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**REPORT ON THE  
ADMINISTRATION OF  
CRIMINAL & CIVIL JUSTICE  
IN THE  
PROVINCE OF SIND  
1930**

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COURT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER OF SIND,  
Karachi 29th September 1931.

From

R. B. MILNE, 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 1930.

The Judicial Statements accompany the Report.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. B. MILNE,  
Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

Report on the Administration of Criminal and Civil  
Justice in the Province of Sind  
for the year 1930.

PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

The area of the territories to which the statements relate is 46,506 square miles, and the population 3,885,308 according to the Census of 1931.

2. The Court of the Judicial Commissioner was presided over by Mr. P.E. Percival, C.I.E., I.C.S., from 1st January to 1st May 1930 and by Mr. A. C. Wild, I.C.S., from 2nd May to 31st December 1930.

3. The following were the Additional Judicial Commissioners :—

(1) Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Bar.-at-law, from 1st January to 6th February 1930.

(2) Mr. Rupchand Bilaram, LL.B., from 1st January to 31st December 1930.

(3) Mr. A. C. Wild, I.C.S., from 1st January to 1st May 1930.

(4) Mr. M. A. Havelivala, Bar.-at-law, from 7th February to 31st December 1930.

(5) Mr. R. B. Milne, I.C.S., from 3rd June to 31st December 1930.

4. The Judicial Commissioner's Court was closed for the annual vacation from 12th May to 11th June 1930.

5. There were on 31st December 1930 :—

3 Sessions Judges.

4 Additional Sessions Judges and 2 First Class Sub-Judges invested with Assistant Sessions Judge's powers.

8 District Magistrates, including the City Magistrate, Karachi, who is also Additional District Magistrate, Karachi.

160 Stipendiary Magistrates.

28 Honorary Magistrates.

Besides the above there were 16 Benches of Magistrates inclusive of those in the City of Karachi, constituted from among 89 Honorary Magistrates.

6. There were on the 31st December 1930:—

3 District Judges.

4 Assistant Judges.

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

4 First Class Sub-Judges.

17 Second Class Sub-Judges, including 4 Mukhtiar-kars who are also Joint Sub-Judges and 1 temporary Second Class Sub-Judge.

7. The annual cold weather tour for the inspection of the Courts in Sind was made in December 1930 and January 1931 by the Judicial Commissioner. He inspected the District and Sessions Courts and the First Class Sub-Courts of Hyderabad, Sukkur and Larkana and the First Class Sub-Court, Shikarpur; the Courts of the Sub-Judges of Mehar, Naushahro Feroze, Shahdadpur, Tando Muhammad Khan and Mirpurkhas; the Court of the Sub-Judge, Rohri from Sukkur; the Courts of the Sub-Judges and First Class Magistrates of Sehwan, Jacobabad and Tatta; the City Magistrates' Courts of Shikarpur, Sukkur and Hyderabad; the Additional City Magistrate's Court, Hyderabad; the First Class Magistrates' Courts of Sehwan, Larkana, Jacobabad, Shikarpur, Sukkur, Hyderabad, Naushahro Feroze, Shahdadpur, Tando Muhammad Khan, Mirpurkhas and Tatta; and the Courts of the Resident Magistrates of Mehar, Larkana, Rohri, Naushahro Feroze and Tando Muhammad Khan.

8. The District Judge and the Assistant Judge, Hyderabad, inspected the Subordinate Civil Courts of Tando Muhammad Khan and Mirpurkhas, respectively; the District Judge and the Assistant Judge, Sukkur, inspected the Subordinate Civil Courts of Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Sukkur and Rohri, respectively; and the District Judge, Larkana, inspected the Subordinate Civil Court of Mehar.

9. The Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act is reported to be working fairly satisfactorily in the Province. Certain sections of the Act, however, are not working satisfactorily, and some amendments in the Act appear to be desirable.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

10. The number of offences reported and those returned as true during the year under review are 36,820 and 35,626, respectively, and show a decrease of 3,575 and 3,255 as compared with the figures of the preceding year, which are 40,395 and 38,881, respectively.

11. There was a corresponding decrease in the number of cases brought to trial from 39,667 to 37,817. There was an increase in the number of persons under trial from 60,891 to 63,984. The number of persons remaining under trial at the end of the year under report fell from 6,951 to 6,688. 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 64,322.

The following table exhibits the number of persons acquitted and convicted as contrasted with the figures of 1929 :—

Year.	Total number of persons under trial.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.
1929 ... ..	61,563	23,163	30,429
1930 ... ..	64,322	26,088	30,987
	+ 2,759	+ 2,925	+ 558

12. The following table shows the punishments inflicted in 1930 as contrasted with those in 1929 :—

Year.	Death.	Trans- portation.	Imprison- ment.	Fine.	Whipp- ing.	Persons ordered to furnish security.
1929 ... ..	19	67	4,319	24,456	578	1,242
1930 ... ..	22	84	6,527	23,871	281	670

The fines in 1930 amounted to Rs. 2,65,357-6-1 as against Rs. 2,39,470-8-5 and compensation paid to accused persons in 1930 amounted to Rs. 22,203-14-9 as against Rs. 10,585-8-0.

13. Particulars of the results of trials of persons in the different districts (including persons in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind) are given in Appendix A.

The large number of acquittals or discharges compared with that of convictions is due to the fact that a number of cases were compounded or withdrawn.

14. The work done by the various Sessions Courts (including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind) for the last three years is shown in Appendix B.

15. The number of offences affecting life and attempts at such offences fell from 376 to 367 in the year under report. A large portion of this class of crime arose from intrigues or supposed intrigues with women. In the Upper Sind Frontier district 51 cases of murder and culpable homicide not amounting to murder were tried under the Sind Frontier Regulation III of 1892. Out of these in 34 cases the motive was connected with women.

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

- (1) Against the State.
- (2) Relating to the Army and Navy.
- (3) By or relating to public servants.
- (4) Relating to coin.
- (5) Affecting the public health; safety, convenience decency and morals.
- (6) Extortion.
- (7) Robbery and dacoity.
- (8) Criminal misappropriation.
- (9) Criminal breach of trust.
- (10) Receiving stolen property.
- (11) Cheating.
- (12) Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property.
- (13) Criminal trespass.
- (14) Relating to documents and to trade or property marks.
- (15) Relating to marriage.
- (16) Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance.

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

- (1) Against the public tranquility.
- (2) Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.
- (3) False evidence and offences against public justice.
- (4) Relating to Government stamps.
- (5) Relating to weights and measures.
- (6) Relating to religion.
- (7) Affecting life.
- (8) Causing miscarriage, injuries to unborn children, exposure of infants and the concealment of births.
- (9) Hurt.
- (10) Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement.
- (11) Criminal force and assault.
- (12) Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour.
- (13) Rape.
- (14) Unnatural offence.
- (15) Theft ordinary.
- (16) Cattle theft.
- (17) Mischief.
- (18) Defamation.
- (19) Offences under Special and Local Laws.

17. The number of individual appeals disposed of in the year under report was 2,824, that is, 14 less than in the preceding year. Out of these sentences were left unaltered in 2,147 cases and were reversed or varied in 633. The sentences were maintained intact in 76 per cent. of appeals against 75·75 per cent. in the previous year.

The above appeals were thus distributed :—

(1) Magistrates' Courts	...	...	328
(2) Sessions Courts (including Judicial Commissioner's Court).			2,112
(3) Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction).			384

The criminal appeals in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind and the Sessions Courts show an increase of 1 and 166, respectively, and those in the Courts of Magistrates show a decrease of 181.

18. During the year under report the cases of 194 persons were examined in revision by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction). The Sessions Courts examined the cases of 200 persons and the District Magistrates of 23. The principal results of this revision were that the sentences of 29 persons were reversed, of 6 persons altered, and the cases of 112 persons were otherwise disposed of.

19. 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 1929 and the arrears at the end of the year are shown in Appendix C.

The cases of 40 persons were referred to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind for confirmation of the sentence of death. In the case of 22 the sentence of death was confirmed; in the case of 8 the sentence was commuted to that of transportation for life; in the case of 2 the conviction and sentence was reversed and the accused were acquitted; and the cases of 8 persons were pending at the close of the year.

#### CIVIL JUSTICE.

20. The total number of civil suits instituted in Sind during the year under report was 41,546 as compared with 38,969 in 1929. 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.	1929.	1930.
Hyderabad ... ..	8	5
Sukkur ... ..	...	...
Larkana ... ..	...	...
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction).	524	395



21. The following table shows the nature of suits principally filed in the Province during the years 1929 and 1930. Suits relating to immoveable property formed 1.73 per cent. of the total number of suits filed. The percentage for 1929 was 1.74.

Nature.	1929.	1930.
Money or moveable property ...	35,891	37,104
Mortgage ...	863	852
Immoveable property ...	679	719

22. The total value of suits filed during the year under report was Rs. 1,51,50,915-1-10½ as compared with Rs. 1,61,13,846-14-10 in 1929 and Rs. 1,53,82,648-14-6 in 1928.

23. The total number of suits disposed of was 41,487 as against 38,834 in the preceding year. The following table exhibits the manner of disposal in 1930 as compared with the year 1929 :—

Manner of disposal.	1929.	1930.
Without trial ...	7,642	7,876
By arbitration ...	2,068	2,505
Contested ...	7,004	6,118
Without contest ...	22,120	24,988

24. The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 12,104 as against 11,088 in the previous year. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court the number pending was 481 as against 656.

25. 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 507 and 108 days, respectively, in the year under report as against 423 and

195 days, respectively, in 1929. In the Subordinate Courts the average duration of contested and uncontested suits was 147 and 70 days and in the Karachi Small Causes Court it was 130 and 54 days, respectively.

26. The number of Miscellaneous Judicial cases for disposal before the Courts was 2,541 as against 1,905 in 1929. The number disposed of was 1,762 as against 1,346 in 1929.

27. The average duration of contested and uncontested Miscellaneous cases in the District Courts, including the Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction), was 164 and 67 days, respectively. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court in its High Court Jurisdiction it was 962 and 78 days, respectively. In the Subordinate Courts the average duration of contested and uncontested Miscellaneous cases was 161 and 71 days, while in the Small Cause Courts it was 214 and 73 days, respectively.

28. The number of Civil Appeals before the District Courts was 711 as against 641 in 1929. Of these 273 were disposed of as compared with 247 in 1929. The number of Civil Appeals disposed of during the year under report as contrasted with the preceding year is as follows :—

District.				1929.	1930.
Hyderabad	...	..	...	107	99
Sukkur	...	...	...	98	130
Larkana	...	...	...	42	44

29. The average duration of contested and uncontested regular appeals in the District Courts during the year under report was 481 and 154 days, respectively. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court in its High Court Jurisdiction it was 1,230, and 29 days, respectively.

30. The number of Miscellaneous Appeals for disposal before the Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District and High Court Jurisdiction) was 298 as against 316 in 1929. Of these 161 were disposed of and the number disposed of in the previous year was the same. The number of

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

District.	1929.	1930.
Hyderabad ... ..	58	35
Sukkur ... ..	24	37
Larkana ... ..	7	16
Judicial Commissioner's Court—		
District Court Jurisdiction ...	6	2
High Court Jurisdiction ...	66	71

31. The average duration of contested and uncontested Miscellaneous Appeals in the District Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction) was 225 and 108 days, respectively. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court in its High Court Jurisdiction it was 997 and 18 days, respectively.

The high average duration appearing against the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind both in its District and High Court Jurisdictions is due to special efforts having been made to dispose of old cases and appeals and many old cases and appeals having been disposed of during the year under report.

32. There were in all 35,002 applications for execution before the Civil Courts, including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind, as against 29,819 in 1929. Of these 27,543 were disposed of as against 24,519 in 1929. The amount realized in execution of decrees during the year under report was Rs. 19,12,697-5-4 as compared with Rs. 16,48,012-10-4½ in the year 1929. Moveable property was sold in 216 cases as against 229 in 1929, and attached but subsequently released in 333 as against 341 in 1929.

33. 376 insolvency petitions were presented during the year as against 281 in 1929. Out of 497 petitions for disposal before the Courts in the Province of Sind, 321 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 176. The number of insolvents discharged was 152 as against 96 in 1929. The orders of adjudication in respect of 28 debtors were annulled in the Judicial Commissioner's Court. The number of undischarged insolvents in the said Court was 249.

34. During the year under report there were no references made nor appeals filed under sections 27 and 30, respectively, of the Workmen's Compensation Act, VIII of 1923.

35. At the opening of the year 1 application for leave to appeal to the Privy Council was pending for orders in the Judicial Commissioner's Court. Eight new applications were filed during the year making a total of 9. Of these 4 were dismissed, and 5 applications were pending at the close of the year.

36. Appendix D shows the Civil work disposed of by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction) during the year under report as contrasted with that of 1929 and the arrears awaiting disposal.

#### GENERAL.

37. There has been a slight increase in the civil work and a slight decrease in the criminal work in the year under report, which however does not call for any comment.

38. As observed in the last year's report, Government owing to financial stringency have again postponed the establishment of a Chief Court for Sind and the creation of a new Judicial District of Nawabshah.

E. V. CASTELLINO,

Registrar,

Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

## APPENDIX A.

Showing the results of trials of persons in the different districts (including persons in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind) :—

District.	Under trial (including the number pending from previous year).	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.
Karachi ...	23,807	5,695	17,177	...	935
Hyderabad ...	10,844	4,190	5,567	123	964
Sukkur ...	9,841	4,403	3,317	39	2,082
Larkana ...	7,990	5,161	1,690	19	1,120
Nawabshah ...	4,414	2,712	1,010	9	683
Thar Parkar ..	2,672	1,639	624	20	389
Upper Sind Frontier ...	4,376	2,286	1,572	11	507
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind ...	40	2	30	...	8
Total ...	63,984	26,088	30,987	221	6,688

## APPENDIX B.

Showing the work done by the several Sessions Courts (including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind) for the last three years :—

District.	1928.		1929.		1930.							
	Cases.		Cases.		Cases.							
	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.						
Karachi ...	45	39	314	315	20	29	178	188	23	22	173	164
Hyderabad ...	185	144	600	581	234	229	683	668	199	208	915	937
Sukkur ...	131	120	388	364	111	121	414	447	105	113	409	353
Larkana ...	91	80	331	330	89	89	302	384	93	96	383	382

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### APPENDIX C.

Showing 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 the preceding year :—

Serial No.	Description of work.	Arrears on 31st December 1928.	1929.		Arrears on 31st December 1929.	1930.		Arrears on 31st December 1930.
			Filed.	Disposed of		Filed.	Disposed of	
1	Criminal Appeals ... ..	35	313	290	58	269	291	36
2	Confirmation Cases ... ..	3	24	20	7	22	22	7
3	Reported Cases, section 215, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	2	2	...	2	2	...
4	Reported Cases, section 438, Criminal Procedure Code.	4	39	39	4	39	36	7
5	Criminal Revision Applications ...	16	122	129	9	133	124	18
6	Criminal Applications, section 498, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	13	13	...	16	16	...
7	Criminal Transfer Applications, section 526, Criminal Procedure Code.	1	49	47	3	39	35	7

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## APPENDIX D.

Showing the Civil Work disposed of by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction) during the year under report as compared with the preceding year :—

Description.	Arrears on 31st December 1928.	1929.		Arrears on 31st December 1929.	1930.		Arrears on 31st December 1930.
		Filed.	Disposed of.		Filed.	Disposed of.	
I Appeals	250	70	95	225	65	145	145
II Appeals	121	26	54	93	29	85	37
Miscellaneous Appeals	114	37	66	85	45	71	59
Applications under sections 23 and 24, Civil Procedure Code.	...	15	10	5	15	18	2
Applications under section 115, Civil Procedure Code.	99	34	64	69	72	86	55
Applications under Order XLIV, rule 1, Civil Procedure Code.	...	2	2	...	6	5	1
Applications under Order XLV, rule 2, Civil Procedure Code.	3	2	4	1	8	4	5
Applications under Order XLVII, rule 1, Civil Procedure Code.	1	1	2	...	2	2	...
Applications under Act IV of 1869.	3	...	2	1	3	2	2
Applications under section 25 of Act IX of 1887.	34	51	33	52	23	40	35
Applications under Act VII of 1913.	...	7	4	3	8	3	8
Applications under Act XI of 1922.	...	7	2	5	6	4	7
Applications under Act XXXIX of 1925.	...	11	8	3	4	6	1
Applications under Act IV of 1929.	...	3	3	...	1	1	...
Applications under Bombay Regulation II of 1827 and section 16 of Bombay Act XII of 1866.	...	4	3	1	4	2	3

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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 1930.

Name of Province.	Judges of Chief Court of Province (1).	Number of Districts.	CIVIL.			Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Districts.	Sessions Judges (4).	CRIMINAL.			Remarks	
			District Judges (2).	Stipendiary (3).	Honorary				Other Judges (5).	District Magistrates (6).	Stipendiary.		Honorary.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sind	4 (a)	4	8 (b)	22 (c)	...	4	8	7 (d)	4 (d)	8	160 (e)	44 (f)	(a) Do both Civil and Criminal work. (b) 7 do both Civil and Criminal work. (c) 10 do both Civil and Criminal work. (d) 2 First Class Sub-Judges invested with Assistant Sessions Judges powers, they do both Civil and Criminal work. (e) 8 do both Civil and Criminal work. (f) Includes 16 Benches of Honorary Magistrates.

(1) Judicial and Additional Judicial Commissioners.

(2) Includes 4 Assistant Judges and the Judge, Karachi Small Causes Court, Karachi.

(3) Includes 4 First Class Sub-Judges, 9 Second Class Sub-Judges, 4 Joint Sub-Judges, including 1 temporary Sub-Judge, 4 Mukhtiarkars who are also Joint Sub-Judges and 1 Registrar, Karachi Small Causes Court, Karachi.

(4) Includes Additional Sessions Judges.

(5) Includes 2 Special Magistrates exercising powers under section 30, Criminal Procedure Code.

(6) Includes the City Magistrate, Karachi, who is also Additional District Magistrate, Karachi.

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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 1930.

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	41,487	29,626	503	161	} ...*	} ...*		
Criminal	17,857	265	2,111	199				

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\* Statistics in this column have been omitted as per Government letter, Home Department, No. 6098/2, dated the 15th July 1930<sup>1</sup>

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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 1930.

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.	29,686	..	..	..	..	..	696	232	831	1,450	3,209	32,895
Small Cause Court ...	7,213	865	..	173	..	1,038	..	..	..	..	..	8,251
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	4	5
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	204	28	..	..	..	28	22	2	21	118	163	395
Total ...	37,104	893	..	173	..	1,066	719	237	852	1,568	3,376	41,546

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## STATEMENT No. 28—(CIVIL).

Showing the number and value of Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1930.

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
										Rs.    a.    p.
Courts of Subordinate Judges ...	2,566	12,663	6,618	8,098	1,328	1,127	325	170	32,895	1,22,56,122 13 3½
Small Cause Courts ...	456	3,247	1,603	2,298	409	238	...	...	8,251	13,33,924 11 1
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	...	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	5	50,740 13 9
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	3	9	18	100	20	140	73	32	395	15,10,126 11 9
Total ...	3,025	15,920	8,240	10,497	1,757	1,505	400	202	41,546	1,51,50,915 1 10½

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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 1930.

CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of suits before the Courts.				Number of suits disposed of, excluding transfers.					Pending at the close of the year.	Pending for more than a year.	Average duration of suits.		Remarks.
	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year.	Revived during the year.	Total.	Without trial.	Without contest.	With contest.		On reference to arbitration.			Average duration in days of contested suits.	Average duration in days of uncontested suits.	
							Judgment for plaintiff.	Judgment for defendant.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>I.—CIVIL COURTS.</b>														
Courts of Subordinate Judges ...	8,591	32,895	824	42,310	7,506	18,243	4,069	579	2,297	9,616	833	147	70	
Small Cause Courts ...	1,839	8,251	127	10,217	308	6,569	969	235	131	2,005	6	130	54	
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	656	395	11	1,062	62	176	229	37	77	481	409	507†	108	
Total ...	11,088	41,541	962	53,591	7,876	24,988	5,267	851	2,505	12,104	1,250	159	66	
<b>II.—REVENUE COURTS.</b>														
Courts under Bombay Act II of 1906 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
GRAND TOTAL ...	11,088	*41,541	962	53,591	7,876	24,988	5,267	851	2,505	12,104	1,250	159	66	

\*Does not include 5 transferred suits.

†The high average duration is due to some old cases having been disposed of during the year under report.

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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 1930.

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.	Pending for more than a year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year.	Revived during the year.	Total.	Without trial.	Without contest.	With contest.		On reference to arbitration.			Average duration in days of contested cases.	Average duration in days of uncontested cases.	
							Judgment for plaintiff.	Judgment for defendant.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>I.—CIVIL COURTS.</b>														
Courts of Subordinate Judges ... ..	264	857	3	1,124	147	356	122	53	4	442	87	161	71	
Small Cause Courts ... ..	18	15	...	33	3	9	12	3	...	6	...	214	73	
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges) ... ..	140	291	2	433	120	132	29	30	...	122	23	281	110	
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction) ... ..	65	601	...	666	491	53	13	16	3	90	26	177	42	
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ... ..	137	148	...	285	73	8	34	50	1	119	59	962*	78	
Total ... ..	624	1,912	5	2,541	834	558	210	152	8	779	195	370	78	
<b>II.—REVENUE COURTS.</b>														
Courts under Bombay Act II of 1906 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> ... ..	624	1,912	5	2,541	834	558	210	152	8	779	195	370	78	

\* The high average duration is due to Special Benches having disposed of many old cases.

E. V. CASTELLINO,  
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT NO. 31—(CIVIL).

Showing the business of Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1930.

APPEALS FROM DECREES.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of appeals before the Courts.			Appeals disposed of (excluding transfers).					Pending at the close of the year.	Pending for more than a year.	Average duration of appeals.		Remarks.
	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted and reinstated during the year.	Total.	Dismissed or not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.			Average duration in days of contested appeals.	Average duration in days of uncontested appeals.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges) ... ..	394	317	711	59	112	37	38	27	438	198	481	154	
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction) ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ... ..	1st Appeals ...	65	290	18	90	13	19	5	145	93	1,313*	47	
	2nd Appeals ...	93	29	122	17	38	6	14	10	37	1,069*	21	
Total ... ..	712	411	1,123	94	240	56	71	42	620	313	859	125	

\* The high average duration is due to Special Benches having disposed of many old matters.

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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 1930.

MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of appeals before the Courts.			Appeals disposed of (excluding transfers).					Pending at the close of the year.	Pending for more than a year.	Average duration of appeals.		Remarks.
	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted and re-instituted during the year.	Total.	Dismissed or not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.			Average duration in days of contested appeals.	Average duration in days of uncontested appeals.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges) ... ..	68	96	164	37	35	1	11	4	76	24	225	110	
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction) ... ..	2	2	4	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	63	
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ... ..	85	45	130	24	31	3	12	1	59	39	997	18	
Total ... ..	155	143	298	63	66	4	23	5	137	63	62.2	80	

\* The high average duration is due to Special Benches having disposed of many old matters.

E. V. CASTELLINO,  
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 1930.

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
Ordinate Magistrates—							
Special Magistrates under section 14	2,822	6,665	3,115	2,190	...	29	1,331
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly	1,201	1,674	735	851	...	9	79
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly	19,927	37,505	17,616	15,214	317	152	4,206
Benches of Magistrates	12,244	16,437	3,996	11,601	...	13	827
Judicial and Divisional Magistrates—							
Cases referred under sections 347 and 349. Criminal Procedure Code	60	171	42	93	...	1	35
Magistrates of Districts	105	640	166	468	...	6	...
Courts of Session	461	1,190	416	540	21	11	202
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction)	...	40	2	30	...	...	8
Total	36,820	64,322	26,088	30,987	338	221	6,688

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STATEMENT No. 34 (CRIMINAL).

Showing the general results of Appeals and Revisions in Criminal cases  
in the Province of Sind for the year 1930.

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	342	123	108	20	68	8	1	14
Courts of Session, including Judicial Commissioner's Court (Sessions Court Jurisdiction)	2,297	1,376	231	190	282	31	2	185
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction)	455	174	135	46	27	2	...	71
Total	3,094	1,673	474	256	377	41	3	270
REVISION BY								
Chief Magistrates of Districts	24	19	...	...	...	4	...	1
Courts of Session, including Judicial Commissioner's Court (Sessions Court Jurisdiction)	278	221	...	...	...	83	...	73
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction)	211	119	40	6	29	25	...	17
Total	513	359	40	6	29	112	...	96
GRAND TOTAL	3,607*	2,032	514	262	406	153	3	366

\* In the applications for revision made on behalf of complainants there were 129 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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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 1930.

Description of offence.	Number of cases				Number of persons.				Remarks.
	Offences reported.	Returned as true.	Brought to trial.	Under trial 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
Relating to criminal conspiracy.	2	2	2	7		7			
Against the State ...	15	15	15	50		50			
Relating to the Army and Navy.	23	23	23	116	49	26		41	
Against the public tranquility ...	456	423	473	2,513	1,251	723	1	538	
By or relating to public servants	62	62	64	83	25	41		17	
Contempt of the lawful authority of public servants.	194	187	214	344	99	154	5	86	
False evidence and offences against public justice.	236	212	265	394	199	115	11	69	
Relating to coin ...	19	19	19	35	7	26		2	
Relating to Government stamps.	...	...	9	15	5	10		...	
Relating to weights and measures.	21	21	22	24	6	13	1	4	
Affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.	89	89	96	124	27	75		22	
Relating to religion ...	8	8	10	18	17	1		...	
<i>Affecting the human body.</i>									
Affecting life ...	367	361	415	923	341	358	7	217	
Causing miscarriage injuries to unborn children, exposure of infants and the concealment of births.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Hurt ...	3,429	3,213	3,389	9,021	7,355	747	21	898
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement.	242	218	227	689	571	28	5	85
Criminal force and assault ...	363	333	360	886	718	85	3	80
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour.	189	163	191	611	386	113	6	106
Rape ...	18	17	21	29	19	4	1	5
Unnatural offence ...	38	32	36	51	34	14	1	2
<i>Against property.</i>								
Theft ordinary ...	1,441	1,385	1,495	2,550	715	1,438	28	369
Cattle theft ...	1,074	1,030	1,145	1,712	593	851	8	260
Extortion ...	32	24	28	49	20	9	1	19
Robbery and dacoity ...	359	331	337	1,976	681	164	9	1,122
Criminal misappropriation ...	330	289	308	518	434	25	7	52
Criminal breach of trust ...	360	285	327	490	241	100	11	138
Receiving stolen property ...	645	631	667	1,043	411	455	2	175
Cheating ...	906	794	828	1,447	1,043	175	6	223
Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property.	47	32	36	69	61	2	...	6
Mischief ...	292	257	278	806	627	49	1	129
Criminal Trespass ...	999	945	984	2,184	1,555	364	12	253
Relating to documents and to trade or property marks.	57	50	52	131	47	9	8	67
Criminal breach of contracts of service.	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	1
Relating to marriage ...	658	568	651	2,437	1,755	55	31	596
Defamation ...	95	87	100	270	186	13	...	71
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance.	563	934	993	2,190	1,978	63	1	148
Offences under Special and Local Laws.	22,600	22,585	23,736	39,178	4,532	24,625	34	887
Total ...	36,820	35,626	37,817	63,984	26,088	30,987	221	6,688

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## STATEMENT

Showing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal

Class of Tribunals,	Number of persons executed.	Number of persons sentenced to					
		Death.	Transportation or Penal servitude.	Imprisonment.	Fine or forfeiture.	Whipping.	Give security.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Subordinate Magistrates—							
Special Magistrates under section 14	...	...	...	888	2,201	22	61
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly.	...	...	...	34	812	...	5
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly.	...	...	...	4,626	6,990	258	446
Benches of Magistrates ...	...	...	...	153	13,613	...	3
District and Divisional Magistrates—							
Cases referred under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	...	...	86	41	...	4
Chief Magistrates of districts	...	...	...	314	196	1	147
Courts of Session	...	...	76	426	18	...	4
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction).	22	22	8	...	...	..	...
<b>Total</b> ...	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>6,527</b>	<b>23,871</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>670</b>

No. 36—(CRIMINAL).

Tribunals in the Province of Sind for the year 1930.

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.					
1,094	1,107	21,805 8 0	9,328 1 0	963 5 0	462	275	128	23	
741	71	5,783 0 0	5,060 0 0	126 0 0	...	29	5	...	
3,914	3,076	1,75,363 8 9	1,01,201 13 9	11,127 11 9	379	2,381	1,828	38	
11,610	2,003	31,456 5 4	28,094 10 0	185 0 0	111	42	...	...	
...	41	4,575 0 0	100 0 0	...	3	39	44	...	
...	196	22,510 0 0	4,070 6 6	9,661 14 0	17	176	44	77	
...	18	3,864 0 0	1,133 0 0	140 0 0	6	34	106	280	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
17,359	6,512	2,65,357 6 1	1,48,988 1 3	22,203 14 9	978	2,976	2,155	418	

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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.	Total number of suits before the Court.	Original.			Total number of appeals 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*
<b>HYDERABAD.</b>							
Court of District and Sessions Judge,	208	937	1	...	1	1	241
Court of 1st Assistant Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Court of 2nd Assistant Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Court of 3rd Assistant Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
First Class Subordinate Court	...	...	300	115	185	162	...
Joint Second Class Subordinate Court, Regular.	...	...	1,004	615	389	355	...
Joint Second Class Subordinate Court, Small Causes.	...	...	2,213	1,764	449	812	...
Subordinate Court, Tando, Regular.	...	...	790	530	260	226	...
Subordinate Court, Tando, Small Causes.	...	...	480	400	80	52	...
Subordinate Court, Shahdadpur, Regular.	...	...	2,293	1,728	565	416	...
Subordinate Court, Shahdadpur, Small Causes.	...	...	1,446	1,241	205	108	...
Subordinate Court, Mirpurkhas, Regular.	...	...	2,249	1,541	708	723	...
Subordinate Court, Mirpurkhas, Small Causes.	...	...	816	649	167	102	...
Subordinate Court, Naushahro, Regular.	...	...	1,502	1,281	221	210	...
Subordinate Court, Naushahro, Small Causes	...	...	815	712	103	76	...
Subordinate Court, Tatta, Regular.	...	...	1,874	1,327	547	532	...
Subordinate Court, Tatta, Small Causes.	...	...	1,792	1,479	313	325	...
Total ...	208	937	17,575	13,382	4,193	3,600	241
<b>SUKKUR.</b>							
Court of District and Sessions Judge	44	175	1	...	1	1	299
Court of Assistant and Additional Sessions Judge.	52	178	...	...	...	...	...
First Class Subordinate Court, with powers of Assistant Sessions Judge	17	...	83	51	32	39	...
Joint Second Class Subordinate Court, Regular.	...	...	683	441	242	216	...
Joint Second Class Subordinate Court, Small Causes.	...	...	1,903	1,667	236	338	...
First Class Subordinate Court, Appellate powers, Shikarpur.	...	...	242	100	142	111	...
Subordinate Court, Shikarpur, Regular.	...	...	3,003	1,248	755	633	...
Subordinate Court, Shikarpur, Small Causes.	...	...	1,722	1,217	505	251	...
Subordinate Court, Rohri, Regular..	...	...	2,362	1,839	503	579	...
Subordinate Court, Rohri, Small Causes.	...	...	2,200	1,933	267	330	...
Subordinate Court, Jacobabad, Regular.	...	...	1,356	956	400	275	...
Subordinate Court, Jacobabad, Small Causes.	...	...	1,060	909	151	155	...
Total ...	113	353	13,615	10,381	3,254	2,929	299

Courts in each District in the Province of Sind for the year 1930.

WORK.							Remarks.
Appellate.			Execution proceedings disposed of.	Order made after investigation columns 16 and 17 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
51	142	126		63	1	54	* Columns 8 to 11 do not include miscellaneous appeals shown in Statement No. 32.
10	...	...		7	...	...	
27	...	...		5	...	...	
11	...	...	7	41	...	...	
...	...	...	78	62	104	...	
...	...	...	608	55	101	...	
...	...	...	1,177	14	7	...	
...	...	...	294	22	16	...	
...	...	...	198	...	...	...	
...	...	...	1,020	33	15	...	
...	...	...	542	..	...	...	
...	...	...	1,024	38	43	...	
...	...	...	432	...	1	...	
...	...	...	675	26	12	...	
...	...	...	365	...	2	...	
...	...	...	700	13	24	...	
...	...	...	908	2	5	...	
99	142	126	8,028	381	331	54	
37	169	202	1	102	1	98	
74	...	...	51	34	...	...	
...	...	...	39	34	12	...	
...	...	...	342	24	42	...	
...	...	...	1,374	8	4	...	
19	...	...	97	6	71	...	
...	...	...	974	45	156	...	
...	...	...	656	...	12	...	
...	...	...	1,348	10	8	...	
...	...	...	1,053	4	...	...	
...	...	...	592	19	25	...	
...	...	...	372	7	...	...	
100	169	202	6,802	293	331	93	





in each District in the Province of Sind for the year 1930—concl'd.

Work.							Remarks.
Appellate.			Execution proceedings disposed of.	Order made after investigation columns 16 and 17 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
40	127	66	8	37	...	46	
4	...	...	...	22	...	...	
...	...	...	48	22	9	...	
...	...	...	1,548	13	151	...	
...	...	...	654	1	2	...	
...	...	...	1,124	19	3	...	
...	...	...	362	4	...	...	
...	...	...	689	23	8	...	
...	...	...	423	...	...	...	
44	127	66	4,856	141	173	46	
...	...	...	780	576	409	...	
...	...	...	6,980	27	6	...	
...	...	...	7,760	603	415	...	
99	142	126	8,028	381	331	54	
130	169	202	6,899	293	331	98	
44	127	66	4,856	141	173	46	
...	...	...	7,760	603	415	...	
273	438	394	27,543	1,418	1,250	198	
230	182	318	...	...	...	115	
230	182	318	...	...	...	115	

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