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COURT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER OF SINDH

Karachi, 24th September 1926.

From

C. A. KINCAID, ESQUIRE, C. V. O., 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 1925.

2. The Judicial Statements accompany the Report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. A. KINCAID,
Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

**Report on the Administration of Criminal and
Civil Justice in the Province of Sind
for the year 1925.**

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. B. C. Kennedy, I.C.S., from 1st January to 24th October 1925 and by Mr. C. A. Kincaid, C.V.O., I.C.S., from 25th October to 31st December 1925.

3. The following were the Additional Judicial Commissioners :—

Mr. B. C. Kennedy, I.C.S., from 25th October to 31st December 1925.

Mr. E. Raymond, LL.B., from 1st January to 11th October 1925.

Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Bar-at-law, from 1st January to 13th June 1925.

Mr. Rupchand Bilaram, LL.B., from 1st January to 31st December 1925.

Dr. F. X. DeSouza, M.A., LL.D., Bar-at-law, I.C.S., from 21st January to 22nd August 1925.

Mr. Faiz. B. Tyabji, Bar-at-law, from 14th June to 31st December 1925.

Mr. A. C. Wild, I.C.S., from 28th August to 24th October 1925.

Mr. C. M. Lobo, LL.B., from 12th October to 31st December 1925.

4. The Judicial Commissioner's Court was closed for the annual vacation from 14th May to 13th June 1925.

5. There were on the 31st December 1925 :—

3 Sessions Judges.

4 Additional Sessions Judges.

7 District Magistrates.

20 Sub-Divisional Magistrates.

14 City and Resident Magistrates.

238 Other First, Second and Third Class Magistrates, of whom 109 were Special and Honorary Magistrates.

Besides the above there were 46 Benches of Magistrates inclusive of those in the City of Karachi, constituted from among 258 Honorary Magistrates.

6. There were on the 31st December 1925:—

3 District Judges.

4 Assistant Judges.

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

4 First Class Sub-Judges.

12 Second Class Sub-Judges.

7. The annual cold-weather tour for the inspection of the Courts in Sind was made in January — March 1926 by the Judicial Commissioner. He inspected the District and Sessions Courts and the First Class Subordinate Courts of Hyderabad, Sukkur and Larkana; the Second Class Subordinate Courts of Tatta, Mirpurkhas, Tando Mahomed Khan, Shahdadpur, Sehwan and Rohri; the City Magistrates' Courts of Hyderabad and Sukkur; the Court of the Resident Magistrate, Larkana; the First Class Magistrates' Courts of Tatta, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Tando Mahomed Khan, Sehwan and Larkana; and the Second Class Magistrates' Courts of Shahdadpur and Sukkur.

8. The District Judge, Larkana, inspected the First Class Sub-Court, Larkana, and the Second Class Sub-Courts 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 1927, under Home Department No. 7328-A., dated 29th May 1926.

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. 11,13,016 and the total charges Rs. 20,01,175 during the year under report, disclosing a deficit of Rs. 8,88,159.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

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

Year.			Offences reported.	Offences returned as true.
1924	...	...	31,014	29,563
1925	...	...	32,014	30,227
			+ 1,000	+ 664

13. There was a decrease in the number of cases brought to trial from 32,373 to 32,277 and in the number of persons from 52,229 to 52,090. The number of persons remaining under trial at the end of the year under report rose from 6,144 to 6,684. 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 52,353.

The following table exhibits the result as contrasted with the figures in 1924 :—

Year.			Total number of persons under trial.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.
1924	...	...	52,484	25,975	19,683
1925	...	...	52,353	23,764	20,901
			- 131	- 2,211	+ 1,218

14. The following table shows the punishments inflicted in 1925 as contrasted with those in 1924 :—

Year.		Death.	Transportation.	Imprisonment.	Fine.	Whipping.	Persons ordered to furnish security.
1924	...	37	46	3,674	15,459	124	709
1925	...	23	44	4,095	15,828	121	1,099

The fines in 1925 amounted to Rs. 2,62,171-6-0 as against Rs. 1,87,178-2-0 and compensation paid to accused persons in 1925 amounted to Rs. 11,068-14-0 as against Rs. 15,181-6-0 in 1924.

15. Particulars as to the results 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	18,667	5,302	12,547	2	816
Hyderabad	5,631	2,709	1,821	471	630
Sukkur	7,767	4,055	2,520	13	1,179
Larkana	10,008	6,200	1,664	14	2,130
Nawabshah	4,313	2,353	881	53	1,026
Thar Parkar	2,511	1,226	559	184	542
Upper Sind Frontier	3,158	1,914	881	4	359
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.	35	5	28	...	2
Total	52,090	23,764	20,901	741	6,684

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.	1923.				1924.				1925.			
	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	44	44	218	213	39	40	286	288	42	47	290	282
Hyderabad	123	110	392	340	136	124	408	442	127	139	421	430
Sukkur	89	72	94	93	77	74	117	96	90	105	253	255
Larkana	74	59	77	71	63	73	67	73	63	58	165	150

17. The number of offences affecting life and attempts at such offences fell from 303 to 272 in the year under report. A large portion of this class of crime, specially in Karachi, Nawabshah, Thar Parkar 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) By or relating to public servants.
- (2) False evidence and offences against public justice.
- (3) Relating to Government stamps.
- (4) Hurt.
- (5) Criminal force and assault.
- (6) Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour.
- (7) Unnatural offence.
- (8) Theft ordinary.
- (9) Cattle-theft.
- (10) Receiving stolen property.
- (11) Cheating.
- (12) Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property.
- (13) Mischief.
- (14) Criminal breach of contracts of service.
- (15) Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance.
- (16) Offences under special and local laws.

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

- (1) Against the state.
- (2) Against the public tranquility.
- (3) Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.
- (4) Relating to coin.
- (5) Relating to weights and measures.
- (6) Affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.

- (7) Relating to religion.
- (8) Affecting life.
- (9) Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement.
- (10) Extortion.
- (11) Robbery and dacoity.
- (12) Criminal misappropriation.
- (13) Criminal breach of trust.
- (14) Criminal trespass.
- (15) Relating to documents and to trade or property marks.
- (16) Relating to marriage.
- (17) Defamation.

19. The number of individual appeals disposed of in the year under report was 2,313, that is, 519 more than in the preceding year. Out of these the sentences were left unaltered in 1,699 cases and were reversed or varied in 573. The sentences were maintained intact in 73·45 per cent. of appeals against 73·41 in the previous year.

The above appeals were thus distributed:—

(1) Magistrates' Courts.	...	...	270
(2) Sessions Courts (including Judicial Commissioner's Court).	...	...	1,726
(3) Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction)	...	...	317

The Criminal appeals in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner, the Sessions Courts and the Courts of the Magistrates show an increase of 6, 493 and 74, respectively.

20. During the year under report, cases of 232 persons were examined in revision by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction). The Sessions Courts examined the cases of 170 and the District Magistrates 59. The principal results of this revision were that sentences of 30 persons were reversed, of 9 persons altered and of 150 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 Cour

Jurisdiction) in the year under report as compared with that of 1924 and the Arrears at the end of the year :—

Serial No.	Description of work.	Arrears on 31st December 1923	1924.		Arrears on 31st December 1924.	1925.		Arrears on 31st December 1925.
			Filed.	Disposed of.		Filed.	Disposed of.	
1	Criminal appeals ...	9	198	178	29	197	200	26
2	Confirmation cases ...	2	28	19	11	20	29	2
3	Reported cases, section 438, Criminal Procedure Code.	5	53	48	10	36	44	2
4	Criminal Revision Applications on Court's own motion.	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
5	Criminal Revision Applications.	13	131	119	25	168	162	31
6	Criminal Applications, section 498, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	13	13	...	27	26	1
7	Criminal Transfer Applications, section 526, Criminal Procedure Code.	1	34	30	5	98	86	17

The cases of 35 persons were referred to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner for confirmation of the sentence of death. In the case of 23, the sentence of death was confirmed; in the case of 5 the conviction and sentence was reversed; in the case of 4 the sentence was commuted to that of transportation for life; in the case of 1 the sentence was reduced to rigorous imprisonment for five years and the cases of 2 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 28,812 as compared with 28,144 in 1924. 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.	1924.	1925
Hyderabad ...	9	10
Sukkur ...	10	13
Larkana ...	3	1
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction).	1,155	1,013

23. The following table shows the nature of the suits principally filed in the Province during the years 1924 and 1925. Suits relating to immoveable property formed only 3·1 per cent. of the total number of suits filed. The percentage for 1924 was 3·16 :—

Nature.	1924.	1925.
Money and moveable property ...	24,889	25,400
Mortgage	828	933
Immoveable property ...	892	895

24. The total value of suits filed during the year under report was Rs. 1,83,81,658-9-10½ compared with Rs. 1,22,22,845-10-10½ in 1924.

25. The total number of suits disposed of was 30,359 as against 29,874 in the preceding year. The following table exhibits the manner of disposal in 1925 as compared with the year 1924 :—

Manner of disposal.	1924.	1925.
Without trial	6,169	6,394
By arbitration	2,700	2,456
Contested	4,430	5,072
Without contest	16,575	16,437

26. The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 7,598.

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 320·80 and 258·64 days, respectively, in the year under report as against 391·21 and 318·69 days, respectively, in 1924.

28. The number of Miscellaneous Judicial cases for disposal before the Courts was 1,943 as against 1,511 in 1924. The number disposed of was 1,350 as against 1094 in 1924.

29. The number of Civil Appeals before the District Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner (District Court Jurisdiction) was 784 as against 658 in 1924. Of these 314 were disposed of as compared with 257 in 1924. The number of Civil

Appeals disposed of during the year under report as contrasted with the preceding year is as follows :—

District.	1924.	1925.
Hyderabad	122	127
Sukkur	85	137
Larkana	48	37
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction).	2	13

30. The average duration of appeals in the District Courts during the year under report was 535·25 days and in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner (District Court Jurisdiction) 217·77 and (High Court Jurisdiction) 526·82. The corresponding figures for the year 1924 were 539·26, 193 and 540·67.

31. There were in all 23,923 applications for execution before the Civil Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind as against 21,343 in 1924. Of these 20,107 were disposed of as against 17,960 in 1924. The amount realized in execution of decrees during the year under report was Rs. 6,23,221-1-8 as compared with Rs. 5,38,571-3-8 in the year 1924. Moveable property was sold in 151 cases as against the same number in 1924, and attached but subsequently released in 232 as against 243 in 1924.

32. 200 Insolvency petitions were presented during the year. Out of 397 petitions for disposal before the Courts in the Province of Sind, 307 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 90. The number of insolvents discharged was 116 as against 62 in 1924. The orders of adjudication in respect of 14 debtors were annulled in the Judicial Commissioner's Court. The number of undischarged insolvents in the said Court has risen from 221 to 299.

33. There were no references made under section 27 or 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 1924 and the arrears awaiting disposal.

HIGH COURT JURISDICTION.

Description.	Arrears on 31st December 1923.	1924.		Arrears on 31st December 1924	1925.		Arrears on 31st December 1925.
		Filed.	Disposed of		Filed.	Disposed of.	
I Appeals ...	76	65	63	78	184	82	180
II Appeals ...	57	35	40	52	38	37	53
Miscellaneous Appeals.	42	36	44	34	61	47	48
Applications under sections 22 and 23, Civil Procedure Code.	...	2	2	...	2	2	...
Applications under sections 24 and 25, Civil Procedure Code.	2	24	18	8	13	16	5
Application under section 115, Civil Procedure Code.	17	47	34	30	137	91	76
Applications under Order XLV, rule 2, Civil Procedure Code.	7	4	6	5	12	13	4
Applications under Order XLVI, rule 6, Civil Procedure Code.	...	...	...	...	3	2	1
Applications under Order XLVII, rule 1, Civil Procedure Code.	5	1	5	1	4	3	2
Applications under Act X of 1865.	2	8	9	1	12	13	...
Applications under Act VI of 1869.	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Applications under section 25 of Act IX of 1887.	41	36	48	29	...	29	...
Applications under Act VII of 1913.	17	4	20	1	...	1	...
Applications under Bombay Regulation II of 1827, and section 16 of Bombay Act XII of 1866.	...	1	1	...	...	...	...

GENERAL.

35. There has been a slight increase both in Criminal and Civil work in the year under report which however does not call for any 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 1925.

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 Courts 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	5 (a)	...	3	10 (b)	12	
Criminal	7	62	5 (a)	...	14 (c)	20 (d)	(* 143 (e))	

(a) Includes the Judicial Commissioner.

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

(c) These are District Magistrates, 1 Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier, 3 Sessions Judges and 4 Additional Sessions Judges.

(d) These are Assistant Collectors and Deputy Collectors.

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

(*) Besides these there were 109 Special and Honorary Magistrates and 46 Benches of Magistrates constituted from among 258 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 1925.

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	30,359	21,764	433	167	11,13,016	*20,01,175		
Criminal	29,516	643	2,368	379				

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* 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 1925.

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.	18,591	...	...	...	...	...	854	115	897	963	2,829	21,420
Small Cause Courts ...	6,355	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,355
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	10	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	1	6	14	24
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	444	392	...	14	...	406	34	3	35	91	163	1,013
Total ...	25,400	392	...	14	...	406	895	118	933	1,060	3,006	28,812

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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 1925.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of suits instituted in different Courts.									
	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.	Total value of suits.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Courts of Subordinate Judges ...	1,467	7,775	4,116	5,747	975	910	340	90	21,420	1,38,87,368 7 9½
Small Cause Courts ...	306	2,069	1,287	2,226	467	...	...	...	6,355	8,81,804 1 9
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	...	1	2	10	2	...	4	5	24	1,37,776 10 8
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	15	100	76	178	35	300	101	208	1,013	34,74,709 5 8
Total ...	1,788	9,945	5,481	8,161	1,479	1,210	445	303	28,812	1,83,81,658 9 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 1925.

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.		
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I. CIVIL COURTS.							
Courts of Subordinate Judges	27,354	5,750	10,936	2,728	514	2,104	5,322
Small Cause Courts	8,177	460	5,105	1,037	223	148	1,204
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges)	56	3	...	3	7	...	43
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction)	2,370	181	396	467	93	204	1,029
Total ...	37,957	6,394	16,437	4,235	837	2,456	7,598
II. REVENUE COURTS							
Courts under Bombay Act II of 1906 ... ..	...	..	...	...	..	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	(a) 37,957	6,394	16,437	4,235	837	2,456	7,598

(a) The number of cases pending at the close of the last year was 8,644. If this be deducted from the total in column 2, the balance is 29,313 instead of 28 812. This is due to there being 501 revived suits.

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

STATEMENT No. 30—(CIVIL).

Showing the general results of trial of Civil and Revenue cases in Courts of Original Jurisdiction
in the Province of Sind for the year 1925.

MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of, excluding transfers.				On reference to arbitration.	Pending at the close of the year.
		Without trial.	Without contest.	With contest.			
				Judgment for plaintiff.	Judgment for defendant.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I. CIVIL COURTS.							
Courts of Subordinate Judges	570	95	177	105	24	3	166
Small Cause Courts	58	19	12	5	8		14
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	561	113	99	15	22		312
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	580	306	118	83	9	1	63
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ...	174	84	9	32	11		38
Total ...	1,943	617	415	240	74	4	593
II. REVENUE COURTS.							
Courts under Bomy Act II of 1906							
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,943	617	415	240	74	4	593

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

STATEMENT No. 31 (CIVIL).

Showing the business of Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1925.

APPEALS FROM DECREES.

Class of Tribunals.	Appeals from Decrees.						Pending at the close of the year.
	Number of appeals before the Courts.	Appeals disposed of (excluding transfers):					
		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).	767	37	166	27	65	6	466
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	17	4	9	...	...	...	4
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) } 1st Appeals.	262	20	33	9	18	2	180
Do. do. ... 2nd Appeals.	90	23	7	3	4	...	53
Total ...	1,136	84	215	39	87	8	703

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 1925.

MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

Class of Tribunals,	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).	187	21	73	3	21	...	69
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction).	95	18	22	3	3	1	48
Total ...	284	41	95	6	24	1	117

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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 1925.

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.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Subordinate Magistrates—							
Special Magistrates under section 14	2,458	4,458	2,449	1,691	...	8	321
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly	14,964	26,239	12,641	8,627	247	562	4,151
Benches of Magistrates	13,811	19,577	7,701	9,717	...	163	1,996
District and Divisional Magistrates—							
Cases referred under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code ...	224	714	494	113	...	...	107
Chief Magistrates of Districts	113	414	95	318	...	1	...
Courts of Session	434	916	379	407	16	7	107
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ... ..	...	35	5	28	...	...	2
Total	32,014	52,353	23,764	20,901	263	741	6,684

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 1925.

Class of Tribunals.	NUMBER OF PERSONS.							Pending trial.
	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.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
APPEALS TO								
Chief Magistrates of Districts	283	97	75	30	66	2	...	13
Courts of Session, including Judicial Commissioner's Court (Sessions Court Jurisdiction) ...	1,926	941	331	201	215	36	...	200
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ...	352	135	120	20	41	1	...	35
Total ..	2,561	1,173	526	251	322	39	2	248
REVISION BY								
Chief Magistrates of Districts	61	22	...	...	...	35	...	2
Courts of Session, including Judicial Commissioner's Court (Sessions Court Jurisdiction) ...	234	197	...	...	...	78	...	64
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ...	271	113	59	9	30	37	..	39
Total ...	566	332	59	9	30	150	2	105
GRAND TOTAL ...	*3,127	1,505	585	260	352	189	4	353

* In applications for revision made on behalf of complainants there were 121 accused persons involved and these must be added to the grand total of column to make it equal to the total of columns 3 to 9.

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STATEMENT No. 35—(CRIMINAL).

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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 1925.

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 ...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	2	
Relating to the Army and Navy ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Against the public tranquility ...	361	330	380	2,107	1,267	261	22	557	
By or relating to public servants	23	18	23	47	14	13	...	20	
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.	118	115	128	172	62	87	4	19	
False evidence and offences against public justice.	297	272	326	482	171	151	19	141	
Relating to coin ...	3	3	3	6	...	3	...	3	
Relating to Government stamps.	3	3	3	3	1	2	...	...
Relating to weights and measures.	4	4	4	4	2	2	...	...
Affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.	149	129	144	192	74	94	7	17	
Relating to religion ...	...	...	1	8	8	...	...	...
<i>Affecting the human body.</i>									
Affecting life ...	272	269	367	782	351	238	11	182	
Causing miscarriage, injuries to unborn children; exposure of infants and the concealment of birth.	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	

Hurt	3,571	3,103	3,329	8,290	6,687	706	43	854
Wrongful restraint and wrong- ful confinement.	170	147	179	583	466	24	5	88
Criminal force and assault	393	339	365	849	658	83	4	104
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour.	180	148	185	635	285	52	21	277
Rape	27	26	30	53	28	20	...	5
Unnatural offence	47	43	53	77	33	32	...	12
<i>Against property.</i>								
Theft ordinary	1,686	1,367	1,484	2,197	588	1,160	18	431
Cattle-theft	925	881	985	1,619	536	727	48	308
Extortion	11	10	14	21	12	4	1	4
Robbery and dacoity	141	120	143	394	166	117	13	98
Criminal misappropriation	321	261	293	560	437	40	8	75
Criminal breach of trust	366	240	284	375	215	83	13	64
Receiving stolen property	500	485	551	777	256	342	13	166
Cheating	439	341	370	578	377	60	4	137
Fraudulent deeds and disposi- tion of property.	24	20	28	60	31	7	...	22
Mischief	418	382	413	1,239	871	113	14	241
Criminal trespass	744	674	744	1,674	1,163	229	29	253
Relating to documents and to trade or property marks.	21	17	23	39	18	14	...	7
Criminal breach of contracts of service.	15	10	10	45	44	1	...	...
Relating to marriage	720	629	761	2,956	2,204	54	48	650
Defamation	56	44	62	149	131	8	...	10
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance.	1,207	1,038	1,079	2,706	2,101	340	6	259
Offences under special and local laws.	18,801	18,758	19,511	22,408	4,507	15,834	390	1,677
Total	32,014	30,227	32,277	52,090	23,764	20,901	741	6,684

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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.	...	...	...	168	1,218	1	11
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly..	...	...	...	108	146	...	1
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly.	...	...	...	2,657	5,027	115	883
Benches of Magistrates ...	...	...	...	524	9,299	...	12
District and Divisional Magistrates—							
Cases referred under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	...	...	220	21	5	15
Chief Magistrates of districts	...	...	...	75	71	...	173
Courts of Session	...	...	40	342	46	...	4
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction).	23	23	4	1
Total ...	23	23	44	4,095	15,828	121	1,099

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Tribunals in the Province of Sind for the year 1925.

Fine of		Total amount of fines.			Number of persons sentenced to imprisonment of				Remarks.
Rs. 10 and under.	Over Rs. 10.	Imposed.	Realised.	Paid as compensation.	15 days and under.	Above 15 days to 6 months.	Above 6 months to 2 years.	Above 2 years.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.					
1,047	171	17,486 8 0	15,915 8 0	519 0 0	16	100	43	...	
97	49	3,328 0 0	2,453 0	...	25	62	21	...	
3,009	2,017	1,62,192 12 0	1,28,571 5 9	8,360 0 0	317	1,587	762	...	
8,431	868	39,140 8 0	35,941 12 0	357 0 0	181	343	...	...
15	6	520 0 0	270 0 0	...	..	8	212	...	
..	71	25,330 0 0	21,933 0 0	...	...	4	20	52	
3	44	14,174 0 0	8,325 2 9	1,832 14 0	13	47	56	225	
...	1	...	
12,502	3,226	2,68,171 6 0	2,13,409 12 6	11,068 14 0	552	2,151	1,115	277	

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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 appeals before the Court.
			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.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
HYDERABAD.							
Court of District and Sessions Judge,	139	430	29	9	10	18	368
First Class Subordinate Court	178	91	87	89	...
Second Class Subordinate Court	845	576	269	325	...
Subordinate Court, Hyderabad, Small causes.	1,258	1,194	94	211	...
Subordinate Court, Tando, Regular.	608	459	149	186	...
Subordinate Court, Tando, Small Causes.	271	233	38	29	...
Subordinate Court, Shahdadpur-Nawabshah, Regular.	1,179	852	327	362	...
Subordinate Court, Shahdadpur-Nawabshah, Small Causes.	466	382	74	79	...
Subordinate Court, Naushahro, Regular.	1,327	1,033	294	309	...
Subordinate Court, Naushahro, Small Causes	474	429	45	65	...
Subordinate Court, Mirpurkhas, Regular.	1,258	976	276	384	...
Subordinate Court, Mirpurkhas, Small Causes.	384	343	41	33	...
Subordinate Court, Mithi, Regular.	53	1	52	26	...
Subordinate Court, Mithi, Small Causes.	54	3	51	19	...
Total ...	139	430	8,407	6,591	1,816	2,135	368
SUKKUR.							
Court of District and Sessions Judge	56	308	23	3	20	14	299
Court of Assistant Judge ...	49	31	...	...	...	...
First Class Subordinate Court	100	51	49	41	...
Subordinate Court, Sukkur, Regular	670	413	257	215	...
Subordinate Court, Sukkur, Small Cause	1,233	1,066	136	175	...
First Class Subordinate Court, Shikarpur.	267	149	118	111	...
Subordinate Court, Shikarpur Regular.	1,588	1,086	502	437	...
Subordinate Court, Shikarpur, Small Causes.	1,152	996	156	140	...
Subordinate Court, Rohri, Regular..	2,149	1,757	392	387	...
Subordinate Court, Rohri, Small Causes.	978	901	77	58	...
Subordinate Court, Jacobabad, Regular.	966	707	259	199	...
Subordinate Court, Jacobabad, Small Causes.	577	532	45	32	...
Total ...	105	339	9,702	7,691	2,011	1,809	299

Courts in each District in the Province of Sind for the year 1925.

Work.							Remarks.
Disposed of.	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.	
	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
127	241	221	20	81	10	116	
...	81	53	31	...	
...	583	45	72	...	
...	766	11	...	...
...	230	11	16	...	
...	102	...	...	...
...	679	8	21	...	
...	261	...	...	...
...	542	19	19	...	
...	187	...	1	...	
...	666	11	20	...	
...	190	...	...	...
...	16	...	25	...	
...	19	...	17	...	
127	241	221	4,342	239	232	116	
137	162	118	12	8	11	38	
...	3	12	...	...
...	44	5	17	...	
...	297	3	32	...	
...	552	1	...	...
...	102	46	47	...	
...	977	89	117	...	
...	582	...	2	...	
...	1,021	9	24	...	
...	584	1	1	...	
...	486	27	11	...	
...	268	...	...	...
137	162	118	4,918	201	262	98	

in each District in the Province of Sind for the year 1925—(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
37	63	57	1	24	3	29	
...	...	...	37	13	12	...	
...	...	...	1,116	22	70	...	
...	...	...	384	1	3	...	
...	...	...	825	20	6	...	
...	...	...	237	...	...	...
...	...	...	585	16	6	...	
...	...	...	278	...	...	...
37	63	57	3,463	96	100	29	
13	4	5	1,289	67	986	3	
...	...	...	5,288	44	68	...	
...	...	...	392	3	3	...	
...	...	...	405	4	1	...	
13	4	5	7,374	118	1,058	3	
127	241	221	4,342	239	232	116	
137	162	118	4,928	201	262	38	
37	63	57	3,463	96	100	29	
13	4	5	7,374	118	1,058	3	
314	470	401	20,107	654	1,652	186	
119	233	130	87	
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