

REPORTS 
ON THE
ADMINISTRATION OF MINORS' ESTATES
IN THE
NORTHERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN DIVISIONS
AND IN SIND
FOR THE YEAR ending 31st JULY 1912.

(1) NUMBER OF ESTATES UNDER MANAGEMENT.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

At the commencement of the year, 59 estates were under management, 38 in Ahmedabad, Kaira and Broach by the Tálukdári Settlement Officer and 21 by Collectors. Of the former, the estate of Lolya Verubha Narsingji (No. 29 in the Statement A accompanying last year's report), having an income of less than Rs. 10,000 was released from management, in the beginning of the year. Of the estates managed by the Collectors one in Kaira and two in Broach were released owing to the minors coming of age. Two new estates were taken over for management during the year by the Collector of Kaira. The Collector of Thána remained in charge of one estate in Kalyán from October 1911 to April 1912. As the management continued for only about six months full details are not available. Thus the total number under management at the close of the year was 57, the distribution being:—

Under the Tálukdári Settlement Officer	...	...	...	37
Do. Collector of Ahmedabad	...	...	...	2
Do. do. Kaira	...	...	...	4
Do. do. the Panch Maháls	...	...	...	2
Do. do. Broach	...	...	...	8
Do. do. Surat	...	...	...	4
				57

CENTRAL DIVISION.

At the beginning of the year, there were seven estates under management, a number which rose to eight during the year by the addition of the Banchod estate in Poona. As none of these yields an annual gross income of Rs. 10,000 or upwards, the information regarding them is shown in the statement in lump.

The two patil minor brothers in Ahmednagar are under the guardianship of their relative, Bhau Paudsha. The Dhangar minor in the same district is under the care of one Ganu *valad* Kesu Awate of Sada. The Matkar minor in West Khándesh is under the direct control of the Collector. The three Poona minors are in charge of their natural mothers. Of the two Sholápur minors, one Khatib is in charge of Khán Bahádur Pir Mahomed Dafedar and the other Giram under the care of his natural mother.

This year the total area of the entire inám village Pimpri held by the Mokáshi minor and his co-sharers is shown in the statement as the whole of the village is under the management of the Collector.

The figures of area and assessment in the case of minor Shindkar show an increase owing to the introduction of revision survey settlement into the village of Wangui held by the minor. In the case of minor Khatib, only the portion of landed property actually in charge of the minor is shown. Excepting these variations, there is no change in the immoveable property under management.

The new estate of Banchod added during the year consists of a sum of Rs. 600 in cash, representing the balance remitted by the Murbád Civil Court out of the sale-proceeds of the minor's immoveable property, sold in execution of a Civil Court's decree passed by that Court. The minor's mother was asked to furnish suitable security and receive payment of this balance, but this she could not do. The minors belong to Poona District, their place of residence being Talégaon Dábháde and so the Collector of Poona was appointed guardian of the minor's property. Excepting this addition, moveable property held by the minors was the same as before.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The total number of estates under management at the beginning of the year was twelve, *viz.*, four in Belgaum, seven in Dhárwár and one in Kánara. One estate in Belgaum (No. 1—Sankeshwar Math) which has been under the Collector's control for the last five years under an order of attachment under section 144 of the Land Revenue Code, was omitted by the Collector from his previous reports under some misapprehension. It has been included in this report. Another estate in Kánara (Hillur minor's) of which the Collector was appointed administrator by an order of the District Court in 1908, could not be brought under management until April last, the preliminary enquiries into the condition of the estate and its debts having taken a long time. Two estates in Dhárwár, *viz.*, those of Ránebennur and Nargund minors and one in Kánara, *viz.*, that of minor Satya Náráyan were returned to the wards during the year on their attaining majority. There were, therefore, in all eleven estates under superintendence at the close of the year.

(2) INCOME.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

The gross income of the estates during the year, exclusive of the income of the Thána estate amounted to Rs. 50,519 as against Rs. 1,53,170 for the previous year. The fall is accounted for by the fact that the rent due by the tenants' estates had mostly to be suspended in the Ahmedabad, Kaira and Broach Districts where semi-famine conditions prevailed and in Panch Maháls where famine was declared by Government.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

The total gross income of estates was Rs. 9,453 as against Rs. 9,731 in the previous year. The decrease is chiefly due to (1) smaller income from lands in the case of the Mokáshi minor estate owing to the unfavourable season, (2) the failure of the mango crop in that of Khatib of Sholápur and (3) the introduction of survey settlement and consequent remission of enhanced assessment in the case of the Shindkar estate.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The income of the estates in Belgaum and Dhárwár suffered considerably on account of the bad season. The gross income of all the eleven estates amounted to Rs. 22,332 against Rs. 45,493 in the preceding year.

(3).—EXPENDITURE.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

As compared with the total expenditure of the previous year the figures show a decrease of nearly 85,000 (exclusive of the figures for the Thána estate) due mainly to the suspension of Government dues owing to the unfavourable character of the season.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

As compared with the previous year, the total gross expenditure incurred during the year shows a net increase of Rs. 738 due chiefly to expenses in connection with the marriage of Khatib minor (Sholápur) and to the payment to the two co-sharers of their respective dues in cash in the case of Mokáshi minor (Poona). The Shindkar estate shows a considerable decrease this year, which is due to the fact that a portion of the estate situated in Bhor State has been transferred to the control of the Chief of Bhor under orders of Government and that the Chief of Bhor paid all the arrear allowances due to the minor's three step mothers out of the accumulated income arising from the minor's property situated in his territory. The variations in other estates are trifling and call for no remarks.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The expenditure rose from Rs. 21,599 in 1910-1911 to Rs. 23,256 during the year under report. The increase is partly due to the inclusion of the figures of estate No. 1 and to the raising of maintenance allowances and payment of previous year's arrears in respect of some of the estates in Dhárwár.

(4).—COLLECTION OF ESTATES' DUES.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

The season being unfavourable its effect was reflected in the short recovery of the demand (including past years' arrears) the amount collected Rs. 69,175, being only 40·6 per cent. of a total demand of Rs. 1,70,503. Of the Rs. 91,708 remaining for collection after writing off irrecoverable sums, etc., Rs. 73,130 are for the current year and Rs. 18,578 for previous years.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

As remarked above, on account of the unfavourable character of the season, out of the current demand of Rs. 46,766, the tenants of the estates were granted suspension of rents, etc., to the extent of Rs. 23,977 and a small sum of Rs. 25 was remitted. Only Rs. 18,851 were collected and Rs. 3,913 were outstanding at the end of the year.

The recovery of previous years' arrears was not rigorously enforced during the year for the same reason. Of the previous arrears of Rs. 18,211, Rs. 1,660 were collected and Rs. 210 were remitted, leaving a balance of Rs. 16,341 for collection at the end of the year. The present agricultural prospects are good and steps will be taken by the Collectors to clear off the arrears.

(5).—GOVERNMENT REVENUE, CESSSES AND RATES.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

Owing to the scanty rainfall and the consequent failure of the crops these remained mostly in arrears.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The estates paid in all Rs. 5,882 to Government against Rs. 7,830 during the previous year. In the case of some of the Belgaum and Dhárwár estates which were affected by the deficient rains, Government granted suspensions of collection of judi to the extent of Rs. 4,003. Besides, Rs. 130 on account of water-rate due from one estate in Dhárwár were remitted.

(6).—COST OF MANAGEMENT.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

The percentages shown in column 15 of Statement I are much inflated, especially in the case of estates Nos. 45 and 46 by the famine conditions prevailing and are no index to the ratio of cost of management to income in a normal year. The cost of management of all the estates taken together was Rs. 8,830 which comes to about 17 per cent. of their gross income exclusive of loans and of the figures for the Thána estate. The percentage is low considering that the gross income was less than one-third of that realized last year.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

The following estates contribute towards the cost of their management:—

District			Name of estate.
Ahmednagar	...	...	... Patel.
West Khándesh	...	...	... Matkar.
Poona	...	...	... Shindkar.
Sholápur	...	...	... Giram.

The management of the rest is conducted departmentally through the Mámlatdárs of the respective tálukas.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The average cost of management absorbed 11·8 per cent. of the estates' gross income. Excepting two estates one in Dhárwár (No. 2) and one in Belgaum (Ingli Desgat), the cost was within 10 per cent. of the income. In the case of the above two estates, the high incidences (*viz.*, 28·2 in the case of No. 2 and 37·7 in the case of Ingli Desgat) are only accidental and are due to the grant of suspensions of Rs. 17,251 to the rayats which considerably reduced the incomes of the two estates. It may however be noted that the percentage of cost of management on the current rental demand of the two estates comes to only 4 per cent. (in the case of No. 2) and to 8 per cent. (in the case of Ingli Desgat). No expenditure under this head was incurred on account of one estate in each of the districts of Belgaum, Dhárwár and Kánara.

7.—ADVANCES GRANTED TO CULTIVATORS.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

Famine conditions prevailing it was necessary to advance large sums of tagávi to cultivators of the estates. For this purpose loans were borrowed from Government.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

No advances were granted to cultivators during the year.

8.—SPECIAL SCHEMES FOR MANAGEMENT.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

Of the estates in the Tálukdári Settlement Officer's charge 29 were managed departmentally, while the remaining 8 were leased. Of the latter, 2 are situated in the Dhandhuka Táluka, 3 in Viramgám, 2 in Dholka and 1 in Parántij. The character of the season did not allow of any progress in the introduction of the leasing system.

In Kaira the Collector found it impossible to lease whole estates to one individual, as all the land of one estate is not situated in one village, but is scattered over several villages.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

The practice of leasing agricultural lands and houses of the minors, where possible, was continued during the year.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

No special schemes for management were adopted during the year.

9.—MAINTENANCE AND EDUCATION OF MINORS.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

Two minors attend the Sádra Scott College, two receive private tuition at home and twenty-four attend local Vernacular or English Schools. Ten of them reside in the King Edward Hostel at Dhandhuka and three in the Nadiád Hostel. Minor Shermia Bapumia receives private tuition from Professor Charlier of the Gujarát Collège. The construction of the new hostel building at Dhandhuka was completed during the year. The Hostel has been renamed "The King Edward Hostel" in memory of the late King-Emperor. At the time of the opening ceremony donations amounting to Rs. 4,700 and four scholarships aggregating Rs. 240 a year were announced, and a large plot of land adjacent to the Hostel was presented by Mr. A. T. Whittle, O.I.E., as a play ground.

The A'nand Hostel has been removed to Nadiád and Government have sanctioned a special building grant of Rs. 20,000. Both the Hostels are working satisfactorily.

In the Panch Maháls the minor Thakor of Metral having finished his course of training in practical agriculture at the Dohad and Surat farms has now been attached to the Mámlatdár's Kacheri to learn office-work. The second minor was given a temporary appointment on famine works.

One minor in the Broach District is engaged as an assistant teacher in the village Vernacular School; another in the Surat District is being trained in agriculture in the Arett Mission House in the Mándvi Táluka and is maintained by that institution.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

The arrangements for the education of all the minors except Dhangar and Banchod are reported to be satisfactory. The Dhangar is not being educated. He is in the service of one Ganu Kesu Awate of Sada, who provides him with food, clothing and lodging. As regards the Banchod minors, the Collector reports that enquiries are being made in this connection, as the estate has but lately come under his management.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Seven out of eleven Wards were maintained at the cost of the estates managed. The remaining four Wards live with their relatives who defray their expenses.

All the Wards except the one in Kánara are attending schools. Five are attending high schools and five Vernacular schools. Their progress is reported to have been satisfactory. The Kánara Ward belongs to the priestly caste and he is being trained at home in priesthood under the superintendence of his guardian.

(10) REPAYMENT OF DEBT AND EXISTING LIABILITIES.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

The balance of debt due by the estates to Government and private creditors at the close of the year amounted to Rs. 3,17,280 as against Rs. 2,59,043 of liabilities of the same estates at the beginning of the year. The increase of Rs. 58,237 is due mainly to the incurring of fresh debts for minors' maintenance, grant of tagávi to tenants and to the suspension of Government dues which are included by the Tálukdári Settlement Officer in the item of fresh debt. Also the Bibi Kamrunnissa estate contracted a debt of Rs. 15,000 for house-repairs, marriage of the minor's brother, etc.

The following are the chief repayments made in satisfaction of private debts:—

	Rs. .
Dholka—Sher Jumákhánji estate	... 3,281
Kherwa—Umarkhán Modji	... 1,200
Ahmedabad—Bibi Kamrunnissa	... 5,553

Further progress in repayment of debts was impossible owing to the character of the season.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

The only estate encumbered with debt is that of Mokáshi minor in the Poona District; nothing could be paid this year to the creditors of the estate for want of funds.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Three estates—one in Belgaum and two in Dhárwár—are in debt. The liabilities of one more estate in Dhárwár are not known and the matter is being enquired into. The rest are entirely free from debt. The Belgaum estate (Ingli Desgat) is heavily encumbered. The extent of its liabilities at the beginning of the year were 79,981. As the estate is under management under Bombay Regulation VIII of 1827 temporarily, no fresh loans on easy terms to liquidate old debts could be raised. However the Collector obtained a reduction of Rs. 5,000 by paying Rs. 5,000 out of the current revenue of the estate in full satisfaction of a decree of Rs. 10,000 against the estate and thus reduced the debt to Rs. 69,981. Similarly an abatement of Rs. 303 out of a loan of Rs. 1,003 was secured by the Collector of Dhárwár with respect to one of the

estates under his care (Hángal minor's). The net annual income of this estate is very small being Rs. 82 only. The estate has got a forest area of 319 acres and under a proper scheme of management, which is under preparation, the deficit will be more than made up. The other estate in Dhárwár (Konher Deshpande's) is involved to the extent of Rs. 15,165. A fresh claim of Rs. 148 was received during the year. Rs. 1,620 were paid out of the current income leaving a balance of Rs. 13,693 at the end of the year.

(11) REDUCTION IN CLAIMS SECURED IN CONSIDERATION OF PROMPT SETTLEMENT.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

A claim of Rs. 600 against the Modhwana estate of Bhimsing Ratansing was settled for Rs. 235, and one of Rs. 2,532 filed against the estate of Lolya Gagubha Dhirsingji which had become time-barred, has been dismissed. All important settlements have already been made as far as possible.

(12) LITIGATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

The appeal filed by a relative of the Jalila minor Bai Amarbai, referred to in the previous year's report, has not yet been decided. A relative of the Bhadiad minor, Bhikhubhái Mádhavsingji, filed a suit in the First Class Sub-Judge's Court to obtain a declaration that the boy was spurious. The suit has been decided in the minor's favour. The appeal in the suit for Rs. 6,301 against the Zadeshwar estate under the Collector of Broach, which was last year decided in the minor's favour, has not been decided by the High Court. The Government Pleader, High Court, has been engaged on behalf of the estate to oppose the appeal. Another claim of Rs. 998 against the same estate is also pending; while a suit has been filed for Rs. 125 on behalf of the minor. No compromise could be effected in any of these claims.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

During the year, six darkbástis and two original suits were filed in the Civil Court on behalf of the Patil minors. Both the suits were decided in favour of the minors. Of the suits filed last year, two were decided this year, one in favour and one against the minors. With regard to the estate of minor Giram, no fresh suits were filed during the year. Five out of nine redemption suits filed last year were decided against the minor. Two have been decided in favour of the minor and two are still pending. In respect of the other estates there was no litigation.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The suits in respect of the Ingli Desgat referred to in the last year's report are still pending, having been transferred from the Sub-Judge's Court to the District Court in accordance with a High Court ruling that Sub-Judges are not competent to try suits in which the Collector as administrator of estates is a party. One of the three suits against Konher Deshpande's estate in Dhárwár referred to in the last year's report was disposed of during the year and a decree was passed for Rs. 1,148, the suit being for Rs. 2,000. The amount decreed is to be paid by annual instalments of Rs. 100 for the first three years and Rs. 200 thereafter. The remaining two suits are still pending.

The appeal to the High Court preferred by a mortgagor in respect of another estate in Dhárwár (Betgeri minor) also referred to in the last report was decided during the year and the decretal amount of Rs. 975 which was ordered by the District Court to be paid immediately was ordered to be paid in three equal instalments. The first instalment was paid by the mortgagor during the year. Another suit brought by one of the sharers of estate No. 2 against the minor and the Secretary of State for India is still pending in the District Court, Dhárwár.

STATEMENT I.

Statement showing the general position of minors estates under Government management in 1911-12.
(Details are given only for estates with gross income of Rs. 10,000 and above. Figures for other estates are lumped together.)

Serial No.	Name of District.	Name of estate.	Total area of estates.	Cultivated area.	Uncultivated area.	Total assessment.	Total land revenue demanded inclusive cesses.	Total gross income recovered.	Total gross expenditure.	Balance.		Total liabilities.	Cost of management.	Percentage of gross income.	Remarks.
										Invested.	Uninvested.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Under the management of the Talukdari Settlement Officer.															
1	Ahmedabad...	Dholka-Shermia Bapumia.	51,010	28,237	22,773	49,711	83,403	10,298 2,800 (Government loan).	14,384	7,539	2,456	83,836	1,512	18	
2	Do. ...	Dholka-Sher Juma Khanji Bava Saheb Sardar Mahomedkhanji.	7,170	3,873	3,298	8,604	7,318	1,064 3,000 (Government loan).	8,825	...	1,127	11,529	553	43	
3	Do. ...	Bibi Kamrunnissa and others.	2,698	2,238	465	8,276	9,103	5,055 15,000 (Government loan).	13,437	...	11,033	22,707	607	14	
4 to 37		Totals for small estates.	31,063	19,834	11,229	17,633	26,183	14,424 8,968 (Government loan).	29,984	9,103	20,875	3,40,007	2,271	16	
		Total ...	91,941	54,178	37,765	84,454	75,037	31,761 19,768 (Government loan).	62,640	15,701	42,081	3,08,139	5,002	18	
Under the Collectors.															
38 & 39	Ahmedabad...	Total for small estates.	32	31	1	86	93	108	249	1,095	524	...	5	3	
40 to 44	Kaira ...	Total for small estates.	387	356	1	1,125	8,853	2,486	1,457	9,600	Cash 4,625 276 (originals).	4,010	363	15	
45 to 46	Panch Mahals	Total for small estates.	21,666	17,288	4,378	7,037	5,857	308	3,449	9,214	1,030	1,938	1,229	318	
47 to 56	Broach ...	Total for small estates.	1,353	1,280	73	5,255	5,604	13,891	12,064	437	17,499	2,503	1,401	10	
57 to 60	Surat ...	Total for small estates.	112	112	...	408	1,321	1,819	1,058	11,205	2,071	...	150	8	
61	Thána ...	Laxmi Vyankateshwar Kalyan.	...	...	...	...	...	41,547	33,514	...	9,001	This estate remained in charge of the Mamlat dar of Kalyan from 27th October 1911 to 8th April 1912 and hence the full details are not available.			
		Total, N. D. ...	115,491	73,273	42,218	99,425	94,787	92,066 29,708 (Government loan).	1,15,330	48,312	77,207	8,17,280	8,630	10	
Central Division.															
1 to 8	Ahmednagar ...	2	Total for all estates.	6,802	5,452	850	2,901	7,458	9,453	5,011	30,100	10,016	600	473	5
	West Khán-desh.	1													
	Poona ...	8													
	Sholapur ...	2													
Southern Division.															
1	Belgaum ...	Sankeshwar Math estate.	9,054	8,483	572	16,838	10,206	7,778	3,199	20,000	11,125	...	749	98	
2	Dhárwar ...	Hebl minor, Vithal Chedambar's estate.	172 mavs.	172 mavs.	...	4,300	13,401	2,165	7,797	16,000	2,359	...	618	29 2	
3 to 6	Belgaum ...	Totals for small estates.	Acres 12,427 614 and mavs 172	Acres 11,141 614 and mavs 172	714	8,630	23,009	12,363	12,260	8,900	10,545	81,954	1,252	17 3	
7 to 10	Dhárwar ...														
11	Kanara ...														
		Total, S. D. ...	Acres 12,427 614 and mavs 172	Acres 11,141 614 and mavs 172	1,286	29,739	45,766	22,332	23,256	43,500	24,069	81,954	2,649	11 8	
		Grand Total ...	134,220	82,866	41,354	1,31,084	1,49,011	1,23,551 29,708 (Government loan).	1,44,197	1,22,212	1,11,822	4,92,524	11,953	9 6	

Column 11 and 12.—Of the cash balance of Rs. 12,046 which remained at the close of the year Rs. 2,000 were invested in promissory notes and Rs. 1,000 with the Co-operative Society, Akola, by Gram State; and this accounts for the apparent decrease in column 12 and corresponding increase in column 11.

STATEMENT II.

Statement showing the efficiency of rent collection in Estates under Government management during the year 1911-12.

Serial No.	Name of District.	Name of Estate.	Demands.			Collection.			Amount written off.	Balance.			Details of balances.	Remarks.
			Current.	Arrears.	Total.	On account of current year.	On account of arrears.	Total.		Converted into bonds or decrees.	Others.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
			Under the Talukdari Settlement Officer.											
1	Ahmedabad	Dholka—Shermie Bápumla.	83,403	4,052	87,455	798	253	1,051	2,779	...	33,715	33,715	Old ... 1,283 Current ... 32,432	
2	Do.	Dholka—Sher Jummá-khanji Bava Sabab, Sardar Mahomed-khanji.	7,218	349	7,567	1,281	...	1,281	144	...	6,142	6,142	Old ... 207 Current ... 5,935	
3	Do.	Bibi Kamrunnisa and others.	9,013	4,211	13,224	2,360	583	2,943	2,539	...	7,832	7,832	Old ... 1,193 Current ... 6,639	
4 to 37	.....	Total for small estates.	26,183	13,751	39,934	8,282	115	8,397	8,314	...	28,223	28,223	Old ... 10,450 Current ... 17,773	
		Total ...	75,997	23,263	99,260	12,721	651	13,372	8,776	...	75,912	75,912	Old ... 13,203 Current ... 62,709	
			Under the Collectors.											
38 & 39	Ahmedabad	Total for small estates.	93	...	93	93	...	93	...	...	Nil.	...	.....
40 to 44	Kaira	Total for small estates.	3,764	2,158	5,922	866	10	876	...	...	5,034	5,034	Old ... 2,146 Current ... 2,888	
45 & 46	Panch Mahals	Total for small estates.	5,857	728	6,585	396	...	396	...	...	6,187	6,187	Old ... 728 Current ... 5,459	
47 to 56	Broach	Total for small estates.	13,111	3,582	16,693	10,344	1,047	11,391	12	758	3,683	4,438	Old ... 2,503 Current ... 1,935	* The difference Rs. 3 is due to handing over that amount along with restoration the Talukdari Bhabhapal estates.
57 to 60	Surat	Total for small estates.	1,337	...	1,337	1,200	...	1,200	...	...	137	137	Current ... 137	
61	Tbána	Laxmi Vyankateshwar Prasa, Kalyan.	41,547	...	41,547	41,547	...	41,547	...	...	...	...	.....
		Total, N. D. ...	1,41,698	23,507	1,70,205	67,167	2,008	69,175	8,788	758	90,652	91,708	Old ... 18,578 Current ... 73,130 91,708	† Vide memo against Rs. 832 as regards difference Rs. 832.
1	Belgaum	Sankeshwar Math estate.	10,208	4,739	14,947	7,558	83	7,641	...	...	7,266	7,266	Previous year's 4,658 Current year's 2,610 Out of the current year's balance Rs. 1,839 have been suspended owing to failure of crops.	
2	Dhárwár	Hebli minor, Vithal Chidambar's estate.	13,401	9,113	22,514	1,640	510	2,150	20	250	20,064	20,314	Previous year's 8,553 Current year's 11,761 Out of the current year's balance Rs. 11,168 have been suspended on account of failure of crops.	
3 to 11	Belgaum ... Dhárwár ... Kánara ...	Total for small estates.	23,099	4,359	27,458	9,555	1,037	10,592	215	468	16,183	16,651	Previous year's 8,132 Current year's 13,519 Out of the current year's balance Rs. 11,002 were suspended on account of bad season.	
		Total, Southern Division.	46,760	18,211	64,971	18,851	1,600	20,511	235	718	43,513	44,231	Previous year's 16,841 Current year's 27,390 Out of the current year's balance Rs. 23,977 have been suspended.	
		Grand Total ...	1,58,461	47,018	2,35,479	83,018	3,609	86,627	9,023	1,474	1,34,465	1,35,939	.....

STATEMENT III.

Statement showing progress made in Liquidation of Debts in Minors' Estates during the year 1911-12.

Serial No.	Name of District.	Name of Estate.	Debts due on assumption of charge.	Balance of debt at the beginning of the year.	Additional debts incurred during the year.	Debts paid off during current year					Balance.	Date by which it was expected on assumption of management that estate could be clear of debt.	Remarks.
						By incurring fresh debts.	By sale of property.	Rejected by the Manager or Civil Court.	Remitted by Creditor.	From current income.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
						Under the Talukdar's Settlement Office.							
1	Ahmedabad...	Dholka—Sherma Bapumia estate.	11,801	6,555	27,281	...	...	...	...	...	83,538	1918-16.	
2	Do.	Dholka—Sher Jankhanji Bava Saheb Sardar Mahomedkhanji.	7,693	7,239	7,571	...	...	...	...	8,281	11,629	1915-16.	
3	Do.	Bibi Kamrunnisa and others.	86,990	12,089	*16,332	5,553	...	...	...	65	22,767	1918-19.	* Rs. 15,000 spent on house repairs and marriage of minor's brother, etc.
4 to 37	.....	Total for small estates.	4,00,560	2,24,047	21,808	...	...	4,155	805	1,329	2,40,007	.....
		Total ...	4,66,050	2,49,924	72,993	5,553	...	4,155	805	4,705	2,08,139	.....
						Under the Collectors.							
38 & 39	Ahmedabad...	Total for small estates.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	.....
40 to 44	Kaira ...	Total for small estates.	6,239	4,237	† 835	...	...	213	209	...	4,610	31st July 1912.	† Rs. 589 added as the debt of one new estate under management during the year.
45 & 46	Panch Mahala.	Do.	† 1,444	1,908	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,908	.....	‡ The sum of Rs. 1,011 was shown as original liability in column 23 of last year's statement No. 1, but the sum of Rs. 3-8 shown in column 25 as due to one Dania was also a item of original debt. The Matal estate is free from debt.
47 to 56	Broach ...	Do.	9,578	2,963	...	...	...	...	...	375	2,503	6 to 15 years.	
57 to 60	Surat ...	Do.	§ 5,189	...	...	...	...	No estate is in debt.	...	...	...	.....	§ Includes 1,100 for the estate of Lakha Vasan as pointed out in the memo. accompanying Government Memo. No. 609, dated 27th May 1912.
61	Thana ...	Laxmi Vyankateshwar Prasa, Kalyan.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
		Total, N. D.	4,83,548	2,59,043	73,978	5,553	...	4,308	634	5,056	3,17,230	.....
1	Bolgaum ...	Sankeshwar Math.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
2	Dharwar ...	Hebli minor, Vithal Chidambar's estate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
3 to 11	Belgaum, Dharwar and Kanara.	Total for small estates.	1,03,094	97,076	530	...	...	...	5,303	7,547	81,064	.....
		Total, S. D.	1,03,094	97,224	580	...	...	...	5,303	7,517	84,954	.....
		Grand Total	5,91,642	3,68,267	74,458	5,553	...	4,308	5,937	12,613	4,02,234	.....

Sind.

Assumption and relinquishment of estates.

2. Out of the fourteen estates under the guardianship of the Collectors and Deputy Commissioners at the beginning of the year, two were released, one owing to the minors having attained majority, and one under section 40 of the Guardian and Wards Act, VIII of 1890. One new estate was added during the year. Thus the number of estates under management at the close of the year was thirteen, including the one reported in paragraph 2 of the previous year's report as virtually out of management. The inquiry into the conduct of the estate-owner referred to therein was concluded; but in view of his having attained the age of majority, no further action was taken and the Collector of Hyderabad was directed to apply to the District Court for the formal discharge of the estate.

3. The persons of all the minors were in charge of their relatives and friends.

Income.

4. The total gross income of the estates was Rs. 2,930 as against Rs. 3,323 in the last year. The decrease is mainly due to the contraction in the area of cultivation and the poorness of the harvest owing to the deficiency of the water-supply.

Expenditure.

5. The gross expenditure amounted to Rs. 2,984 as against Rs. 3,323 in the previous year. Out of this amount, Rs. 323 were paid as Government dues of the year under report, Rs. 166 on account of Government arrears, and Rs. 2,000 towards the discharge of private debts. The remaining Rs. 495 were spent for maintenance allowances and other miscellaneous expenditure. The land revenue demand was paid in full, except in the case of two estates the crops of which were a total failure.

Management of immoveable property.

6. Out of the thirteen estates under management, six were leased for a term of years, two were managed departmentally, and two had no immoveable property. Of the remaining three estates one is virtually out of management as shown above, and two are given to the minors for their maintenance.

Buildings that are not used by the minors for their own residential purposes are let out on rent where possible.

Moveable property.

7. The estates in the Karáchi and Upper Sind Frontier Districts have no moveable property. In the other districts the possession of moveable property remained unchanged and continued in the charge of the owners and their relatives.

Liabilities.

8. The liabilities of the estates under management at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 5,825. Out of this amount Rs. 2,166 were paid off during the year, and liabilities amounting to Rs. 1,376 were reduced by the discharge of two estates. A sum of Rs. 38 was, however, added on account of assessment, with the result that Rs. 2,321 remained as the amount of liabilities at the close of the year.

Education.

9. Of the 22 minors (13 boys and 9 girls) whose estates are under guardianship, only 3 boys are reported to be receiving education. As mentioned before, the persons of the minors are not under the guardianship of the district officers.

Litigation.

10. A partition suit has been filed on behalf of an estate in the Sukkur District against the minor's uncle and is still pending. There was no other litigation.

Statement showing the general position of estates under Government management.

Serial No.	Name of Division.	Name of Estate.	Total Area of Estate.	Cultivated Area.	Uncultivated Area.	Total Assessment.	Land Revenue demand including cesses.	Total gross income recovered.	Total gross expenditure.	Balance		Total liabilities.	Cost of management.	Percentage of gross income.	Remarks.									
										Invested.	Un-invested.													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16									
			Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.												
1 to 15	Sind	Total for small estates.	746 5,093 squareyards.	171	575	300	300	2,930	2,084	2,500	2,432	2,321	---	---	<p>The figures of an estate in the Hyderabad District referred to in paragraph 2 of the reports and of the two estates in the Sukkur District which have been released are not available.</p> <p>Column 8.—It includes Rs. 29 remitted owing to the failure of the crops.</p> <p>Column 11.—Totals.</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Government.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Other.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Current.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Old.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">28</td> <td style="text-align: right;">37</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,240</td> </tr> </table>	Government.		Other.	Current.	Old.		28	37	2,240
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No. 3505.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 14th April 1913.

Letter from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 4304, dated 15th October 1912.	} Submitting the reports on the administration of Minors' Estates in their respective charges for the year 1911-12.
Letter from the Commissioner in Sind, No. 3550, dated 23rd October 1912.	
Letter from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 4140, dated 13th November 1912.	
Letter from the Commissioner, C. D., No. C.—1812, dated 25th November 1912.	

RESOLUTION.—In the Presidency proper there were 78 minors' estates in charge of executive officers under certificates of guardianship given by District Courts at the commencement of the year 1911-12, exclusive of the estates under the control of the Courts of Wards. During the year six estates were handed over to the minors on their attaining majority while the management of one in charge of the Tálukdári Settlement Officer was released owing to special circumstances. Five estates, including one estate in Belgaum omitted in previous years' reports, were added during the same period, so that the year closed with a total of seventy-six estates under management of which thirty-seven are in charge of the Tálukdári Settlement Officer. In Sind there were thirteen estates under management at the end of the year as compared with fourteen at its opening, two having been released and one added during the year.

2. Owing to the unfavourable nature of the season in the Northern and Southern Divisions, the incomes of the estates under management in these Divisions were considerably reduced. In the Central Division, where conditions were rather more favourable, the falling off in this respect was less marked. The total gross income of all estates fell from Rs. 2,08,000 in 1910-11 to Rs. 1,23,851 in the year under review, while expenditure was less by Rs. 48,800, out of which Rs. 12,633 was devoted to the payment of debts. Out of a total land revenue demand of Rs. 2,42,938 in the Presidency proper only Rs. 97,144 or about 40 per cent. was actually collected during the year. Most of the balance had to be suspended on account of the bad season, while of the arrears of previous years but little could be collected. Except in the Central Division the collection of a considerable amount of the Government assessment and judi was foregone, and it was found necessary to grant takávi loans amounting to Rs. 29,768 to the tenants of the estates in the Northern Division, for which purpose money was advanced by Government.

3. The total liabilities shown as payable by all estates at the close of the year amounted to about Rs. 4 lákhs as compared with an indebtedness of nearly 6 lákhs when the estates came under management. Owing to the adverse conditions prevailing less than usual could be done in the direction of debt settlement, but debts amounting to nearly Rs. 28,500 were paid off during the year.

4. The arrangements made for the education of wards of school-going age, for which the minors' guardians are themselves personally responsible, appear to be on the whole satisfactory.

5. The Governor in Council considers that, in view of the extremely unfavourable conditions prevailing during the year, the management of the estates was attended with creditable results.

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No. 915.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 28th January 1914.

Letter from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 3970, dated 10th October 1913.

Memorandum from the Commissioner in Sind, No. 3409, dated 11th October 1913.

Letter from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 3388, dated 14th October 1913.

Letter from the Commissioner, C. D., No. 4411, dated 20th November 1913.

Submitting the Reports on the Administration of Minors' Estates in their respective charges for the year 1912-13.

RESOLUTION.—Exclusive of estates under the control of the Courts of Wards, and of those in the Tálukdári Settlement Officer's management under the Gujarát Tálukdárs' Act, there were at the commencement of the year 1912-13 seventy-six estates in the Presidency proper in charge of executive officers under certificates of guardianship given by District Courts. During the year two estates were handed over to the minors on their attaining majority and five more were released from management; but in the case of four of these management was continued under the Gujarát Tálukdárs' Act and in one case under the Court of Wards Act. At the close of the year the total number of minors' estates under the management of executive officers was seventy-four, five having been added in the course of the year. Of the total number, thirty-one were under the control of the Tálukdári Settlement Officer. In Sind the management of three estates was relinquished during the year which closed with a total number of ten estates under management as compared with thirteen under management at its commencement.

2. The favourable character of the season rendered it possible to recover not only most of the current year's rents of the estates, but also a large part of the suspended rents of the previous year, during which, owing to the scarcity prevailing in the Northern and Southern Divisions, considerable leniency had to be exercised in collection. The total gross income of all estates including those in Sind rose from Rs. 1,23,851 in 1911-12 to Rs. 2,53,487 during the year under review, while the total expenditure inclusive of a sum of Rs. 32,738 devoted to the payment of debts showed an increase of Rs. 42,629 over the total expenditure of the previous year. Recovery of about 50 per cent. of that year's arrears was effected; of the current year's demand collections amounted to about 90 per cent. of the total; and a sum of Rs. 13,184 was written off as irrecoverable out of the outstanding balance of arrears. The Government assessment and judi for the current year were recovered in full except in the case of five estates where, on account of failure of crops, suspensions had to be given and the suspended amount of the previous year's Government demand had also to be resuspended. Similar outstandings were recovered up to 50 per cent. of the total amounts due from the remaining estates in the Northern Division and in full from the estates in the Central and Southern Divisions.

3. During the year a satisfactory reduction to the extent of Rs. 39,278 was made in the total liabilities payable by the estates which stood at nearly 4½ lákhs when management of them was first assumed, and at just under 3½ lákhs at the close of the year. Except in the case of four estates in the Northern Division, which are under the control of the Tálukdári Settlement Officer and in which debt settlement is rendered difficult owing to disputes, progress generally in the liquidation of liabilities appears to have been satisfactory.

4. For the education of wards of school-going age, the minors' guardians are themselves responsible. The arrangements made show that they are, as a rule, anxious to secure as good an education as is available for their charges.

5. The statistics given prove that most of the estates have recovered from the set-back which they suffered owing to the bad season of the previous year, and afford satisfactory evidence of the care bestowed on their management by the officers responsible for the conduct of their affairs.

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