

District at glance:

There are two versions about the foundation of Hoshiarpur district and derivation of its name. It is said to have founded by Hargobind and Ram chand, Dewan of Muhammed Bin Tuglak (A.D 1325-51). The Second version ascribes the foundation of Hoshiarpur to one Hoshiarkhan a resident of Bajwara who lived about the same period, and after his name the town was named.

Hoshiarpur district present in north east of Punjab lie between the latitude of 31° 07' 58" and 32° 05' 13". It covers an area of 3392 sq km. It is bounded by Himachal Pradesh in east and north eastern side, Gurdaspur district in north, Kapurthala and Jalandhar district in west and Nawanshahar district in south. The district Hoshiarpur has four tehsils namely Mukerian, Dasuya, Hoshiarpur and Garhshankar and include 1449 village and 10 Blocks.

2.2.1-Table 10: Block wise Information about Geographic Area and Number of villages in each block

S. No	Name of the Block	Geographical Area (ha)	Number of Villages in each block
1	Hoshiarpur 1	35417	200
2	Hoshiarpur 2	43026	127
3	Bhunga	55879	200
4	Dasuya	33738	183
5	Tanda	27644	123
6	Mukerian	23226	141
7	Hazipur	16994	95
8	Talwara	22738	78
9	Mahilpur	42315	157
10	Garhshankar	38308	145
	Total	339285	1449

The climate of Hoshiarpur is semiarid hot with mean annual temperature of 23.6° C. The south western monsoon brings much needed rain during summer (July to September). Nearly 70% of total rainfall is received during this three month. The average rainfall for year 2005 is 679.1 mm as compared to 565.0 mm of state. The mean monthly maximum temperature is as high as 45.5° C in June and mean monthly

minimum temperature as low as 20° C in January.

The total population of district is 14.80 lakh out of which 80% is rural. Schedule caste comprises 34.28% of total population of district. Density of population is 440 per sq km. The number of females per thousand male in district are 935. Literacy rate among rural population 79.8 is lower than urban population (85.5%). Average literacy rate of district is 81%, which is higher than state average (69.7%). The geographical area of district is 339285 ha; out of which 59% is net cultivated 32.5% under forest and 2% is current fallow. The cropping intensity of Hoshiarpur is 170% and consumption of fertilizer is 202 kg/hectare. There are five regulated markets and 29 sub yards. The average no of village and area severed per markets was 279 villages and 662 sq. Km in 2005-06.