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*The Dialogue of Mother India, Mehboob Khan's Immortal Classic* features the film's complete dialogue by Vajahat Mirza and S. Ali Raza and songs by Shakeel Badayuni presented in Hindi, Urdu, and Roman scripts. Lavishly illustrated, the original dialogue is accompanied by an English translation, introduction and commentary.

Though cinema is primarily a visual medium, dialogue is crucial to every aspect of the film narrative. The film's dialogue, brilliantly delivered by Nargis, Raaj Kumar, Kanhaiyalal, Sunil Dutt and Rajendra Kumar bring alive this magnificent saga of survival and fortitude.

Acknowledged as one of Indian cinema's most important and best-loved films, Mehboob Khan's *Mother India* has a powerful and poignant screenplay that perfectly matches its visual beauty and enduring appeal.

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