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COURT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER OF SIND,

Karachi, 30th October 1924.

From

B. C. KENNEDY, ESQUIRE, I.C.S.,
Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
HOME DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward the accompanying Report on the Administration of Criminal and Civil Justice in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

2. Judicial Statements Nos. 25 to 36 accompany the Report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. C. KENNEDY,
Judicial Commissioner of Sind

Report on the Administration of Criminal and Civil Justice in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

The area of the territories to which the statements relate is 46,506 square miles, and the population 3,279,377, according to the census of 1921.

2. The Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind was presided over by Mr. C. A. Kincaid, C.V.O., I.C.S., from 1st January to 7th March 1923, by Mr. B. C. Kennedy, I.C.S., from 8th March to 13th November 1923 and again by Mr. C. A. Kincaid, C.V.O., I.C.S., from 14th November to 31st December 1923.

3. The following were the Additional Judicial Commissioners:—

Mr. G. D. Madgavkar, I.C.S., from 1st January to 13th November 1923.

Mr B. C. Kennedy, I.C.S., from 14th November to 31st December 1923.

Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Bar.-at-Law, from 1st January to 20th March and again from 18th June to 31st December 1923.

Mr. N. W. Kemp, Bar.-at-Law, from 21st March to 17th June 1923.

Mr. E. Raymond, LL.B., from 1st January to 31st December 1923.

Mr. Rupchand Bilaram, LL.B., from 21st June to 31st December 1923.

4. The Judicial Commissioner's Court was closed for the annual vacation from the 21st May to the 20th June 1923.

5. There were on the 31st December 1923—

3 Sessions Judges.

2 Additional Sessions Judges.

2 1st class, Sub-Judges invested with Assistant Sessions Judge's powers.

7 District Magistrates.

15 Sub-Divisional Magistrates.

13 City and Resident Magistrates.

147 Other 1st, 2nd and 3rd class Magistrates.

Besides the above, there were 296 Special and Honorary Magistrates.

6. There were on the 31st December 1923—

3 District Judges.

1 Joint Judge.

1 Assistant Judge.

3 Small Cause Court Judges (including the Cantonment Magistrate, Karachi, exercising the powers of a Judge of a Small Cause Court, and the Registrar, Small Cause Court, Karachi).

3 1st class Sub-Judges.

13 2nd class, Sub-Judges.

7. The Judicial Commissioner went on tour to make the annual inspection of the Courts in Sind and he inspected the District and Sessions Courts and the 1st class Sub-Courts of Sukkur and Larkana, the 2nd class Sub-Courts of Sehwan, Shikarpur and Jacobabad, the City Magistrates' Courts of Sukkur and Shikarpur, the Resident Magistrate's Court of Larkana, the 1st class Magistrates' Courts of Sehwan, Sukkur, Shikarpur, Jacobabad and Nawabshah, and the 2nd class Magistrate's Court of Jacobabad.

8. The District Judge, Hyderabad, inspected the Sub-Courts of Naushahro, Shahdadpur and Tando Mahomed Khan and the District Judge, Larkana, those of Mehar and Sehwan.

9. A Judicial Conference was held during the year under report by the District Judge, Hyderabad.

10. The heavy increase in, and arrears of, work in the Judicial Commissioner's Court, necessitated the temporary appointment of a 5th Judge. The appointment which was created by Government in the first instance for a period of six months with effect from the 21st June 1923, was sanctioned for a further period of six months under Government Resolution, Home Department, No. 3041-II, dated the 16th November 1923.

11. The Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act is reported to be working satisfactorily in the Province.

12. The total receipts of all the Courts are, according to the figures supplied by the Accountant-General, Rs. 12,47,052 and the total charges Rs. 10,73,421 during the year under report disclosing an excess of Rs. 1,73,631 in the receipts over charges.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

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

Year.			Offences reported.	Offences returned as true.
1922	...	...	27,729	25,872
1923	...	...	32,516	30,533
			+4,787	+4,661

14. There was a corresponding increase in the number of cases brought to trial from 29,077 to 32,978 and in the number of persons from 49,988 to 52,278. The number of persons remaining under trial at the end of the year under report rose from 5,788 to 6,131. The total number of persons under trial during the year under review before the several Criminal Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner was 52,926.

The following table exhibits the result as contrasted with the figures in 1922 :—

Year.			Total No. of persons under trial.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted
1922	...	...	50,700	25,935	17,585
1923	...	...	52,926	27,265	18,276
			+2,226	+1,330	+691

15. The following table shows the punishments inflicted in 1923 as contrasted with those in 1922 :—

Year.		Death.	Trans- portion.	Imprison- ment.	Fine.	Whipping.	Persons ordered to furnish security.
1922	...	31	48	4,676	11,970	200	727
1923	...	31	51	4,443	13,623	147	964

The fines in 1923 amounted to Rs. 2,12,679-6-3 as against Rs. 2,69,155-15-9 in 1922 and compensation paid to accused persons in 1923 amounted to Rs. 7,639-0-10 as against Rs. 20,562-2-6 in 1922.

16. Particulars as to the results of trials in the different districts (including the persons in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner) are given in the following table:—

District.	Under trial.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.
Karachi ..	18,327	7,518	9,952	7	850
Hyderabad ...	8,273	3,881	2,909	355	1,128
Sukkur ...	6,836	4,002	1,718	31	1,085
Larkana ...	9,279	5,975	1,487	32	1,785
Thar Parkar ..	2,485	1,577	515	77	316
Nawabshah ...	4,528	2,635	1,080	100	713
Upper Sind Frontier Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind... ..	2,516	1,673	588	3	252
Total ...	52,278	27,265	18,276	606	6,131

17. The following statement shows the work done by the several Sessions Courts (including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner) for the last three years:—

District.	1921.				1922.				1923.			
	Cases.		Appeals.		Cases.		Appeals.		Cases.		Appeals.	
	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.
Karachi ..	66	57	255	232	55	55	205	217	44	44	218	213
Hyderabad ...	125	123	381	397	135	139	448	453	123	110	392	340
Sukkur ...	68	73	137	130	73	88	131	130	89	72	94	93
Larkana ...	66	65	82	83	38	35	76	73	74	59	77	71

18. The number of offences affecting life and attempts at such offences rose from 249 to 275 in the year under report. A large

portion of this class of crime, specially in Karachi, Hyderabad, Nawabshah, Larkana, Sukkur and Upper Sind Frontier, arose from intrigues or supposed intrigues with women.

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

- (1) Offences against the public tranquility.
- (2) Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.
- (3) False evidence and offences against public justice.
- (4) Offences relating to weights and measures.
- (5) Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.
- (6) Offences affecting life.
- (7) Hurt.
- (8) Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement.
- (9) Unnatural offences.
- (10) Criminal breach of trust.
- (11) Receiving of stolen property.
- (12) Cheating.
- (13) Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property.
- (14) Mischief.
- (15) Criminal trespass.
- (16) Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks.
- (17) Criminal breach of contracts of service.
- (18) Offences relating to marriage.
- (19) Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance.
- (20) Offences under special and local laws.

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

- (1) Offences against the State.
- (2) Offences by, or relating to, public servants.
- (3) Offences relating to coins.
- (4) Offences relating to religion.
- (5) Criminal force and assault.
- (6) Rape.
- (7) Theft.
- (8) Extortion.
- (9) Robbery and dacoity.
- (10) Criminal misappropriation of property.
- (11) Defamation.

20. The number of individual appeals disposed of in the year under report was 1,682, that is 307 less than in the preceding year.. Out of these sentences were left unaltered in 1,363 cases and were

reversed or varied in 297. The sentences were maintained intact in 81·03 per cent. of appeals against 79·24 in the previous year.

The above appeals were thus distributed :—

(1) Magistrates' Courts...	...	...	459
(2) Sessions Courts (including the Judicial Commissioner's Court) ...	...	...	97 ²
(3) Court of the Judicial Commissioner (High Court Jurisdiction) ...	...	...	251

The Criminal Appeals in the Magistrates' Courts and the Sessions Courts show a decrease of 76 and 241, respectively, and those in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner show an increase of 10.

21. During the year under report, cases of 137 persons were examined in revision by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction). The Sessions Courts examined the cases of 178 and the District Magistrates 68. The principal results of this revision were that sentences of 17 persons were reversed, of 6 persons altered and of 111 persons were otherwise disposed of.

22. The following table shows the Criminal work disposed of by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction) in the year under report as compared with that of 1922 and the arrears at the end of the year :—

Serial No.	Description of work.	Arrears on 31st December 1921.	1922.		Arrears on 31st December 1922.	1923.		Arrears on 31st December 1923.
			Filed.	Disposed of		Filed.	Disposed of	
1	Criminal appeals	11	131	130	12	138	141	9
2	Cases under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.	1	3	1	3	5	8	...
3	Confirmation cases	4	23	22	5	12	15	2
4	Reported cases, section 215, Criminal Procedure Code.	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
5	Reported cases, section 308, Criminal Procedure Code.	2	50	47	5	41	41	5
6	Criminal Revision on Court's own motion.	...	...	...	...	2	2	...
7	Criminal Revision Applications.	21	61	69	13	95	95	13
8	Criminal Applications, section 408, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	16	16	...	19	19	...
9	Criminal transfer applications, section 526, Criminal Procedure Code.	1	36	31	6	26	31	1

The cases of 20 persons were referred to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner for confirmation of the sentence of death. In the cases of 15, the sentence of death was confirmed; in the case of 2, the conviction and sentence was reversed; in the case of 1, the sentence was commuted to that of transportation for life and the cases of 2 persons were pending at the close of the year. The cases of 11 persons were referred to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code, of whom 1 was sentenced to transportation for life, 2 were acquitted and discharged and the rest sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

23. The Criminal Procedure Code, as amended by Acts XII, XVIII and XXXVII of 1923, came into force with effect from 1st September 1923. As regards the effect of the amendments in the mofussil nothing of importance has been noticed. The interval, however, has been too short to form a definite opinion about the changes made. The effects of the change in the constitution of this Court apparently introduced by accident by the New Code are far reaching and deleterious and the Judicial Commissioner proposes to submit a special report on the matter before long.

CIVIL JUSTICE.

24. The total number of Civil Suits instituted in Sind during the year under report was 28,452 as compared with 27,545 in 1922. The number in each of the District Courts, including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction), filed in the two years was :—

District.	1922.	1923.
Hyderabad	11	5
Sukkur	13	11
Larkana	2	...
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction).	1,161	1,089

25. The following table shows the nature of suits principally filed in the Province during the years 1922 and 1923. Suits

relating to immoveable property formed only 2.74 per cent. of the total number of suits filed. The percentage for 1922 was 3.19.

Nature.	1922.	1923
Money and moveable property ...	24,997	25,443
Mortgage	714	769
Immoveable property ...	878	780

26. The total value of suits filed during the year under report was Rs. 1,36,32,957-13-8 compared with Rs. 1,46,75,570-2-9 in 1922.

27. The total number of suits disposed of was 28,782 as against 27,588 in the preceding year. The following table exhibits the manner of disposal in 1923 as compared with the year 1922:—

Manner of disposal.	1922.	1923.
Without trial	6,147	6,460
By arbitration	2,316	2,625
Contested	3,849	3,909
Without contest	15,276	15,788

28. The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 9,781.

29. The average duration of contested and uncontested suits in the District Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction), was 474.87 and 522.07 days, respectively, in the year under report as against 505.3 and 723.6 days, respectively, in 1922.

30. The number of Miscellaneous Judicial cases for disposal before the Courts was 1,508 as against 1,695 in 1922. The number disposed of was 1,093 as against 1,230 in 1922.

31. The number of Civil Appeals before the District Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner (District Court

Jurisdiction) was 684 as against 641 in 1922. Of these 295 were disposed of as compared with 234 in 1922. The number of Civil Appeals disposed of during the year under report as contrasted with the preceding year is as follows:—

District.	1922.	1923.
Hyderabad	73	109
Sukkur	116	153
Larkana	43	31
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction).	2	2

32. The average duration of appeals in the District Courts during the year under report was 461·59 days and in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner (District Court Jurisdiction) 252·1 and (High Court Jurisdiction) 671·18. The corresponding figures for the year 1922 were 409·5, 60·0 and 865·18.

33. There were in all 21,705 applications for execution before the Civil Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind as against 20,151 in 1922. Of these 18,516 were disposed of as against 17,203 in 1922. The amount realized in execution of decrees during the year under report was Rs. 5,30,625-4-7 as compared with Rs. 3,48,570-12-3 in the year 1922. Moveable property was sold in 130 cases as against 115 in 1922, and attached but subsequently released in 228 as against 248 in 1922.

34. 237 Insolvency petitions were presented during the year. Out of 342 petitions for disposal before the Courts in the Province of Sind, 210 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 132. The number of insolvents discharged was 27 as against 12 in 1922. The orders of adjudication in respect of 6 debtors were annulled in the Judicial Commissioner's Court. The number of undischarged insolvents in the said Court has risen from 127 to 235.

35. The following table shows the Civil work disposed of by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner (High Court Jurisdiction) during the year under report as contrasted with that of 1922 and the arrears awaiting disposal.

HIGH COURT JURISDICTION.

Description.	Arrears on 31st December 1921.	1922.		Arrears on 31st December 1922.	1923		Arrears on 31st December 1923.
		Filed.	Disposed of.		Filed.	Disposed of.	
I Appeals ...	137	54	65	126	50	100	76
II Appeals ...	53	37	39	51	52	46	57
Miscellaneous appeals .	61	49	54	56	48	62	42
Applications under sections 22 and 23, Civil Procedure Code.	2	2	3	1	...	1	...
Applications under sections 24 and 25, Civil Procedure Code.	6	32	32	6	28	32	2
Applications under section 115, Civil Procedure Code.	48	50	74	24	45	52	17
Applications under Order XLI, r. 19, Civil Procedure Code.	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Applications under Order XLV, r. 2, Civil Procedure Code.	4	3	2	5	7	5	7
Applications under Order XLVI, r. 6, Civil Procedure Code.	...	1	...	1	...	1	...
Applications under Order XLVII, r. 1, Civil Procedure Code.	2	7	5	4	3	2	5
Applications under Act X of 1865.	2	14	11	5	9	12	2
Applications under Bombay Regulation II of 1827 and section 16 of Bombay Act XII of 1866.	...	...	...	...	2	2	...
Applications under section 25 of Act IX of 1887.	44	28	33	39	42	40	41
Applications under Act VII of 1913.	1	1	1	1	17	1	17

GENERAL.

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

M. D'SOUZA,
Registrar.

STATEMENT No. 25.—(CIVIL AND CRIMINAL).

Showing the number of Judicial Divisions, and the number of Officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Sind on 31st December 1923.

Name of Province.	Number of divisions for Courts under Chief Courts but superior to Chief Courts of districts.	Number of districts.	Number of sub-districts.	Number of Officers exercising Original or Appellate Jurisdiction.					Remarks.
				Judges of Chief Court of Province.	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief District Courts.	Judges of Chief Courts of districts.	Judges of district Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other subordinate Courts.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sind—									
Civil	4	14	5 (a)	...	3	7 (b)	13	
Criminal	7	62	5 (a)	...	12 (c)	17 (d)	147 (e)	

(a) Includes the Judicial Commissioner.

(b) Includes 1 Joint Judge, 1 Assistant Judge, 1 Small Cause Court Judge, 3 1st class Sub-Judges and 1 Cantonment Magistrate exercising civil powers.

(c) These are District Magistrates, 1 Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier, 3 Sessions Judges and 2 Additional Sessions Judges.

(d) These are Assistant Collectors, Deputy Collectors and 2 1st class Sub-Judges invested with Assistant Sessions Judges' powers.

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

(*) Besides these there were 296 Special and Honorary Magistrates.

M. D'SOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT NO. 26—(CIVIL AND CRIMINAL).

Showing the number of cases decided in and the receipts and charges of the Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

Name of Province.	Number of cases decided.					Total receipts of Courts.	Total charges of Courts.	Remarks.	
	Original.		Appellate.		Regular.				Miscellaneous
	Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Sind ..						Rs.	Rs.		
{ Civil ...	28,763	9,845	441	116	12,47,052	*10,73,421			
{ Criminal ...	30,465	402	1,138	290					

* This includes adjustment, contributions, payment to officers of other Provinces and foreign service payments.

M. D'SOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 27.--(CIVIL).

Showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or moveable property.	Suits under the Rent Law.					Title and other suits.					Grand total.
		Arrears of rent with or without ejectment.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	For ejectment or recovery of possession alone.	All other suits under the Rent Law.	Total.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for specific relief.	Mortgage suits.	Other suits not falling under any of the preceding heads.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Courts of Subordinate Judges.	18,319	...	...	...	...	...	682	103	668	833	2,286	20,605
Small Cause Courts	6,742	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,742
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	6	10	16
Judicial Commissioner's Court, (District Court Jurisdiction).	376	259	...	11	...	270	97	8	101	237	443	1,089
Total ...	25,443	259	...	11	...	270	780	114	769	1,076	2,739	28,452

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M. D'SOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 28.—(CIVIL).

Showing the number and value of Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of suits instituted in different Courts.									Total value of suits.		
	Value not exceeding Rs. 10.	Value Rs. 10 to Rs. 50.	Value Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.	Value Rs. 100 to Rs. 500.	Value Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000.	Value Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 5,000.	Value above Rs. 5,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total number of suits instituted.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
Courts of Subordinate Judges ...	1,208	7,439	4,035	5,754	948	913	252	56	23,605	Rs. 99,47,098	a. 13	p. 11
Small Cause Courts ...	279	2,158	1,349	2,383	573	...	...	...	6,742	11,38,190	6	2
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	...	...	1	6	3	2	2	2	16	81,472	12	0
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction)	23	16	77	189	271	344	128	41	1,089	24,66,195	13	7
Total ...	1,510	9,613	5,462	8,332	1,795	1,259	382	99	28,452	1,36,32,957	13	8

M. D'SOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 29—(CIVIL).

Showing the general results of trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of suits before the Courts.	Number of suits disposed of excluding transfers.					
		Without trial.	Without contest.	With contest.		On reference to arbitration.	Pending at the close of the year.
				Judgment for plaintiff.	Judgment for defendant.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I.—CIVIL COURTS.							
Courts of Subordinate Judges	26,861	5,664	10,297	1,947	374	2,233	6,346
Small Cause Courts	8,452	508	5,094	848	211	105	1,686
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	47	5	6	...	4	3	29
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	3,203	283	391	456	69	284	1,720
Total ...	38,563	6,460	15,788	3,251	658	2,625	9,781
II.—REVENUE COURTS.							
Courts under Bombay Act II of 1906 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	38,563	6,460	15,788	3,251	658	2,625	9,781

M. D'SOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 30.—(CIVIL).

Showing the general results of trial of Civil and Revenue cases in Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of excluding transfers.				On reference to arbitration	Pending at the close of the year.
		Without trial.	Without contest.	With contest.			
				Judgment for plaintiff	Judgment for defendant.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I—CIVIL COURTS.							
Courts of Subordinate Judges	486	104	127	65	19	1	170
Small Cause Courts	42	16	13	5	...	...	8
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	244	58	81	13	5	1	86
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction)...	665	273	142	126	7	...	117
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ...	71	3	8	16	10	...	34
Total ...	1,508	454	371	225	41	2	415
II—REVENUE COURTS.							
Courts under Bombay Act II of 1906
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,508	454	371	225	41	2	415

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M. D'SOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 31.—(CIVIL).

Showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

APPEALS FROM DECREES.

Class of Tribunals.	Appeals from decrees.						
	Number of appeals before the Courts.	Appeals disposed of (excluding transfers).					Pending at the close of the year.
		Dismissed or not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges)	680	37	159	37	46	4	387
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	4	1	1	...	...	...	2
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction.) } 1st Appeals.	176	21	47	13	18	1	76
Do. do. } 2nd Appeals.	103	8	26	4	8	...	57
Total ...	963	67	243	54	72	5	522

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M. D'SOUZA,
Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 32.—(CIVIL).

Showing the Business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

Class of Tribunals.	APPEALS DISPOSED OF (EXCLUDING TRANSFERS).						Pending at the close of the year.
	Number of appeals before the Courts.	Dismissed or not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	95	7	30	5	7	1	45
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	9	1	2	...	1	...	5
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction).	104	24	21	...	16	1	42
Total ...	208	32	53	5	24	2	92

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M. D'SOUZA,

Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No. 33.—(CRIMINAL).

Showing the General Results of Trials of Criminal Cases in the Tribunals of various classes in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of offences reported.	Number of persons under trial.	PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF				Persons remaining under trial at the end of the year.
			Discharged or acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another province.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Subordinates Magistrates—							
Special Magistrates under section 14	1,376	2,557	1,334	956	2	9	256
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly	241	520	288	57	...	...	175
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly	17,185	30,871	16,676	9,050	619	535	3,991
Benches of Magistrates	13,220	17,814	8,643	7,613	2	61	1,495
District and Divisional Magistrates—							
Cases referred under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code...	41	97	56	22	...	...	19
Chief Magistrates of Districts	69	228	67	142	2	...	17
Courts of Sessions	358	805	197	409	23	...	176
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction)	26	34	4	27	...	1	2
Total	32,516	52,926	27,265	18,276	648	606	6,131

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M. D'SOUZA,

Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

STATEMENT No 34—(CRIMINAL).

Showing the General Results of Appeals and Revisions in Criminal Cases in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

Class of Tribunals.	NUMBER OF PERSONS.							
	Number of appellants and applicants for revision before the Courts.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence altered.	Sentence reversed.	Otherwise disposed of.	Died, escaped or transferred to another province.	Pending trial.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
APPEALS TO								
Chief Magistrates of Districts	461	270	98	17	64	10	...	2
Court of Sessions, including Judicial Commissioner's Court (Sessions Court Jurisdiction)	1,139	63	170	79	99	11	...	167
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ...	274	136	76	8	30	1	...	23
Total ...	1,874	1,019	344	104	193	22	...	192
REVISION BY								
Chief Magistrates of Districts	70	50	...	...	...	18	...	2
Court of Sessions, including Judicial Commissioner's Court (Sessions Court Jurisdiction)	*300	283	...	...	...	66	5	122
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ...	144	68	19	6	17	27	...	7
Total ...	514	401	19	6	17	111	5	131
GRAND TOTAL ...	2,388	1,420	363	110	210	133	5	323

* NOTE.—176 accused persons were involved in 28 revision applications sought by 37 complainants.

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STATEMENT No. 35 (CRIMINAL).

STATEMENT NO. 35* (CRIMINAL).

Showing the nature of offences reported and the number of persons tried, convicted and acquitted of each class of offence in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

Description of offence.	Number of cases.			Number of persons.					Remarks.
	Offences reported.	Returned as true.	Brought to trail.	Undertrial including pending from previous year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another province or presidency.	Remaining under trial.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Against the State ...	1	1	3	12	...	12	...	...
Relating to the Army and Navy.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Against the public tranquility ...	423	356	439	2,329	1,516	281	50	482	
By or relating to public servants	25	21	28	44	16	15	2	11	
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.	99	95	107	127	42	57	...	18	
False evidence and offences against public justice.	375	312	358	511	250	139	20	102	
Relating to coin and Government stamps.	7	7	8	12	6	4	...	2	
Relating to weights and measures.	16	16	22	25	16	6	...	3	
Affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.	204	203	208	297	121	114	1	61	
Relating to religion	4	3	6	9	4	5	...	...
<i>Affecting the human body.</i>									
Affecting life ...	280	239	299	580	220	301	1	158	
Causing miscarriage, injuries to unborn children; exposure of infants and the concealment of birth.	1	1	1	1	1	..	...	...

Hurt ...	3,755	3,395	3,622	8,883	7,488	525	23	847
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement.	231	195	208	542	445	38	5	54
Criminal force and assault ...	449	385	418	983	788	82	3	110
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour.	131	102	113	503	276	55	8	164
Rape ...	16	14	19	36	17	6	...	13
Unnatural offence ...	28	28	28	36	6	15	...	15
<i>Against property.</i>								
Theft ...	2,761	2,556	2,756	3,875	1,412	1,888	54	521
Extortion ...	13	11	14	32	26	2	...	4
Robbery and decoity ...	108	85	109	244	100	102	4	38
Criminal misappropriation ...	208	186	224	371	254	52	1	64
Criminal breach of trust ...	520	339	400	532	347	66	10	109
Receiving stolen property ...	641	623	686	938	287	411	20	220
Cheating ...	365	260	284	433	254	76	19	84
Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property.	38	28	34	125	84	...	...	41
Mischief ...	359	316	344	931	622	108	...	201
Criminal trespass ...	884	811	876	1,751	1,096	413	5	237
Relating to documents and to trade or property marks.	22	15	16	21	9	6	...	6
Criminal breach of contracts of service.	11	11	11	11	4	7	...	...
Relating to marriage ...	963	727	840	3,320	2,562	53	38	667
Defamation ...	62	45	56	150	75	17	...	58
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance.	1,163	954	998	2,249	2,001	83	8	157
Offences under special and local laws.	18,263	18,193	19,443	22,365	6,920	13,427	334	1,684
Total ...	32,516	30,533	32,978	52,278	27,265	18,276	606	6,131

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT

Showing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal

Class of Tribunals.	Number of persons executed.	Number of persons sentenced to					
		Death.	Transportation, or Penal servitude.	Imprisonment.	Fine or forfeiture.	Whipping.	Give security.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Subordinate Magistrates—							
Special Magistrates under section 14..	...	...	...	98	47	20	24
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly..	...	...	...	37	31	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly.	...	...	...	3,594	3,258	127	884
Benches of Magistrates ...	...	...	...	235	1,452	...	6
District and Divisional Magistrates—							
Cases referred under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	...	...	21	8	...	2
Chief Magistrates of districts ...	...	...	...	123	15	...	61
Courts of Sessions ...	11	16	49	325	64	...	21
Judicial Commissioner's Court, (High Court Jurisdiction).	...	15	2	10	...	...	...
Total ...	26	31	51	4,443	4,875	147	998

No. 36 (CRIMINAL).

Tribunals in the Province of Sind for the year 1923.

Fines of.		Total amount of fines			Number of persons sentenced to imprisonment of				Remarks
Rs. 10 and under.	Over Rs. 10.	Imposed.	Realised.	Paid as compensation.	15 days and under.	Above 15 days to 6 months.	Above 6 months to 2 years.	Above 2 years.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.					
105	733	5,645 0 0	7,421 12 0	451 0 0	29	61	8	...	
2	29	2,253 0 0	2,054 0 0	300 0 0	6	28	3	...	
2,529	2,710	1,49,846 6 3	1,25,960 12 6	5,816 12 10	382	2,150	1,057	5	
6092	1,397	31,030 0 0	27,174 14 8	556 12 0	66	169	...	...
1	7	730 0 0	280 0 0	...	...	10	11	...	
...	15	11,000 0 0	83,347 8 0	...	...	7	62	54	
...	65	9,275 0 0	6,084 8 0	514 8 0	15	39	116	134	
...	10	
8,667	4,936	2,12,779 8 3	1,77,323 7 0	7,639 0 10	499	2,464	1,357	223	

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