



Report on the Administration of
Criminal and Civil Justice in the
Province of Sind for the Year

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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. P. E. Percival, C.I.E., I.C.S., from 1st January to 31st December 1927.

3. The following were the Additional Judicial Commissioners:—

- (1) Mr A. H. S. Aston, Bar.-at-Law, from 15th February to 31st December 1927.
- (2) Mr. Rupchand Bilaram, LL.B., from 1st January to 31st December 1927.
- (3) Dr. F. X. DeSouza, M.A., LL.D. (Cantab.), Bar.-at-Law, I.C.S., from 1st January to 31st December 1927.
- (4) Mr. C. M. Lobo, LL.B., from 1st January to 20th June 1927.
- (5) Mr. Faiz B. Tyabji, Bar.-at-Law, from 1st January to 14th February 1927.

4. The Judicial Commissioner's Court was closed for the annual vacation from 9th May to 8th June 1927.

5. There were on 31st December 1927—

- 3 Sessions Judges.
- 4 Additional Sessions Judges and 2 First Class Sub-Judges invested with Assistant Sessions Judge's powers.
- 7 District Magistrates.
- 14 Sub-Divisional Magistrates.
- 15 City and Resident Magistrates.
- 233 Other 1st, 2nd and 3rd class Magistrates, of whom 91 were Special and Honorary Magistrates.

Besides the above there were 34 Benches of Magistrates inclusive of those in the City of Karachi, constituted from among 195 Honorary Magistrates.

6. There were on the 31st December 1927—

3 District Judges.

4 Assistant Judges.

2 Small Cause Court Judges (including the Registrar,
Small Cause Court, Karachi).

4 First Class Sub-Judges.

11 Second Class Sub-Judges.

7. The annual cold-weather tour for the inspection of the Courts in Sind was not made in the year under report on account of the Sessions Case commonly known as the "Karachi Coinage Case" which occupied 44 working days and of the arrears in the Court.

8. The District Judge, Hyderabad, inspected the Subordinate Courts of Tando Muhammad Khan and Mirpurkhas.

9. The temporary appointment of a fifth Judge in the Judicial Commissioner's Court, which was created by Government with effect from 21st June 1923, terminated on 20th June 1927.

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

11. The total receipts of all the Courts are, according to the figures supplied by the Accountant-General, Rs. 10,92,761 and the total charges Rs. 14,17,974 during the year under report, disclosing a deficit of Rs. 3,25,213. The deficit, as in 1925 and in 1926 is mainly due to the fact that the cost of the new Judicial Court buildings at Karachi is debited against receipts. There is bound to be such deficit until these new Judicial buildings, which are estimated to cost 33 lakhs, are completed; they are expected to be completed and ready for occupation at the end of 1928. In the year under report, of the total charges, Rs. 3,33,265 is for "Buildings—Original Works" in the Karachi district.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

12. The number of offences reported and those returned as true during the year under review are 33,942 and 32,306, respectively, and show a decrease of 403 and 496 as compared with the figures of the preceding year, which are 34,345 and 32,802, respectively.

13. There was a corresponding decrease in the number of cases brought to trial from 34,132 to 33,484 and in the number of persons under trial from 54,731 to 54,004. The number of persons remaining under trial at the end of the year under report fell from 6,154 to 6,110. 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 54,450.

The following table exhibits the result as contrasted with the figures in 1926:—

Year.			Total number of persons under trial.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.
1926	...	..	55,190	25,067	23,124
1927	...	...	54,450	24,377	23,147
			— 740	— 690	+ 23

14. The following table shows the punishments inflicted in 1927 as contrasted with those in 1926:—

Year.		Death.	Transportation.	Imprisonment.	Fine.	Whipping.	Persons ordered to furnish security.
1926	...	10	70	4,774	17,227	137	1,214
1927	...	33	51	3,846	18,411	164	1,094

The fines in 1927 amounted to Rs. 2,54,620-15-4 as against Rs. 2,57,289-12-3 and compensation paid to accused persons in 1927 amounted to Rs. 8,969-3-4 as against Rs. 11,121-12-0 in 1926.

15. Particulars as to the results of trials in the different districts (including the persons in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind) are given in Appendix A.

The excess of acquittals or discharges over convictions is due to the fact that a large number of cases were compounded or withdrawn.

16. The work done by the several Sessions Courts (including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind) for the last three years is shown in Appendix B.

17. The number of offences affecting life and attempts at such offences rose from 241 to 274 in the year under report.

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

- (1) By or relating to public servants.
- (2) Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.
- (3) Relating to coin.
- (4) Relating to weights and measures.
- (5) Relating to religion.
- (6) Affecting life.
- (7) Causing miscarriage, injuries to unborn children, exposure of infants and the concealment of birth.
- (8) Hurt.
- (9) Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement.
- (10) Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour.
- (11) Rape.
- (12) Cattle theft.
- (13) Extortion.
- (14) Criminal misappropriation.
- (15) Receiving stolen property.
- (16) Cheating.
- (17) Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property.
- (18) Criminal trespass.
- (19) Defamation.

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

- (1) Against the State.
- (2) Against the public tranquility.

- (3) False evidence and offences against public justice.
- (4) Affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.
- (5) Criminal force and assault.
- (6) Unnatural offence.
- (7) Theft ordinary.
- (8) Robbery and dacoity.
- (9) Criminal breach of trust.
- (10) Mischief.
- (11) Relating to documents and to trade or property marks.
- (12) Criminal breach of contracts of service.
- (13) Relating to marriage.
- (14) Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance.
- (15) Offences under special and local laws.

19. The number of individual appeals disposed of in the year under report was 2,637, that is, 108 more than in the preceding year. Out of these the sentences were left unaltered in 2,051 cases and were reversed or varied in 503. The sentences were maintained intact in 77·78 per cent of appeals against 70·03 in the previous year.

The above appeals were thus distributed—

(1) Magistrates' Courts	...	...	304
(2) Sessions Courts (including Judicial Commissioner's Court)	...	...	2,057
(3) Court of the Judicial Commissioner (High Court Jurisdiction)	...	...	276

The Criminal Appeals in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner show a decrease of 26, and the Sessions Courts and the Courts of the Magistrates show an increase of 61 and 60, respectively.

20. During the year under report, cases of 197 persons were examined in revision by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction). The Sessions Courts examined the cases of 157 and the District Magistrates 31. The principal results of this revision were that sentences of 34 persons were reversed, of 12 persons altered and of 191 persons were otherwise disposed of.

21. 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 1926 and the arrears at the end of the year is shown in Appendix C.

The cases of 48 persons were referred to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner for confirmation of the sentence of death. In the case of 33, the sentence of death was confirmed; in the case of 6 it was commuted to that of transportation for life; in the case of 3 the convictions and sentences were reversed and the accused acquitted; and the cases of 6 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 34,418 as compared with 30,226 in 1926. 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.	1926.	1927.
Hyderabad	13	...
Sukkur	5	3
Larkana ... ..	...	...
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction).	1,027	882

23. The following table shows the nature of the suits principally filed in the Province during the years 1926 and 1927. Suits relating to immoveable property formed only 2.21 per cent. of the total number of suits filed. The percentage for 1926 was 4.49 per cent:—

Nature.	1926.	1927.
Money or moveable property ...	26,564	30,998
Mortgage	759	967
Immoveable property	1,356	760

24. The total value of suits filed during the year under report was Rs. 1,54,34,750-0-8 compared with Rs. 1,34,77,998-8-7 in 1926 and Rs. 1,83,81,658-9-10½ in 1925.

25. The total number of suits disposed of was 34,094 as against 29,570 in the preceding year. The following table exhibits the manner of disposal in 1927 as compared with the year 1926:—

Manner of disposal.	1926.	1927.
Without trial	5,874	6,562
By arbitration	2,305	2,512
Contested	4,578	4,963
Without contest	16,813	20,057

26. The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 9,486 as against 8,727 in the previous year. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court the number pending was 922 as against 1,078.

27. 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 310·01 and 166·11 days, respectively, in the year under report as against 310·58 and 301·95 days, respectively, in 1926.

28. The number of Miscellaneous Judicial cases for disposal before the Courts was 2,047 as against 2,683 in 1926. The number disposed of was 1,499 as against 2,236 in 1926.

29. The number of Civil Appeals before the District Courts, including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction), was 808 as against 867 in 1926. Of these 453 were disposed of as compared with 398 in 1926. The number of Civil Appeals disposed of during the year under report as contrasted with the preceding year is as follows:—

District.	1926.	1927.
Hyderabad	149	177
Sukkur	222	127
Larkana	21	147
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District Court Jurisdiction).	6	2

30. The average duration of appeals in the District Courts during the year under report was 496·67 days and in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner (District Court Jurisdiction) 365 and

(High Court Jurisdiction) 580'04. The corresponding figures for the year 1926 were 371'19, 243'33 and 469'29, respectively.

31. There were in all 27,241 applications for execution before the Civil Courts, including the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind, as against 24,437 in 1926. Of these 23,015 were disposed of as against 20,559 in 1926. The amount realized in execution of decrees during the year under report was Rs. 16,39,959-0-4 as compared with Rs. 6,43,756-2-0 in the year 1926. Moveable property was sold in 135 cases as against 185 in 1926, and attached but subsequently released in 281 as against 355 in 1926.

32. 287 Insolvency petitions were presented during the year as against 282 in 1926. Out of 432 petitions for disposal before the Courts in the Province of Sind, 316 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 116. The number of insolvents discharged was 102 as against 97 in 1926. The orders of adjudication in respect of 31 debtors were annulled in the Judicial Commissioner's Court. The number of undischarged insolvents in the said Court increased from 244 to 299.

33. There were no references made under section 27 or any appeals filed under section 30 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, VIII of 1923, during the year under review.

34. At the opening of the year, 5 applications for leave to appeal to the Privy Council were pending orders in the Judicial Commissioner's Court. Three new applications were filed during the year making a total of 8. Of these, 1 was withdrawn and in 2 certificates were granted but eventually they were revoked and the applications struck off, as the applicants failed to give the required security within the time allowed by law. Five applications were pending at the close of the year.

35. Appendix D 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 1926 and the arrears awaiting disposal.

GENERAL.

36. The arrears of work, particularly Civil Appellate and Original, in the Judicial Commissioner's Court are still very heavy. Government on account of financial stringency were unable to extend the period of the temporary appointment of the fifth Judge

beyond 20th June 1927. But to relieve the Court of some of the petty civil work a special bill for the establishment of a Court of Small Causes at Karachi with higher pecuniary jurisdiction than at present is before the Government. A proposal is also under the consideration of Government to transfer the mofussil work of the Karachi district outside the Karachi taluka to the Hyderabad Judicial district, which proposal, if given effect to, will further relieve the Judicial Commissioner's Court to some extent.

37. Government owing to financial stringency have also not been able to establish a Chief Court for Sind, though the Sind Courts Act was passed in 1926. For the same reason the creation of the new Judicial district of Nawabshah has been postponed.

38. To effect improvement in the administration of civil justice in the four desert talukas of Mithi, Chachro, Diplo and Nagar Parkar in the Thar Parkar district by bringing justice nearer home to the poorer class of agriculturists-defendants, the "linked" Sub-Court at Mithi, which was established in June 1923 but had not proved a success, has been abolished; the talukas have been included within the limits of the jurisdiction of the Sub-Court of Mirpurkhas in the said district and the Mukhtiarkars of those talukas have been appointed Joint Sub-Judges to try suits, which do not exceed Rs. 250 in value, arising within their talukas and empowered to hold their Courts at their respective headquarters, with effect from 1st October 1927.

Karachi, 3rd September 1928.

M. DESOUZA,

Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind.

APPENDIX A.

District.	Under trial (including the number pending from pre- vious year).	Acquitted or dis- charged	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.
Karachi ...	20,979	6,430	13,687	12	850
Hyderabad ...	4,633	1,749	2,469	66	349
Sukkur ...	8,387	4,567	2,598	9	1,213
Larkana ...	9,476	5,865	1,713	178	1,720
Nawabshah ...	4,347	2,500	1,106	64	677
Thar Parkar ..	2,620	1,384	677	36	523
Upper Sind Frontier ...	3,514	1,879	858	5	772
Court of the Judicial Com- missioner of Sind ...	48	3	39	...	6
Total ...	54,004	24,377	23,147	370	6,110

APPENDIX B.

District.	1925.				1926				1927.			
	Cases.		Appeals.		Cases.		Appeal.		Cases.		Appeals.	
	Disposed of.		Disposed of.		Disposed of.		Disposed of.		Disposed of.		Disposed of.	
	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Filed.	Disposed of.
Karachi ...	42	47	290	282	30	29	296	289	38	30	314	323
Hyderabad ...	127	139	421	430	197	151	501	469	147	182	675	670
Sukkur ...	90	105	253	255	67	65	324	324	93	82	327	332
Larkana ...	63	58	165	150	65	69	200	204	98	103	226	233

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APPENDIX C.

Serial No.	Description of work.	Arrears on 31st December 1925.	1926.		Arrears on 31st December 1926.	1927.		Arrears on 31st December 1927.
			Filed.	Dispos- ed of.		Filed.	Dispos- ed of.	
1	Criminal appeals ...	26	207	202	31	250	216	65
2	Confirmation cases ...	2	21	16	7	29	31	5
3	Reported cases, section 438, Criminal Procedure Code.	2	55	50	7	68	64	11
4	Criminal Revision Applica- tions on Court's own motion.	2	...	2	...	1	...	1
5	Criminal Revision Applica- tions.	31	144	156	19	156	136	39
6	Criminal Applications, sec- tion 498, Criminal Proce- dure Code.	1	30	30	1	30	31	..
7	Criminal Transfer Applica- tions, section 526, Criminal Procedure Code.	17	90	101	6	55	55	6

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APPENDIX D.

HIGH COURT JURISDICTION.

Description.	Arrears on 31st December 1925.	1926.		Arrears on 31st December 1926.	1927.		Arrears on 31st December 1927.
		Filed.	Disposed of.		Filed.	Dispos of.	
I Appeals ...	180	104	88	196	90	86	200
II Appeals ...	53	48	25	76	60	43	93
Miscellaneous appeals ...	48	69	39	78	60	53	85
Applications under sections 22 and 23, Civil Procedure Code.	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Applications under sections 24 and 25, Civil Procedure Code	5	11	9	7	9	15	1
Applications under section 115, Civil Procedure Code.	76	51	30	97	47	68	76
Applications under Order XLIV, rule 1, Civil Procedure Code.	...	1	...	1	3	2	2
Applications under Order XLV, rule 2, Civil Procedure Code.	4	3	2	5	3	3	5
Applications under Order XLVI, rule 6, Civil Procedure Code.	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Applications under Order XLVII, rule 1, Civil Procedure Code.	2	4	4	2	2	3	1
Applications under Act IV of 1869.	...	1	...	1	2	1	2
Applications under section 25 of Act IX of 1887.	...	50	29	21	29	24	26
Applications under Act VII of 1913.	...	2	2	...	3	3	...
Applications under Bombay Regu- lation II of 1827 and section 16 of Bombay Act XII of 1866.	3	3	...

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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 1927.

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.					Judges of other subordinate Courts.	Remarks.
				Judges of Chief Courts 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	4 (a)	...	3	10 (b)	11		
Criminal ...	...	7	62	4 (a)	...	14 (c)	20 (d)	(*) 142 (e)		

(a) Includes the Judicial Commissioner.

(b) Includes 4 Assistant Judges, 2 Small Cause Court Judges and 4 First Class Sub-Judges.

(c) These are 6 District Magistrates, 1 Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier, 3 Sessions Judges, and 4 Additional Sessions Judges.

(d) These are Assistant Collectors and Deputy Collectors and First 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 91 Special and Honorary Magistrates and 34 Benches of Magistrates constituted from among 195 Honorary Magistrates.

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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 1927.

Name of Province.	Number of cases decided.						Remarks.
	Original.		Appellate.		Total receipts of Courts.	Total charges of Courts.	
	Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sind—					Rs.	Rs.	
Civil	34,094	24,659	582	161	10,92,761	14,17,974*	
Criminal	31,815	530	1,855	152			

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

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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 1927.

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 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.	22,690	...	...	...	...	...	711	131	894	1,070	2,806	25,496
Small Cause Court ...	8,037	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,037
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	269	391	6	27	...	424	49	16	73	51	189	882
Total ...	30,998	391	6	27	...	424	760	147	967	1,122	2,996	34,418

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STATEMENT NO. 28—(CIVIL).

Showing the number and value of Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1927.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of suits instituted in different Courts.									
	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.	Total value of suits.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
										Rs. a. p.
Courts of Subordinate Judges ...	1,810	9,838	5,089	6,300	1,073	1,028	277	81	25,496	1,23,35,948 14 4
Small Cause Courts ...	474	2,899	1,652	2,504	508	...	...	...	8,037	11,10,265 4 4
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	3	8,272 0 0
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	6	58	74	63	81	375	122	103	882	19,80,263 14 0
Total ...	2,290	12,795	6,815	8,867	1,662	1,404	400	185	34,418	1,54,34,750 0 8

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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 1927.

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.		
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I.—CIVIL COURTS.							
Courts of Subordinate Judges ...	32,040	5,899	13,566	2,908	445	2,126	7,096
Small Cause Courts ...	9,576	504	6,242	1,080	181	102	1,467
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges).	4	1	...	1	1	...	1
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	1,960	158	249	283	64	284	922
TOTAL ...	43,580	6,562	20,057	4,272	691	2,512	9,486
II.—REVENUE COURTS.							
Courts under Bombay Act II of 1906 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	43,580	6,562	20,057	4,272	691	2,512	9,486

* The number of cases pending at the close of the last year was 8,727. If this be deducted from the total in column 2, the balance is 34,853 instead of 34,418. This is due to there being 427 revived and 8 transferred suits.

M. DESOUZA,
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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 1927.

MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

Class of Tribunals,	Number of cases disposed of, excluding transfers.						Pending at the close of the year.
	Number of cases before the Courts.	Without trial.	Without contest.	With contest.		On reference to arbitration.	
				Judgment for plaintiff.	Judgment for defendant.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I.—CIVIL COURTS.							
Courts of Subordinate Judges	544	90	174	69	29	1	181
Small Cause Courts	75	5	23	10	17	1	19
District Courts (including those of Joint and Assistant Judges)	730	60	345	51	62	...	212
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction)	465	278	96	63	1	...	27
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction).	235	52	8	25	39	...	111
Total	2,049	485	646	218	148	2	550
II.—REVENUE COURTS.							
Courts under Bombay Act II of 1906
GRAND TOTAL	2,049	485	646	218	148	2	550

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STATEMENT No. 31—(CIVIL).

Showing the business of Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1927.

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).	800	85	233	26	86	21	349
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Juris- diction)	8	...	2	..	...	..	6
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High } 1st Appeals ... Court Jurisdiction).	286	36	36	10	2	2	200
Do. do. } 2nd Appeals ...	136	19	18	4	...	2	93
Total ...	1,230	140	289	40	88	25	648

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STATEMENT No. 32—(CIVIL).

Showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Sind for the year 1927.

MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

Class of Tribunals	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).	145	26	49	2	26	5	37
Judicial Commissioner's Court (District Court Jurisdiction).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction).	138	22	19	11	...	1	85
Total ...	283	48	68	13	26	6	122

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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 1927.

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.	
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Subordinate Magistrates—							
Special Magistrates under section 14	357	1,194	828	145	3	25	193
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly	798	1,828	1,141	431	...	...	256
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly	14,125	29,061	16,193	7,627	412	318	4,511
Benches of Magistrates	18,083	20,695	5,593	14,159	...	19	914
District and Divisional Magistrates—							
Cases referred under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code	72	199	84	70	...	...	45
Chief Magistrates of Districts	126	360	140	216	...	4	...
Courts of Session	381	1,065	395	450	31	4	185
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction)	...	48	3	39	...	...	6
Total	33,942	54,450	24,377	23,147	446	370	6,110

M. DESOUZA,
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 1927.

Class of Tribunals.	Number of persons.							Pending trial.
	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.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
APPEALS TO								
Chief Magistrates of Districts ...	321	65	113	11	78	30	7	17
Courts of Session, including Judicial Commissioner's Court (Sessions Court Jurisdiction).	2,191	1,164	481	110	263	38	1	134
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ...	344	121	107	14	27	7	...	68
Total ...	2,856	1,350	701	135	368	75	8	219
REVISION BY								
Chief Magistrates of Districts ...	36	25	...	...	...	6	...	5
Courts of Session, including Judicial Commissioner's Court (Sessions Court Jurisdiction).	188	197	...	...	...	175	...	31
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction) ...	258	106	35	12	34	10	...	61
Total ...	482	328	35	12	34	191	...	97
GRAND TOTAL ...	*3,338	1,678	736	147	402	266	8	316

*In applications for revision made on behalf of complainants there were 215 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 1927.

Description of offence.	Number of cases.			Number of persons.					Remarks.
	Offences reported.	Returned as true.	Brought to trial.	Under trial 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	5	2	3	...	...
Relating to the Army and Navy.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Against the public tranquility ...	378	337	372	2,082	1,218	428	6	430	
By or relating to public servants	30	28	30	42	24	9	1	8	
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.	160	153	159	290	99	108	1	82	
False evidence and offences against public justice.	289	259	308	478	211	124	8	135	
Relating to coin	25	23	24	38	2	18	4	14	
Relating to Government stamps.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Relating to weights and measures	22	20	19	22	7	12	...	3	
Affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.	70	69	81	119	46	70	...	3	
Relating to religion.	11	11	1	20	1	...	...	19	
<i>Affecting the human body.</i>									
Affecting life ..	274	268	339	691	243	226	52	170	
Causing miscarriage, injuries to unborn children; exposure of infants and the concealment of birth.	4	2	2	2	...	2	...	...

L P 49 T4	Hurt	3,321	2,942	3,060	8,537	6,939	559	33	1,006
	Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement.	188	157	170	595	399	28	2	166
	Criminal force and assault.	432	370	402	992	780	93	4	115
	Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour.	210	166	183	688	341	134	42	171
	Rape ...	16	16	17	42	28	5	...	9
	Unnatural offence ...	37	36	46	69	29	35	...	5
	<i>Against property.</i>								
	Theft ordinary	1,770	1,567	1,357	2,252	651	1,176	10	415
	Cattle theft	1,179	1,115	1,133	1,742	493	971	12	266
	Extortion	14	12	17	33	16	7	2	8
	Robbery and dacoity	109	85	101	420	144	117	6	153
	Criminal misappropriation	413	337	356	619	484	31	2	102
	Criminal breach of trust	390	272	299	387	155	82	5	145
	Receiving stolen property	542	507	561	884	317	406	8	153
	Cheating	638	513	562	1,025	720	87	8	210
	Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property.	37	30	35	114	85	12	...	17
	Mischief	386	328	378	1,083	802	100	4	177
	Criminal trespass...	797	730	764	1,700	1,186	263	7	244
	Relating to documents and to trade or property marks.	40	29	34	60	19	10	3	28
	Criminal breach of contracts of service.	1	1	2	2	1	...	1	...
	Relating to marriage	546	464	526	2,236	1,684	28	32	492
	Defamation	64	56	66	128	96	1	1	30
	Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance.	910	802	824	2,075	1,757	105	1	212
	Offences under special and local laws.	20,639	20,596	21,155	24,532	5,398	17,897	115	1,122
	Total	33,942	32,306	33,484	54,004	24,377	23,147	370	6,110

JUDICIAL STATEMENT

Showing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal

Class of Tribunals,	Number of persons executed.	Number of persons sentenced to					
		Death.	Trans- portation or Penal servitude.	Imprison- ment.	Fine or forfeiture.	Whipping.	Give security.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Subordinate Magistrates—							
Special Magistrates under section 14	...	...	...	50	105	...	5
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly.	...	...	...	116	284	10	14
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly.	...	...	...	2,957	6,218	153	908
Benches of Magistrates ...	...	...	...	197	11,723	...	19
District and Divisional Magistrates—							
Cases referred under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	...	...	54	10	...	32
Chief Magistrates of districts	...	...	...	83	21	...	113
Courts of Session	...	...	45	389	50	1	3
Judicial Commissioner's Court (High Court Jurisdiction).	33	33	6	...	...	...	...
Total ...	33	33	51	3,846	18,411	164	1,094

No. 36—(CRIMINAL).

Tribunals in the Province of Sind for the year 1927.

Fine of		Total amount of fines.			Number of persons sentenced to imprisonment of				Remarks.
		Imposed.	Realised.	Paid as compensation.	15 days and under.	Above 15 days to 6 months.	Above 6 months to 2 years.	Above 2 years.	
Rs. 10 and under.	Over Rs. 10.								
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.					
32	73	5,514 0 0	4,635 0 0	199 0 0	16	25	7	2	
191	93	6,456 15 0	4,935 3 0	101 0 0	3	91	22	...	
4,040	2,215	1,71,854 0 0	1,29,555 12 10	7,541 3 4	311	1,264	1,371	11	
11,091	595	41,531 8 4	37,418 2 4	480 0 0	28	132	37	...	
...	10	5,100 0 0	2,906 0 0	540 0 0	...	2	52	...	
1	20	16,171 8 0	9,182 2 6	5 0 0	...	...	18	65	
...	50	7,993 0 0	4,924 8 0	103 0 0	8	36	88	257	
...	
15,355	3,056	2,54,620 15 4	1,93,556 12 8	8,969 3 4	366	1,530	1,595	335	

M. DESOUZA,
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Statement showing the amount of work disposed of by the various

Names of Courts.	Criminal Work.		CIVIL				
	Cases disposed of by the Sessions Court.	Appeals disposed of by the Sessions Court.	Original.				
			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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
HYDERABAD.							
Court of District and Sessions Judge.	182	670	1	1	...	3	379
First Class Subordinate Court	204	99	105	110	...
Second Class Subordinate Court	841	621	220	314	...
Subordinate Court, Hyderabad, Small Causes.	1,580	1,488	92	84	...
Subordinate Court, Tando, Regular.	476	353	123	111	...
Subordinate Court, Tando, Small Causes.	339	302	37	35	...
Subordinate Court, Shahdadpur-Regular.	1,081	721	360	231	...
Subordinate Court, Shahdadpur, Small Causes.	635	512	3	45	...
Subordinate Court, Naushahro, Regular.	1,345	963	382	198	...
Subordinate Court, Naushahro, Small Causes.	743	615	128	75	...
Subordinate Court, Mirpurkhas, Regular.	1,445	1,109	336	244	...
Subordinate Court, Mirpurkhas, Small Causes.	634	565	69	49	...
Subordinate Court, Mithi, Regular.	8	8	..	31	...
Subordinate Court, Mithi, Small Causes.	18	18	...	14	...
Total ...	182	670	9,350	7,375	1,975	1,544	379
SUKKUR.							
Court of District and Sessions Judge	42	259	2	1	1	1	251
Court of Assistant Judge ...	40	37	...	...	...	...	...
First Class Subordinate Court	106	64	42	49	...
Subordinate Court, Sukkur, Regular	1,135	315	820	813	...
Subordinate Court, Sukkur, Small Causes.	1,716	1,328	388	244	...
First Class Subordinate Court, Shikarpur.	217	109	108	114	...
Subordinate Court, Shikarpur, Regular.	1,563	937	626	548	...
Subordinate Court, Shikarpur, Small Causes.	1,415	1,137	278	187	...
Subordinate Court, Rohri, Regular.	2,440	1,934	506	433	...
Subordinate Court, Rohri, Small Causes.	1,623	1,406	217	115	...
Subordinate Court, Jacobabad, Regular.	904	689	215	237	...
Subordinate Court, Jacobabad, Small Causes.	586	546	40	58	...
Total ...	82	296	11,707	8,466	3,241	2,799	251

Courts in each District in the Province of Sind for the year 1927.

WORK.

Appellate.			Execution proceedings disposed of.	Order made after investigation 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.
Disposed of.	Pending at the end of the year under report.	Pending at the end of the preceding year.					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
177	202	251	10	220	...	87	
...	72	36	52	...	
...	548	30	42	...	
...	970	4	1	...	
...	223	4	3	...	
...	117	2	...	...
...	596	12	5	...	
...	254	...	...	...
...	665	12	8	...	
...	282	...	...	...
...	861	13	5	...	
...	271	...	...	...
...	9	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...
177	202	251	4,909	333	116	87	
68	124	111	7	110	1	41	
39	16	49	...	...
...	29	33	17	...	
...	293	38	66	...	
...	822	8	4	...	
...	105	28	60	...	
...	962	60	124	...	
...	561	5	...	...
...	1,124	41	8	...	
...	767	...	...	...
...	570	28	13	...	
...	339	...	...	...
127	124	111	5,595	400	893	41	

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

Names of Courts.	Criminal Work.		CIVIL				
	Cases disposed of by the Sessions Court.	Appeals disposed of by the Sessions Court.	Original.				Total number of appeals before the 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.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
LARKANA.							
Court of District and Sessions Judge.	60	189	1	1	...	1	170
Court of Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge.	43	44	...	...	...	...	...
First Class Subordinate Court ...	...	...	84	41	43	34	...
Second Class Subordinate Court ...	...	...	3,424	2,679	745	740	...
Subordinate Court, Larkana, Small Causes.	...	...	1,121	1,001	120	167	...
Subordinate Court, Mehar, Regular.	...	...	1,639	1,407	232	252	...
Subordinate Court, Mehar, Small Causes.	...	...	476	438	38	54	...
Subordinate Court, Sehwan, Regular.	...	...	1,109	893	216	139	...
Subordinate Court, Sehwan, Small Causes.	...	...	708	655	53	42	...
Total ...	103	233	8,562	7,115	1,447	1,429	170
KARACHI.							
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (District and Sessions Court Jurisdiction).	30	323	1,960	1,038	922	1,078	8
Court of Small Causes ...	...	...	9,576	8,109	1,467	1,539	...
Subordinate Court, Tatta, Regular	...	...	1,237	960	277	212	...
Subordinate Court, Tatta, Small Causes.	...	...	1,188	1,031	157	126	...
Total ...	30	323	13,961	11,138	2,823	2,955	8
CONSOLIDATED TOTALS OF DISTRICTS.							
Hyderabad ...	182	670	9,350	7,375	1,975	1,544	379
Sukkur ...	82	296	11,707	8,466	3,241	2,799	251
Larkana ...	103	233	8,562	7,115	1,447	1,429	170
Karachi ...	30	323	13,961	11,138	2,823	2,955	8
Total ...	397	1,522	43,580	34,094	9,486	8,727	808
Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind (High Court Jurisdiction).	...	...	...	...	...	...	422
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	422

in each District in the Province of Sind for the year 1927—*concl'd.*

WORK.							Remarks.
Appellate.			Execution proceedings disposed of.	Order made after investigation 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.	
Disposed of.	Pending at the end of the year under report.	Pending at the end of the preceding year.					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
99	23	104	...	61	...	5	
48	...	...	...	78	...	...
...	...	...	30	12	20	...	
...	...	...	1,402	26	109	...	
...	...	...	420	1	4	...	
...	...	...	923	19	4	...	
...	...	...	283	2	...	...
...	...	...	581	10	3	...	
...	...	...	290	...	...	...
147	23	104	3,929	209	140	5	
2	6	3	1,111	160	749	1	
...	...	...	6,578	56	18	...	
...	...	...	375	1	1	...	
...	...	...	527	...	...	...
22	6	3	8,591	217	767	1	
177	203	251	4,900	333	116	87	
127	124	111	5,595	400	893	41	
147	23	104	3,929	209	140	5	
22	6	3	8,591	217	767	1	
453	355	469	23,015	1,159	1,916	134	
129	293	272	132	
129	293	272	132	

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