

# Report on the Administration of Minors Estates in the Northern, Central and Southern Divisions and in Sind for the Year 1905-1906

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## I.—NUMBER OF ESTATES UNDER MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—There were 44 estates under management at the beginning of the year, 9 large and 35 small. Ten new estates were taken over under management during the year, eight under the Talukdari Settlement Officer, one in the Panch Mahals and one in Surat, the Panch Mahals estate having an income of more than Rs. 10,000. Two large estates under the Talukdari Settlement Officer and one small estate in Surat were released during the year of report. The large estates were those of Sayad Imam Haiderbax Valade Musa Miya known as the Shah Alam estate and of the Desai of Broach which were in a solvent condition with large balances of Rs. 15,423 and Rs. 71,355 respectively to their credit. The Desai's estate in Surat, was also free from debt. Thus the estates under management at the close of the year were 51, eight large and 43 small. The Mahij estate was taken over under management from the creditor during the year and its statistics have been incorporated in this report. The available figures for the Baxi estate have also been entered in the three accompanying statements. The differences in the figures of the estate of Shermian Bapumian of Dholka are due to the climination of the figures of the estate of Pir Vilayat Sha of which Shermian is the manager.

The Mehlol estate in the Panch. Mahals was being managed under the Gujarat Talukdars' Act but as the talukdar was declared by the Civil Court to be unfit to manage his estate, under section 5 (1) (c) of the Court of Wards Act, its superintendence was assumed.

Central Division.—At the beginning of the year there were in all fourteen estates under management. One small estate of the Gosavi of Dehu (minor descendants of Saint Tukaram) in Poona was added during the year and two big estates (the Kathi Mewasi estate No. 4 and the Ghadge estate No. 9) were given up.

the year, nine [eight as given in last year's report and the Raul estate (No. 5) shown as a small one last year] were big estates having an annual gross income of Rs. 10,000 and over, and the rest small. This report contains no statistics for the small Gosavi estate in Poona as it came under management towards the close of the year. Similarly figures in respect of estate No. 9 and the small Natu estate in Poona and complete information regarding estate No. 4 have not been given as Nos. 4 and 9 were relinquished, and in the case of the small Natu estate, steps are only just being taken to assume its superintendence. The Government ward (Mr. H. R. Natu) of this latter estate died at the beginning of the year and it took some time to obtain Government sanction to the retention of the estate in the name of his son Mr. N. H. Natu under proviso 1 to section 40 (2) of the Court of Wards Act.

Southern Division.—The total number of estates under management was 28 against 24 in the preceding year. Three new estates were taken over in the district of Belgaum and one in the district of Bijapur, the number of estates

in the Dharwar district remaining the same. There are no estates under the management of the Court of Wards in the districts of Kanara, Kolaba and Ratnagiri.

#### II.—INCOME.

Northern Division.—The gress income during the year amounted to Rs. 5,08,494 as against Rs. 5,38,328 in the previous year. The decrease is chiefly due to the facts that (1) half of the revenue suspended in 1911-12 was recovered in the previous year and (2) two large estates having an income of Rs. 25,212 and Rs. 31,432 as shown in the last year's report, were released during the year under report. This decrease was to a great extent counterbalanced by the income of one new large estate taken over under management and by the larger amounts of unusual items received during the year. Details of the unusual items are given below:—

Rs. 5,000 Borrowed by the Rozka estate from the Sanand and Koth estate.

20,000 Borrowed by the Jhanod estate from Government.

15,435 Compensation received by the Badshai Dewan estate for land acquired for railways.

5,500 Sale-proceeds of Utara in Salangpur village belonging to Sher Mian. 9,000 Proceeds of four villages belonging to the estate of Sayad Mahmadmia Bavamia, situated in the limits of the Junagadh State.

Central Division.—Excluding estates for which information is not available, total receipts inclusive of fresh loan amounted to Rs. 2,46,449 as against Rs. 3,08,177 in the previous year, showing a net decrease of Rs. 61,728 which is mainly due to the following causes:—

- (1) Relinquishment of estates Nos. 4 and 9 on account of the Government wards having attained the age of majority. The average annual income of the former was Rs. 45,000 and of the latter Rs. 20,000.
- (2) Absence of receipts on account of disposal of surplus moveables and houses in the case of estate No. 2,
- (3) Smaller consumption of liquor resulting in a diminution of the amount received from Government as Abkari compensation by estate No. 3.

Estates Nos. 5 and 7 show however a net increase, due to increased revenue from agricultural lands in the case of the former, and to recovery of arrears in inam villages in the latter.

Southern Division.—The total gross income rose from Rs. 2,75,846 to Rs. 3,67,897. The increase in mainly contributed by the larger estates in Belgaum District owing to the revision of rents, the redemption of mortgaged lands, and the recovery of suspended revenue.

#### III.—EXPENDITURE.

Northern Division.—The total gross expenditure exclusive of loans advanced and investments made rose from Rs. 4,27,102 to Rs. 4,42,715.

The following few items call for special notice:—

Estato.		Amount. •	Cause of Expenditure.		
Sannad and Koth  Rozka Napad Chhatrasing Mansing Badshahi Dewan The Ahmedabad Kazi Mota Mandir	•••	Rs. 30,225 1,467 2,297 6,000 1,000 5,266 1,700 870 6,878	Purchase of 57 dokda—share of Metal. Litigation. Improvements to tanks and bunds. Marriage. Do. Purchase of and repair to houses. Repairs to houses. Construction of peons quarters. Repairs and extension to buildings.		

Out of the balance of the Sanand and Koth estato Rs. 50,000 were invested in Government papers and Rs. 50,717 were advanced to other estates and its own tenants. Rs. 1,000 were also invested in Government paper from each of the estates of Napad Chhatrasingji and Nadiad Shivabhai Valavbhai and Rs. 10,000 from each of the estates of Mehlol and Shivrajpur; Rs. 2,000 were advanced by the Ahmedabad Kazi estate to the estate of Pyar Mahomad Khanji Latif Khanji of Dholka; Rs. 500 by the Badshahi Dewan estate to Moti Boru Nani Pati and Rs. 5,200 by the Rozka estate to Mahij estate.

In connection with the remarks passed by Government in roviowing last year's report as regards large uninvested balances at the credit of the estates, the Talukdari Settlement Officer writes as under:—

"The fact is however, that the balances shown are not true balances available for investments. Accounts are taken at the end of July, i.e. at the end of the cultivating season when all the land revenue of the estate has come in and swells the accounts. These balances have to provide for the maintenance of the estate holder for several months and would be found to have been considerably reduced were accounts taken—say—in January. The circumstances of the present year afford another illustration of the difficulty arising from too liberal investments. The year is exceptionally bad: hardly any revenue will come in during the coming year and the estate owners have consequently nothing to rely upon for the next 18 months except their balances. Were these invested they would either have to sell out their investments—in case of Government paper at a very heavy loss—or approach Government for loans."

Central Division.—The total gross expenditure was Rs. 2,02,328 as against Rs. 2,27,360 in the previous year, and this sum includes, besides ordinary expenses, the following items:—

Rs.

17,274 Paid to Shri Bala Maharaj, Government ward in estate No. 6, to cover expenses in connection with an appeal to the Privy Council.

32,760 Paid in liquidation of debts due by estates Nos. 5, 8 and three of the small estates.

1,000 Paid for one small estate in Ahmednagar on account of the marriage of the ward's uncle's daughter.

686 Spent on furniture for the new wada of the ward in estate No. 1 and on the opening ceremony of the wada.

1,712 Legacies in estate No. 2.

From the balance of estate No. 2, Rs. 20,000 were invested in the Bank of Bombay and Rs. 10,000 in two Co-operative Societies. Estates Nos. 4 and 7 invested Rs. 750 and Rs. 10,800 respectively, the former by deposit in the Bank of Bombay and the latter by purchase of Government paper.

The closing balance at the credit of the estates was Rs. 2,83,742 in addition to Rs. 3,07,850 invested.

Southern Division.—The total expenditure also increased from Rs. 1,38,016 to Rs. 2,26,124, for which Belgaumis chiefly responsible. The following causes, among others, have contributed to the excess of expenditure in Belgaum:—

		Rs.	
(1) Wedding expenses of the Kowad ward		16,000	
(2) Costs of the Sirsangi appeal ordered by the High Court paid to the Desaini	to be	8 <b>,0</b> 00	,
(3) Repairs to the Hire Nandi-wada and removal of prickly-p	eat 🐱	2,000	
(4) Repairs to wells and chardis under Yergatti estate	•••	845	
(5) Contributions to the War Relief Fund	•••	1,900	

The excess in the case of Dhawar is due to the fact that maintenance allowances and management charges were fixed and paid in the case of some estates during the year.

In Belgaum, Rs. 98,600 were invested during the year, thus bringing the total investments to Rs. 5,15,925. Of these Rs. 4,66,500 are invested in Government Securities, Rs. 16,000 in deposits with Co-operative Societies and the balance in loans to other estates or private persons. In Dharwar, the total investment amounts to Rs. 35,000. Of these Rs. 21,000 were invested in Government Securities during the year and the balance of Rs. 14,000 were deposited in Co-operative Societics recommended by the Registrar as reported last year. In Bijapur no investments are possible as the estates are involved in debt.

In Dharwar, steps have been taken to invest the available balances. In Belgaum, the uninvested balances represent the sums necessary for the working expenses of the estates in the first half of the coming year, and also sums retained for special purposes, such as marriage expenses, repayment of debts, etc.

#### IV.—COLLECTION OF ESTATES' DUES.

Northern Division.—The season being favourable the collection of rent was satisfactory. Out of the total demand of Rs. 4,13,220 Rs. 3,35,761 were collected and Rs. 17,881 written off, leaving for collection Rs. 59,626 including Rs. 25,741 on account of authorized suspensions. Though the Sanand and Koth estate wrote off Rs. 12,810 it is responsible for the bulk of the unauthorized arrears. Of the arrears of Rs. 75,582 in the Sanand and Koth estate at the beginning of the year Rs. 21,671 were collected, Rs. 11,532 remitted and Rs. 22,115 suspended leaving a balance of Rs. 20,264 as unauthorized arrears of previous years. The Talukdari Settlement Officer, proposes, to investigate the matter further, on the conclusion of the present famine year and intends to draft rules similar to those laid down in Government villages.

Central Division.—The total rental demand amounted to Rs. 1,58,412 of which Rs. 1,39,592 were collected. Arrears of previous years amounted to Rs. 17,214 of which sum Rs. 7,519 were realised.

Estate No. 1 shows a balance of Rs. 4,833; but nearly Rs. 4,570 out of this are under dispute in the Civil Court, and recovery is pending the decision of appeals preferred to the High Court. In the case of the Pande estate No. 2, Rs. 8,662 out of the current year's demand was unrecovered owing to the bad season. With regard to the balance of Rs. 9,129 in the case of the Raul estate No. 5 the Collector reports that steps are being taken to recover arrears. Rs. 550 remaining in arrears in the case of estate No. 6 have been paid into the District Court by a tenant under protest. Out of the arrears (i. e., Rs. 7,096), shown last year against the Raste estate No. 7, Rs. 3,929 were recovered, Rs. 470 written off, and Rs. 1,515 made the subject of new bonds, thus reducing the balance to Rs. 1,182. Rs. 680 out of the total balance of Rs. 3,713 in the case of this estate were suspended. There are no arrears in estates Nos. 3 and 8 and the small estate of Rajebahadar in Nasik. The balances remaining to be recovered in the case of other estates are insingnificant and call for no remarks. It may be noted here that collection work was on the whole satisfactory.

Southern Division.—The season being on the whole favourable collections of rent have been satisfactory. In Belgaum 96 per cent. of the current demand has been collected. In Bijapur and Dharwar the arrears are small. Of the arrears relating to previous years in the district of Belgaum 39 per cent. has been recovered, while Rs. 4,000 have been remitted in consequence of failure of crops, and Rs. 7,000 which had accumulated during the proprietor's management have been written off as irrecoverable.

#### V.—GOVERNMENT REVENUE, CESSES AND RATES.

Northern Division.—The amounts payable to Government by the estates on account of revenue, cesses and rates have all been paid up. The outstanding balance of Rs. 441 of the Shermian estate had to be remitted.

Central Division.—The amounts payable to Government on account of revenue, cesses and rates have all been paid up, and no remissions were granted.

Southern Division.—The amount due to Government including arrears of previous years has been fully paid.

## VI.—COST OF MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—The cost of management of all the estates aggregated Rs. 31,981, i.e., 6·3 per cent. as against 6 per cent in the preceding year. The limit of 10 per cent. in the case of the Ahmedabad Kazi estate was barely exceeded, the excess being due to the release of the Shah Alam estate which shared the management charges and to the appointment of a deputy manager in place of an Upari Karkun. In the Badashahi Dewan estates the incidence was only 3·5 per cent. while in the case of Naika estate it rose from 12 to 14 per cent., since the Thakoro wishes to have his own talati inspite of the smallness of the estate. The establishment employed for the Mohlol estate is the same as the one entertained during its management under the Gujarát Tálukdár's Act with a small increase in the case of the Japtidár.

Central Division.—In the case of four (two in Nasik and two in Poona) out of six small estates, there was no expenditure under this head as management was entirely in the hands of Government officers. The total cost incurred in the management of the remaining estates amounted to Rs. 20,979, that is, 8.5 per cent. of the gross realizations as against 7.7 in the preceding year.

There was no change in the management of estates Nos. 1, 2, 4 to 8 and of Javale Jahágirdár and Jinsiwale of the small estates. The only change reported in the case of Raisingpur estate (No. 3) consists of the appointment of a forest jamádár on a consolidated pay of Rs. 30 per mensem. The Ghadge estate No. 9 was released, and made over to Shrimati Laxmibaisaheb Ghadge on 29th September 1914; and since the relinquishment of this ostate the special establishment employed in the Collector's office was discontinued.

Southern Division.—The incidence of cost was 5.1 against 5.7 of last year. In every estate the proportion was within the prescribed limit of 10 per cent.

#### VII.—ADVANCES GRANTED TO CULTIVATORS.

Northern Division.—Only the Sanand and Koth estate advanced a sum of Rs. 5,086 to its tenants.

Central Division.—The following estates granted small advances without interest as under:—

Dharangaon Pande estate Rs. 48-3-0.

Thorat estate Rs. 75-0-0.

Southern Division.—No advances were granted to cultivators.

### VIII.—SPECIAL SCHEMES FOR MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—On account of the failure of the rains in 1915 the scheme for the development of the Sanand and Koth estate is suspended for the present. Rs. 1,700 were spent on the development of the Ahmedabad Kazi's house property in the City of Ahmedabad. The Jhanod estate was again leased to the minor's mother. The Vatantar mortgage of the inam village of Charal belonging to the Hirapur estate was effected during the year. As a result of this arrangement and the inquiries made by the Talukdári Settlement Officer, the total liabilities of the Hirapur estate were reduced from Rs. 1,22,018 to Rs. 49,233 at the close of the year. The shares of Government and the inamdars in the villages of Salia, Kotda and Khabda in the Panch Mahals having been separated, Salia has in consequence become wholly Government and Kotda an inam village. The inamdars have a few acros of land in Khabda which is otherwise a Government village. A survey settlement has been introduced in these villages since the 1914-1915.

Central Division.—The Raisingpur forests in estate No. 3 have since

Year.	A	B	C
	Circle	Circle	Circle
	coupes	coupes	coupes
	formed.	formed.	formed.
1912-13	1	3	3
1913-14	1	3	3
1914-15	·	1	8

1912-13 been managed according to the sanctioned working plan. In all 18 coupes were formed and they were divided into three circles—A, B and C as shown in the margin. Two coupes out of "B" circle and one of "A" circle formed in 1912-13 were put to auction in 1913-14 and 1914-15, but there was no bidder. The remaining coupe of the "B" circle formed in

coupe of the "B" circle formed in 1912-13 has not been sold owing to a boundary dispute with the Chikhale estate. The coupes of the "B" circle formed in 1913-14 were sold that year. The other four coupes (one of "A" and three of "B") also formed in 1913-14 are now ready for sale. In 1914-15 one coupe of the "B" circle and three coupes of the "C" circle were formed, and the three 1912-13 coupes in circle "C" were sold.

The boundary between Raisingpur and Rajpipla was demarcated this year by cutting a clearing 75 feet wide. Similar action will eventually be taken on the other borders, but there is at present a boundary dispute on the Kathi and Sagbara borders. The cutting of fire lines continues.

#### IX.—MAINTENANCE AND EDUCATION OF WARDS.

Northern Division.—No loans for maintenance were necessary.

Out of 35 wards of school-going age 29 attended the local vernacular or English schools, seven reside in the King Edward Hostel at Dhandhuka; six in the Tálukdárs' Hostel at Nadiád and one in the Government Hostel attached to the Surat Government High School. The minor Thakor of Shivrajpur is studying Anglo-vernacular standard IV at the Tálukdári School at Godhra. The two sons of the Thakor of Mehlol also attend the same school. The progress of all three is reported to be fair.

The Thakor of Sánand attends the Rajkumar College and is reported to be making good progress. The Antroli ward is in the Scott College at Sádra, while the Manjipura Inámdár attends the Baroda College. The minor of Jhánod, Malek Shermian Bapumian, and the minor Lalbava of the Surat Mota Mandir receive private tuition at home. The progress made by the minor Lalbava is reported to be satisfactory. Malek Shermian Bapumian who has attained majority is commencing to take an active interest in his estate and promises to turn out as good as his father.

Central Division.—In the case of estates Nos. 1 to 5, , 8 and four out of six small estates, there in no change of importance in the allowances fixed. Shri Bala Maharaj, the ward in estate No. 6, was, as usual, given no maintenance. In the case of the ward of the Raste estate, No. 7, maintenance charges amounted to Rs. 6,075 as against Rs. 5,045 the year before. The increase is due to (1) the purchase of a gun and furniture for the use of the ward and (2) extra charges on account of food at Poona.

As regards education, there are five Government wards of school-going age. The three others reported last year belonged to the Kathi estate which was given up during the year. The ward in estate No. 1 was advised by the Collector last year to attend the Mámlatdár's office and learn revenue work; but he attended it very fitfully, and seems, the Collector says, to be naturally indolent and to have little ability. The female ward in estate No. 2 is now being taught at home after a short and unsuccessful experiment at school. The Raul ward of estate No. 5 is learning the Marathi fourth standard at Sindkheda and a private tutor is also engaged for him. The Raste ward (No. 7) remained at Sardárs' School, Kolhápur, throughout the year. He was not sent up for the Matriculation in March last and it is doubtful if he did very well at Kolhápur. Since the close of the year he has been transferred to Jamkhandi, where he will

be educated at the State High School under the personal supervision of the Chief of Jamkhandi, who takes considerable interest in his welfare. The ward of the Thorat estate No. 8 is in Mr. Candy's School, Kolhapur, and is said to be making good progress. The ward of the small Jinsiwale estate in Ahmednagar is a boy of ten and is in the vernacular third standard in one of the municipal schools in Poona.

Southern Division.—In Belgaum, Rs. 55,075 were spent on the maintenance and education of wards. In Dhárwár the Adur ward whose expenses were hitherto paid by his maternal uncle has now applied for maintenance allowance and the matter is under consideration. The other wards are paid according to their respective needs.

Ten wards in Belgaum are studying in different schools and one, namely. the Koujalgi ward, is receiving practical instruction in the management of estates in anticipation of the relinquishment of his estate in his favour. Two are studying in Mr. Candy's School for Sardárs in Kelhápur, three in the Sardárs' High School at Belgaum, one in the Dhárwár High School, one in the V. J. Technical Institute, Bombay, and the rest are reading in primary schools. Satisfactory reports have for the most part been received of the conduct of these wards and of the progress made in their studies. The Nez ward is surrounded by undesirable associates and is giving trouble. The Kokatnur ward died after a long illness and is succeeded by his younger brother.

The Kowad ward was married to the daughter of the inamdar of Dattawad.

#### X.—REPAYMENT OF DEBTS AND EXISTING LIABILITIES.

Northern Division.—The liabilities of the estates at the time of assumption of management were Rs. 11,00,516. These were reduced and brought down, to Rs. 6,92,654 at the beginning of the year. Fresh debts amounting to Rs. 46,557 were incurred during the year on account of running interest and for the repayment of old debts to the extent of Rs. 26,108. Rs. 5,000 were borrowed by the Rozka estate from the Sanand and Koth estate for marriago expenses but this will be paid off shortly by the transfer of Government promissory notes. Claims amounting to Rs 1,99,086 were rejected by the Civil Court or the Manager and Rs. 79,617 were remitted by creditors and Rs. 47,839 were paid off from the current income. Thus the liabilities were brought down to Rs. 3,86,561 at the close of the year. This Baxi estate is responsible for the bulk of these liabilities. The creditors of this estate have submitted their claims and they are being investigated. Negotiations are in progress to raise a loan at a reasonable rate of interest, to pay off the cliams of the creditors after they have been settled. The Ahmedabad Kazi estate is in a position to pay off its debt and could have done so but for the condition that the mortgaged property could not be released within eight years of the date of the document which is 1910.

The debt of the Jhingar estate was reduced during the year from Rs. 2,15,720 to Rs. 21,711 and that of Hirapur estate from Rs. 1,30,197 to Rs. 49,233. The debts of Jhanod and Parabdi estates have been reduced to Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 19,791, respectively.

Of the smaller estates fourteen are fully solvent. The liabilities of the small estates newly taken up are not yet known. Of the larger estates those of Sayad Mahmadmiya Bavamiya and Shermian Bapumian have paid off their debts. The estate of Mehlol is now free from debt. The Civil Suit filed in the Baroda Court. for the debt due by the Mota Mandir catato is not yet decided.

Central Division.—Estates Nos. 2, 3 and 7 arc entirely free from debt.

The two estates (Nos. 4 and 9) released during the year were also free from debt.

Liabilities against the two small estates of Natu and the Gosavi of Dehu in Poona are not yet konwn. Excepting two small Poona estates for which

no figures are available yet the total balance of debts due by the remaining estates at the beginning of the year was Rs. 4,09,103. Fresh loans were incurred to the extent of Rs. 10,000. Claims amounting to Rs. 42,613 were cleared, leaving a balance of Rs. 3,76,490 at the close of the year.

The small Jinsiwale estate in Ahmednagar was completely free from debt by the close of the year. With regard to the debt payable by estate No. 1, nothing could be paid to the trustees of the deceased creditor Balkrishna Hanmant as probate of administration to the will of the said creditor was till lately pending some decision of the High Court. The balance in hand uninvested will be sufficient with next year's surplus revenues to pay this debt. In the case of the Raul estate, No. 5, satisfactory progress was made by liquidating half the amount of its debt. Nothing could be paid in liquidation of debts, due by the estate of Shri Bala Maharaj (No. 6) as suits were pending in the Civil Courts. The appeal in the matter of the adoption of Shri Bala Maharaj has been decided against him in the Privy Council. The Thorat estate, No. 9, managed to repay Rs. 2,422 from current income. In the case of a small Kulkarni estate in Nasik debts amounting to Rs. 24,000, including interest, were paid during the year but a fresh loan of Rs. 10,000 was taken and some landed property was sold for Rs. 12,900.

Southern Division, Belgaum.—Satisfactory progress was made during the year in the liquidation of debts due by the incumbered estates. In case of the Sindi Kurbet estate the greater portion of the budget allotment remained unutilized as the enquiry into the claims against the ward had not been completed. A scheme for the redemption of the Alakhnur property is under consideration. The appeal preferred by the principal creditor of the Tulsing property has been decided against the estate. The Collector states that the chances of extricating the property now seem almost hopeless and proposes to withdraw from the superintendence.

Bijápur.—In the case of the Tignibidri estate, the balance of debt stands at Rs. 20,000, Rs. 400 having been paid during the year. The existing liabilities in the case of the Mamadpalli estate have been ascertained to be over Rs. 55,000. A scheme for liquidation is under consideration.

Dhárwár.—The Belgali estate has yet to pay off a balance of debt of Rs. 10,000. In the case of the Sortur estate, the claims being suspicious the parties have been referred to the Civil Court.

#### XI.—REDUCTION OF CLAIMS SECURED IN CONSIDERA-TION OF PROMPT SETTLEMENT.

Northern Division.—The decree claims of Rs. 99,609 against the Hirápur estate were settled for Rs. 29,608.

# XII.—GENERAL REMARKS.

Northern Division.—The year was one of general prosperity and the revenue of the estates came in without difficulty. The Salangpur suit between Shermian estate and the Limbdi Thakor is still going on.

Owing to the war the income of the Shivrajpur estate suffered as the mines were not properly worked. Proposals for the revision settlement of Mehlol have already been submitted to Government.

The administration of the Act during the year has been successful in all its branches.

Central Division.—The administration of the Act during the year was satisfactory, and beneficial to the estates concerned. There is some question as to whether some further audit of expenditure items in the case of these estates is not desirable, not so much a mere account audit as an examination as

to the necessity of all expenditure incurred and an assurance that good value has been received: The matter is receiving attention.

Southern Division.—The Court of Wards was engaged during the year as plaintiff or defendants in 78 suits. Of these, 24 were decided in its favour, three against it and 15 were compromised, while 36 remained when the year closed. The widow of the Sirsangi Desai has obtained leave to appeal to His Majesty's Privy Council against the decision of the High Court.

The increasing work of the Court of Wards clearly indicates that public confidence in its management continues unabated. The administration of the Act has been satisfactory.

STATEMENT

## Statement showing the general position of estates under Government

(Details are given only for estates with gross income of Rs. 10,000

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Serial No.	Name of District.	Name of Estate.	Total area of the Estate.	Cultivated area.	Uncultivat- ed area.	Total assessment.	Total Land Revenue demand including cosses.
1	. 2	8	4	Б	- 6	7	8
	NORTH	ERN DIVISION.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Re.
1		Sanand and Koth	(a)103,201	57,905	45,296	(a)1,71,251	1,55,474
2	Do	Ahmedabad Kazi	2,698	2,509	189	8,280	11,500
3	Do	Sayad Mahmadmiya Bavamiya.	1,225	1,222	3	3,389	4,331
4	Do	Rozka	2,823	2,316	506	5,071	6,640
5	Do	Shermian Bapumian	(8)50,978	29,802	[21,176	(8)51,802	89,702
6	Panch Mahals	Mehlol	29,338	12,709	16,629	80,429	19,739
7	Surat	Mota Mandir	192	192	******	854	1,696
. 8	Do	Baxi	Statistics not	available.		•••••	•••••
9 - 26	Ahmedabad	·}					
27—38	Kaira	.]]	, .			1	
89-43	Panch Mahala	Total of small estates.	45,947	81,903	14,041	64,427	82,136
4344	Broach						
45-61	Surat	.]			1	٠.	1.
	Total, Norther Division.	D	236,401	138,561	97,840	3,85,506	3,21,218
,		-	<u> </u>		_	·	<u> </u>
	CENTR	L DIVISION.			٠,		
. 1	East Khándesh	Bhusával Inámdár	4,383	3,847	536	8,054	11,268
2	Do.	Dharangson Pande	1,043	1,018	******	1,816	16,147
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<sup>(</sup>a) The difference between the figures of this year and those of the last year is due to the adoption of the (b)

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management in the Northern, Central and Southern Divisions during the year 1911-15.

and above. Figures for other estates are lumped together.)

Fotal gross income	Total gross	Bal	ance.			Percentage	
recovered.	expenditure.	Invested.	Uninvested.	Total liabilities.	Cost of management.		Remarks.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Rs.	Ra.	R <sub>B</sub>	Rs.	Rs.	Re.		
1,77,652	*2,42,569	1,55,891	82,700		<b>15,</b> 298	8.9	Includes Ra 1,00,717 account of investme
11,875	†17,852	2,000	5,814	4,750	1,191	10.0	column 11. †Includes Rs. 2,000 on a count of investments ms and shown in column 11.
15,342	15,789	<b>‡28,600</b>	4,232	*******	480	8-1	\$ Shows face value of t
13,236	\$17,947	10,845	4,941	5,000	606	4.6	§ Includes Rs. 5,200 on count of investments ms and included in column
53,836	49,258	4,933	• 12,848	a=+40\$	4,206	7.8	
19,458	17,243	10,000	13,768	000110	1,941	10.0	
56,158	54,198	19,000	11,864	11,837	745	1.3	
24,218	19,200		5,018	1,17,854	259	. 10	
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1,36,719	¶ 1,24,578	64,013	66,216	<b>2,4</b> 7,620	7,255	. 5.3	¶ Includes Rs. 2,500 on count of investments m and included in column
-						,	
Б,08,494	5,58,132	2,95,262	2,06,901	3,86,561	31,981	63	
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•	÷						
10,321	10,034	******	20,612	22,500	259	2.2	
10,683	7,246	4,900	16,188		1,450	13.2	Columns 4 and 7. Increduce to the inclusion lands newly mortgaged the cetate and newly tal
•				•			up fr.m Government.  Columns 11—Rs. 1,000 vested in Yeher Co-ope tive Society were recel- back and Rs. 30,000 w newly invested during year.

detailed survey figures and the inclusion of the figures of the 57 Dokdas of the Metral estat; purchased, the figures of the Pir Villayetsha estate.

# STATEMENT

Serial No.	Name of District.	Name of Estate.	Total area of the Estate	Cultivated area.	Unculti- vated area.	Total assess- ment.	Total Land Revenue demand includ- ing cesses.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	CENTRA West Khandesh.	L DIVISION—contd.	Acres.	Acres. 5,792	Acres. 1,22,208	Rs. 4,570	Rs. 4,570
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	1				-	•	
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					<i>"</i>		,
	* .	•	•				
4	Do	Kathi	3,20,000	•••		404***	******
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						. ,	
5	De	Raul	4,603	4,663	1251pd	10,453	15,052
6	Poora	Shri Bala Maharaj		7,411	1,595	13,103	20,465
7		Raste		47,770	1318	35,323	<b>57,</b> 438
9	Eátára Do		Acres. 11,398	5,022	153	15,774 11,839	20,070
J		Unadge was	5,194	)		•	
<b>10</b>	Total of small es	tates	Acres. 2,062 Bighas 54	Acres. 1,949 Bighas 54	} 113	<b>3</b> ,5 <b>4</b> 2	13,402
	Total, Central	******	Acres. 5,34,823 Bigbas 5,243	Acre: , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	1,25,923	1,04,474	1,58,412

Total gross	Total gross	Bal	auce.		Cost of	Percentage	
recovered,	expenditure.	Invested.	Uninvested.	Total liabilities.	management.	~ # ~	Remarks.
.9	10	11	12 \	13	14	15	16
$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{b_o}}$	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Re.	Re.	<u></u>	
23,228	9,895	65,700	70,628	}****	8,543	15-2	Columns 4 and 7,-Increase
	·						due to more lands given out for cultivation.
•	] }	1		}		,	
•							Column 11.—The value of Promissory Notes of Rs. 60,000 reduced to Rs. 59,700 as communicated by the Accountant General.
•					•		Column 12.—The Collector reports that the balance of Rs. 57.079 shown last year was incorrect and that the correct fluores were
				•			Rs. 57,295. The Collector is being asked to explain why such a large balance is allowed to remain uninvested.
•	. ,		,				-
19,078	11,750	.25,750	82,934	*****	4,107	•**	Columns 5 and 8.—These columns left blank for want
•		•		}			of information. The sup- orintendence of the estate
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		1.	,	İ	1		was withdrawn from '1st March 1915,
					} .		Columns 11 and 121 be
, 1	, ,						balance (both invested and uninvested) was shanded over to the Chieftain of
•			* *			1	Kathi at the time of releas- ing his estates.
11,220	12,611	334***	2,770	13,306	740	6.2	
41,075	27,426	<b>36,</b> 200	83,297	2,46,405	1,980	8.	Columns 9.—Includes an amount of Rs. 17,919 realized by sales of Promissory
!	• · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		1	<b> </b> .			lized by sales of Promissory Notes of the face value of Rs. 18,900.
			! 		7 405	10	}
71,443	70,912	1,31,200	19,246	******	7,425	10	
21,087	.18,608	*******	9,558	36,436	967	4:59	
• 108	920		19,590		238	***	Column 12.—The estate was released on 20th September 1914 and the cash balance shown in column 12 was made over to the ward.
	Ì		•				made over to the ward.
38,226	82,926		8,919	57,813	270	•7	
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2,46,449	2,02,329	3,07,850	2,83, <b>742</b>	3,76,490	20 <b>,9</b> 79	8.5	

#### STATEMENT

Serial No.	Name of District.			Total area of the Estate.	Cultivated area.	Unculti- vated area.	Total assess- ment.	Total Land Revenue demand including cesses.
1	2			4		- 6	7	8
•	SOUTHERN	DIVISION.		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Belgaum	Kowjalgi Desgat	•••	42,953	38,102	4,851	24,068	89,837
2	Do	Nipani	***	4,871	4,621	250	6,612	80,871
3	Do	Kokatnur	•••	5,630	5,630	040*54	3,096	10,340
4	Do	Sirsangi •••	•••	80,612	24,377	6,235	41,933	52,402
5	D3	Kowad	•••	4,963	2,874	2,089	4,091	12,289
6	Do•	Shiudi Kurbet		45,118	43,980	1,138	80,393	89,428
7	Do	Yadihalli	•••	2,600	2,600	109.00	• 4,129	11,426
8	Do	Yargatti	•••	17,493	17,120	373	8,829	18,663 •
9	Do	Chandur	,	2,232	2,223	9	8,774	23,058
10	Do	Jamboti		16,633	7.421	9,212	7,492	8,188
	Belgaum Bijápur and Dhárwár	Total of small estates		14,691	13,583	1,103	12,788	64,955
	Total, Southern Division.		•	1,87,796	1,62,531	25,265	1,47,205	3,01,452
	Grand Total	*****		9,59,020A 5,248B	3, 8,594A 54B	2,49,028	5,87,185	7,81,082

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Total gross	Total gross expenditure.	Balar	nce.	Total liabilities.		Percentage	Remarks	
recovered.	expenditure.	Invested.	Uninvested.		management.	of gross income.		
9	10	,11	12	13	14	15	18	
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Re.	Rs.	Re.			
43,473	27,851	63,400	11,869		2,503	5.8		
82,950	12,467	10,000	15,181	1,39,514	1,530	4.6		
11,821	5,544	*414+9	1,222	18,289	635	5.6		
66,557	29,211	2,01,400	10,414	5,126	4,033	6.		
25,569	27,678	83,100	3,986	10000	1,118	4.4		
43,208	28,848	******	23,987	48,856	2,326	5.4		
•			-					
12,901	7,891	39,200	8,421	*****	824	6.4		
20,424	8,590,	47,500	8,852		1,230	6.	,	
27,404	13,550	******	11,974	3,951	1,126	41		
• 12,208	9,977	***	5,595	637	1,148	9.4	,	
71,382	55,017	1,06,900	33,495	1,61,208	2,613	86		
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3,67,897	2,26,124	5,01,500	1,25,496	3 8,77,581	. 19,086	5.1		
11,22,840	9,86,585	11,04,632	6,16,139	11,40,632	72,040	; C·4		

STATEMENT
Statement showing the efficiency of rent collections in estates under Government

- 1						Demands.		C	ollections.
Serial No.	Name of District		, Name of Estate.		Current,	Arrears.	Total.	On account of current year.	On account of arrears.
1	2	2 3		4 5		6	7	8	
	NORTHERN DIVISION.				Rs.	Ra.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Ahmedabad		Sánand and Koth	•••	1,55,474	75,682	2,31,056	1,47,027	21,671
2	Do.	•••	Ahmedabad Kazi	•••	11,500	466	: 11,966	11,494	295
3	Do	•••	Sayad Mahmadmiya miya.	Bava-	<b>4,831</b>	100110 ,	4,331	4,331	*******
4	Do.	•••	Rozka	•	6,640	25	8,665	Ē,640	
5	Do.	***	Shermian Bapumian		89,702	§ 2,007	41,769	39,012	,851
6	Panch Maháls	•••	Mehlol	•	19,739	40	19,779	19,421	87
7	Surat	•••			1,696		1,696	7,696	*****
8	Do.	•••	Baxi	•••				[ 	Statistics t
9 <b>-2</b> 6 27 <b>-3</b> 8	_	***						,	
	Pauch Maháls	•••	Total of small estates		82,136	13,882	96,018	79,853	3,433
	Broach	•••	· ·	•••	02,100	10,002	,	10,000	0,200
45—51	1				•			i .	
			Total, Northern Divisio	n	3,21,218	92,002	4,13,220	3,09,474	26,287
	CENTRAL DIVISION,								7
	East Khandesh		Bhusával Inámdár	•	11,268	0.000	17 906	10,102	
1	East Klaudean	•••	Didesage I memdel	24-		3,938	15,206	10,102	220
					. \ ,			,	
2	Do.	••	Dharangaon Pande	••	16,147	687	16,834	7,485	196
			r		. '				'
3		•-		***	4,570	85	4,605	4,570	10
. 4	Do.	• •	. Kathi	***	•••••	******	• <u>بر</u>		*****
5	Do.	<b>10 0</b>	. Raul		15,052	4,663	19,715	7,712	2,790
	·					}	,		:
6	Poona	••	. Sbri Bala Mabáráj		20,465	441	20,906	20,275	81
				, ,					]. '
7	Do.	•	Raste	••	. 67,438	7,096	64,534	56,422	3,929
8		•		. ••	. 20,070	******	20,0~0	¶ 20,079	*****
9	Do.		Gliadge **	••	******	4.,,,,	. *****		
			Total of small estates	••	13,402	354	13,756	12,947	293
			Total, Central Division		1,58,412	17,214	1,75,626	1,39,592	7,519
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management in the Northern, Central and Southern Divisions during the

	,		Balance.				
Total.	Amount written off.	Converted into bonds or decrees.	Others.	Total.	Details	of balances.	Romarks.
9	10	11	12	13	<b> </b>	14	15
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Ra.	Rs.		Be.	
1,68,698	12,810	. 449198	49,548	• 49,548	Old Current	42,378 7,170	• Includes Rs. 25,088 suspended.
11,789	******	*****	177	177	Old Current	49,548 171 8 177	
4,331	temes	*****	******	******		1//	
6,640	Fe6166	*****	25	25	Old	25	
† 39,863	468	***************************************	1,426	1,426	Old Current	882 544	+ Includes Rs. 48 of over collections.
19,458	14	******	807	307	Old Current	1,426 8 304 807	
1,696 available.	800.00	*** **	<b>4•∳</b> •••	******	•	******	
83,286	4,589	***************************************	8,143	‡8,i43	Old Current	6,593 1,552 8,143	‡ Includes Rs. 653 suspended.
8,85,761	17,881	******	<b>59,</b> 626	59,626	-	•	
					1		,
§ 10,322	63	•••••	4,833	4,833	Current Previous	1,028 3,805	§ This includes over collecting of Rs. 12,
<b>7,</b> 681	442	1 204000	8,711	8,711	Current Previous	4,833 8,662 49	
4,580	25	******	*****	149168		8,711	
*****	*****	*******	******	teleat "		******	The estate was released during the year and so no information
10,502	84	762	<b>8,</b> 367	9,129	Current Previous	7,340 1,789 9,129	was available.
20,356		*******	550	550	Current Previous	190 360 550	
60,851	<b>4</b> 70	1,515	2,198	8,713	Current Previous	1,016 2,697	
20,079	.,,.140	******		******		8,713	This includes a sum of Rs. on account of over collections. "Information not available s
†† 13,240	331	146	196	196	Current Previous	165	the estate was released on 20t September 1914. †† Includes Rs. 11 on account of over collection.
						198	
1,47,111	1,415	2,277	24,855	27,132	Current Previous	18,401 8,731	

#### STATEMENT

		-	}			Demands.	Collection.		
erial No.	Name of District.		Name of Estate.		Current.	Arrears.	Total.	On secount of current year.	On account of arrears.
1					4	5	6	7	8
	SOUTHERN DIVISION.				Be,	Rs.	Rs.	R8.	Rs.
1	Belgaum		Kaujalgi	•••	39,837	2,997	42,834	38,125	474
2	Do.	•••	Nipáni		30,871	3,621	<b>34, 4</b> 9 <b>2</b>	30,731	854
3	Do.	•••	Kokatnur		10,340	1,994	12,334	9,744	, 1,994
4	Do.	•••	Sirsangi		52,402	5,491	<b>57,</b> 893	51,612	2,316
5	Do.	•••	Kowad		12,259	1,867	14,156	12,030	652
6	Do.	•••	Shindi-Kurbet		39,423	9,556	48,979	87,579	2,358
7	Do	•••	Yadihalli		11,496	1,035	12,461	11,426	. 98
8	Do.	;	Yargatti	· ••	18,663	988	19,651	17,877	767
9	Do.	•••	Chandur		2 <b>3,</b> 058	1,164	24,222	21,955	783
10	Do.	•••	Jamboti	· ;••	8,188	9,013	17,201	6,849	880
		•	Total of small estates		<b>54,</b> 955	4,574	59,529	51,232	2,625
			Total, Southern Division	411	3,01,452	42,300	8,43,752	2,89,160	13,296
			Grand Total	•••	7,81,082	1,51,516	9,32,598	7,38,226	47,102

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		1	Balance.	ĺ				
Total	Amount written off.	Converted into bonds or decrees.	Others.	Total.	Details o	f balanc	188.	Remarks.
9	10 ′	11	12	13	14			15
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Re.			Ra.	
38,599	2,935		1,311	1,311	Previous Current		767 544	Column 8 includes an over- collection of Rs. 11.
\$1,585 `	*****		2,909	2,909	Previous Current	•••	2,659 250	Column 8 includes an over-
11,738	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	*****	596	596	Current—!	596	2,909	
53,928	1,365	*****	2,600	2,600	Previous Current	****	Re. 2,214 356	
12,682	377	1111 <b>201</b>	1,097	1,097	Previous Current	***	2,600 969 129	Column 8 includes an over- collection of Rs. 38.
39,937	8,260	<b>## 64.59</b>	820	820	Previous Current	*** ***	1,007 646 174	
11,519	268	387	287	, 674			820	
18,644	581		426	426	Previous Current	•••	95 331	
<b>2</b> 2,738	794	•••••	690	690	Previous Curreut	***	426 472 218	•
7,229		*******	9,972	9,972	Previous Current		690 6,833 8,139	<del>-</del> -[
*53,857	1 830	75	3,588	4,342	Previous Current		9,972 2,055 2,287	* Includes an over-collection of Rs. 51.
			·		<b>-</b>   ·		4 342	<u> </u>
3,02,456	15,910	. 1,141	24,296	25,437				
7,85,328	35,206	3,418	1,08,777	1,12,195				

#### STATEMENT III.

Statement showing progress made in Liquidation of Debt, in Court of Wards Estates during the year 1914-15.

					_	De	bts settle	d during	current	year	l .	Date by	
Berial No.	Name of District.	Name of Estate.	Debts due on assump- tion of charge.	Balance of debt at the beginning of the year.	Additional debts incurred during the year.	By incurring freeh debts.	By sale of property.	Re- jected by Court of Wards or Civil Court.	Remit- ted by credi- tors.	From current income.	Balance.	which it was ex- pected on assump- tion of manage- ment that estate could be clear of debt.	Remarks.
1	2	8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	18	14
	NORTHERN DIVISION.		Ra	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Re.	Re.	Re.	Rs.	Rs.		,
1	Abmedabad	Sanand and Koth	1,16,085		***								
2	Do	Ahmedabad Kazi	28,587	•10,237	160	***				5,647	4,753	1920 A. D.	*The difference between this
	,							-	,			<u> </u>	column and column 12 of the last year's statement is due to Rs. 4,750 having been included twice in the last year's figures.
8	Do	Sayad Mahomedmian Bawamian	10,858	3,530	359	***	<u> </u>			8,889	***		
4	Do	Rozka	104	•••	5,000		850		•••		5,000	-	
б	Do	Shermian Bapomian	20,497	8,623	247	•••		4	3,445	6,425	•=•	•	•
6	Panch Mahála	Mehlol	.es	***				•••	***	•••	•••		
7	Surat	1	91,866	11,837			100 ,	<b>344</b>			11,837		
8	Do,	Bakshi	1,21,309	1,21,309	•••	-••		***		8,985	1,17,354	;**	-
9—28 29—38	Ahmedabad Kaira	1)	]			Ì			1				
89-42	Panch Mahale	Total of small	7,18,411	5,37,119	40,791	26,108	344	1,99,086	77,173	27,,923	2,47,620		
<b>58—44</b>	Broach	estates.							,	·		}	
<b>4</b> 5—61	Surat	.[]		\						,	,	,	]
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		Total, Northern Division.	11,00,516	6,93,654	46,557	26,108		1,99,086	79,617	47,839	3,86,561		
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	CENTRAL DIVISION.			l .							٠		, •
1	East Khándesh	Bhusaval Inamdar	80,538	22,500	<b></b>	۱.					22,500	1919	
8	Do,	Dharangson Pande	20,345				***		***	•••	22,000	A, D.	
3	West Kbándesh	Raisingpur		***	***					434			•
4	Do	Kathi		<b>540</b> .	-00		•••	104	٠.,.		•••		* Free rom debts. The
	Do	Raul	•26,457	26,451			100		6150	4 005	13,306	1918	on 1st March 1915,  Column 4. Correct amount
6	!Poona			]		***	••••	***	8,150	4,895		A. D.	ascertained and entered.
	:	Suit rens manared 1 ***	2,60,000 approxi- mate,	2,46,405	•••		***	***		914	2,46,405	Probable date can-	
		,	шачь	ļ	,			,		,		not be ascertain- ed. All the	
			1	}		,	1					claim s against	
			· •		,				,	·		the estate have not yet been	
		1		,		-						settled. Appeals	
				1	<u>'</u>		,					regarding some of	
			}	-								the claims are pen d- ing in the	
				ţ					!	• 4	4	High Court.	
7	Do	Raste	•••	***		•••		404	***		***	Court,	
8	átá a	Thorat	92,825	40,581			***		1,708	2,422	36,436	1940	
•	De	Ghadge	•••	•110	***	'	•••	•••	***	•••	•••	A. D. Informa- tion not	
												available	
												estate was released in	
					]							early part of the	,
		Total, for small estates.	1,28,297	78,196	10,000	10,000	12,900	•	494	2,443	57,943	year.	-
		Total, Central Division.	E 00 455	4 == = = =		<del></del>				<u> </u>			
		l State of	6,08,456	409,103	10,000	10,000	13,000		9,853	9,760	3,76,490	<i></i>	•

## STATEMENT III-continued.

			ŀ			D	ate setiled	during	current y	ear,		Pate by	
Serial No.	ial Name of Na	Name of Estate.	Dabts due on assumption of charge.	of debt at the beginning of the	Additional debts incurred during the year.	By incur- ring fresh debts.	pro- perty.	Re- jected liy Court of Wards or Civil Courts.	Remitated by creditors.	From current income.	Dalaura.	which is who ex- ported on assump- tion of numage- ment that estato could be clear of debt.	Remarks,
1	2	3	4	5	8	7	8	9	10	11	11	13	14
٠	SOUTHERN DIVISION.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Re,	Ra.	Ba.	T.s.	Ra.	Rs.		
	Belgaum	Kowjalgi  Nipani  Kokatnur  Sirsangi  Kowad  Sindi Kurbet  Yadihalii  Yargatti  Chandur  Jamboti  Small estates in Belgaum, Bijapur and	2,24,812 55,357 71,051 2,746 1,28,407  2,014 2,972 1,649 2,07,816	1,50,633 21,289 5,128  46,000  2,672 1,649	ł	100 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110	**** **** **** **** **** **** **** **** ****	110 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	41 312 2,012	17,118 0,000  55  230 760 7,445	1,0,516 19,25 6,123  49,858  9,651 057	100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	
1		Total, Southern Division  Grand Total		4,11,672	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	13,000	1,99,086	3,205	<del> </del>	<b>3,77,5</b> 8	-\	

#### SIND.

#### No. A.—476 of 1915.

From

A. M. MACMILLAN, ESQUIRE, I. C. S.,

Court of Wards in Sind;

To

THE COMMISSIONER IN SIND.

Sind Court of Wards Office: Camp Hyderabad, 13th October 1915.

Sir.

I have the honour to submit the annual report on the management of estates by the Court of Wards in Sind for the year ending 31st July 1915.

2. Mr. Hiranand Tahilram acted during my absence on leave from 1st to 18th August 1914. I held charge of the Department for the remainder of the year.

Number of estates under The number of estates under superintendence management. - was as follows:—

At the beginning of the year	*** '	***	•	128
Taken up during the year				•
(a) On applications to	the Com	missioner o	Court	
of Wards	•••		•••	21
(b) Under certificate from	the Distr	ict Court	•••	3
Released on their owners attain	ning major	rity	•••	3
At close of year	***	***	•••	159
			_	

The following are the figures with regard to disposal of applications:-

Under enquiry at beginning Received during the year	of year		***	43 51
			Total	97
Disposal (a) Admitted	***	•••	***	21
(b) Rejected	***	•••	•••	35
(c) Transferred to I	ncumbered	l Estates De	partment.	2
			Total	61

Pending at the close of the year ... ... 36

5. The income for the year, excluding sale-proceeds of investments (Rs. 70,923) amounted to Rs. 3,64,078 against Rs. 3,96,432 shown in the last year. The details

are as under:-

				168.
Rents and produce of land	•••	•••	***	2,75,188
Miscellaneous •••	***	•••	***	32,085
Interest on investments	•••	. •••		16,834 1,573
Refund of takavi advances	•••	•••	•••	38,400
Loans raised (private)	***	• • • •	•	<u> </u>
,		Total	•••	3,64,078
<u> </u>		Total		3,64,078

The decrease of Rs. 32,354 is due to decrease and increase under the following heads:—

Decrease.			Rs.	Rs.
Rent and produce	1	•••	25,944	
Miscellaneous	•••	•••	34,374	
Interest on investments	• • •	•••	982	•
Refund of takavi	•••	•••	1,694	•
Loans raised (takavi)		•••	410	63,404
Increase.				
Loans raised (private)	•••	***		31,050
, <del>.</del>	.Net decrease	•••	•	32,354
	•		١ .	

The decrease under rents and produce is due principally to difficulty in recovery in the cotton tracts of Nawábsháh, Mirpur Khas and Hyderabad. Out of the current year's demand Rs. 14,247 was postponed as against Rs. 4,142 last year. Rs. 30,545 were under process of recovery at the close of the year as against Rs. 16,293 last year. This has brought down the percentage of recoveries out of the total demand, apart from amounts postponed or due from incumbered estates to about 90 per cent.

The details of miscellaneous receipts are as under:

				, $\mathbf{Rs}_{ullet}$
Cash balance of estates nev	wly taken	up •••	***	15,250
Produce enjoyed by form	er lessee	where lease mo	ney	•
has been paid in advan-	ce (this i	s an account er	atry	
for the purpose of assess	sing man	agement expenses	s)	4,559
Old debts recovered	•••	***		6,057
Sale-proceeds of lands		,	•••	4,514
Sale-proceeds of cattle, etc		•••	•••	313
Compensation for land acq		Government	•••	<b>280</b> ,
Earnest-money	•••	•••		852
Miscellaneous receipts, int	erest, not	ice fee, etc.	***	260
	•	Total		32,085
1	•	20141	•••	-5,005

The decrease of Rs. 34,374 is due chiefly to decrease of Rs. 35,490 under the head "Balances of Estates" received from their guardians. The increases and decreases under other heads are small.

Rs. 6,057 have been recovered against Rs. 6,017 recovered last year. No satisfactory general record of debts recoverable has hitherto been maintained. Arrangements are being made to maintain a proper system of accounts.

The decrease of Rs. 982 under interest on investments is due to the fact that the large amount invested in fixed deposit with the Bank of Bombay was withdrawn in order to purchase Government Promissory Notes—the former form of investment not being recognized as secure and free from risk by inclusion among those sanctioned by section 20 of the Indian Trusts Act. Interest on the deposit for 1913-14 was received within that year, but interest for 1914-15 on the Promissory Notes was not credited within the year.

6. The net expenditure excluding loans advanced for cultivation and investments amounted to Rs. 2,92,076 as against Rs. 2,81,600 in last year. The details are as under:—

				$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet}}$	
Government assessment	•••	•••		1,16,561	
Maintenance and education	***	•••	•••	53,706	
Miscellaneous expenditure	•••	•••		94,463	
Cost of management	***	***	•••	27,346	
,	i,	•		2,92,076	

# The details of miscellaneous expenditure are as under:

9			D.,	
Savings paid to estate owners at the cestates	lischarge	of their	Rs.	
Purchase of lands - 11 430	•••	***	20,417	
Purchase of lands and buildings	***	***	22,270	
Share of produce given to co-sharers	•••	***	6,819	
Do. as per decision of Jirg	ah	•••	3,325	
roduce enjoyed by former lessees	•••		-	
Personal expenses to estate owners	•••	***	4,559	
Sult expenses	***	•••	23,496	•
Municipal and other taxes		***	5,648	
Jail expenses	•••	***	340	
Pay of constables	147	444	14	
Mandar expenses	400	***	61	
Cultivation expenses including	•••	***	304	•
Cultivation expenses including engine	e and g	arden	•	
	***	•••	6,641	
Registration and purchase of stamps	***	•••	323	
Petty items ·	•••	104	216	
			7-0	
	To	tal S	4,463	
With manaral da				
Collection of Estate dues. With regard to	collection	on of rea	ats and	produce
the figures are:				•
Rs.	-	Rs.	Rs.	
Demand—Arrears		21,773		
Postponed demand		39,017	•	
Current		2,97,945		
		2,01,0411		
			3,58,735	
Collection out of arrears	·			
<b>2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3</b>	, '	5,468		
Collection out of postponed demand		9400-		
		14,608		
Collection out of current demand.		2,55,110		
,				
	otal	2,75,186		
Amount written off		3,131		
Amount postponed-*Previous . 24,609	•	, -		
†Current 14,047				
		38,656	•	
•		90,00g		
	÷			
•	•	;	3,16,973	
		•		
* •	Ba	lance	41,762	
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Postponement under consideration
up to the end of the year ... 2,398

Due from other estates and not immediately recoverable ... 8,819

Under process of recovery at the close of the year ... 30,545

7. Applications for postponement of a very much greater amount were received, and postponement was sanctioned only after the most careful consideration.

Becoverable in future years.

<sup>†</sup> Mostly to Zamindar—lessees or other lessees who were able to give thoroughly good security, on account of failure of crops and losses on cotton cultivation.

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·		•	•		Rs.
The arrears due Further intimat	to Gover	nment of last	year wer	e ' Revenue	2,989
Authorities Arrears accrued	***	•••	100	•••	1,326
superintender		TO OT THEM, ES!	AUCS UALC	- under	3,345
Due in future		•••	••••	, •••	1,019
	1		To	tal	8,679
Remitted • ,	•••	***	•••	•••	1,232
Balance due at	the end o	f 19 <b>1</b> 3- <b>14</b>	•••	. ***	7,447
Current dues	•••	•••	***	•••	1,15,491
			To	tal	1,22,938
Payments	•••	•••	•••	•••	1,16,561
Balance as und Postponement Due in future Arrears paid si	granted by years	•••	•••	Rs. 2,910 1,019 2,448	
			To	tal	6,377

Hence there are no arrears of which any explanation is required.

8. The cost of management for 1913-14 which was recovered in the current year was Rs. 27,346 or 8.3 per cent. on the gross income of 1913-14 as against 7.5 per cent. in the previous year. The increase of 0.8 per cent. is due to the recovery by the Accountant General of contribution on account of annuities and pensions for both 1912-13 and 1913-14 in 1914-15.

The contribution for 1913-14, taken at an increased rate was Rs. .7,919 as against Rs. 4,992 for 1912-13. If the contribution for 1912-13 had been recovered in 1913-14 the percentage in each year would have been about 7.9.

9. Most of the estates continued to be managed by leasing, but in some cases wards were entrusted with the management of parts of their estates.

The details as to advances are as follows:	Rs.	Rs.
Takavi advance—Balance outstanding Advances for 1914-15 Advances for 1915-16 recoverable in 1915-16	130 7,682	3,870
•		7,812
Collection from arrears Collection from 1914-15 Collection from sums advanced for 1915-16.	70tal 803 25 745	11,682
		1,573
Amount postponed 765 Amount due from incumbered		•,
Amount written-off 30 Amount recoverable in 1915-16. 6,937	· · · · · ·	
	9,259	
		10,832
Balance under process of recovery	***	850

Maintenance and Education of . 10. Rs. 53,706 were spent on maintenance Wards and education the details being as under:-

				Rs.
Cash for maintenance Produce adjusted Education charges	•••	•••	***	48,832
	***	•••		3,007
	***	•••	***	2,367
				53,706

Of 177 male wards-7 are under school age. . 1

55 are over school age.

1 is in Government service.

2 are dumb.

15 are receiving no education.

97 are receiving education.

For the most part the policy of the Court of Wards hitherto has been to leave the superintendence of the persons of minors to the relatives with whom they reside, but several recent instances have shown that the minors' interests suffer seriously from the indifference of the guardians with regard to their education.

I am therefore thinking of assuming the superintendence of the persons of a large number of minor boys of school going age simply in order to have some direct control over their education. The control furnished by power to stop maintenance allowance, is very slight where the relatives are well-to-do. Several boys have been sent to Karáchi Madressah, and arrangements have been made to secure the regular attendance of others at Hyderabad, Sukkur, Shikarpur and Garhi Yasin.

Statement III shows the progress in payments of debts Repayments of debts. The following is an abstract: existing liabilities.

							Rs.
Balance at the b	eginnir	ng of t	he year	•••	Ή	 Ls.	1,10,481
Claims filed	•••			•••		442	
Loans raised				•••		400	•
Interest accrued	•••		•••	• • •	, ა,	0,38	,
•	_						60,880
		.*	١	i	Total	•••	1,71,361
			Disposed	of		***	9,419
		,	Balance	. •••		•••	1,61,942

following are the figures with regard to Claims. claims:

			. (	Claim <b>s.</b>	Amount. Rs.
Pending at the beginning of the year Claims filed				48 34	28,063 19,442
		•		82	47,505
Decided	the estate	having	been	4	2,404
discharged	•••	•••	•••	1	47
-		M.		5	2,451
		Balanc	e	77	45,054
Written off,	the estate	•••	been	1 5	2,40

Out of these, three claims for Rs. 2,130 have since been settled on which Rs. 543 have been awarded. Four claims for Rs. 3,946 transferred to the Incumbered Estates Department and 31 claims for Rs. 17,742 have been fully inquired into and old accounts are being scrutinized and other enquires are being made by correspondence. Twenty-six claims relate to estates in Lárkána District. During the first visit there, the Shristedár was engaged in connection with two forgery prosecutions. Camp was fixed again in April 1915 for the disposal of claims but as the town was deserted on account of plague the visit had to be postponed. The same thing happened at Sháhdádpur. It is hoped that these claims will be disposed of in November 1915.

The invested balance at the close of year amounted to Rs. 5,33,800 as against Rs. 4,52,740 last year. The investments are as under:—

	Rs.
Government Promissory Notes	3,77,700
Debentures of Karáchi Port Trust, Ka pality, Bombay Port Trust, Bombay	Municipality,
and Bombay Improvement Trust	63,000
Savings Bank Deposit with Post Off of Bombay	5,350
Loan to Incumbered estates	30,600 61,450
Loan to Court of Wards estates Loan to Co-operative Credit Societies	`700
• •	Total 5,38,800

The uninvested balance amounts to Rs. 1,04,223. About Rs. 50,000 will be invested in Government Promissory Notes this year.

The system of estate accounts is very unsatisfactory and with the present establishment it is almost impossible to maintain proper supervision over the financial arrangements of estates or revise them except at the close of the year. I have gone into it with some care and have drafted a set of account forms which will involve less work and will make it possible to observe the condition and working of each estate and the separate lands of each estate at any time, and not only when the annual accounts are drawn up.

The office is still accommodated in a hired building. It is hoped that some of the unoccupied Revenue buildings will shortly be available for occupation. Some slight improvements were made in the system of filing and disposal of correspondences which, on the convenient basis of classification according to estates, works excellently. I do not think the work of the office could have been overtaken by the present staff under the old system of filing and arrangement of papers.

Something has been done to make enquiries with a view to the assumption of superintendence of estates more satisfactory. There is no provision in the Act giving the Court of Wards power to hold an enquiry such as is held by the District Court on an application under the Guardian and Wards Act. Hence enquiry is made through the local Revenue Officers and report is made to the Commissioner on its results. I have found that some estates have been taken up in the most casual and summary fashion, the only matters considered being whether the income was over Rs. 200 a year and whether the inquiring officer (Mukhtyarkar) gave his opinion that the estate should be taken up. The reason for applying for superintendence of a minor's property is often a dispute between the father's and mother's people as to the enjoyment of the produce of the minor's lands, as to whether the minor is or is not a member of a joint family, or as to the disposal of the minor in marriage. It is frequently a device to strengthen the position of the mother's party where ordinarily the minor's property would be managed by his father's people. Hence the question of whether assumption of superintendence is desirable considering the social customs of the families involved is often a difficult one.

I did the work of the Deputy Manager, Upper Sind, for a month while Mr. Rupchand was on leave and have occasionally taken up all the work usually done by the Assistant Manager for one or the other of the branches. I found great room for improvement in methods in all branches and have this year done something to systematise arrangements for touring, disposal of leases, and supervision of Overseers' work.

The estates managed by the Incumbered Estates Department and Court of Wards are so scattered and the questions to be dealt with are so varied that estates be satisfactorily looked after.

There is a tendency for disputes, especially those which come to a head in Civil Suits to absorb far too much both of the time and interest of the officers of the Department, at the expense of the more important work of management of estate property.

On the whole I think it can be said that estates were managed carefully and economically and that the interests of wards were well looked after.

The estates are still worked almost entirely on a leasing basis and the Court of Wards has hitherto done practically nothing on its own initiative for the imporvement or development of individual estates. By the end of another year I hope the Court of Wards will be in possession of full information about the condition and working of all the properties in its charge, and will be able to take measures for their improvement, even where these are not pressed upon it by the owners or their relatives.

Work in connection with civil suits was dealt with as before by the Assistant Manager, Mr. Hiranand Tahilram.

Mr. Hiranand Tahilram acted as Superintendent, Court of Wards, from 1st to 18th August and as Assistant Manager for the rest of the year.

The charges of the Deputy Managers were held by the following:-

Upper Sind ... Mr. Rupchand Tuemal up to 12th November 1914.

Mr. A. M. Macmillan from 13th November 1914 to 12th December 1914.

Mr. Rupchand Teumal, 13th December 1914 to 31st January 1915.

Mr. Lakehand Morandmal from 1st February 1915 to 31st July 1915.

. Lower Sind . ... Throughout the year by Mr. Tahilram Khiomal.

The Deputy Managers paid particular attention to the affairs of wards and their estates. The work of all the three in this respect was very satisfactory.

The work of the Court of Wards branch of the office continues to increase with the number of estates and with an increasing demand for thoroughness in the disposal of matters forming the subject of correspondence.

As only one munshi on Rs. 30 has been added to the Manager's establishment, since the Manager was appointed Superintendent, Court of Wards in Sind, it is now greatly overworked and I am submitting proposals for strengthening it.

I wish to record my appreciation of the manner in which the office staff, more especially the Accountant, Mr. Parasram, and Shristedar, Mr. Shewakram, and the Head Munshi, Mr. Jethmal, have undertaken the increasing burden of work. They have worked very hard and willingly.

Mr. Jethmal's work as Head Munshi has been excellent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. M. MACMILLAN, Court of Wards in Sind.

#### STATEMENT I.

#### Statement showing the general position of estates under Government management for the year 1914-15.

			m.4.1		Unculti-		Total land-	Total	Total	Balance.		Total	Cost of	Percenta	1
Serial No.	Name of Province.	Name of Estato.	Total area of Estate.	Cultirated area.	vated area.	nent,	fevenne demand,	gross income recovered.	gross expendi- ture,	Invested.	Un- invested.	liabili-	ment.	age of gross income.	Re- marks.
ī	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8,	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Ra.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs,	Ra,	Rs,	Rs.	Ra.		
1	Sind	Wahid Bux	23,679	6,080	13,600	29,428	69,043	87,898	60,133	2,11,750	16,947		7,354	***	
2	Do	Total of small estates.	63,013	28,739	31,274	86,065	2,18,902	8,70,838	3,81,496	3,27,050	87,276	1,60,224	19,992		
		Total for the Province.	E6,692	38,719	47,973	1,15,491	2,97,945	4,58,734	4,77,539	5,38,800	1,04,223	1,60,224	27,346	8.3	

#### STATEMENT II.

#### . Statement showing the efficiency of rent collection in estates under Government management for the year 1914-15.

			Demands.			Collection.			ĺ ,	Balance.			Details of Balance.	
Serial No.	Name of Province.	Name of E state.	Current.	Arrears.	Total	On account of current year.	On account of arrears.	Total.	Amount written off.	Con- rerted into bonds,	Others.	Total.	Current,	0М,
2	Sind	Wahid Bux and others, Small estates ***		Rs. 32,506 28,284	Rs. 1,01,549 2,57,186	Ra, 65,603 1,89,507	Rs 10,312 9,764	Rs. 75,915 1,99,271	Rs. 64 8,037	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. 25,570 51,818	Rs. 3,440 39,395	Rs. 22,130 15,463
		Total	2,97,945	60,790	3,58,735	2,55,110	20,076	2,76,186	3,131		•••	60,418	42,835	37,683

#### STATEMENT III.

# Statement showing the progress made in the liquidation of debts in the Court of Wards estates during the year 1914-15.

Name of Province.	Name of Estate.	Debts	Debts incurred in pre- vious years after charge was assumed. Balance of the of		A 73'4'	Debts settled during the year.						Date by which
		due on assump- tion of charge.		dehts incurred during	By in- curring fresh debts.	By sale of pro- perty.	Rejected by Court of Wards or Civil Courts.	Remitted by credi- tors.	From ourrent income.	Balarce.	it was expected on assumption of management that estates would be clear of debts.	
Sind	Total for small estates	Rs. 1,70,860	Re. 1,18,785	Rs. 1,10,481	Rs. 60,880	Rs.	Rs. 2,580	Rs. 1,893	Rs. 640	Rs. 4,306	Rs. 1,61,943	

A. M. MACMILLAN, Court of Wards for the Province of Sind. Below Report on the Estates under Management of the Court of Wards in Sind for the year 1914-15.

No. 659 of 1915.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Commissioner in Sind, Government House, Karáchi, 26th October 1915.

Submitted to Government.

- 2. During the year under report three out of the 138 estates under management at the beginning of the year, were released and twenty-four new ones taken up. At the close of the year 159 were under superintendence.
- 3. The number of applications disposed of during the year was 61 out of 97 and included 47 pending from the previous year.
- 4. The total income of the estates was Rs. 3,64,078 as against Rs. 3,96,432 in the previous year. The decrease is due partly to short recoveries of rents from lessees in cotton tracts owing to the abnormal fall of prices and partly to smaller initial receipts from the new estates which came under superintendence during the year. The current year's demand including the previous year's arrears of Rs. 60,790 amounted to Rs. 3,58,735 of which Rs. 2,75,186 were recovered, and Rs. 3,131 were written off as irrecoverable. The unauthorized arrears at the close of the year, included in the outstanding balance of Rs. 80,418 amount to Rs. 30,545 as against Rs. 16,293 at the close of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 14,252 is due to the destruction of crops by floods and to the cotton crisis. The suspension of the recovery of Rs. 38,656 until the current year is also attributed to the same causes. Considering the conditions of the year, especially in the cotton areas the recoveries appear to be satisfactory.
- 5. The total expenditure of the estates, including cost of management but excluding advances and investments amounted to Rs. 2,92,076 as against Rs. 2,81,600 in the previous year.
- 6. The liabilities of the estates at the commencement of the year amounted to Rs. 1,10,481. To this Rs. 60,880 were added during the year, including Rs. 38,400, Rs. 19,442 and Rs. 3,038 on account of loans, fresh claims and interest on debts respectively. Out of the total liabilities of Rs. 1,71,361 Rs. 4,306 were paid from the current income and Rs. 2,580 from the sale proceeds of properties, Rs. 640 were remitted by creditors and claims to the amount of Rs. 1,893 were rejected by the Court of Wards or Civil Courts thus bringing the balance at the end of the year to Rs. 1,61,942. These figures do not indicate an altogether satisfactory rate of progress in clearing off the liabilities.
- 7. The work of deciding claims also made very little progress, only five having been settled out of eighty-two and including forty-eight pending since the previous year.
- 8. Considering the number of the wards' estates and the additional amount of work that has devolved on his shoulders since the administration of these estates was vested in the Manager's hands, the result of the year's working may be regarded as creditable. There is of course much room for improvement in matters such as the management of the properties of the estates and the system of accounts, but it is gratifying to learn that Mr. Macmillan, inspite of other heavy duties in connection with the Incumbered Estates, has found time to devote attention to them.

R. P. BARROW, Commissioner in Sind.

#### Annual Reports.

Reports on the Administration of the estates under the management of the Courts of Wards in the Presidency proper and Sind for the year 1914-15.

## GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution No. 3118.

Bombay Castle, 20th March 1916.

Letter\* from the Commissioner, N. D., No. W.R.D.—28 dated —— October 1915.

Memorandum\* from the Commissioner in Sind No. 659 dated 26th October 1915.

Letter\* from the Commissioner, C. D., No. C.—1016 dated 12th November 1915.

Letter\* from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 5089 dated 20th November 1915.

Submitting the annual reports on the management of private estates in their respective charges as Courts of Wards for the year ending 31st July 1915.

RESOLUTION.—In the Presidency proper 82 estates were under management of the Courts of Wards at the commencement of the year. The management of five of the estates was relinquished and that of 15 was assumed during the year, which thus closed with a total of 92 estates under management.

- 2. During the year under review seasonal conditions were generally favourable and the period was one of considerable prosperity. The total gross income of the estates, for which statistics are available, amounted to Rs. 11,22,840 as against Rs. 11,22,351 in the preceding year. Of the total gross income of 11½ lákhs of rupees, 7½ lákhs consisted of rents from land, the balance being derived from the interest on investments and miscellaneous revenues. The current year's demand for rent amounted to 7½ lákhs of rupees which with arrears of 1½ lákhs made up a total of 9½ lákhs. The collections on account of the current year's demand amounted to 7½ lákhs and those on account of arrears, to nearly half a lákh of rupees. The balance uncollected at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 1,12,195. Of this amount Rs. 49,548 was due in the Sánand and Koth estate of Ahmedabad. Government note with satisfaction that the continued existence of arrears in this estate will be made the subject of an inquiry by the Tálukdári Settlement Officer on the completion of the present year, and that it is proposed to apply rules similar to those laid down for Government villages. In the Central and Southern Divisions, the arrears were comparatively speaking small and collections were satisfactory.
- 3. The total expenditure of the same estates, exclusive of advances and investments made during the year, amounted to Rs. 8,71,167 as against 7½ lákhs of rupees in the preceding year. The rise in expenditure was mainly due to the purchase of land by the Sánand and Koth estate in the Northern Division and, in the Southern Division, to larger expenditure in connection with weddings and miscellaneous objects in the Belgaum District. The total cost of management amounted to Rs. 72,046, or rather more than 6 per cent. of the gross income.
- 4. Out of the 27 large estates, i. e., the estates whose income exceeds Rs. 10,000 per annum and for which statistics are shown separately, 13 estates are now entirely free from incumbrances. Of the remaining 14, substantial progress was made in the settlement of debts in the case of the Ahmedabad Kazi estate, the Raul estate in West Khándesh, the Thorat estate in Sátára and the Nipáni estate in Belgaum. It is not clear why steps were not taken to reduce the

debt in the case of the Motá Mandir estate of Surat which has a balance, invested and uninvested, of Rs. 30,864. Some action also, it would seem, might have been taken with reference to the Bhusával estate, which is shown as having an uninvested balance of Rs. 20,612 and a debt of Rs. 22,500. In the 65 small estates the balance of debt outstanding at the beginning of the year amounted to 7½ lákhs, over and above which Rs. 50,791 was incurred as an additional debt during the year. Of this balance Rs. 37,811 were paid from current revenue, Rs. 80,114 were remitted by creditors, Rs. 1,99,086 were rejected by the Courts of Wards or Civil Courts and Rs. 36,108 were settled by incurring fresh debts, leaving a balance outstanding at the end of the year of Rs. 4,66,671. The progress in the payment of debts is on the whole satisfactory. The education of wards continued to receive careful attention in the hands of the officers responsible for the management of the estates.

- 5. In Sind during the year under review, the number of estates under superintendence increased from 138 to 159. The total income of these estates, excluding the sale proceeds on investments, amounted to Rs. 3.64 lákhs.. Of this amount 2\frac{3}{4} lákhs consisted of receipts from rents of produce from lands. The net expenditure amounted to Rs. 2.92 lákhs as against Rs. 2.81 lákhs in 1913-14. The gross demand on account of rents including arrears amounted to Rs. 3.58 lákhs: of this Rs. 2.75 lákhs only was recovered and the arrears rose from Rs. 62,860 to Rs. 80,148. The causes of the increase are not stated in the report, but it appears from the Commissioner's remarks that the destruction of crops by floods and the cotton crisis were largely responsible. The balance of debt due at the beginning of the year was Rs. 1,10,481, to which Rs. 60,880 was added during the year. Of this, the sum of Rs. 9,419 was settled during the year. Government concur with the Commissioner in thinking that these figures do not indicate a satisfactory rate of progress in clearing off liabilities and note that the report does not show why more was not done. It is hoped that the matter will continue to receive sustained attention.
- 6. The Report for the Presidency shows that the management of the estates during the year has on the whole been successful and that the majority of the larger estates are in a solvent condition.

In Sind there has been a set back owing to the unfavourable conditions of the year: but there is ground for hope that with careful management it will be possible to free the majority of estates from the burden of indebtedness. It is satisfactory to note that the question of improving the system of administration is receiving attention.

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To

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

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