



‘ABD-AL-NABĪ AḤMADNAGARĪ

‘ABD-AL-NABĪ B. QĀŽĪ ‘ABD-AL-RASŪL ‘OTMĀNĪ AḤMADNAGARĪ, 12th/18th century Gujerati scholar. Little is known about his life history, although he was allegedly affiliated with the discipline of the famous Šaṭṭārī saint and scholar, Shah Vaĵih-al-dīn ‘Alavī. A number of books have been ascribed to him. Among those extant are: 1. *Jāme‘ al-gomūz manba‘ al-foyūz*, a Persian commentary, written in 1144/1731-32, on Ebn al-Ḥāĵeb’s *Kāfīa*. Several editions of it were published (2nd ed., Cawnpore, 1881; 4th ed., Cawnpore, 1896), and Mawlavī ‘Abd-al-Ġanī published an Urdu translation (Cawnpore, 1298/1881). 2. The first *fann* of an encyclopedic work titled *Dostūr al-‘olamā’ jāme‘ al-‘olūm*, comprising a dictionary of Arabic terms. It was published at Hyderabad in 1329/1911. 3. *Montakab-e tavārīk-e Baḥrī*, an extract from another *fann* of the same comprehensive work, containing historical and geographical notices about the Deccan. A manuscript is preserved in the Royal Asiatic Society collection. Also attributed to ‘Abd-al-Nabī is a commentary, no longer extant, on the commentary of *Tahdīb-e Yazdī*, possibly identical with the *Šarḥ-e tahdīb* of Loṭfallāh b. Aḥmad Mohandes, which also is no longer extant (Marshall, *Mughals in India*, no. 1283, VIII).



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