

#### No. A.-1506:

COURT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER OF SIND,
Karachi, 19th September 1925.

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 1924.

2. The Judicial Statements 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 1924.

#### 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 28th May 1924 and by Mr. B. C. Kennedy, I.C.S., from 29th May to 31st December 1924.
  - 3. The following were the Additional Judicial Commissioners:—
    - Mr. B. C. Kennedy, I.C.S., from 1st January to 28th May 1924.
    - Mr. E. Raymond, LL.B., from 1st January to 12th February 1924 and from 24th July to 31st December 1924.
    - Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Bar.-at-Law, from 1st January to 31st December 1924.
    - Mr. Rupchand Bilaram, LL.B., from 1st January to 31st December 1924.
    - Mr. C. M. Lobo, LL.B., from 13th February to 23rd July 1924.
    - Mr. G. D. Madgavkar, I.C.S., from 29th May to 10th September 1924.
    - Mr. P. E. Percival, C.I.E., Bar.-at-Law, I.C.S., from 11th September to 25th December 1924.
- 4. The Judicial Commissioner's Court was closed for the annual vacation from 15th May to 14th June 1924.
  - 5. There were on the 31st December 1924—
    - 3 Sessions Judges.
    - 2 Additional Sessions Judges.
    - 2 First Class Sub-Judges invested with Assistant Sessions Judges' powers.
    - 6 District Magistrates.
    - 17 Sub-Divisional Magistrates.
    - 14 City and Resident Magistrates.
  - 137 Other First, Second and Third Class Magistrates. L (11) 660-1

Besides the above, there were 258 Special and Honorary Magistrates.

- 6. There were on the 31st December 1924-
  - 3 District Judges.
  - I Joint Judge.
  - 2 Assistant Judges.
  - 2 Small Cause Court Judges (including the Registrar, Small Cause Court, Karachi).
  - 4 First Class Sub-Judges.
  - 13 Second Class Sub-Judges.
- 7. The annual cold-weather tour for the inspection of the courts in Sind was made in February-March 1925 by Dr. F. X. DeSouza, Civilian Additional Judicial Commissioner, who was deputed by the Judicial Commissioner for the purpose. He inspected the District and Sessions Courts of Hyderabad and Sukkur and the First Class Sub-Courts of Hyderabad, Sukkur and Shikarpur, the City Magistrates' and the First Class Magistrates' Courts of Hyderabad, Sukkur and Shikarpur.
- 8. The District Judge, Hyderabad, inspected the Sub-Courts of Mirpurkhas, Tando Mahomed Khan and Naushahro, the District Judge, Sukkur, those of Rohri, Shikarpur and Jacobabad and the District Judge, Larkana, those of Mehar and Sehwan.
- 9. The temporary appointment of a fifth Judge in the Judicial Commissioner's Court, which was created by Government with effect from the 21st June 1923 has been sanctioned for a further period upto the 20th June 1926, under Home Department No. 7328-A, dated 17th June 1925.
- 10. The Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act is reported to be working satisfactorily in the Province.
- 11. The total receipts of all the Courts are, according to the figures supplied by the Accountant-General, Rs. 10,66,505 and the total charges Rs. 13,60,009 during the year under report, disclosing a deficit of Rs. 2.93,504 in the receipts over charges.

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

12. The number of offences reported and those returned as true during the year under review shows a decrease as compared with the preceding year, the figures being—

	Year.		Offences reported.	Offences returned as true.
1923	•••		32,516	30,533
1924	•••		31,014	29,563
		.	-1,502	<b>–</b> 970

13. There was a corresponding decrease in the number of cases brought to trial from 32,978 to 32,373 and in the number of persons from 52,278 to 52,229. The number of persons remaining under trial at the end of the year under report rose from 6,131 to 6,144. 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 52,484.

The following table exhibits the result as contrasted with the figures in 1923:—

Year.		Total No. of persons under trial.	Acquited or discharged.	Convicted.	
1923	•••	52,926	27,265	18,276	
1924		52,484	25,975	19,683	
		-442	-1,290	+ 1,407	

14. The following table shows the punishments inflicted in 1924 as contrasted with those in 1923:—

Year,	Death.	Trans- portation.	Imprison- ment.	Fine.	Whipping	Persons ordered to furnish security.	
1923		51 46	4,443 3,674	13,623	147	964 709	

The fines in 1924 amounted to Rs. 1,87,178.2-0 as against Rs. 2,12,779-6-3 in 1923 and compensation paid to accused persons in 1924 amounted to Rs 15,181-6-0 as against Rs. 7,639-0-10 in 1923.

15. Particulars as to the result 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 Hyderabad Sukkur Larkana Thar Parkar Nawabshah Upper Sind Frontier	6,206 7,988 10,196 2,376 4,076 2,369	6,287 3,017 4,654 6,712 1,509 2,499 1,295	12,246 2,118 2,076 1,433 37 <sup>2</sup> 845 576	3 273 15 24 65 , 44	451 798 1,243 2,027 430 688 495
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.	el .	z <sup>*</sup>	17		12
Total	52,229	25,975	19,683	427	6,144

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

		1922.				1923.				1924.				
District.		Cases.		Ap	Appeals.		Cases. Ap		peals.		ases.	Ap	Appeals.	
		Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of	Filed,	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	
Kara chi		55	55	205	217	44	44	218	213	39	40	286	288	
Hyderabad		135	139	448	453	123	110	392	340	136	124	408	442	
Sukkur		73	88	131	130	89	72	94	93	77	74	117	96	
Larkana		38	35	76	73	74	59	77	71	63	73	67	73	

- 17. The number of offences affecting life and attempts at such offences rose from 275 to 303 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.
- 18. There was an increase in the number of offences under the following heads:—
  - (i) Offences against the State.
  - (2) Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.
  - (3) Offences relating to coins.
  - (4) Offences relating to religion.
  - (5) Offences affecting life.
  - (6) Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour.
  - (7) Rape.
  - (8) Unnatural offence.
  - (9) Extortion.
  - (10) Robbery and dacoity.
  - (11) Criminal misappropriation.
  - (12) Mischief.
  - (13) Offences relating to documents and to trade or property
  - (14) Defamation.

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

- (1) Offences against the public tranquility.
- (2) Offences by or relating to public servants.
- (3) False evidence and offences against public justice.
- (4) Offences relating to weights and measures.
- (5) Hurt.
- (6) Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement.
- (7) Criminal force and assault.

- (8) Theft.
- (9) Criminal breach of trust.
- (10) Receiving of stolen property.
- (11) Cheating.
- (12) Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property.
- (13) Criminal trespass.
- (14) Criminal breach of contracts of service.
- (15) Offences relating to marriage.
- (16) Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance.
- (17) Offences under special and local laws.
- (18) Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.
- 19. The mumber of individual appeals disposed of in the year under report was 1794, that is, 112 more than in the preceding year. Out of these the sentences were left unaltered in 1,317 cases and were reversed or varied in 452. The sentences were maintained intact in 73'41 per cent. of appeals against 81'03 in the previous year.

The above appeals were thus distributed:—

- (1) Magistrates' Courts ... 200
- (2) Sessions Courts (including Judicial Commissioner's Court).
- (3) Court of the Judicial Commissioner (High 293 · Court Jurisdiction).

The Criminal Appeals in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner and the Sessions Courts show an increase of 72 and 294, respectively, and those in the Courts of the Magistrates show a decrease of 252.

- 20. During the year under report, cases of 196 persons were examined in revision by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction). The Sessions Courts examined the cases of 239 and the District Magistrates 63. The principal results of this revision were that sentences of 36 persons were reversed, of 3 persons altered and of 141 persons were otherwise disposed of.
- 21. 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 1923 and the arrears at the end of the year:—

° Z		Arrears.	1	923.	Arrears on 31st	1	924.	Arrears on 31st Decem-	
Serial	Description of work,	December 1922	Filed.	Disposed of.	Decem- ber 1923.	Filed.	Disposed of	Decem- ber 1924.	
	Criminal appeals	12	138	141	ò	198	178	29	
2	Confirmation cases	5	12	15	<b>'</b> 2	28	19	11	
3	Reported cases, section 438 Criminal Procedure Code.	5	41	41	5	53	48	10	
4	Criminal Revision Applications,	13	95	95	13	131	119	25	
5	Criminal Applications, sec- tion 498, Criminal Proce- dure Code.		19	19	,	13	. 13	•••	
6	Criminal Transfer Applica- tions, section 526, Criminal Procedure Code		26	31	ī	34	30	5	

The cases of 31 persons were referred to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner for confirmation of the sentence of death. In the case of 13 the sentence of death was confirmed; in the case of 2 the conviction and sentence was reversed; in the case of 4 the sentence was commuted to that of transportation for life and the cases of 12 persons were pending at the close of the year.

#### CIVIL JUSTICE.

22. The total number of Civil Suits instituted in Sind during the year under report was 28,144 as compared with 28,452 in 1923. 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:—

	Distric	t.		1923.	1924.
Hyderabad	• • •	• • •	•••	5	9
Sukkur	•••	•••	•••	- 11	10
Larkana	•••	•••	•••	••• .	3
Court of the J (District Co	udicial Co ourt Jurisd	mmissioner o	of Sind	1,089	1,155
				1	

23. The following table shows the nature of suits principally filed in the province during the years 1923 and 1924. Suits relating to immoveable property formed only 3.16 per cent. of the total number of suits filed. The percentage for 1923 was 2.74:—

Nature,		•	1923.	1924
Money and moveable pro	perty	•••	25,443	24,889
Mortgage		•••	<b>7</b> 69	828
Immoveable property	•••	• • •	780	892

<sup>24.</sup> The total value of suits filed during the year under report was Rs. 1,22,22,845-10-10\frac{1}{2} compared with Rs. 1,36,32,957-13-8 in 1923.

25. The total number of suits disposed of was 29,874 as against 28,782 in the preceding year. The following table exhibits the manner of disposal in 1924 as compared with the year 1923:—

. ]	Manner of	disposal.		1923	1924.
Without trial		•••	•••	6,460	6,169
By Arbitration				2,625	2,700
Contested		•••		3.909	4,430
Without Contes	st			15,788	16,575

<sup>26.</sup> The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 8,644.

<sup>27.</sup> 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 391 21 and 318 69 days, respectively, in the year under report as against 474 87 and 522 07 days, respectively, in 1923.

<sup>28.</sup> The number of Miscellaneous Judicial cases for disposal before the Courts was 1,511 as against 1,508 in 1923. The number disposed of was 1,094 as against 1,093 in 1923.

29. The number of Civil Appeals before the District Courts including the Court of the Judical Commissioner (District Court Jurisdiction) was 658 as against 684 in 1923. Of these 257 were disposed of as compard with 295 in 1923. The number of Civil Appeals disposed of during the year under report as contrasted with the preceding year is as follows:—

	District			1923.	1924.
Hyderabad		•••		109	122
Sukkur	•••	•••	•••	153	. 85
Larkana	***	•••		- 31	48
Court of the (District C	Judicial Co Court Jurisdi	mmissioner ction).	of Sind	2	. 2

- 30. The average duration of appeals in the District Courts during the year under report was 539.26 days and in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner (District Court Jurisdiction) 193 and (High Court Jurisdiction) 540.67. The corresponding figures for the year 1923 were 461.59, 252.1 and 671.18.
- 31. There were in all 21,343 applications for execution before the Civil Courts including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind as against 21,705 in 1923. Of these 17,960 were disposed of as against 18,516 in 1923. The amount realized in execution of decrees during the year under report was Rs. 5,38,571-3-8 as compared with Rs. 5,30,625-4-7 in the year 1923. Moveable property was sold in 151 cases as against 130 cases in 1923, and attached but subsequently released in 243 as against 228 in 1923.
- 32. 233 Insolvency petitions were presented during the year Out of 365 petitions for disposal before the Courts in the Province of Sind, 168 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 197. The number of insolvents discharged was 62 as against 27 in 1923. The orders of adjudication in respect of 10 debtors were annulled in the Judicial Commissioner's Court. The number of undischarged insolvents in the said Court has fallen from 235 to 221.
- 33. There were no references made under section 27 nor any appeals filed under section 30 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, VIII of 1923, during the year under review.
- 34. 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 1923 and the arrears awaiting disposal.

#### HIGH COURT JURISDICTION.

Para de la	on 31st	19	23.	on 31st r 1923.	19	24.	n 318t
Description.	Arrears on 31st December 1922.	Filed,	Disposed of.	Arrears on 31st December 1923.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Arrears on 31st December 1924
I Appeals	126	50	100	76	65	63	78
II Appeals	51	52	46	57	3 <b>5</b>	40	52
Miscellaneous appeals.	56	48	62	42	36	44	34
Applications under sec-	I		I		2	2	
tions 22 and 23, Civil			!				
Procedure Code.			Ī		ļ		
Applications under sec-	6	28	32	2	24	18	8
tions 24 and 25, Civi			!			!	
Procedure Code.			-		•	, 1	
Applications under sec-	24	45	52	1 <b>7</b>	47	34	30
tion 115, Civil Proce-							
dure Code.							
Applications under Or-	5	7	5	7	4	6	5
der XLV, rule 2, Civil			1		!		
Procedure Code.			1				
Applications under Or-	I		1				• • •
der XLVI, rule 6,							
Civil Procedure Code.					İ		
Applications under Or-	4	2	2	5	1	5	1
der XLVII, rule 1,		ļ.			1	:	
Civil Procedure Code.		i			İ		1
Applications uder Act	5	9	12	2	8	9	1
X of 1865.		ł			•		
Applications under Aci	•••		•••	***	I	1	
IV of 1869.					_	_	•
Applications under sec-	.39	12	40	41	36	48	29
tion 25 of Act IX of							-
1887.			, ,				
Applications under Act	I	17	I	17	4	20	1
VII of 1913.			-				
Applications under Bom-	. •	2	2		I	1	•••
bay Regulation II of		1			Ì		
1827 and section 16		1					
of Bombay Act XII of		ř.					
1866.							
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#### GENERAL.

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

M. DESOUZA, 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 1924.

			Number of divisions			Number o	Number of Officers exercising Original or Appellate Jurisdiction.					
Name o	f Province	<b>.</b>	for Courts under Chief Courts but superior to Chief Courts of districts,	Number of districts.	Number of sub-districts.	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.	Remarks.	
	1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
in <b>d</b> —			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				i I i					
Civil	• • • •			4	14	4 (u)		3	8 (b)	13		
Criminal	***		***	. 7	62	4 (a)		11 (c)	19 (d)	(*) 137 (e)		

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes the Judicial Commissioner. The number of Judges during the year was 5, but one handed over charge on 25th December 1924 and his successor did not arrive till 21st January 1925.

(\*) Besides these there were 258 Special and Honorary Magistrates.

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<sup>(</sup>b) Includes 1 Joint Judge, 2 Assistant Judges, 1 Small Cause Court Judge, 4 First Class Sub-Judges.

<sup>(</sup>c) These are District Magistrates, 1 Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier, 3 Sessions Judges and 2 Additional Sessions Judges. The normal number of District Magistrates including the Deputy Commissioner is 7.

<sup>(</sup>d) These are Assistant Collectors, Deputy Collectors and 2 First Class Sub-Judges invested with Assistant Sessions Judges' powers.

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

#### 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 1924.

		_			Number of cases decided.						
Name	of Province.	_	Or	iginal.	nal. Appellate.		Total	Total	Remarks		
			Regular.	Miscellaneous,	Regular.	Miscellaneous	receipts of Courts.	charges of Courts.			
	i .		2	3	4	5	б	7	8	- - j	
Sind -							Rs.	Rs.			
Civil	***		29,874	19,163	360	121	10.66 505	*13,60,009			
Criminal	***		30,180	602	1,892	468	10,00,305	13,00,009			

<sup>\*</sup>This includes adjustment, contributions, payment to efficers of other provinces and foreign service payments.

M. DESOUZA,
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 1924.

			Suits und	er the Rent	Law.		:	Tit	le and oth	ner suits.		
Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or moveable property.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment.		For eject- ment or recovery of possession alone.	other	Total.	Suits for immove- able property.	for speci-	Mort- gage suits.	Other suits not falling under any of the preceding heads.	Total.	Grand total.
	2	3 "	4	5	6	7	8	9	i•	11	12	13
Courts of Subordinate Judges.	17,916		<b></b> .	1		•	784	49	715	933	2,481	20,397
Small Cause Courts	6,570								,			6,570
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	8		***	•••			6	3	1	4	14	22
Judicial Commission <b>er's</b> Court (District Cou <b>rt</b> Jurisdiction),	395	274		12	, <del></del> .	286	102	. 11	112	249	474	1,155
Total	24,889	274		12		286	892	63	828	1,186	2,969	28,144

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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 1924.

	Number of suits instituted in different courts.												
Class of Tribunals.	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 saits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total number of suits instituted.	Total value	of suits		
ı	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	to	11			
				; <del></del>						Rs.	а. р.		
Courts of Subordinate Judges	1,264	7,436	3.975	5,542	928	884	294	74	20,397	88,51,096	5 %		
mall Cause Courts	419	2,104	1,440	2,060	547			!	6,570	10,54,934	3 7		
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	1	1		5	6	5	ī	3	22	29,321	8.0		
udicial Commissioner's Court (Dis- trict Court Jurisdiction),	24	14	80	19 <b>7</b>	280	361	141	58	1,155	22,87,493	9 6		
Total	1 708	9,555	5,495	7,804	1,761	1,250	436	135	28,144	1,22,22,845	10 10		

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#### STATEMENT No. 29-(Civil).

Showing the general results of trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

#### CIVIL SUITS.

			Number	of suits dispo	sed of, excludi	ng transfers.	
Class of Tribunals.	Number of suits before			With	contest.		Pending at
	the Courts.	Without trial.	Without contest.	Judgment for plaintiff.	Judgment for defendant.	On reference to arbitration.	the close of the year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ICIVIL COURTS.							
Courts of Subordinate Judges Small Cause Courts District Courts (including those of Joint and Assist-	27.365 8,234	5,425 425	11,325	2,490 819	454 205	2,242 152	5,429 1,822
ant Judges)	44	2	1	1	3	ī	36
diction)	2.875	317	438	437	21	305	1,357
Total II.—Revenus Courts.	8,518	6,169	16,575	3,747	683	2,700	8,644
Courts under Bombay Act II of 1906		• • • •					, , ,
GRAND TOTAL	(a) 38,518	6,169	16.575	3,747	683	2,700	8,644

<sup>(</sup>a) The number of cases pending at the close of the last year was 9,759. If this be deducted from the total in column 2, the balance is 28,759 instead of 28,144. This is due to there being 615 revived suits.

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Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

#### STATEMENT No. 30—(Civil).

Showing the general results of trail of Civil and Revenue cases in Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

#### MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

•		Nu	mber of cases	disposed of, e	xcluding transf	ers,	
Class of Tribunals.	Number of cases before		*****	With	contest.	On reference	Pending at the close of the
	the Courts.	Without trial.	Without contest.	Judgment for plaintiff.	Judgment for defendant.	to arbitration.	year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 .	8
1. CIVIL COURTS.							
Courts of Subordinate Judges	494 45 313	103 12 56	143 13 77	58 3 10	25 4 14	 	165 13 155
Judges). Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction) Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction)	592 67	301 20	123 8	93 17	6 7		69 15
Total	1,511	492	364	181	56	ı	417
II. REVENUE COURTS.				<del></del>	i —		
Courts under Bombay Act II of 1906		!					
GRAND TOTAL	1,511	492	364	181	56	1	417

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STATMENT No. 31—(CIVIL).

Showing the Business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

APPEALS FROM DECREES.

			Α	ppeals from de	ecrees.	,	
Class of Tribunals,	Number of			D- 2' AAI			
	appeals before the Courts,	Dismissed or not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified,	Reversed.	Remanded.	Pending at the close of the year.
!		3	4	. 5	6		8
istrict Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	651	47	123	29	48	8	396
dicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	7	1	1				5
dicial Commissioner's Court (High) rst Appeals Court Jurisdiction).	141	13	29	8	10	3	78
Do. do 2nd Appeals.	92	9	21	4	6	٠	52
Total	891	70	174	41	64	11	351

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STATEMENT No. 32—(CIVIL).

Showing the Business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

# Showing the Business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1924 MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

	Appeals disposed of (Excluding transfers).								
Class of Tribunals.	Number of appeals before the Courts.	Dismissed or not prosecuted,	Confirmed.	Modified,	Reversed.	Remanded.	Pending at the close of the year.		
t	2	3 ·	4	5	6	7	8		
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	112	23	32	2	10	,.,	45		
udicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	12	 [	7	•••	2	r	2		
udicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction).	78	18	17	4	4	] I	34		
Total	202	41	56	6	16		18		

M. DESOUZA,
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 1924.

					Persons	whose case	es were dipos	sed of	Persons
Class of Tribunals,	unais.		Number of offences reported.	Number of persons under trial.	Discharged or acquitted.	Convicted	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred to another province,	remaining under trial at the end of the year.
I			2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly Parabase of Magistrates.	·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ··	•••	2,704 6,526 10,462 10,614	3,517 7,603 21,834 17,775	1,626 3,431 12,584 7,785	1,589 3,765 5,072 8,432	 43 197 	5 4 226 187	297 360 3,755 1,371
District and Divisional Magistrates— Cases referred under sections 347 and 349, Cri	minal Procedure	Code	284	7 <b>0</b> 3	238	338		3	124
Chief Magistrates of Districts			35	108	12	96			
Courts of Session			389	913	297	374	15	2	225
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdic	etion)		.,	31	2	17	·		   12
	Total		31,014	52,484	25,975	19,683	255	427	6,144

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Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

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STATEMENT No. 34-(CRIMINAL).

# Showing the General Results of Appeals and Revisions in Criminal Cases in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

			Nu	mber of Per	sons.			
Class of Tribunals.	Number of appellants and applicants for revision before the Courts	Appeals or applica- tions rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence altered	Sentence reversed.	Otherwise disposed of.	Died, escaped or trans- ferred to another province.	Pending trial.
	2	. 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
APPKALS TO								
Chief Magistrates of Districts Courts of Session, including Judicial Commissioner's Court (Sessions Court Jurisdiction).		97 655	24 282	11	64 210	4 19	1	9 132
udicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction)	346	145	114	16	17	1		53
Total Revision by	1,988	897	420	161	291	24		194
Chief Magistrates of Districts  Courts of Session, including Judicial Commissioner's Court  (Sessions Court Jurisdiction).	64 345	58 252				118		1 106
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction)	235	121	44	3	36	18		39
Total	644	431	44	3	36	141	•••	146
GRAND TOTAL	•2,632	1,328	464	164	327	165	1	340

<sup>•</sup> In applications for revision made on behalf of complainants there were 157 accused persons involved and these must be added to the grand total of column 2 to make it equal to the total of columns 3 to 9.

M. DESOUZA,

Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

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 1924.

						,			
	N	umber of cases			Nu	mber of person	ns.		
Description of offence.	Offences reported,	Returned as true.	Brought to trial.	Undertrial including pending from previous year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted,	Died, escaped or transferred to another province or presidency.	Remaining under trial.	Remarks.
ı	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
gainst the State	2	2						<sup>2</sup>	
gainst the public tranquility	412	349	424	2,426	1,509	381	32	504	
y or relating to public servants	13	13	ı8	27	12	10		5	
ontempts of the lawful autho-	136	135	152	179	57	85	2	34	
rity of public servants. alse evidence and offences against public justice.	287	268	342	462	186	147	24	105	
elating to coin	12	12	14	21	8	13	l j		
elating to Government stamps.			'i	***				•••	
elating to weights and measu-	15	15	16	18	5	12		1	
affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.	153	145	188	268	113	123	2	30	
Relating to religion	5	5	5	18	9	1	. <b></b>	8	
Affecting the human body.	٦)		J		,	-			
ffecting life	303	303	397	729	231	310	9	279	
ausing miscarriage, injuries to unborn children; exposure of infants and the concealment of birth.	1	1	2	3	3	ı		···	,

					,	,		1
Hurt	3,560	3,216	3,464	9,030	7,582	568	31	849
Wrongful restraint and wrongful	181	151	173	499	365	32	2	100
confinement.		-3	, ,					İ
Criminal force and assault	318	295	327	853	647	64	•••	142
Kidnapping, forcible abduction,	160	115	151	555	365	20	4	166
slavery and forced labour.		ū	- 1			1	1	_
Rape	27	27	33	56 67	38	10	1	7
Unnatural offence	46	27 46	51	67	23	19	9	16
Against property.	}				}			
Cheft ordinary	1,628	1,589	1,729	2.253	579	1,347	7	320
attle theft	849	798	952	1,494	543	619	42	290
Extortion	16	15	17	25	14	5 !		6
Robbery and dacoity	146	127	146	387	123	146	11	107
riminal misappropriation	338	263	290	509	383	28	.5	93
riminal breach of trust	451	292	358	463	279	70	8	106
Receiving stolen property	413	404	520	807	423	259	12	113
heating	340	269	314	480	347	57	5	71
raudulent deeds and disposition	19	17	27	74	48	8	<b>,</b>	18
of property,		•	•	• ;	·			_
Aischief	405	361	410	1,124	853	100	9	162
riminal trespass	751	679	759	1,699	1,169	210	34	286
Relating to documents and to	20	25	30	42	16	10	3	13
trade or property marks.		•	- ,	1	1	ĺ		
riminal breach of contracts of	3	3	3	3	3		•••	•••
service.		-				_ 1		
Relating to marriage	759	650	807	3,163	2,408	62	42 .	651
Defamation	85	68	78	255	194	24	•••	37
riminal intimidation, insult and	1,137	930	992	2,378	2,106	92	•••	180
annoyance.	.0	***	19,182	21,859	5,335	14,948	133	1,443
Offences under special and local	18,014	17,975	19,102	21,039	3,333	.4,940	, -55	
laws.		i	+					
Total	31,014	29,563	32,373	52,229	25,975	19,683	427	6,144

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### JUDICIAL STATEMENT

### Showing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal

	ļ	Number of persons sentenced to									
Class of Tribunals,	Number of persons executed.	Death,	Trans- portation or Penal servitude.	Imprison- ment.	Fine or forfeiture.	Whipping.	Give security.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	<del>-</del> -	8				
Subordinate Magistrates—											
Special Magistrates under section 14.		•••		202	1,357	24	8				
Hono: ary Magistrates sitting singly,			\	33	24		6				
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly,				2,804	5,344	96	532				
Benches of Magistrates				231	8,693		9				
District and Divisional Magistrates-						-					
Cases referred under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code		•	•••	41	.•.		119				
Chief Magistrates of districts	<i></i>	•••		54	8		54				
Courts of Session	8	24	42	309	33	4	1				
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction).	13	13	4			••	***				
Total	21	37	46	3,674	15,459	124	709				

### No. 36—(Criminal)

#### Tribunals in the Province of Sind for the year 1924..

		Total amount of fines.								Number of persons sentenced to imprisonment of					
Fine	of							Paid	25		15 days		Above 6	Above	
Rs. 10 and under.	Over Rs, 10.	Impos	sed.		Beali:	ed.	•	'compens		0.	and under.	10 6	to 2 years.	2 years.	Remarks
9	10	11			12	_	-	13		14 15		16	17	18	
		Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.		1			
1,144	231	15,988	8	0	13,239	8	0	887	0	0	20	171	11	***	
2	22	3,029	0	0	2,559	0	0	655	0	0	4	28	1		
1,821	3,505	1,21,417	6	0	97,498	3	1	10,552	2	0	356	1,515	933	•••	
8,334	359	33,794	4	0	30,463	9	0	912	4	0	34	196	1	***	
; ;					•			<u>.</u>				27	14	***	ĺ
••	8	3,050	0	0	5,100	0	0						12	42	
4	29	9,899	0	0	6,029	0	0	2,175	0	0	3	25	121	160	İ
'			•			•		•							
11,305	4.154	1,87,178	2	0	I,54,889	4	1	15,181	6	0	417	1,962	1,093	202	1

#### M. DESOUZA,

Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

### Statement showing the amount of work disposed of by the various

•	Crimina	l Work.					Civii
			Original.				
Names of Courts.	Cases dispposed of by the Sessions Court.	Appeals disposed of by the Sessions Court.	Total number of suits before the Court.	Disposed of.	Pending at the end of the year under report,	Pending at the end of the preceding year.	Total number of appeals before the Court.
	2	3	4	5	6	7-	8
HYDERABAD.							
Court of District and Sessions Judge,	124	442	22	4	18	13	343
First Class Subordinate Court			148	59	89	70	•••
Second Class Subordinate Court			825	500	325	327	***
Subordinate Court, Hyderabad, Small Causes.		·	1,048	837	211	141	***
Subordinate Court, Tando, Regular.			731	545	186	253	•••
Subordinate Court, Tando, Small Causes.	,		213	184	29	35	
Suhordinate Court, Shahdadpur- Nawabshah, Regular.			1,087	725	362	416	•••
Subordinate Court, Shahdadpur- Nawabshah, Small Causes.	-	·	354	275	79	72	
Subordinate Court, Naushahro, Regular,	***	·	1,576	1,267	309	307	
Subordinate Court, Naushabro. Small Causes.			535	470	65	55	***
Subordinate Court, Mirpurkhas,			1,537	1,153	384	663	
Regular. Subordinate Court, Mirpurkhas,			404	371	33	139	***
Small Causos. Subordinate Court, Mithi, Regular.			233	207	26	151	
Subordinate Court, Mithi, Small Causes.			219	200	19	77	***
Total	124	442	8,932	6,797	2,135	2,719	343
CUVVID							
SUKKUR,  Court of District and Sessions Judge	28	135	16	1	14	13	203
Court of Joint Judge	38	19		1			203
Court of Assistant Judge	8	•••					•••
First Class Subordinate Court	1		127	86	41	150	•••
Subordinate Court, Sukkur, Regular	]		564	349	215	197	***
Subordinate Court, Sukkur, Small	1		1,154 •	979	175	148	
Causes. First Class Subordinate Court.			209	98	_ 111		
Shikarpur. Subcreinate Court, Shikarpur	1	•••	1,853	1,416	437	619	.•
Regular. Subordinate Court, Shikarpur,		***	1,253	1,113	140	150	•••
Small Causes. Subordinate Court, Robri, Regular			1,762	1,375	387	446	
Subordinate Court, Rohri, Small	1	***	885	827	58	124	
Causes. Subordinate Court, Jacobabaid.		***	960	761	199	247	,40
Regular. Subordinate Court, Jacobabad, Small Causes.		***	464	432	32	34	•••
Total	74	154	9,247	7,438	1,809	2,128	203

### Courts in each District in the Province of Sind for the year 1924.

ORK.		•					
Disposed of.	Pending at the end of the year	Pending at the end of the	Execution proceedings disposed of.	Order made after investig- ation columns 17 and 18 of the	Number of original suits pending more than a year at the end	Number of appeals pending more than a year at the end of	Remarks.
<b>5</b>	under report,	preceding year.		monthly Civil Returns.	of the year under report.	the year under report.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
122	221	215	10	72	11	111	
***	•••		42	24	37	,	
•••			446	37	102	•••	
•••			484	4	6		
-			249	5	,,		
•••	•••	•••	111		13		
***			"	***	•••	•••	
			569	10	64		,
			144	<b></b>	4		
	•••		566	. 24	9	•••	
•••	•••	•••	165	***			
			510	14	62		
•••		•,	180	2			
•••			68	3	7	···	
•••	•••		38	***	1	***	
122	221	215	3.582	195	316	111	
		}					
32	118	121	11	4	11	44	
33		•••	2	1			
20	•••	•	•	•••			
***	•••	•	37	2	20		
•••	•••	***	217	7	41		
***	•••	•••	444	2	1		
***	•••	•••	57	1	**; ,	•	
***	***	***	973	34	110	•••	
***	•••		511	•••	•	•••	
•••	***		861 521	2	48	***	
***	···	•••	401	4	14	***	
•••	•••		263	1	"	•••	
85	118	121	4,318	58	247	44	

#### Statement showing the amount of work disposed of by the various Courts

	Crimina	i Work.			•		Civit	
			Original,					
Names of Courts.	Cases disposed of by the Sessions Court.	Appeals disposed of by the Sessions Court.	Total number of suits before the Court.	Disposed of	Pending at the end of the year under report.	Pending at the end of the preceding year.	Total numbr of appeals before the Court.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	- 8	
LARKANA.			İ					
Court of District and Sessions Judge,	. 73.	73	6	2	4	3	105	
First Class Subordinate Court			76	48	28	32	***	
Second Class Subordinate Court			2,896	2,350	546	525	•••	
Subordinate Court, Mehar, Regular.	***		2,030	1,801	229	203		
Subordinate Court, Larkana, Small Causes.			766	690	76	113	•••	
Subordinate Court, Mehar, Small Causes.			515	472	43	34		
Subordinate Court, Sehwan, Regular.			1.020	794	226	205	***	
Subordinate Court, Sehwan, Small Causes.			513	+68	45	59		
Total	73	73	7,822	6,625	1,197	1,174	105	
KARACHI.  Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District and Sessions Court Jurisdiction).	40	288	2,875	1,518	1,357	1.720	7	
Court of Small Causes		j	8,234	6,412	1 822	1,664	•••	
Subordinate Court, Tatta, Regular			832	615	217	258	•••	
Subordinate Court, Tatta, Small Causes.			576	469	107	96	•••	
Total	40	288	12,517	9,014	3,503	3.738	7	
CONSOLIDATED TOTALS OF DISTRICTS.								
Hyderabad	124	442	8,932	6.797	2,135	2,719	343	
Sukkur ,	74	154	9,247	7,438	1.809	2,128	203	
Larkana	73	73	7,822	6,625	1,197	1,174	105	
Karachi	40	288	12,517	9,014	3,503	3,738	7	
Total	311	957	38,518	29,874	8,644	9.759	658	
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jarisdiction).	•••						233	
▶ Total							233	

<sup>(</sup>a) In addition the following miscellaneous matters were disposed of :--

#### Applications-

<sup>44</sup> Miscellaneous Appeals.

pucations—

34 Under section 115, Civil Procedure Code.
2 Under sections 22 and 23, Civil Procedure Code.
18 Under sections 24 and 25, Civil Procedure Code.
5 Under section 45, Rule 2, Civil Procedure Code.
20 Under section 47, Rule 1, Civil Procedure Code.
20 Under Act VII of 1913.
3 Under Act IV of 1869.
4 Under Bombay Act XII of 1866.
4 Under Act IX of 1867.
9 Under Act X of 1865

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in each District in the Province of Sind for the year 1924—(concld.).

			Í	A-1	Mumber	Number	
Disposed of.	Pending at the end of the year under report.	Pending at the end of the preceding year.	Execution proceedings disposed of.	Order made after investig- ation columns 17 and 18 of the monthly Civil Returns.	Number of original suits pending more than a year at the end of the year under report,	Number of appeals pending more than a year at the end of the year under report.	Remarks.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
48	57	65	2	22	2	29	
•••		<b></b>	22	11	9	.:.	
•••	•••		1,117	26	38		
•••			807	16	2	•••	
	•••		428	4	2		
•			190				
•••		-  -	682	9	8		
	•••	<i></i>	304				
48	57	• 65	3,552	88	61	29	
		( 					
2	5	2	1,209	. 99	922	2	
	•••		4,624	32	127		
•••			350	3	11		
,···	•••		325	1	2		
2	5	2	6,508	135	1,062	2	
			<b>_</b>				
122	221	215	3,582	195	316	111	
85	118	121	4,318	58	247	44	
48	57	65	3,552	88	61	29	
2	5	2	6,508	135	1,062	2	
257	401	403	17,960	476	1,686	186	
103	130	133			,,,	54	
103 (a)	130	133		•	<u></u>	54	

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