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## (1) NUMBER OF ESTATES UNDER MANAGEMENT.

*Northern Division.*—At the commencement of the year, 51 estates were under management, 31 in Ahmedabad and Kaira by the Talukdári Settlement Officer and 20 by the Collectors. Of the former, three estates were removed from management during the year, *viz.*, one of Shermia Bapumia of Dholka, the other of Nathubha Devisang of Dholera and the third of minor Bhikhubha Maysingji of Bhadiad. In the case of the first of these three, superintendence under the Court of Wards was substituted, while the latter two estates remain under management under section 28 of the Gujarát Talukdárs' Act. Of the estates managed by the Collectors one in Kaira, one in the Panch Maháls and one in Broach were released from management during the year. The Kaira estate was released from management as a guardian was appointed by the District Court; the Panch Maháls estate was released with the permission of Government and the Broach estate on account of the minor having attained majority. Five new estates came under management during the year—four in Kaira and one in Broach. Thus the total number under management at the close of the year was 50, the distribution being:—

Under the Talukdári Settlement Officer	...	...	28
Do. Collector of Ahmedabad	...	...	2
Do. do. Kaira	...	...	7
Do. do. the Panch Maháls	...	...	1
Do. do. Broach	...	...	9
Do. do. Surat	...	...	3
			50

*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. Two new estates were added in Násik and two—one in Poona and one in Sholápur—were given up during the year. Thus the total number of estates under management at the close of the year remained the same, *viz.*, eight. Of the two estates released during the year, one, of Mokáshi minor in Poona, had to be surrendered at the close of the year as there was no prospect of the estate ever being freed from debt. The other, of Khatib minor in Sholápur, was returned to him on 11th October 1913 under the orders of the District Judge as he attained majority. 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.

In one of the two estates in Ahmednagar there are two minor brothers and they are under the guardianship of their nearest relative Bhau Pandoba. The minor in the other estate is under the care of one Ganu Sadu of Sada. The minor in West Khándesh is under the direct control of the Collector. One of the two minors in Sholápur has been living with his father-in-law since 1st December 1912. The minors in the remaining estates are in charge of their natural mothers.

*Southern Division.*—The total number of estates under management at the beginning of the year was fifteen. In Belgaum six new estates were taken over during the year, while one was transferred to the management of the Court of Wards. Thus the year closed with a total of twenty estates under management.

#### (2) INCOME.

*Northern Division.*—The gross income of the managed estates during the year amounted to Rs. 1,02,422 as against Rs. 1,69,326 of the previous year. The decrease is chiefly due to the removal of Shermia Bapumia's estate from the Talukdári Settlement Officer's management. The income of this estate last year was Rs. 62,141.

*Central Division.*—The total gross income of the estates under management amounted to Rs. 15,757 as against Rs. 9,362 in the previous year. Information about two new estates added in Násik appears for the first time. The increase is mainly due to a favourable season and to the collection of almost the whole of the current year's revenue including suspensions of the previous famine years. The sale-proceeds of miscellaneous articles, which were lying idle in the case of Pátíl minors' estate in Ahmednagar, and of a house belonging to Banchod minor in Poona, also account for the increase.

*Southern Division.*—The gross income of all the estates amounted to Rs. 85,916 against Rs. 73,372 in the preceding year. The increase is attributable to the increase in the number of estates but for which the receipts would have shown a considerable decrease owing to the collection of large arrears in the previous year.

#### (3) EXPENDITURE.

*Northern Division.*—As compared with the total expenditure of the previous year the figures show a net decrease of Rs. 55,258 mainly due to the removal of Shermia Bapumia's estate from management. This estate accounted for an expenditure of Rs. 58,137 last year.

*Central Division.*—As compared with the previous year, the total gross expenditure incurred during the year shows a net increase of Rs. 407 which is partly due to the payment of suspended arrears of Government dues in addition to the current year's assessment and partly to the expenses incurred in connection with repairs to the house of the two minors in one of the estates in Ahmednagar and the filing of civil suits to recover amounts due to one of the estates in Poona. No amount was spent in acquiring any additional property by any of the estates. During the year, three estates—one in Ahmednagar, one in Poona and one in Sholápur—were able to make investments of surplus balances at their credit.

*Southern Division.*—The gross expenditure for the year under report was Rs. 39,152 against Rs. 36,737 in the previous year. It does not include any special charges except the maintenance charges paid for the first time in the case of one estate in Dhárwár. Were the new estates left out of account the expenditure would be far less than last year's as the figures of expenditure last year included payments of suspended arrears of Government assessment and quit-rent, and also marriage expenses of two wards in Dhárwár.

#### (4) COLLECTION OF ESTATES' DUES.

*Northern Division.*—The season being favourable, collections during the year were satisfactory, the amount collected being Rs. 83,731 or 83 per cent. of the total demand of Rs. 1,00,791. Of Rs. 14,149 remaining for collection after writing off irrecoverable sums, etc., Rs. 3,765 are for the current year and Rs. 10,384 for previous years.

*Central Division.*—Out of the ten estates under management during the year, one in Ahmednagar has neither houses nor agricultural lands; while one in Poona has two houses only which were rented during the year. The total rental demand of the nine estates therefore amounted to Rs. 20,310 of which Rs. 14,238 were collected and Rs. 4,404 converted into bonds, leaving a balance of

Rs. 1,668, inclusive of suspensions of Rs. 1,190 granted in the case of one estate (Mokáshi) in Poona. None of the estates granted any remissions.

*Southern Division.*—Notwithstanding the fairly favourable character of the season, the estates' dues are in arrears in Dhárwár, Belgaum and Kánara to the extent of Rs. 9,700, Rs. 15,200 and Rs. 4,970 respectively. A major portion of these arrears represents outstandings of previous years. In some cases collections are delayed by complicated claims for exemption by sub-alienees.

Collections of the year amounted to Rs. 59,100 out of Rs. 64,800, or 91 per cent. Arrears of previous years were reduced from Rs. 31,500 to Rs. 25,300. The arrears of the Hebli estate should receive the Collector's attention.

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

*Northern Division.*—The season was favourable on the whole and no suspensions were granted during the year. The total suspended jama of the previous years amounts to Rs. 3,451. Of this, Rs. 2,134 are old arrears of salami and jama due from Sher Jumakhanji's estate, Rs. 388 represent the second half of the suspended arrears of 1911-12 due from the three Pipli estates and Rs. 914 are old arrears of the two Lolia estates which had to be again suspended in the year under report. In some of the estates half of the suspended arrears of the year 1911-12 were collected.

*Central Division.*—All Government dues including suspended arrears of previous years were paid in full and no remissions were granted in any case.

*Southern Division.*—The Government dues were fully paid with the exception of Rs. 1,715 in Belgaum (Ingli Desgat estate) where the collection was postponed on account of the failure of crops.

#### (6) COST OF MANAGEMENT.

*Northern Division.*—The cost of management of all the estates taken together amounted to Rs. 7,129 which comes to about 7 per cent. of their gross income, showing a decrease of Rs. 4,076 from the last year's figure; Shermia's estate being responsible for the decrease.

*Central Division.*—The following estates contribute towards the cost of their management:—

District.	Name of estate.
Ahmednagar ... ..	... Pátíl.
West Khándesh ... ..	... Matkar Jághirdár.
Násik ... ..	... Powar of Málegaon.
Poona ... ..	... Shindkar.
Sholápur ... ..	... Giram.

The management of the rest is conducted departmentally through the Mám-látdárs of the respective tálukas. The cost of management of all the estates taken together was Rs. 589 which comes to about 4 per cent. of their gross income.

*Southern Division.*—The cost of management was Dhárwár 4·1, Belgaum 5·7 and Kánara 3·1 per cent. of the gross income.

Two estates in Dhárwár were not charged on account of their smallness.

#### (7) ADVANCES GRANTED TO CULTIVATORS.

*Northern Division.*—Only the Zadeshwar estate in the Broach District advanced Rs. 1,000 to needy cultivators. This amount has been recovered.

The tenants of the Metral estate in the Panch Maháls were granted tagái 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.*—Eighteen of the twenty-eight estates under management by the Tálukdári Settlement Officer were leased out during the year, the rest are being managed departmentally.

*Central Division.*—The practice of leasing agricultural lands and houses of the minors, where possible, was continued during the year. In the case of Matkar minor in West Khándesh the survey rates have not yet been introduced into his jáhgir village of Khed Digar for want of akarbands which are being prepared in the office of the Superintendent, Land Records.

*Southern Division.*—No special scheme was adopted 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 Ahmedabad are receiving education. One minor attends the Sádra Scott College, one the Baroda High School, two receive private tuition and the remaining 24 attend local schools. Nine of the latter reside in the King Edward Hostel at Dhandhuka and two in the Nadiád Hostel.

Minor Somio Bimasio in the Surat district continues to be trained in agriculture by the Arett Mission in Mándvi táluka where he lives.

*Central Division.*—In the case of two estates one (Pátíl) in Ahmednagar and the other (Banchod) in Poona, there are two minor brothers in each. Thus there are in all twelve minors in the ten estates under management. Of these, one (Khatib minor) in Sholápur attained majority and his estate was made over to him with cost under the orders of the District Judge. Out of the remaining eleven minors of school-going age, three (one Dhangar in Ahmednagar and two Banchod brothers in Poona) do not attend school. The minor Jáhgirdár in West Khándesh attends the Garud High School, Dhulia, and the minor Powar, in one of the two new estates added in Násik, is receiving education at Násik High School. The rest attend local vernacular schools. They are all progressing well except two Pátíl minors in Ahmednagar. About the education of these brothers, the Collector reports that both of them were unsuccessful in their school examinations and that it seems that their guardian does not take sufficient interest in their education. The guardian is however being asked to pay more attention to this.

All the minors in Ahmednagar and two (Banchod brothers) in Poona are maintained by their guardians. The rest are paid for from their estates.

*Southern Division.*—Two wards in Dhárwár are maintained by their guardians. The rest are paid for from their estates.

All the wards except one in Dhárwár and two in Belgaum are of school-going age and their education is carefully attended to. One ward in Kánara is being trained to be a priest as was reported last year. One ward (Hebli) in Dhárwár has attained majority and left school, but he is studying privately for the Matriculation examination.

#### (10) REPAYMENT OF DEBT AND EXISTING LIABILITIES.

*Northern Division.*—The liabilities at the close of the year were Rs. 1,47,242 as against Rs. 1,77,274 at the beginning of the year. Out of the liabilities at the close of the year a sum of over Rs. 47,000 is owed to private creditors by the Rozka Bhikhubha estate under the Tálukdári Settlement Officer. The debt is secured on land and a settlement has not been found possible. Steps are however being taken to file test cases under the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act.

The progress made in the liquidation of debt is generally satisfactory. The Rozka and Pipli estates under the Tálukdári Settlement Officer have shown good progress during the year under report, but the Lolia estates have gone from bad to worse, the friction with Útelia having increased and with it the area of waste lands in Lolia.

Out of the debt of Rs. 6,500 incurred by the Zadeshwar estate in the Broach district during the last year, Rs. 4,321 have been paid up and the remainder will be paid next year.

*Central Division.*—Only two estates—one in Poona and one in Násik—are in debt. As there was no prospect of the former ever being free from debt, it was given up at the close of the year and the cash balance at its credit was paid to the Názir of the District Court, Poona. The other has been newly taken under management during the year. Inquiry into claims is being made and steps will be taken to reduce the indebtedness as funds permit.

*Southern Division.*—The only heavily encumbered estates are those of Koner Deshpande in Dhárwár and Ingli Desgat in Belgaum. The former is involved to the extent of Rs. 10,953 and the latter to the extent of Rs. 62,981. The reduction of the Ingli debt by Rs. 7,000 in the year was satisfactory.

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

*Northern Division.*—A claim of Rs. 1,919 against the estate of Rozka (Khodubha) was settled for Rs. 651 and the other claims against the same estate to the amount of Rs. 9,503 were rejected as time-barred.

*Southern Division.*—The estate of the Hángal Désai had a debt of Rs. 700 due to the minor's natural father. It was proposed to repay it in seven equal instalments of Rs. 100. He, however, agreed to remit Rs. 200 and receive Rs. 500 in one lump sum. The sum has been repaid after the close of the year and the estate completely freed from debt.

#### (12) LITIGATION.

*Northern Division.*—The litigation regarding the Jalila estate is still undecided. A husband for the minor is now being sought.

In the case of the two estates of the Borsad táluka and two of the A'nand táluka Rs. 303 were spent in paying pleaders' fees and other charges.

The Thákor of Metral died on the 18th August 1913 leaving no male issue. His uncle has set up a claim to the estate and the matter is now before the Civil Court. The case is still pending. But a compromise is more than likely, a cousin of the late Thákor being adopted.

The two claims of Rs. 6,301 and Rs. 998 against the Zadeshwar estate in the Broach district reported last year to be pending have been decided in favour of the estate. Of the five other suits filed for the estate referred to in the last year's report, four have been decreed by the Court, while the suit for Rs. 1,252 was withdrawn, the debtor having conveyed his lands by sale to the estate.

*Central Division.*—In the case of one estate (Patil) in Ahmednagar, no suits were filed during the year but three darkhásts which were pending decision during the previous year, were recorded by the Civil Court as the decretal amount was found to be irrecoverable. The suit filed last year in the case of one estate (Shindkar) in Poona in the Sub-Judge's Court, Mahád, is still pending. In respect of the other estates, there was no litigation.

*Southern Division.*—The Collector of Belgaum was concerned as plaintiff or defendant in 24 suits, of which seven were decided in his favour and two against him, leaving fifteen pending at the close of the year.

As anticipated in last year's report, an appeal has been made to the High Court against the decision of the District Judge dismissing the suit brought against the Hebli ward in Dhárwár. The appeal is still pending. The suit instituted in the previous year, on behalf of the Alnawar ward for the restoration of lands unlawfully enjoyed by his aunt has not yet been decided by the Civil Court.

## STATEMENT I.

Statement showing the general position of Minors' Estates under Government management in 1913-14.  
(Details are given only for estates with gross incomes 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 demand including cesses.	Total gross income recovered.	Total gross expenditure.	Balance.		Total liabilities.	Cost of management.	Percentage of cost on gross income.	Remarks.
										Invested.	Uninvested.				
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 Jankhanji Bava Sahob Sardar Mahomedkhanji.	7,124	4,075	3,049	18,347	8,52	11,7,8	10,455	...	2,811	6,631	188	2	
2 to 29	Do. ...	Total for small estates.	26,534	18,105	8,479	13,502	31,416	43,030	45,655	19,87	10,600	1,27,073	2,603	6	
<b>Total ...</b>			<b>33,708</b>	<b>22,180</b>	<b>11,528</b>	<b>21,849</b>	<b>41,072</b>	<b>60,807</b>	<b>55,510</b>	<b>10,687</b>	<b>22,011</b>	<b>1,34,004</b>	<b>3,054</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>Under the Collectors.</b>															
30 & 31	Ahmedabad...	Total for small estates.	39	38	1	104	84	246	231	1,093	281	...	6	2	
32 to 38	Kaira ...	Do. ...	528	523	...	2,264	7,079	12,677	7,120	12,100	Cash, 7,799 (ornamental), 937	6,029	7,040	551	4
39	Panch Mahals	Metral ...	21,927	12,410	8,517	8,721	7,853	10,145	7,830	...	6,029	...	1,150	11	
40 to 48	Broach ...	Totals for small estates.	1,230	1,159	72	4,689	13,052	17,317	10,000	9,800	15,016	5,502	1,750	10	
49 to 51	Surat ...	Do. ...	75*	75	...	301*	1,000	1,237	1,817	1,101	1,437	...	...	...	
<b>Total, N. D. ...</b>			<b>57,507</b>	<b>37,360</b>	<b>23,118</b>	<b>37,923</b>	<b>71,100</b>	<b>1,02,422</b>	<b>91,214</b>	<b>44,173</b>	<b>Cash, 54,742 (ornamental), 937</b>	<b>1,47,242</b>	<b>7,120</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Central Division.</b>															
1-2	Ahmednagar ...	Total for small estates in the Central Division.	6,378	5,514	850	3,214	13,364	15,757	6,958	139,600	114,140	9,503	510	37	
3	West Khandesh.														
4-5	Nasik ...														
6-8	Poona ...														
9-10	Sholapur ...														
<b>Southern Division.</b>															
1	Dhárwar ...	Vithalrao Chidambarrao Hobil.	172 mares.	172 Dars.	...	4,800	13,084	15,454	6,710	18,000	27,129	...	781	8	
2	Belgaum ...	Inglil Desgat ...	532 and 614 bighas.	532 and 614 bighas.	...	4,233	9,173	12,747	1,961	...	16,570	62,941	670	5.33	
3	Do. ...	Sankeshwar Math.	6,976	6,335	641	10,969	10,700	11,602	3,459	9,700	2,770	...	730	6.32	
	Dhárwar ...	Totals for other estates (17).	4,334	3,517	817	7,680	28,503	46,023	27,123	20,418	27,353	14,945	2,070	4.9	
	Belgaum ...														
	Kanara ...														
<b>Total, S. D. ...</b>			<b>Areas 11,842, 172 mares and 614 bighas</b>	<b>Areas 10,391, and 172 mares and 614 bighas</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>27,205</b>	<b>62,310</b>	<b>85,916</b>	<b>39,152</b>	<b>54,116</b>	<b>71,521</b>	<b>77,020</b>	<b>4,215</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Grand Total ...</b>			<b>75,722</b>	<b>53,227</b>	<b>22,435</b>	<b>68,347</b>	<b>1,46,674</b>	<b>2,04,065</b>	<b>1,38,351</b>	<b>1,36,791</b>	<b>1,43,809</b>	<b>2,31,761</b>	<b>11,993</b>	<b>6</b>	

\* The difference in area and assessment over those shown in the last year is due to the plain table survey.

† Includes Rs. 1,000 returned by a Co-operative Credit Society in which the amount has been invested by one estate (Giram) in Sholapur.

‡ Includes new investments of Rs. 9,500 (Rs. 4,000 in promissory notes and Rs. 400 in the Bank of Bombay by Giram estate and Rs. 500 in Hadapsar Co-operative Credit Society by Banchod estate and Rs. 1,000 by Patil estate in a promissory note). The Patil estate could purchase a promissory note of the face value of Rs. 1,000 for Rs. 962.

§ Includes Rs. 1,814 paid at the time of handing over 2 estates (Rs. 678 in the case of Mokshi minor in Poona to the Nasir and Rs. 636 to the minor Khatib himself).

|| The decrease in area and assessment is due to the introduction of the detailed survey in Panoli in Dhandhuka taluka.

## STATEMENT II.

Statement showing the efficiency of rent collection in estates under Government management during the year 1911

Serial No.	Name of District.	Name of Estate.	Demand.			Collections.			Amount written off.	Balance.			Details of balances.	Rs.
			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	
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
<b>Under the Talukdari Settlement Officer.</b>														
1	Ahmedabad	Dholka—Sher Jumma-khanji Bava Saheb Bardar Mahomed-khanji.	8,526	4,800	13,326	8,322	3,416	11,738	136	...	1,513	1,513	Old Current ...	Rs. 1,414 49
2 to 20	Do.	Total for small estates.	33,446	13,214	46,660	33,133	8,162	41,295	2,193	...	3,172	3,172	Old Current ...	Rs. 3,055 17
27 to 29	Kaira		Total ...	41,672	16,074	60,046	41,455	11,578	53,033	2,328	...	4,065	4,065	Old Current ...
<b>Under the Collectors.</b>														
30 & 31	Ahmedabad	Total for small estates.	84	15	99	84	15	99	...	...	...	...	.....	
32 to 38	Kaira	Do.	7,070	4,079	11,149	5,739	1,190	6,929	549	...	3,712	3,712	Old Current ...	Rs. 3,583 1,174
39	Panch Mahals	Metral	7,363	3,816	11,179	7,003	2,479	9,482	...	...	1,521	1,521	Old Current ...	Rs. 1,337 184
40 to 43	Broach	Total for small estates.	13,052	3,727	16,779	10,501	1,862	12,363	35	993	3,238	4,231	Old Current ...	Rs. 2,050 2,151
43 to 51	Surat	Do.	1,060	...	1,060	1,060	...	1,060	...	...	...	...	.....	
		Total, N. D.	71,100	20,691	1,00,791	69,907	16,524	86,431	2,911	993	13,166	14,149	Old Current ...	Rs. 10,304 3,765
1-2	Ahmednagar	Total for small estates in Central Division.	13,364	6,916	20,310	12,192	2,056	14,228	...	4,404	11,089	6,072	Current ...	478
3	West Khândesh.												Previous ...	1,160
4-5	Násik												1,668	
6 to 8	Poona													
9 to 10	Sholapur													
1	Dhárwár	Vithalrao Chidambar-rao Hebli.	13,684	10,069	23,753	13,105	2,319	15,424	100	966	7,231	8,199	Current ...	579
2	Belgaum	Ingli Desgat	9,173	4,100	13,273	7,981	54	8,035	447	...	4,701	4,701	Current ...	1,192
3	Do.	Sankeshwar Math	10,761	5,983	16,744	9,727	77	9,804	34	...	6,009	6,009	Current ...	1,020
	Dhárwár	Total for other estates.	11,179	11,357	22,536	28,341	3,694	32,035	485	4,524	5,409	10,023	Previous ...	5,889
	Belgaum												Current ...	2,636
	Kánara	Previous ...	7,178											
		Total, S. D.	64,797	31,509	96,306	59,157	6,174	65,331	1,066	5,490	24,433	29,923	Current ...	5,026
		Previous ...												24,200
		Grand Total	1,49,261	68,116	2,17,407	1,39,246	23,054	1,62,300	3,077	10,487	34,270	50,143	.....	

\* The whole of this amount represents suspensions granted in the case of one estate (Mokash) in Poona which was released at the close of the year.



## STATEMENT III.

Statement showing progress made in Liquidation of Debts in Minors' Estates in the Northern Division during the year 1913-14.

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.		
1	Ahmedabad...	Dholka—Sher Jum-makhanji Bava Sahab Sardar Mahomedkhanji.	7,693	*9,725	823 Interest	...	...	...	400	2,891	†0,001	1915-16.	* Rs. 670 of suspended Jami have been added to the closing balance of the last year to reconcile the difference between the Taluka and estate accounts. † This amount includes Rs. 2,114 on account of suspended arrears of Jami and Sakani. ‡ This amount includes Rs. 2,207 on account of suspended arrears of Rs. 1,517 Jami and tagal Rs. 690.
2 to 26	Do. ...	Total for small estates.	3,35,434	1,48,680	3,783	...	...	9,608	1,208	13,670	11,27,913	.....	
27 to 29	Kaira ...		Total ...	3,43,127	1,53,408	4,106	...	...	9,608	1,704	10,540	1,34,004	
						Under the Collectors.							
30 & 31	Ahmedabad...	Total for small estates.					NIL						
32 to 33	Kaira ...	Do. ...	7,605	7,605	...	...	459	...	...	...	7,046	.....	
39	Panch Mahals.	Metral ...					NIL						
40 to 43	Broach ...	Total for small estates.	10,121	11,364	...	...	...	...	...	6,772	6,502	.....	
49 to 51	Surat ...	Do. ...					NIL						
		Total, N. D. ...	3,60,753	1,77,274	4,106	...	459	9,608	1,764	22,812	1,47,241	.....	
1-3	Ahmednagar.	Total for small estates in Central Division.											
3	West Khán-desh.		10,031	10,031	...	...	...	...	...	439	9,193	.....	Of the two estates in debt one was released at the close of the year. The other is newly added in Poona. Enquiry into claims is in progress. Probable date cannot therefore be ascertained.
4-5	Násik ...												
6 to 8	Poona ...												
9-10	Sholápur ...												
1	Dhárwar ...	Vithalrao Chidambarrao Hebli.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	
2	Belgaum ...	Ingli Desgat ...	81,258	69,991	...	...	...	3,063	...	3,005	62,981	.....	
3	Do. ...	Sankeshwar Math...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	
	Dhárwar, Belgaum and Kanara.	Total for other estates.	24,720	12,553	1,300	...	...	41	200	1,750	14,945	.....	
		Total, S. D. ...	1,65,978	82,534	1,300	...	...	4,036	200	4,755	77,026		
		Grand Total ...	4,76,762	2,69,939	5,406	...	459	13,609	1,964	27,505	2,34,701		

## Sind.

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*Assumption and relinquishment of estates.*—Of the ten estates under the guardianship of the Collectors and the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier, at the beginning of the year, three were released; two on account of the minors having come of age and one under section 40 of the Guardian and Wards Act, VIII of 1890. Three new estates were taken under management, the number at the close of the year being thus brought up to ten. There are no estates under the guardianship of the Collectors of Hyderabad and Thar and Párkar.

In no case was guardianship of the person of a minor with the Collector or Deputy Commissioner.

*Income.*—The gross income of the estates amounted to Rs. 697 as against Rs. 1,427 in the preceding year. The decrease is due to the fact that three comparatively prosperous estates were relinquished at the beginning of the year, while the newly admitted estates came under management too late in the year for any income to accrue, and the crops of some of the estates in the Lárkána district were poor.

*Expenditure.*—The gross expenditure amounted to Rs. 1,143 as against Rs. 1,023 in the preceding year. The increase is due to the payment of Rs. 175 towards the discharge of debts as against Rs. 65 paid in the preceding year and of a sum of Rs. 100 as an advance to a ward for cultivating his lands as no outside lessee could be secured. The money advanced could not be recovered as the crops failed. The land revenue demand fell from Rs. 687 in the preceding year to Rs. 456 in the year under report.

*Management of immovable property.*—Of the ten estates under management four were leased, one had no immovable property, one was given to the ward for cultivation and the one in the Karáchi district remained in charge of the minor's uncle under the same arrangement as was reported last year. The remaining three were taken up too late to be managed by the district officers during the year; two of them have since been leased, while arrangements for the leasing out of the third are being made. The inquiry relating to the unauthorized sale of land by the step-father of one of the wards referred to in last year's report has not yet been completed. It is under reference to the Government Pleader, and steps are being taken to settle the matter without further delay.

*Movable property.*—The movable property of the wards remained in charge of their relatives as usual.

*Liabilities.*—The liabilities of the estates under management at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 2,256. Out of this amount Rs. 175 were paid off and liabilities amounting to Rs. 507 were reduced by the discharge of the estates. A sum of Rs. 795 was added on account of the liabilities of the estates newly taken under management. Thus the total liabilities at the close of the year amounted to Rs. 2,369. One estate was cleared of debt during the year and four others have no debts to pay. Efforts are being made to pay off from their assets the debts amounting to Rs. 795 in the case of two of the three estates in the Sukkur district taken under guardianship during the year. These amount to Rs. 3,727 and steps are being taken for their realization.

*Education.*—Of the seventeen wards (eight boys and nine girls) whose estates are under guardianship only three boys are receiving any education at all. Probably some of the remainder are of a school-going age, but the Collectors apparently have no authority to insist on their receiving some education because they are not guardians of the person of the minors.

*Litigation.*—No new suit was filed during the year. The suit referred to in the previous year's report was decided in the minor's favour.

Statement showing the general position of estates under Government management in Sind.

Serial No.	Name of Division.	Name of estate.	Total area of the estates.	Cultivated area.	Uncultivated area.	Total assessments.	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
1 to 13	Sind	Total for small estates.	Acres. 492	Acres. 138	Acres. 280	Rs. 924	Rs. 453	Rs. 697	Rs. 1,143	Rs. 2,537	Rs. 1,527	Rs. 2,303	---	---	Columns 5 to 12— The figures of newly admitted estates are not available. Column 8— Includes Rs. 101 remitted on account of the failure of the crops.

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No. 3391.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 22nd March 1915.

Memorandum * from the Commissioner in Sind, No. 3572, dated 12th October 1914.	} Submitting the Reports on the Administration of Minors' Estates in their respective charges for the year 1913-14.
Letter * from the Commissioner, N. D., No. W.R.D.P.R.—1, dated 13th October 1914.	
Letter * from the Commissioner, S. D., No. S.R.—444, dated 20th October 1914.	
Letter * from the Commissioner, C. D., No. 4719, dated 14th November 1914.	

RESOLUTION.—At the close of the year 1912-13 seventy-four estates in the Presidency proper were in charge of executive officers under certificates of guardianship given by District Courts. Out of this number during the year under review the management of two estates was transferred to the Courts of Wards; and that of two others to the Tálukdári Settlement Officer under the Gujarát Tálukdárs' Act. Two estates were returned to the owners on their attaining majority and the management of one other had to be surrendered as it was found to be hopelessly insolvent. Of the two remaining estates released during the year the management of one was given up as a guardian of the minor owner was appointed by the District Court and of the other with the permission of Government. Against this reduction of nine estates thirteen new estates were put in charge of the district officers during the year, which thus closed with a total of seventy-eight estates under management. Out of these seventy-eight estates, twenty-eight were under the control of the Tálukdári Settlement Officer, the remainder being in charge of the Collectors. In Sind out of the ten estates under management at the beginning of the year, three were released. Three estates were taken under management during the year, the total number of estates being managed at the end of the year thus remaining the same.

2. In the preceding year the gross income of the estates was abnormally enhanced owing to the recovery of the suspensions outstanding from the year 1911-12, when, owing to the prevailing scarcity, collection of rents could not be strictly enforced. Further the transference of the management of one of the wealthiest estates in the Northern Division to the Court of Wards during the year now under review accounted for a considerable part of the reduction in income which, including the estates in Sind, fell to Rs. 2,04,792 as against Rs. 2,53,487 in the year 1912-13. On the other hand the gross expenditure, including Rs. 27,505 devoted to the settlement of debt, decreased by Rs. 52,316 as compared with the total expenditure of the previous year. The estates had to their credit at the close of the year balances amounting to Rs. 2,84,654, of which Rs. 1,39,428 were invested and Rs. 1,45,226 were uninvested. From these figures it would appear that the uninvested balances are unduly large and the estates are losing interest which should go to increase their incomes. The Commissioners are requested to enquire into the matter. Owing to the favourable season the Government dues for the current year were paid in full except in the case of one estate in the Southern Division where the crop failed. Arrears of jama are now due from six estates only, all of which are in the Northern Division. As in the preceding year the cost of management came to 6 per cent. of the total income.

3. The total liabilities of the estates outstanding at the beginning of the year amounted to 2.72 lákhs of rupees, to which new debts totalling Rs. 5,406

\* Not printed.

were added during the year. Out of these liabilities, debts to the amount of Rs. 44,000 were paid off, the year closing with a balance of Rs. 2.37 lakhs. Except in the case of certain estates in the Northern Division which are involved in legal disputes, progress in debt settlement was satisfactory.

4. Arrangements for the education of wards of school-going age are in the hands of their guardians, the district officers having no legal power to interfere in the matter. In the Presidency proper the guardians generally appear to realise their responsibility and to have made satisfactory arrangements for the education of their charges. In Sind the wards' guardians are less careful and only three out of the seventeen minors are receiving any education at all. Efforts should be made to induce the guardians to send their wards to school.

5. From the statistics given in this report it is clear that the affairs of the estates are being conducted on sound and businesslike lines and that the officers in charge of them during the year under review deserve credit for their successful management.

C. W. A. TURNER,

Under Secretary to Government.

To

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 the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier,  
 The Talukdārī 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  
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