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The Diaspora—in India:

Edwin Bryant's important book _The Quest for the Origins of Vedic Culture : The Indo-Aryan Migration Debate_ is available in a relatively cheap Indian edition with OUP India (ISBN 0 19 56 5361 0, Rs. 595/-).