<u>'Tedha – Medha' Town</u>

My name is Rani and I live in 'Tedha - Medha' town. My town is very beautiful. There is also something very strange about my town. None of the roads in my town are straight - they are all curved! That is we call our town 'Tedha - Medha' town.

We have a lovely river called the 'Gauri' river flowing on the eastern-end of our town. On the north-western side, we have the fantastic 'Giriraj' mountain-range.

We have a total of **30 houses** in our town, with most of the houses on the southern and western side of the town. We have the big **'Capital Chowk'** right in the middle of the town. The town's main market, called the **'Mandi'** is to the west of the 'Capital Chowk'. There is a lovely, old church called the **'Mount Mary Church'** to the south of the 'Capital Chowk', near the **'Municipal School'** (which is where I study in the fifth standard). The 'Mount Mary Church' is a major **tourist attraction** in our town. Since there is also a **hospital** and a **temple** nearby, vehicles are not allowed to blow their horns on this road **(no horn traffic sign)**.

We also have a lovely garden called the 'Shalimar Bagh' on the south-western side of our town. There is a railway track behind the 'Shalimar Bagh' and the 'Railway Station' lies to the west of the 'Shalimar Bagh'. Right next to the 'Railway Station' is a guarded level crossing (traffic sign).

I love my 'Tedha – Medha' town...please come and visit my town soon!

'Laal Mitti' Village

I live in 'Laal Mitti' village near Mumbai. My grandfather says that long, long ago the soil in our village used to be red in colour. That is why somebody named our village 'Laal Mitti' village. Now, the soil is not red anymore...but people still call our village 'Laal Mitti' village! Isn't that funny?

My school 'The Laal Mitti Municipal School' is on the southern side of our village. To the west of our school, we have a beautiful lake called the 'Neelam Lake'. My friends and I play near this lake every evening. To the east of our school, lies the 'Devi Mata Mandir'.

On the eastern-end of our village is a very old mosque called the 'Purani Masjid'. This is a very important tourist spot in our village and people come from very far and wide to visit this mosque. Near the 'Purani Masjid', is the 'Post Office', where my uncle works as the Post Master. In the middle of our village is a big market area called the 'Baazar Chowk'. To the north of the 'Bazaar Chowk' lies the 'Village Panchayat Office'. Our 'Village Health Care Centre' lies to the west of the 'Village Panchayat Office'.

There are **40 houses** in our village, and most of the people live on the northern and western side of our village. We have a **railway track** running all along the western-end of our village. On the south-western side of our village, we have an **unguarded level crossing (traffic signal)**. We have to be very careful while crossing the railway tracks here as there is no guard to warn us about an approaching train.

You must visit my 'Laal Mitti' village soon. It is the most beautiful village in the world!

'Mangopur' Village

I live in 'Mangopur' village near Kolkata. Our village is called 'Mangopur' village because we grow a lot of mangoes. Luckily, I love mangoes...so I am very happy that I was born in this village!

We have **three huge mango orchards** – one in the north, the other in the east and the third one in the south. My friends and I spend all our summer holidays in these orchards...trying to pluck mangoes from the trees!

The farmers who grow these mangoes sell them in the village market. The market is called the 'Bada Bazaar' and it is situated on the western-end of our village. A steep road (traffic sign) going north of the 'Bada Bazaar' leads to the 'State Bus Depot'. In the summer season you can see the mango- sellers loading the buses with boxes-full of mangoes and taking them to the city markets.

In the middle of my village is the 'Netaji Chowk' named after the freedom fighter Netaji Shubash Chandra Bose. To the east of 'Netaji Chowk' is 'Poonam Cinema' – the only movie theatre in our village. On the southwestern-side of our village lies our 'Village Panchayat Office' and the 'Village Dispensary'. On the southeastern side of our town, we have the 'District College' and also my school called the 'Government Public School'.

We have **40 houses** in our village and most of the people stay in the northern and western side of the village.

You must come to my village during your summer vacations. We will eat mangoes for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

'Bandarabad' Town

The name of my town is 'Bandarabad'. Please do not laugh...! We call it 'Bandarabad' because we have many 'bandars' or 'monkeys' in our town. I like monkeys...but sometimes, they can be very, very naughty!

We have **30 houses** in our town and most of them are situated in the northern and eastern side of our town. We have a big forest called the **'Rajaram National Park'** on the eastern-end of our town. The monkeys come to our town from this forest area.

On the northwestern-side of the town, we have the very old 'Hanuman Mandir'. My grandmother says that this temple has been in our town for hundreds of years! Behind the 'Hanuman Mandir' flows the 'Meena river'. This river flows all through the western-end of our town and supplies water to our farms which are spread across the western and southern part of our town.

The 'Town Panchayat Office' is situated in the middle of the town. To its east, lies the town market called the 'Gol Mandi', because it is 'gol' or round in shape. My school, the 'Sarojini Municipal School' is situated to the north of the 'Gol Mandi'.

We have a **railway station** in the southeastern-side of our town. There is a **guarded level crossing (traffic sign)** right next to it on the eastern-side of the station.

I love my town very much...you must come to visit me and my friends!

'Dilkhush' Village

I live in 'Dilkhush' village near Amritsar. As you can guess, the people of my village are really 'dlkhush' or 'happy' all the time...and that is the most special thing about my village!

We are a village of farmers, so we have **very big farms** spread all over the northern and western side of our village. The river **'Basanti'** flows on the westernend of our village. This river provides us with all the water we need for our crops.

On the eastern-end of our village are the 'Shikhar Mountains'. These mountains are very beautiful and I love to climb them with my friends during my holidays. My school, the 'Nanavati Government School' is situated in the southern part of our village. To the east of the school lies the 'Government College'. My elder sister studies in this college.

In the middle of the village we have the 'Mandi Chowk' which is the village market area. This is a busy area, so nobody can park their tractors on this chowk ('No parking' traffic signal). To the east of the 'Mandi Chowk' is the 'Halla Bol Dera'. This is the place where we celebrate all our festivals as well as, our song and dance shows. I love visiting the 'Halla Bol Dera' with my friends!

To the north of the 'Mandi Chowk' lies the 'Guru Gobind Singh Gurudwara'. This is a very old and beautiful Gurudwara and many people come to offer their prayers at this Gurudwara. We have **30 houses** in our village and most of them are situated on the eastern and southern side of the village.

You must come to my village one day...it will make you very happy!
