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COURT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER OF SIND,

Karachi, 19th September 1925.

From

B. C. KENNEDY, ESQUIRE, I.C.S.,

Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

HOME DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward the accompanying Report on the Administration of Criminal and Civil Justice in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

2. The Judicial Statements accompany the Report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. C. KENNEDY,

Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

**Report on the Administration of Criminal and
Civil Justice in the Province of Sind
for the year 1924.**

PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

The area of the territories to which the statements relate is 46,506 square miles, and the population 3,279,377 according to the census of 1921.

2. The Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind was presided over by Mr. C. A. Kincaid, C.V.O., I.C.S., from 1st January to 28th May 1924 and by Mr. B. C. Kennedy, I.C.S., from 29th May to 31st December 1924.

3. The following were the Additional Judicial Commissioners:—

Mr. B. C. Kennedy, I.C.S., from 1st January to 28th May 1924.

Mr. E. Raymond, LL.B., from 1st January to 12th February 1924 and from 24th July to 31st December 1924.

Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Bar.-at-Law, from 1st January to 31st December 1924.

Mr. Rupchand Bilaram, LL.B., from 1st January to 31st December 1924.

Mr. C. M. Lobo, LL.B., from 13th February to 23rd July 1924.

Mr. G. D. Madgavkar, I.C.S., from 29th May to 10th September 1924.

Mr. P. E. Percival, C.I.E., Bar.-at-Law, I.C.S., from 11th September to 25th December 1924.

4. The Judicial Commissioner's Court was closed for the annual vacation from 15th May to 14th June 1924.

5. There were on the 31st December 1924—

3 Sessions Judges.

2 Additional Sessions Judges.

2 First Class Sub-Judges invested with 'Assistant Sessions Judges' powers.

6 District Magistrates.

17 Sub-Divisional Magistrates.

14 City and Resident Magistrates.

137 Other First, Second and Third Class Magistrates.

Besides the above, there were 258 Special and Honorary Magistrates.

6. There were on the 31st December 1924—

3 District Judges.

1 Joint Judge.

2 Assistant Judges.

2 Small Cause Court Judges (including the Registrar, Small Cause Court, Karachi).

4 First Class Sub-Judges.

13 Second Class Sub-Judges.

7. The annual cold-weather tour for the inspection of the courts in Sind was made in February-March 1925 by Dr. F. X. DeSouza, Civilian Additional Judicial Commissioner, who was deputed by the Judicial Commissioner for the purpose. He inspected the District and Sessions Courts of Hyderabad and Sukkur and the First Class Sub-Courts of Hyderabad, Sukkur and Shikarpur, the City Magistrates' and the First Class Magistrates' Courts of Hyderabad, Sukkur and Shikarpur.

8. The District Judge, Hyderabad, inspected the Sub-Courts of Mirpurkhas, Tando Mahomed Khan and Naushahro, the District Judge, Sukkur, those of Rohri, Shikarpur and Jacobabad and the District Judge, Larkana, those of Mehar and Sehwan.

9. The temporary appointment of a fifth Judge in the Judicial Commissioner's Court, which was created by Government with effect from the 21st June 1923 has been sanctioned for a further period upto the 20th June 1926, under Home Department No. 7328-A, dated 17th June 1925.

10. The Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act is reported to be working satisfactorily in the Province.

11. The total receipts of all the Courts are, according to the figures supplied by the Accountant-General, Rs. 10,66,505 and the total charges Rs. 13,60,009 during the year under report, disclosing a deficit of Rs. 2,93,504 in the receipts over charges.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

12. The number of offences reported and those returned as true during the year under review shows a decrease as compared with the preceding year, the figures being—

Year.			Offences reported.	Offences returned as true.
1923	...	...	32,516	30,533
1924	...	...	31,014	29,563
			-1,502	-970

13. There was a corresponding decrease in the number of cases brought to trial from 32,978 to 32,373 and in the number of persons from 52,278 to 52,229. The number of persons remaining under trial at the end of the year under report rose from 6,131 to 6,144. The total number of persons under trial during the year under review before the several Criminal Courts, including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner, was 52,484.

The following table exhibits the result as contrasted with the figures in 1923:—

Year.			Total No. of persons under trial.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.
1923	...	...	52,926	27,265	18,276
1924	...	...	52,484	25,975	19,683
			-442	-1,290	+1,407

14. The following table shows the punishments inflicted in 1924 as contrasted with those in 1923:—

Year.		Death.	Transportation.	Imprisonment.	Fine.	Whipping	Persons ordered to furnish security.
1923	...	31	51	4,443	13,623	147	964
1924	...	37	46	3,674	15,459	124	709

The fines in 1924 amounted to Rs. 1,87,178-2-0 as against Rs. 2,12,779-6-3 in 1923 and compensation paid to accused persons in 1924 amounted to Rs. 15,181-6-0 as against Rs. 7,639-0-10 in 1923.

15. Particulars as to the result of trials in the different districts (including the persons in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner) are given in the following table:—

District,	Under trial.	Acquitted or discharged	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.
Karachi ...	18,987	6,287	12,246	3	451
Hyderabad ...	6,206	3,017	2,118	273	798
Sukkur ...	7,988	4,654	2,076	15	1,243
Larkana ...	10,196	6,712	1,433	24	2,027
Thar Parkar ...	2,376	1,509	372	65	430
Nawabshah ...	4,076	2,499	845	44	688
Upper Sind Frontier.	2,369	1,295	576	3	495
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.	31	2	17	...	12
Total ...	52,229	25,975	19,683	427	6,144

16. The following statement shows the work done by the several Sessions Courts (including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner) for the last three years:—

District.	1922.				1923.				1924.			
	Cases.		Appeals.		Cases.		Appeals.		Cases.		Appeals.	
	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.
Karachi ...	55	55	205	217	44	44	218	213	39	40	286	288
Hyderabad ...	135	139	448	453	123	110	392	340	136	124	408	442
Sukkur ...	73	88	131	130	89	72	94	93	77	74	117	96
Larkana ...	38	35	76	73	74	59	77	71	63	73	67	73

17. The number of offences affecting life and attempts at such offences rose from 275 to 303 in the year under report. A large portion of this class of crime, specially in Karachi, Hyderabad, Nawabshah, Larkana, Sukkur and Upper Sind Frontier, arose from intrigues or supposed intrigues with women.

18. There was an increase in the number of offences under the following heads :—

- (1) Offences against the State.
- (2) Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.
- (3) Offences relating to coins.
- (4) Offences relating to religion.
- (5) Offences affecting life.
- (6) Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour.
- (7) Rape.
- (8) Unnatural offence.
- (9) Extortion.
- (10) Robbery and dacoity.
- (11) Criminal misappropriation.
- (12) Mischief.
- (13) Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks.
- (14) Defamation.

There was a decrease in the number of offences under the following heads :—

- (1) Offences against the public tranquility.
- (2) Offences by or relating to public servants.
- (3) False evidence and offences against public justice.
- (4) Offences relating to weights and measures.
- (5) Hurt.
- (6) Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement.
- (7) Criminal force and assault.

- (8) Theft.
- (9) Criminal breach of trust.
- (10) Receiving of stolen property.
- (11) Cheating.
- (12) Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property.
- (13) Criminal trespass.
- (14) Criminal breach of contracts of service.
- (15) Offences relating to marriage.
- (16) Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance.
- (17) Offences under special and local laws.
- (18) Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.

19. The number of individual appeals disposed of in the year under report was 1794, that is, 112 more than in the preceding year. Out of these the sentences were left unaltered in 1,317 cases and were reversed or varied in 452. The sentences were maintained intact in 73.41 per cent. of appeals against 81.03 in the previous year.

The above appeals were thus distributed :—

(1) Magistrates' Courts	...	...	200
(2) Sessions Courts (including Judicial Commissioner's Court).			1,301
(3) Court of the Judicial Commissioner (High Court Jurisdiction).			293

The Criminal Appeals in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner and the Sessions Courts show an increase of 72 and 294, respectively, and those in the Courts of the Magistrates show a decrease of 252.

20. During the year under report, cases of 196 persons were examined in revision by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction). The Sessions Courts examined the cases of 239 and the District Magistrates 63. The principal results of this revision were that sentences of 36 persons were reversed, of 3 persons altered and of 141 persons were otherwise disposed of.

21. The following table shows the Criminal work disposed of by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court

Jurisdiction) in the year under report as compared with that of 1923 and the arrears at the end of the year:—

Serial No.	Description of work.	Arrears on 31st December 1922	1923.		Arrears on 31st December 1923.	1924.		Arrears on 31st December 1924.
			Filed.	Disposed of.		Filed.	Disposed of	
1	Criminal appeals ...	12	138	141	9	198	178	29
2	Confirmation cases ...	5	12	15	2	28	19	11
3	Reported cases, section 438, Criminal Procedure Code.	5	41	41	5	53	48	10
4	Criminal Revision Applications.	13	95	95	13	131	119	25
5	Criminal Applications, section 498, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	19	19	...	13	13	...
6	Criminal Transfer Applications, section 526, Criminal Procedure Code	6	26	31	1	34	30	5

The cases of 31 persons were referred to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner for confirmation of the sentence of death. In the case of 13 the sentence of death was confirmed; in the case of 2 the conviction and sentence was reversed; in the case of 4 the sentence was commuted to that of transportation for life and the cases of 12 persons were pending at the close of the year.

CIVIL JUSTICE.

22. The total number of Civil Suits instituted in Sind during the year under report was 28,144 as compared with 28,452 in 1923. The number in each of the District Courts, including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction), filed in the two years was:—

District.	1923.	1924.
Hyderabad	5	9
Sukkur	11	10
Larkana ... ..	...	3
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction).	1,089	1,155

23. The following table shows the nature of suits principally filed in the province during the years 1923 and 1924. Suits relating to immoveable property formed only 3·16 per cent. of the total number of suits filed. The percentage for 1923 was 2·74 :—

Nature.		1923.	1924
Money and moveable property	...	25,443	24,889
Mortgage	... ..	769	828
Immoveable property	... ..	780	892

24. The total value of suits filed during the year under report was Rs. 1,22,22,845-10-10½ compared with Rs. 1,36,32,957-13-8 in 1923.

25. The total number of suits disposed of was 29,874 as against 28,782 in the preceding year. The following table exhibits the manner of disposal in 1924 as compared with the year 1923 :—

Manner of disposal.		1923.	1924.
Without trial	... ..	6,460	6,169
By Arbitration	... ..	2,625	2,700
Contested	... ..	3,909	4,430
Without Contest	... ..	15,788	16,575

26. The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 8,644.

27. The average duration of contested and uncontested suits in the District Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction), was 391·21 and 318·69 days, respectively, in the year under report as against 474·87 and 522·07 days, respectively, in 1923.

28. The number of Miscellaneous Judicial cases for disposal before the Courts was 1,511 as against 1,508 in 1923. The number disposed of was 1,094 as against 1,093 in 1923.

29. The number of Civil Appeals before the District Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner (District Court Jurisdiction) was 658 as against 684 in 1923. Of these 257 were disposed of as compared with 295 in 1923. The number of Civil Appeals disposed of during the year under report as contrasted with the preceding year is as follows :—

District.	1923.	1924.
Hyderabad	109	122
Sukkur	153	85
Larkana	31	48
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction).	2	2

30. The average duration of appeals in the District Courts during the year under report was 539·26 days and in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner (District Court Jurisdiction) 193 and (High Court Jurisdiction) 540·67. The corresponding figures for the year 1923 were 461·59, 252·1 and 671·18.

31. There were in all 21,343 applications for execution before the Civil Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind as against 21,705 in 1923. Of these 17,960 were disposed of as against 18,516 in 1923. The amount realized in execution of decrees during the year under report was Rs. 5,38,571-3-8 as compared with Rs. 5,30,625-4-7 in the year 1923. Moveable property was sold in 151 cases as against 130 cases in 1923, and attached but subsequently released in 243 as against 228 in 1923.

32. 233 Insolvency petitions were presented during the year. Out of 365 petitions for disposal before the Courts in the Province of Sind, 168 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 197. The number of insolvents discharged was 62 as against 27 in 1923. The orders of adjudication in respect of 10 debtors were annulled in the Judicial Commissioner's Court. The number of undischarged insolvents in the said Court has fallen from 235 to 221.

33. There were no references made under section 27 nor any appeals filed under section 30 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, VIII of 1923, during the year under review.

34. The following table shows the Civil work disposed of by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner (High Court Jurisdiction) during the year under report as contrasted with that of 1923 and the arrears awaiting disposal.

HIGH COURT JURISDICTION.

Description.	Arrears on 31st December 1922.	1923.		Arrears on 31st December 1923.	1924.		Arrears on 31st December 1924.
		Filed.	Disposed of.		Filed.	Disposed of.	
I Appeals ...	126	50	100	76	65	63	78
II Appeals ..	51	52	46	57	35	40	52
Miscellaneous appeals .	56	48	62	42	36	44	34
Applications under sections 22 and 23, Civil Procedure Code.	1	...	1	...	2	2	...
Applications under sections 24 and 25, Civil Procedure Code.	6	28	32	2	24	18	8
Applications under section 115, Civil Procedure Code.	24	45	52	17	47	34	30
Applications under Order XLV, rule 2, Civil Procedure Code.	5	7	5	7	4	6	5
Applications under Order XLVI, rule 6, Civil Procedure Code.	1	..	1	...	...	...	...
Applications under Order XLVII, rule 1, Civil Procedure Code.	4	2	2	5	1	5	1
Applications under Act X of 1865.	5	9	12	2	8	9	1
Applications under Act IV of 1869.	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Applications under section 25 of Act IX of 1887.	39	42	40	41	36	48	29
Applications under Act VII of 1913.	1	17	1	17	4	20	1
Applications under Bombay Regulation II of 1827 and section 16 of Bombay Act XII of 1866.	..	2	2	..	1	1	...

GENERAL.

35. There has been a slight decrease both in Criminal and Civil work in the year under report which however does not call for any special comment.

M. DESOUZA,
Registrar.

STATEMENT NO. 25—(CIVIL AND CRIMINAL).

Showing the number of Judicial Divisions, and the number of Officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Sind on 31st December 1924.

Name of Province.	Number of divisions for Courts under Chief Courts but superior to Chief Courts of districts.	Number of districts.	Number of sub-districts.	Number of Officers exercising Original or Appellate Jurisdiction.					Remarks.
				Judges of Chief Court of Province.	Judges of other Courts Superior to Chief District Courts.	Judges of Chief Courts of districts.	Judges of district Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other subordinate Courts.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sind—									
Civil	4	14	4 (a)	...	3	8 (b)	13	
Criminal	7	62	4 (a)	...	11 (c)	19 (d)	(*) 137 (e)	

(a) Includes the Judicial Commissioner. The number of Judges during the year was 5, but one handed over charge on 25th December 1924 and his successor did not arrive till 21st January 1925.

(b) Includes 1 Joint Judge, 2 Assistant Judges, 1 Small Cause Court Judge, 4 First Class Sub-Judges.

(c) These are District Magistrates, 1 Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier, 3 Sessions Judges and 2 Additional Sessions Judges. The normal number of District Magistrates including the Deputy Commissioner is 7.

(d) These are Assistant Collectors, Deputy Collectors and 2 First Class Sub-Judges invested with Assistant Sessions Judges' powers.

(e) These are all Stipendiary Magistrates other than those shown in columns 7 and 8.

(*) Besides these there were 258 Special and Honorary Magistrates.

M. DESOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT NO. 26—(CIVIL AND CRIMINAL).

Showing the number of cases decided in and the receipts and charges of the Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

Name of Province.	Number of cases decided.						Remarks	
	Original.		Appellate.		Total receipts of Courts.	Total charges of Courts.		
	Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Sind —						Rs.	Rs.	
Civil	29,874	19,163	360	121	} 10,66,505	*13,60,009		
Criminal	30,180	602	1,892	468				

* This includes adjustment, contributions, payment to officers of other provinces and foreign service payments.

M. DESOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 27—(CIVIL).

Showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or moveable property.	Suits under the Rent Law.					Title and other suits.					Grand total.
		Arrears of rent with or without ejectment.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	For ejectment or recovery of possession alone.	All other suits under the Rent Law.	Total.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for specific relief.	Mortgage suits.	Other suits not falling under any of the preceding heads.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Courts of Subordinate Judges.	17,916	...	...	...	...	...	784	49	715	933	2,481	20,397
Small Cause Courts ..	6,570	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,570
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	8	...	...	...	...	...	6	3	1	4	14	22
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	395	274	...	12	...	286	102	11	112	249	474	1,155
Total ...	24,889	274	...	12	...	286	892	63	828	1,186	2,969	28,144

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M. DESOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT NO. 28—(CIVIL).

Showing the number and value of Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of suits instituted in different courts.									Total value of suits.
	Value not exceeding Rs. 10.	Value Rs. 10 to Rs. 50.	Value Rs. 50 to Rs. 100	Value Rs. 100 to Rs. 500.	Value Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000.	Value Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 5,000.	Value above Rs. 5,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total number of suits instituted.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Courts of Subordinate Judges ...	1,264	7,436	3,975	5,542	928	884	294	74	20,397	Rs. 88,51,096 5 9½
Small Cause Courts ...	419	2,104	1,440	2,060	547	...	...	...	6,570	10,54,934 3 7
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	1	1	..	5	6	5	1	3	22	29,321 8 . 0
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	24	14	80	197	280	361	141	58	1,155	22,87,493 9 6
Total ...	1,708	9,555	5,495	7,804	1,761	1,250	436	135	28,144	1,22,22,845 10 10½

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M. DESOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 29—(CIVIL).

Showing the general results of trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of suits before the Courts.	Number of suits disposed of, excluding transfers.					
		Without trial.	Without contest.	With contest.		On reference to arbitration.	Pending at the close of the year.
				Judgment for plaintiff.	Judgment for defendant.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I.—CIVIL COURTS.							
Courts of Subordinate Judges	27,365	5,425	11,325	2,490	454	2,242	5,429
Small Cause Courts	8,234	425	4,811	819	205	152	1,822
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges)	44	2	1	1	3	1	36
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction)	2,875	317	438	437	21	305	1,357
Total	8,518	6,169	16,575	3,747	683	2,700	8,644
II.—REVENUE COURTS.							
Courts under Bombay Act II of 1906	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	(a) 38,518	6,169	16,575	3,747	683	2,700	8,644

(a) The number of cases pending at the close of the last year was 9,759. If this be deducted from the total in column 2, the balance is 28,759 instead of 28,144. This is due to there being 615 revived suits.

M. DESOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 30—(CIVIL).

Showing the general results of trail of Civil and Revenue cases in Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of, excluding transfers.				Pending at the close of the year.	
		Without trial.	Without contest.	With contest.			On reference to arbitration.
				Judgment for plaintiff.	Judgment for defendant.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I. CIVIL COURTS.							
Courts of Subordinate Judges	494	103	143	58	25	...	165
Small Cause Courts	45	12	13	3	4	...	13
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	313	56	77	10	14	1	155
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction)..	592	301	123	93	6	...	69
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ...	67	20	8	17	7	...	15
Total ...	1,511	492	364	181	56	1	417
II. REVENUE COURTS.							
Courts under Bombay Act II of 1906
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,511	492	364	181	56	1	417

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M. DESOUZA,

Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 31—(CIVIL).

Showing the Business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

APPEALS FROM DECREES.

Class of Tribunals.	Appeals from decrees.						
	Number of appeals before the Courts.	Appeals disposed of (excluding transfers).					Pending at the close of the year.
		Dismissed or not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	651	47	123	29	48	8	396
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	7	1	1	...	...	...	5
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) } 1st Appeals	141	13	29	8	10	3	78
Do. do. ... 2nd Appeals.	92	9	21	4	6	..	52
Total ...	891	70	174	41	64	11	351

M. DESOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 32—(CIVIL).

Showing the Business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

Class of Tribunals.	Appeals disposed of (Excluding transfers).						Pending at the close of the year.
	Number of appeals before the Courts.	Dismissed or not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	112	23	32	2	10	...	45
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	12	...	7	...	2	1	2
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction).	78	18	17	4	4	1	34
Total ...	202	41	56	6	16	2	81

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M. DESOUZA,

Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 33—(CRIMINAL).

Showing the General Results of Trials of Criminal Cases in the Tribunals of various classes in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of offences reported.	Number of persons under trial.	Persons whose cases were disposed of				Persons remaining under trial at the end of the year.
			Discharged or acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another province.	
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Subordinate Magistrates—							
Special Magistrates under section 14	2,704	3,517	1,626	1,589	...	5	297
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly	6,526	7,803	3,431	3,765	43	4	360
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly	10,462	21,834	12,584	5,072	197	226	3,755
Benches of Magistrates	10,614	17,775	7,785	8,432	...	187	1,371
District and Divisional Magistrates—							
Cases referred, under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code...	284	703	238	338	...	3	124
Chief Magistrates of Districts	35	108	12	96	...	...	...
Courts of Session	389	913	297	374	15	2	225
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ... ..	..	31	2	17	...	...	12
Total	31,014	52,484	25,975	19,683	255	427	6,144

M. DESOUZA,

Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 34—(CRIMINAL).

Showing the General Results of Appeals and Revisions in Criminal Cases in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of Persons.							
	Number of appellants and applicants for revision before the Courts.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence altered.	Sentence reversed.	Otherwise disposed of.	Died, escaped or transferred to another province.	Pending trial.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
APPEALS TO								
Chief Magistrates of Districts	209	97	24	11	64	4	...	9
Courts of Session, including Judicial Commissioner's Court (Sessions Court Jurisdiction) ...	1,433	655	282	134	210	19	1	132
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ...	346	145	114	16	17	1	...	53
Total ...	1,988	897	420	161	291	24	1	194
REVISION BY								
Chief Magistrates of Districts	64	58	...	...	...	5	...	1
Courts of Session, including Judicial Commissioner's Court (Sessions Court Jurisdiction) ...	345	252	...	...	...	118	...	106
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ...	235	121	44	3	36	18	...	39
Total ...	644	431	44	3	36	141	...	146
GRAND TOTAL ...	2,632	1,328	464	164	327	165	1	340

* In applications for revision made on behalf of complainants there were 157 accused persons involved and these must be added to the grand total of column 2 to make it equal to the total of columns 3 to 9.

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Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 35 (CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT NO. 35—(CRIMINAL).

Showing the nature of offences reported and the number of persons tried, convicted and acquitted of each class of offence in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

Description of offence.	Number of cases.			Number of persons.					Remarks.
	Offences reported.	Returned as true.	Brought to trial.	Undertrial including pending from previous year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another province or presidency.	Remaining under trial.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Against the State ...	2	2	2	3	...	1	...	2	
Relating to the Army and Navy.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Against the public tranquility ...	412	349	424	2,426	1,509	381	32	504	
By or relating to public servants	13	13	18	27	12	10	...	5	
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.	136	135	152	179	57	86	2	34	
False evidence and offences against public justice.	287	268	342	462	186	147	24	105	
Relating to coin ...	12	12	14	21	8	13	...	...
Relating to Government stamps.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Relating to weights and measures.	15	15	16	18	5	12	...	1	
Affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.	153	145	188	268	113	123	2	30	
Relating to religion	5	5	5	18	9	1	...	8	
<i>Affecting the human body.</i>									
Affecting life ...	303	303	397	729	231	310	9	279	
Causing miscarriage, injuries to unborn children; exposure of infants and the concealment of birth.	1	1	2	3	2	1	...	...

Hurt	3,560	3,216	3,464	9,030	7,582	568	31	849
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement.	181	151	173	499	365	32	2	100
Criminal force and assault ...	318	295	327	853	647	64	...	142
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour.	160	115	151	555	365	20	4	166
Rape	27	27	33	56	38	10	1	7
Unnatural offence	46	46	51	67	23	19	9	16
<i>Against property.</i>								
Theft ordinary	1,628	1,589	1,729	2,253	579	1,347	7	320
Cattle theft	849	798	952	1,494	543	619	42	290
Extortion	16	15	17	25	14	5	...	6
Robbery and dacoity	146	127	146	387	123	146	11	107
Criminal misappropriation ...	338	263	290	509	383	28	5	93
Criminal breach of trust	451	292	358	463	279	70	8	106
Receiving stolen property	413	404	520	807	423	259	12	113
Cheating	340	269	314	480	347	57	5	71
Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property.	19	17	27	74	48	8	...	18
Mischief	405	361	410	1,124	855	100	9	162
Criminal trespass	751	679	759	1,699	1,169	210	34	286
Relating to documents and to trade or property marks.	29	25	30	42	16	10	3	13
Criminal breach of contracts of service.	3	3	3	3	3	...	...	...
Relating to marriage	759	650	807	3,163	2,408	62	42	651
Defamation	85	68	78	255	194	24	...	37
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance.	1,137	930	992	2,378	2,106	92	...	180
Offences under special and local laws.	18,014	17,975	19,182	21,859	5,335	14,948	133	1,443
Total	31,014	29,563	32,373	52,229	25,975	19,683	427	6,144

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT

Showing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal

Class of Tribunals,	Number of persons executed.	Number of persons sentenced to					
		Death.	Trans- portation or Penal servitude.	Imprison- ment.	Fine or forfeiture.	Whipping.	Give security.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Subordinate Magistrates—							
Special Magistrates under section 14.	...	...	...	202	1,357	24	8
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly.	...	...	...	33	24	...	6
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly.	...	...	...	2,804	5,344	96	532
Benches of Magistrates ...	...	...	...	231	8,693	...	9
District and Divisional Magistrates—							
Cases referred under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code	...	...	...	41	...	...	119
Chief Magistrates of districts	...	...	...	54	8	...	34
Courts of Session	8	24	42	309	33	4	1
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction).	13	13	4	...	...	..	...
Total ..	21	37	46	3,674	15,459	124	709

No. 36—(CRIMINAL.)

Tribunals in the Province of Sind for the year 1924..

Fine of		Total amount of fines.			Number of persons sentenced to imprisonment of				Remarks.
		Imposed.	Realised.	Paid as compensation.	15 days and under.	Above 15 days to 6 months.	Above 6 months to 2 years.	Above 2 years.	
Rs. 10 and under.	Over Rs. 10.								
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.					
1,144	231	15,988 8 0	13,239 8 0	887 0 0	20	171	11	...	
2	22	3,029 0 0	2,559 0 0	655 0 0	4	28	1	...	
1,821	3,505	1,21,417 6 0	97,498 3 1	10,552 2 0	356	1,515	933	...	
8,334	359	33,794 4 0	30,463 9 0	912 4 0	34	196	1	...	
...	...	...	...	...	..	27	14	...	
..	8	3,050 0 0	5,100 0 0	...	...	...	12	42	
4	29	9,899 0 0	6,029 0 0	2,175 0 0	3	25	121	160	
...	
11,305	4,154	1,87,178 2 0	1,54,889 4 1	15,181 6 0	417	1,962	1,093	202	

M. DESOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

Statement showing the amount of work disposed of by the various

Names of Courts.	Criminal Work.		CIVIL				
	Cases disposed of by the Sessions Court.	Appeals disposed of by the Sessions Court.	Original.				
			Total number of suits before the Court.	Disposed of.	Pending at the end of the year under report.	Pending at the end of the preceding year.	Total number of appeals before the Court.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
HYDERABAD.							
Court of District and Sessions Judge.	124	442	22	4	18	13	343
First Class Subordinate Court ...	...	...	148	59	89	70	...
Second Class Subordinate Court ...	...	...	825	500	325	327	...
Subordinate Court, Hyderabad, Small Causes.	...	...	1,048	857	211	141	...
Subordinate Court, Tando, Regular.	...	...	731	545	186	253	...
Subordinate Court, Tando, Small Causes.	...	...	213	184	29	35	...
Subordinate Court, Shahdadpur-Nawabshah, Regular.	...	...	1,087	725	362	416	...
Subordinate Court, Shahdadpur-Nawabshah, Small Causes.	...	...	354	275	79	72	...
Subordinate Court, Naushahro, Regular.	...	...	1,576	1,267	309	307	...
Subordinate Court, Naushahro, Small Causes.	...	...	535	470	65	55	...
Subordinate Court, Mirpurkhas, Regular.	...	...	1,537	1,153	384	663	...
Subordinate Court, Mirpurkhas, Small Causes.	...	...	404	371	53	139	...
Subordinate Court, Mithi, Regular.	...	...	233	207	26	151	...
Subordinate Court, Mithi, Small Causes.	...	...	219	200	19	77	...
Total ...	124	442	8,932	6,797	2,155	2,719	343
SUKKUR.							
Court of District and Sessions Judge	28	135	16	1	14	13	203
Court of Joint Judge ...	38	19	...	1	...	...	...
Court of Assistant Judge ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
First Class Subordinate Court ...	...	...	127	86	41	150	...
Subordinate Court, Sukkur, Regular	...	...	564	349	215	197	...
Subordinate Court, Sukkur, Small Causes.	...	...	1,154	979	175	148	...
First Class Subordinate Court, Shikarpur.	...	...	209	98	111	...	...
Subordinate Court, Shikarpur, Regular.	...	...	1,853	1,416	437	619	...
Subordinate Court, Shikarpur, Small Causes.	...	...	1,253	1,113	140	150	...
Subordinate Court, Rohri, Regular.	...	...	1,762	1,375	387	446	...
Subordinate Court, Rohri, Small Causes.	...	...	885	827	58	124	...
Subordinate Court, Jacobabad, Regular.	...	...	960	761	199	247	...
Subordinate Court, Jacobabad, Small Causes.	...	...	464	432	32	34	...
Total ...	74	154	9,247	7,438	1,809	2,128	203

Courts in each District in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

W O R K.							Remarks.
Appeals.			Execution proceedings disposed of.	Order made after investigation columns 17 and 18 of the monthly Civil Returns.	Number of original suits pending more than a year at the end of the year under report.	Number of appeals pending more than a year at the end of the year under report.	
Disposed of.	Pending at the end of the year under report.	Pending at the end of the preceding year.					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
122	221	215	10	72	11	111	
...	42	24	37	...	
...	446	37	102	...	
...	484	4	6	...	
...	249	5	13	...	
...	111	...	...	...
...	569	10	64	...	
...	144	...	4	...	
...	566	24	9	...	
...	165	...	...	...
...	510	14	62	...	
...	180	2	...	...
...	68	3	7	...	
...	38	...	1	...	
122	221	215	3,582	195	316	111	
32	118	121	11	4	11	44	
33	2	1	...	...
30	
...	37	2	20	...	
...	217	7	41	...	
...	444	2	1	...	
...	57	1	...	...
...	973	34	110	...	
...	511	...	2	...	
...	881	2	48	...	
...	521	...	...	...
...	401	4	14	...	
...	263	1	...	...
85	118	121	4,318	58	247	44	

Statement showing the amount of work disposed of by the various Courts

Names of Courts.	Criminal Work.		CIVIL				
	Cases disposed of by the Sessions Court.	Appeals disposed of by the Sessions Court.	Original.				
			Total number of suits before the Court.	Disposed of	Pending at the end of the year under report.	Pending at the end of the preceding year.	Total number of appeals before the Court.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
LARKANA.							
Court of District and Sessions Judge.	73	73	6	2	4	3	105
First Class Subordinate Court ...	...	...	76	48	28	32	...
Second Class Subordinate Court ...	...	...	2,896	2,350	546	525	...
Subordinate Court, Mehar, Regular.	...	...	2,030	1,801	229	203	...
Subordinate Court, Larkana, Small Causes.	...	...	766	690	76	113	...
Subordinate Court, Mehar, Small Causes.	...	...	515	472	43	34	...
Subordinate Court, Sehwan, Regular.	...	...	1,020	794	226	205	...
Subordinate Court, Sehwan, Small Causes.	...	...	513	468	45	59	...
Total ...	73	73	7,822	6,625	1,197	1,174	105
KARACHI.							
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District and Sessions Court Jurisdiction).	40	288	2,875	1,518	1,357	1,720	7
Court of Small Causes ...	...	...	8,234	6,412	1,822	1,664	...
Subordinate Court, Tatta, Regular...	...	...	832	615	217	258	...
Subordinate Court, Tatta, Small Causes.	...	...	576	469	107	96	...
Total ...	40	288	12,517	9,014	3,503	3,738	7
CONSOLIDATED TOTALS OF DISTRICTS.							
Hyderabad ...	124	442	8,932	6,797	2,135	2,719	343
Sukkur ...	74	154	9,247	7,438	1,809	2,128	203
Larkana ...	73	73	7,822	6,625	1,197	1,174	105
Karachi ...	40	288	12,517	9,014	3,503	3,738	7
Total ...	311	957	38,518	29,874	8,644	9,759	658
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction).	...	...	...	...	...	...	233
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	233

(a) In addition the following miscellaneous matters were disposed of—

44 Miscellaneous Appeals.

Applications—

- 34 Under section 115, Civil Procedure Code.
- 2 Under sections 22 and 23, Civil Procedure Code.
- 18 Under sections 24 and 25, Civil Procedure Code.
- 6 Under section 45, Rule 2, Civil Procedure Code.
- 5 Under section 47, Rule 1, Civil Procedure Code.
- 20 Under Act VII of 1913.
- 1 Under Act IV of 1869.
- 1 Under Bombay Act XII of 1866.
- 48 Under Act IX of 1887.
- 9 Under Act X of 1865

in each District in the Province of Sind for the year 1924—(concl'd.).

WORK.							Remarks.
Appeals.			Execution proceedings disposed of.	Order made after investigation columns 17 and 18 of the monthly Civil Returns.	Number of original suits pending more than a year at the end of the year under report.	Number of appeals pending more than a year at the end of the year under report.	
Disposed of.	Pending at the end of the year under report.	Pending at the end of the preceding year.					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
48	57	65	2	22	2	29	
...	...	...	22	11	9	...	
...	...	...	1,117	26	38	...	
...	...	...	807	16	2	...	
...	...	...	428	4	2	...	
...	...	...	190	...	...	...
...	...	...	682	9	8	...	
...	...	...	304	...	...	...
48	57	65	3,552	88	61	29	
2	5	2	1,209	99	922	2	
...	...	...	4,624	32	127	...	
...	...	...	350	3	11	...	
...	...	...	325	1	2	...	
2	5	2	6,508	135	1,062	2	
122	221	215	3,582	195	316	111	
85	118	121	4,318	58	247	44	
48	57	65	3,552	88	61	29	
2	5	2	6,508	135	1,062	2	
257	401	403	17,960	476	1,686	186	
103	130	133	54	
103 (4)	130	133	54	

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