addition to Engineering Geology Course programme where practicals and experimental methods are very essential. The subject matter of the text has been well thought of and arranged. It will be a very useful text book for graduate and post-graduate students concerned with the studies relating to field and laboratory technique in Engineering Geology.

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