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REPORTS  
ON THE  
ADMINISTRATION OF MINORS' ESTATES  
IN THE  
NORTHERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN DIVISIONS  
AND IN SIND  
FOR THE YEAR ending 31st JULY 1913.

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## (1) NUMBER OF ESTATES UNDER MANAGEMENT.

## NORTHERN DIVISION.

At the commencement of the year, 57 estates were under management, 37 in Ahmedabad, Kaira and Broach by the Tálukdári Settlement Officer and 20 by Collectors. Of the former, six were released from management but management in the case of four was continued under section 28 of the Gujarát Tálukdárs' Act and in the case of one under the Court of Wards Act. Of the estates managed by the Collectors, one in Surat was released owing to the minors' coming of age. One new estate was taken over for management during the year by the Collector of Broach. Thus the total number under management at the close of the year was 51, the distribution being :—

Under the Tálukdári Settlement Officer	...	...	31
Do. Collector of Ahmedabad	...	...	2
Do. do. Kaira	...	...	4
Do. do. the Panch Maháls	...	...	2
Do. do. Broach	...	...	9
Do. do. Surat	...	...	3
			51

## CENTRAL DIVISION.

The total number of estates under management at the beginning of the year was eight, *viz.*, two in Ahmednagar, one in West Khándesh, three in Poona and two in Sholápur. No new estates were added and none was given up during the year. As none of these yields an annual gross income of Rs. 10,000 or upwards, the information regarding them is shown in the statements in lump.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The total number of estates under management at the beginning of the year was eleven. In Dhárwár two new estates were taken over during the year, while both in Belgaum and in Kánara one new estate was added. Thus the year closed with a total of fifteen estates under management as against eleven last year. The new estate in Kánara having been taken over late in the year, enquiries have still to be made into its financial condition and statistical information concerning it has therefore not been given.

## (2) INCOME.

## NORTHERN DIVISION.

The gross income of the managed estates during the year amounted to Rs. 1,69,326 as against Rs. 50,519 for the previous year and Rs. 1,53,170 for the year 1910-11. The increase is accounted for by the fact that the season being favourable orders were issued for the collection of half the suspended amount of rent for 1911-12 in addition to the current year's demand except in the case of three estates in the Dhandhuka táluka where the ravages of grass-hoppers led to a suspension of the levy of rent from tenants.

## CENTRAL DIVISION.

The total gross income of the estates was Rs. 9,362 as against Rs. 9,453 in the previous year. The decrease is chiefly due to the fact that the rent from jiráyat lands in the case of the Pátíl minors (Ahmednagar) and the revenue of the alienated village of Pimpri belonging to the minor Mokashi (Poona) had to be suspended owing to famine conditions.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The gross income of all the estates amounted to Rs. 73,372 as against Rs. 22,332 last year. The increase is attributable to the satisfactory nature of the season and to the collection of suspended rents in the Dhárwár district.

## (3) EXPENDITURE.

## NORTHERN DIVISION.

As compared with the total expenditure of the previous year, the figures show an increase of Rs. 64,656 due chiefly to the repayment of debt both Government and private as well as to the recovery of half the suspended arrears of Government jama and the whole of the establishment charges for the previous year. Rs. 6,500 were also paid by the Jhadeshwar estate (Broach) for founding scholarships as provided in the will of the deceased holder.

## CENTRAL DIVISION.

As compared with the previous year, the total gross expenditure incurred during the year shows a net decrease of Rs. 33 due mainly to the suspensions of Government dues owing to the unfavourable character of the season in the case of two estates mentioned in paragraph (2). Besides the ordinary expenses, the sum of Rs. 400 was spent in purchasing a house for the Khatib minor of Sholápur. No amount was spent in acquiring any additional property by other estates and no investments were made by any of them during the year.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The gross expenditure for the year under report shows an excess of Rs. 13,481 over that of last year which is partly due to the marriage expenses of two wards in Dhárwár and partly to the payment of suspended arrears of Government dues both in the Dhárwár and Belgaum districts.

## (4) COLLECTION OF ESTATES' DUES.

## NORTHERN DIVISION.

The season being favourable collections during the year were satisfactory, the amount collected being Rs. 1,38,772 or 70·3 per cent. of the total demand of Rs. 1,97,375. Of the Rs. 46,911, remaining for collection after writing off irrecoverable sums, etc., Rs. 5,915 are for the current year and Rs. 40,996 for previous years.

## CENTRAL DIVISION.

Out of the eight estates under management, two (Dhangar in Ahmednagar and Banchod in Poona) have no agricultural lands. The total rental demand of the remaining estates amounted to Rs. 11,438 of which Rs. 9,284 were collected and Rs. 74 written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,080. Suspensions of rent, etc., were granted to the extent of Rs. 1,424 in the case of two estates—one in Ahmednagar and the other in Poona. None of the estates granted any remissions. Some three houses belonging to the Banchod minors in Poona have of late come under the Collector's management but no income was derived therefrom.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Notwithstanding the favourable character of the season, the estates' dues are in arrears in Dhárwár and Belgaum to the extent of Rs. 14,007 and Rs. 11,897 respectively, but a major portion of these arrears represents out-standings of previous years which it was found impracticable to recover in the year under report. Efforts are being made to recover as much as possible and write off the irrecoverable balance.

## (5) GOVERNMENT REVENUE, CESSÉS AND RATES.

## NORTHERN DIVISION.

Half the suspended jama for 1911-12 was put down for recovery in addition to the current year's jama except in the affected villages of the Dhau-dhuka táluka where suspensions had to be granted for the reason stated under paragraph (2). Minor Shermia's estate received a remission of Rs. 4,608 on account of the failure of the rice crop in the previous year.

## CENTRAL DIVISION.

In one of the two estates, in which suspensions were allowed, only bágáyat assessment was paid and in the case of the other, Government dues were paid in proportion to collection. In respect of all other estates, the amount due to Government was paid in full and no remissions were granted in any case.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The whole Government demand including dues suspended in previous years were collected during the year under report.

## (6) COST OF MANAGEMENT.

## NORTHERN DIVISION.

Payment of the huzúr establishment charges for two years in the case of estates under the Tálukdári Settlement Officer's management contributed to the increase of Rs. 2,375 under this head. Owing to an increase in the gross revenue, the percentage works out to 7 only as against 17 in the previous year.

## CENTRAL DIVISION.

The following estates contribute towards 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. The cost of management of all the estates taken together was Rs. 573 which comes to about 6 per cent. of their gross income.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The cost of management was 4 per cent. of the gross income. All estates were charged except two in Dhárwár and one in Kánara which were excused on account of their smallness.

## (7) ADVANCES GRANTED TO CULTIVATORS.

## NORTHERN DIVISION.

Advances to cultivators from the funds of the managed estates were insignificant amounting to Rs. 302 only to tenants of Panar and Bhankoda estates (under the Tálukdári Settlement Officer).

The tenants of the Metral estate (under the Collector of the Panch Maháls) were granted takávi by Government on their furnishing suitable security.

## CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN DIVISIONS.

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 during the year under report sixteen were leased out while the remaining twenty were managed departmentally.

**CENTRAL DIVISION.**

The practice of leasing agricultural lands and houses of the minors, where possible, was continued during the year. The survey operations undertaken in the village of Matkar Jághirdár minor were completed and the survey rates will come into force next year.

**SOUTHERN DIVISION.**

It was not found necessary to introduce any special scheme of management for any of the estates.

**(9) MAINTENANCE AND EDUCATION OF MINORS.****NORTHERN DIVISION.**

Of the 29 boys of school-going age all except one in Broach are receiving education. One minor attends the Sádra Scott College, five receive private tuition and the remaining 22 attend local schools. Ten of the latter reside in the King Edward Hostel at Dhandhuka and four in the Nadiád Hostel. Minor Shermia Bapumia continues to receive private tuition from Professor Charlier of the Gujarát College.

In the Panch Maháls minor Bhera Talakchand has been employed as a kárkún in the Public Works Department. The second minor, the Thákor of Metral, was for a short period attached to the Mámlatdár's Kacheri at Godhra to gain an insight into office work; but he died of consumption on the 18th August 1913 at the age of 21. He left no male issue.

Minor Somio Bimasio in the Surat district continues to be maintained and trained in agriculture by the Arett Mission House in the Mándvi táluka.

**CENTRAL DIVISION.**

Of the two Pátíl minors in Ahmednagar the elder is being educated in the fourth standard in the vernacular school at Shevgaon and the younger in the third standard at Vadula Budruk. Their guardian takes nothing from the estate for the education or maintenance of the minors. The Dhangar minor in the said district is not being educated. He is in the service of one Ganu Sadu of Sade who provides him with food, clothing and lodging. The minor Matkar Jághirdár in West Khándesh is receiving education at Dhulia. A trained teacher is engaged as a private tutor for him. He is much improved in health and in his studies, since he has been brought to Dhulia. All the minors in Poona are under the care of their mothers. Minors Shindkar and Mokashi are being educated at Poona and are progressing well. Of the two Banchod minors, one aged 13 attends school but is not progressing well and the other aged 15 is reported to have accepted employment in a hotel at Bhusával on Rs. 6 per mensem. Of the two Sholápur minors, one Khatib was in charge of Khán Bahádur Pir Mahomed Dafedar, a leading Mahomedan gentleman and an Honorary Magistrate, up to 30th November 1912 and has been living since then with his father-in-law at Naldurg in His Highness the Nizam's Dominions with the permission of the District Judge. The other minor Giram is under the care of his mother and his progress is reported to be satisfactory.

**SOUTHERN DIVISION.**

Two wards in Dhárwár and one in Kánara are maintained by their guardians. The rest are paid for from their estates.

Three wards in Belgaum and six in Dhárwár go to school and their education is carefully attended to. Of the two wards in Kánara, one is being trained to be a priest. The rest are not yet of school-going age.

#### (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. 2,55,681 as against Rs. 2,92,234 of liabilities of the same estates at the beginning of the year. The Kázi estate of Broach (under the Tálukdári Settlement Officer) was cleared of all debt by the sale of certain fields and from current revenues and was restored free of debt to the Kázi who has come of age. Sums of Rs. 14,448 and Rs. 2,640 were paid respectively by minors Shermia and Sher Jumakhanji on account of arrears of Government dues.

Though the progress made with the liquidation of debts is generally satisfactory, there is still much room for improvement in the case of the Pipli, Dholera, Rozka and Lolia estates under the Tálukdári Settlement Officer. The constant friction of the last named estates with the neighbouring Thákor of Utelia has at last come to a head in the filing of suits by the Thákor. This makes it very difficult to find cultivators for Lolia and a great part of the land remains waste.

The debt of Rs. 6,500 incurred by the Zadeshwar estate will be repaid next year from the general balance at the credit of the estate.

##### CENTRAL DIVISION.

The only estate encumbered with debt is that of Mokashi minor in the Poona district. The debt amounts to Rs. 600 but nothing could be paid this year to the creditors of the estate for want of funds. The Collector has, however, been asked to take steps for its repayment by fixing easy annual instalments.

##### SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Only two estates—one in Dhárwár and one in Belgaum—are in debt. In the case of the former steps have been taken to reduce the indebtedness but the latter is involved to the extent of nearly Rs. 70,000 and difficulty is experienced in ameliorating its condition.

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

##### NORTHERN DIVISION.

A claim of Rs. 699 against the estates of Gagubha Dhirsangji of Lolia was settled for Rs. 351 and two claims of Rs. 438 and Rs. 1,400 respectively against the Bhojpura and Pipli (Tapubha) estates were rejected as time-barred.

#### (12) LITIGATION.

##### NORTHERN DIVISION.

The appeal litigation regarding the estate of the Jalila minor referred to in previous reports is still going on. The Tálukdári Settlement Officer applied to the District Court for removal of the minor's uncle from guardianship, on the ground that he desired to betroth the minor to his own son against the wish of the minor and of her remaining relatives but withdrew the application on receiving an undertaking from the uncle not to celebrate the marriage without the Court's permission.

The Thákor of Limbdi who owns a two-thirds share in the village of Salangpur in the Dhandhuka táluka having made, certain allegations detrimental

to the interests of Minor Shermia who holds a one-third share in the same village, in the suit filed by the Thákor against the Mulgametis of the village, the Tálukdári Settlement Officer as guardian of the minor applied, towards the close of the year, to be made a party to the suit.

The two claims of Rs. 6,301 and Rs. 998 against the Zadeshwar estate (under the Collector of Broach) reported last year are still pending, the former in the High Court and the latter in the District Court, Broach. Five other suits for Rs. 1,252, Rs. 277, Rs. 350, Rs. 75 and Rs. 100 had to be filed for the same estate, as no compromise could be effected.

#### CENTRAL DIVISION.

During the year three darkhásts only were filed on behalf of the Pátíl minors, but they are still pending in the Sub-Judge's Court at Shevgaon. A suit has been filed on behalf of the Shindkar estate in the Civil Court at Mahád for recovery of a loan formerly advanced by the estate to one Mr. Deshpande. With regard to the estate of the Giram minor, two redemption suits against the minor pending at the close of the last year were decided against him. One more redemption suit was filed against him this year. An amicable settlement was effected and the original holder was given back his land on payment of Rs. 100 to the minor. No suit was filed on behalf of the minor during the year. In respect of the other estates, there was no litigation.

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The suits filed in Belgaum in 1911-12 and referred to in last year's report are yet undecided.

The suit brought against the Hebli ward in Dhárwár has been dismissed by the Civil Court with costs. It is likely that an appeal will be made to the High Court. Two suits brought against the Dhárwár Deshpande ward for Rs. 4,800 were compromised for Rs. 1,200 payable in twelve annual instalments while another suit against the same ward was dismissed by the Civil Court as the creditor had received more than double the principal. A suit has been instituted on behalf of a ward (Alnawar) for the restoration of certain lands unlawfully enjoyed by his aunt.

## STATEMENT I.

Statement showing the general position of Minors' Estates under Government management in 1912-13.  
(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.	Culti- vated area.	Unculti- vated area.	Total assess- ment.	Total land revenue demanded inclusive cesses.	Total gross income recovered.	Total gross expendi- ture.	Balance.		Total liabilities.	Cost of manage- ment.	Percent- age of gross income.	Remarks.
										Invest- ed.	Unin- vested.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Northern Division.</b>															
<b>Under the management of the Talukdari Settlement Officer.</b>															
1	Ahmedabad...	Dholka—Sher m lo Bapamia.	51,018*	29,521	21,497	51,070†	88,497	62,141	53,137	7,770	0,480	17,408	3,707	6	
2	Do. ...	Dholka—Sher Ju- makhanji Hava Saheb Sa r d a r Mahomedkhanji.	7,170	3,874	3,296	9,601	8,005	12,959	12,553	...	1,528	9,055	1,003	8	
3 to 36	Do. ...	Total for small estates.	32,940	21,590	11,250	20,077	39,402	55,008	43,327	5,319	31,310	2,13,240	3,810	7	
		Total ...	91,128	54,985	36,143	80,851	85,474	1,31,063	1,10,222	13,110	42,304	2,30,701	8,010	7	
<b>Under the Collectors.</b>															
37 & 38	Ahmedabad...	Total for small estates.	89‡	88	1	104‡	89	323	276	1,005	263	...	0	3	
39 to 42	Kaira ...	Do. ...	318	318	...	923	3,798	5,018	3,810	9,000	Cash, 5,599 2/6 (ornaments).	3,184	152	3	
4 & 44	Panch Mahals	Do. ...	21,953	12,947	9,000	6,749	7,605	9,935	6,965	9,214	4,018	1,911	1,133	11	
45 to 53	Broach ...	Do. ...	1,338	1,265	73	5,298	13,560	21,717	15,910	...	29,790	10,765	1,203	6	
54 to 56	Surat ...	Do. ...	77	77	...	298	1,008	1,280	583	1,101	2,027	...	...	...	
		Total, N. D. ...	114,853	69,630	45,223	95,723	1,11,614	1,69,326	1,45,473	31,120	Cash, 54,291 2/6 (ornaments).	3,55,081	11,205	7	
<b>Central Division.</b>															
1-2	Ahmednagar ...	} Total for all small estates in Central Division.	} 6,185	} 5,326	} 859	} 2,823	} 9,852	} 9,302	} 5,578	} 30,100	} [13,539	} 400	} 573	} 6	
3	West Khán- desh.														
4-6	Poona ...														
7-9	Sholapur ...														
<b>Southern Division.</b>															
1	Belgaum ...	Sankeshwar Math estate.	9,054	8,482	573	16,838	10,561	14,327	9,076	17,550	4,236	...	716	5	
2	Dhárwár ...	Vithalrao Che- dumbarrao Hobli.	173 mavs.	173 mavs.	...	4,300	113,253	22,800	6,763	15,000	18,385	...	694	3	
3	Belgaum ...	} Totals for other estates (13).	} Acres 3,900 and 614 bighás.	} Acres 3,188 and 614 bighás.	} 714	} 9,601	} 29,013	} 56,230	} 28,278	} 30,401	} 23,952	} 62,220	} 1,350	} 3	
	Dhárwár ...														
	Kánara ...														
		Total, S. D. ...	Acres 12,954, and 173 mavs and 614 bighás	Acres 11,668, and 173 mavs and 614 bighás	1,286	30,709	52,433	73,372	31,737	53,000	51,573	62,249	2,730	4	
		Grand Total ...	133,992	86,624	47,369	1,23,253	1,74,305	2,52,000	1,95,757	1,17,229	1,49,633	3,34,510	14,605	6	

\* The increase of 8 acres in column 4 is due to the detailed survey in Balangpur.

† The increase in column 7 is due to the inclusion for the first time of the assessment on the minors' one-third share in the village of Balangpur, Taluka Dhandhuka.

‡ The figures in columns 4 and 7 do not agree with the corresponding figures of the previous year's statement. The figures now given are correct.

§ 117 acres of land were handed back to the original holders by the Giran Minor (Sholapur) under Civil Court's orders and this accounts for the decrease in the total area and assessment shown in the last year's statement I.

¶ The total closing balance of Rs. 10,046 given in the last year's statement was corrected this year by adding to it Rs. 9 retained unaccounted for last year in the hands of a kárkún of Pátlí minors' estate (Ahmednagar).

‡ The figures reported last year were erroneous.



## STATEMENT II.

Statement showing the efficiency of rent collection in Estates under Government management during the year 1912.

Serial No.	Name of District.	Name of Estate.	Demand.			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.			
<b>Under the Talukdari Settlement Officer.</b>															
1	Ahmedabad	Dholka—Shermia Bapumia.	84,467	83,716	72,182	87,191	15,601	52,792	6,758	...	12,632	12,632	Old Current	Rs. 11,437 1,105	
2	Do.	Dholka—Sher Jamma-khanji Bava Saheb Sardar Mahomed-khanji.	8,605	6,142	14,747	8,332	2,333	10,665	130	...	3,952	3,952	Old Current	3,679 273	
3 to 36	....	Total for small estates.	83,402	81,662	69,464	80,916	14,611	45,527	4,804	...	119,133	19,133	Old Current	17,117 2,016	
		Total ...	65,474	70,919	1,56,393	76,439	32,545	1,08,994	11,692	...	65,717	85,717	Old Current	32,233 3,484	
<b>Under the Collectors.</b>															
37 & 38	Ahmedabad	Total for small estates.	89	44	133	89	44	133	...	...	...	...	.....		
39 to 42	Kaira	Do.	3,788	4,168	7,954	2,831	1,435	4,266	...	54	3,634	3,634	Old Current	2,557 1,151	
43 & 44	Panch Mahals	Do.	7,605	6,187	13,792	7,362	2,566	9,928	...	...	3,857	3,857	Old Current	3,621 236	
45 to 53	Broach	Do.	13,580	4,441	18,001	12,472	1,880	14,352	...	756	2,893	3,649	Old Current	2,545 1,064	
54 to 56	Surat	Do.	1,102	...	1,102	1,102	...	1,102	...	...	...	...	.....		
		Total, N. D. ...	1,11,618	65,757	1,97,375	1,00,302	33,470	1,38,772	11,692	810	46,101	46,911	Old Current	40,998 5,916	
1-2	Ahmednagar	Total for all small estates in Central Division.	9,832	1,598	11,433	8,567	717	9,284	74	...	2,080	2,080	Current Previous	1,211 869	
3	West Khandesh.														
4 to 6	Poona														
7 to 8	Sholapur														
1	Belgaum	Sankeshwar Math ...	10,561	7,266	17,827	9,671	1,733	11,404	443	...	5,983	5,983	Arrears Current	5,090 893	
2	Dhárwar	Vithalrao Chidambar-rao Hebl.	13,253	20,314	33,567	11,186	11,613	22,809	689	1,292	9,777	10,069	Previous Current	8,013 2,057	
3	Belgaum	Total for other estates.	32,683	23,145	52,828	31,102	11,524	42,626	288	278	9,670	9,948	Arrears Current	8,478 1,470	
	Dhárwar														
	Kanara														
		Total, S. D. ...	59,500	47,725	1,04,225	51,969	24,570	76,539	1,418	1,568	24,430	25,998	Arrears Current	21,673 4,325	
		Grand Total ...	1,77,970	1,35,068	3,13,033	1,60,838	64,057	2,24,895	13,184	2,378	73,611	74,959	.....		

## STATEMENT III.

Statement showing progress made in Liquidation of Debts in Minors' Estates during the year 1912-13.

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 the 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 Creditors.	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 Talukdari Settlement Officer.							
1	Ahmedabad...	Dholka—Shermia Bapmia.	11,801	*34,419	2,133	...	...	...	4,508	14,448	17,405	1915-16.	* This amount includes Rs. 583 on account of instalments of takavi not yet due.
2	Do. ...	Dholka—Sher Jummakhanji Bava Sahab Sardar Mahomedkhanji.	7,088	11,509	106	...	...	...	...	2,640	9,055	1915-16.	
3 to 36	.....	Total for small estates.	4,00,876	2,36,679	9,005	...	10,941	1,838	318	13,917	2,18,240	.....	
		Total ...	4,29,070	2,82,627	11,904	...	16,941	1,838	4,956	31,005	2,30,701	.....	
						Under the Collectors.							
37 & 38	Ahmedabad...	Total for small estates.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	
39 to 42	Kaira ...	Do. ...	2,461	2,284	...	...	...	...	...	100	3,184	.....	
43 & 44	Panch Mahals ...	Do. ...	1,444	†1,925	16	...	...	...	...	...	1,941	.....	† The figures in column 5 are according to the revised figure supplied by the taluk officer.
45 to 49	Broach ...	Do. ...	9,753	4,398	6,500	...	...	...	...	133	10,755	.....	
50 to 56	Surat ...	Do. ...	...	...	...	...	No estate is in debt.		...	...	...	.....	
		Total, N. D. ...	4,43,728	2,92,234	13,420	...	16,941	1,838	4,956	31,233	2,55,691	.....	
1-3	Ahmednagar.	Total for all small estates in Central Division.	1,663	600	...	...	...	...	...	...	600	.....	Cannot be ascertained for the present.
3	West Khán-desh.												
4 to 6	Poona ...												
7-9	Sholapur ...												
1	Belgaum ...	Sankeshwar Math.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	
2	Dhárwár ...	Hebll	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	
3	Belgaum, Dhárwár and Kánara.	Total for other estates.	...	64,954	...	...	...	1,225	...	1,500	62,229	.....	
		Total, S. D. ...	...	64,954	...	...	...	1,225	...	1,500	62,229	.....	
		Grand Total ...	4,45,301	3,77,788	13,420	...	16,941	3,063	4,956	32,738	3,38,510	.....	

## Sind.

*Number of estates under management.*

1. The number of estates under guardianship at the commencement of the year was thirteen. Three were relinquished during the year. Of these one was the estate referred to in paragraph 2 of last year's report as being virtually out of management, and two were released on account of the owners having attained their majority. No new estates were taken up during the year under report. There was no estate under guardianship in the Hyderabad and the Thar and Párkar districts.

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

*Income.*

3. The gross income of the estates during the year was Rs. 1,427 as against Rs. 2,930 in the preceding year. The large difference is due to the fact that a sum of Rs. 2,120 was realized in the preceding year by the sale of 20 acres of land in the Lárkána district, whereas no such income was realized this year. If this item is excluded, there was an actual rise in income of Rs. 617 which was due principally to a larger area of land having been brought under cultivation.

*Expenditure.*

4. The expenditure incurred during the year amounted to Rs. 1,023 as against Rs. 2,984 in the previous year. The large decrease is due to the fact that nothing was paid for the liquidation of private debts in the year, whereas a sum of Rs. 2,000 was paid on that account in the preceding year. The land revenue demand rose from Rs. 390 in the previous year to Rs. 687 in the year under report and was paid in full.

*Management of immoveable property.*

5. Out of the ten estates under management seven were given out on lease, one was managed departmentally, one had no immoveable property to be managed and the remaining one consisting of 18 acres of arable land in the Karáchi district was left in charge of the minor's uncle who appropriated the produce and in return paid the assessment and maintained the minor. An area of 28 acres of land belonging to one of the estates in the Lárkána district is said to have been sold by the step-father of the minor without the permission of the Collector. The matter is under enquiry.

*Moveable property.*

6. The condition of the estates as regards moveable property underwent no change during the year.

*Liabilities.*

7. No estates were freed from debts during the year under report. The liabilities of the estates at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 2,321. Out of this amount only Rs. 65 were paid leaving a balance of Rs. 2,256 at the end of the year. There seems room for improvement in this direction in the Lárkána district and the Collector's attention is being drawn to the point.

*Education.*

8. There were in all nineteen wards under guardianship, of whom nine were males and ten females. Of the former only four boys were of school-going age, and two of them are receiving education. In no case were the persons of the minors under the guardianship of the district officers.

*Litigation.*

9. No fresh suits were filed during the year in respect of any of the estates. The suit mentioned in the last year's report is still pending.

## 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 including 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
			Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
1 to 13	Sind	Total for small estates.	621	221	849	678	687	1,427	1,023	2,521	2,500	2,256	—	—	The figures of the three estates, which have been released, are not available. Column 13.—Details. Government. Other. Current. Old. — 10 2,216

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Reports on the Administration of Minors' Estates in the Northern, Central and Southern Divisions and in Sind for the year 1912-13.

No. 915.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 28th January 1914.

Letter from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 3970, dated 10th October 1913.	} Submitting the Reports on the Administration of Minors' Estates in their respective charges for the year 1912-13.
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.	

**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.

C. W. A. TURNER,

Under Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner in Sind,  
 The Commissioner, N. D.,  
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 All Collectors, including the Collectors in Sind and  
 the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier,  
 The Tálukdári Settlement Officer,  
 The Manager, Incumbered Estates in Sind,  
 The Director of Agriculture,  
 The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land  
 Records,  
 The Director of Public Instruction,  
 The Private Secretary to His Excellency the  
 Governor,  
 The Accountant General,  
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