

Seven miles short of Khotan is Do-Shamba Bazaar: this is a small village.

Marches. Stages.

1. Posgám.
2. Karghálik.
3. Egun.
4. Chúlák.
5. Gúma.
6. Mocha.
7. Zungoé or Jhanguiá.
8. Piálmá.
9. Ak-Robát, a short stage owing to heavy sand.
10. Beyond Jawa, to the banks of Kárakásh.
11. Khotan (Ilchi).

A road starting between Piálmá and Ak-Robát makes up the Kárakásh valley to the Suget pass and the Kárakorum.

To the east of Khotan and flowing close to the Yangi-shahr, 500 yards outside the wall, is the Yúrúng Kásh River; the bed of this stream is 600 yards broad, and in the dry season it flows in two channels; the road is often closed in this direction. Niaz Beg attempted the construction of a bridge, which was carried away by the stream.

From Khotan up the valley of the Yúrúng Kásh to Ladák; this was the road taken by Jumma Khan; it is said to be very difficult.

From Khotan (Ilchi) by 6 marches in a southerly direction crossing the Yúrúng Kásh at (Ilchi)—

3 tash to Sumpula.	}	These six marches are through cultivated lands by small villages; no river encountered.
3 „ Hasha.		
3 „ Gunjutagh.		
4 „ Nura.		
4 „ Imám Mazár.		
5 „ Polú.		

Fifteen marches from this point by a comparatively easy road to Changthang where the road between Leh and Lhasa is joined. Grass and wood during the entire route. Changthang is from 12 to 15 marches distance from Leh.

Water is procured by digging. This is a summer route; it was pursued by Nujjuf Shah, Envoy of the Maharaja of Kashmir, in 1864, with Nika, Mogul, who is now in Khotan.

The province of Khotan is divided into the following districts:—

- Ilchi (Khotán proper).
- Kárakásh (a Beg).
- Keria (a Beg).
- Chíra (a Beg).
- Yúrúng Kásh united with Ilchi.
- Nía united with Chíra.

The city of Khotan is of an irregular form, the circumference being approximately a mile.

The Fort and Urda of the Hakim are outside. The old Chinese wall round the town has fallen into ruin, but a wall now stands encircling the town and a large portion of the district at some considerable distance from the place itself: this is said to be some 20 miles in circuit. The gate through this on the Yárkand road is 1½ miles distant from the town.

Khotan is the great manufacturing city in the Amír's territory. The province yields very little cotton and very little grain, these being imported from Kashghar and from Gúma