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P R E F A C E .

THE Statement exhibiting the Moral and Material Progress and Condition of India is presented to Parliament in each year in accordance with the requirements of section 53 of the Government of India Act, 1858 (21 and 22 Vict., cap. 106), which provides as follows:—"The Secretary of State in Council shall, within the first fourteen days during which Parliament may be sitting next after the first day of May in every year, lay before both Houses of Parliament an Account for the financial year preceding that last completed of the annual produce of the Revenues of India . . . and such Account shall be accompanied by a Statement prepared from detailed reports from each Presidency and District in India in such form as shall best exhibit the moral and material Progress and Condition of India in each such Presidency."

The Statement is prepared in the India Office from a large number of annual reports received from India. Many of these reports are compiled from information furnished by District and Political Officers, and are submitted to the Governments of the respective Provinces and to the Government of India for consideration and review before transmission to England; and some of them, which deal with the operations of important departments and require the careful consideration of the authorities in India, are not received at the India Office till about a year after the close of the period to which they refer. It is, therefore, not always possible to present the Statement to Parliament within the limit of time laid down by the Statute, i.e., about thirteen and a half months after the close of the official year.

This number of the Statement is affiliated, in accordance with the Act, to the year 1911-12, but it aims also at bringing under review the progress made during the preceding nine years. Most of the reports used in the compilation of the Statement are for financial years, so that, as regards most sections, the period covered is the ten years ending on the 31st March 1912: but the reports of some departments of the administration are for calendar years, or for agricultural years ending in June or September, and a correspondingly different period is in these cases brought under review here.

In its general arrangement, the Statement follows in most respects the lines of the decennial Statement presented in 1903.

Comparison between the earlier and later years of the decade is in the present instance complicated, as regards Bengal and the neighbouring provinces, by the redistributions of territory effected in 1905 and 1912. Reports and figures for 1911-12 have in most cases been compiled for the provinces of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, and Assam as they now exist, though these provinces were not actually brought into existence until the 1st April 1912. It will therefore be useful to bear in mind that the two new provinces of Bengal and Bihar and Orissa cover practically the same area, so far as British territory is concerned, as the single province of Bengal did in 1902.

For further statistical information, reference may be made to the Statistical Abstract relating to British India, published annually, which covers a period of 10 years. Mention may also be made here of the Memorandum on some of the results of Indian Administration during the past fifty years of British rule in India, published in 1909 [Cd. 4956].

Throughout this Statement, receipts and expenditure are shown in sterling, rupees being converted for the purpose at the rate of Rs. 15 = £1.

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Part II.—Commercial (Foreign Trade and Shipping, &c.).

Part III.—Commercial Services (Post Office, Railways, Telegraphs, &c.).

Part IV.(a)—Finance and Revenue (Paper Currency, Coinage, Public Debt, &c.).

Part IV.(b)—Finance and Revenue (Principal Heads of Revenue, Salt, Opium, &c.).

Part V.—Area, Population, and Public Health (Area, Population, Emigration, Births and Deaths, Vaccination, &c.).

Part VI.—Administrative and Judicial (Administrative Divisions, Civil and Criminal Justice, Registration, Police, Jails, &c.).

Part VII.—Educational (Education, Printing Presses, and Publications).

Part VIII.—Local Funds (Municipalities, Local Boards, and Port Trusts).

Census Reports (Decennial), India and Provincial.

Administration Reports: Madras, Bombay, Coorg, United Provinces, Punjab, Bengal, Central Provinces and Berar, Burma, Bihar and Orissa, Assam, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, Ajmer-Merwara, Baluchistan, North-West Frontier Province.

Justice and Police.

Report on the Administration of Civil Justice for each Province.

Report on the Administration of Criminal Justice for each Province.

Report on Jails for each Province.

Reports on Police for each Province, and for Bombay Town and Island, Calcutta, and Rangoon.

Finance.

Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Government of India.

East India Financial Statement (Parliamentary Paper).

Return of Net Income and Expenditure for eleven years (Parliamentary Paper).

Accounts and Estimates: Explanatory Memorandum (Parliamentary Paper).

Home Accounts (Parliamentary Paper).

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure (Parliamentary Paper).

Loans raised in England (Half-yearly Parliamentary Paper)

Loans raised in India (Half-yearly Parliamentary Paper).

Mint Reports for Calcutta and Bombay.

Paper Currency Department Report.

Statistics compiled from the Finance and Revenue Accounts.

Land Revenue, &c.

Land Revenue Administration Provincial Reports for Lower Provinces (Bengal), Bihar and Orissa, Assam, United Provinces, Bombay Presidency (including Sind), Punjab, Central Provinces and Berar, Burma, and Madras.

Report on Land Revenue Administration, Land Records, Settlement Operations, Alienation of Land Act, &c. for North-West Frontier Province.

Madras Survey, Settlement and Land Records Department Report.

Reports of Land Records Departments for Bombay, Burma, Bengal, United Provinces, and Punjab.

Report on Settlement Operations, Punjab.

Reports on Survey and Settlement Operations, Bengal and Eastern Bengal and Assam.

Reports on Operations of the Land Records and Settlement Departments, Central Provinces and Berar.

Report of the Talukdari Settlement Officer, Bombay.

Provincial Reports on the Administration of Estates under the Court of Wards.

Report on the Punjab Canal Colonies.

Separate Revenue (Salt, Excise, &c.).

Salt Department Reports: Northern India, Madras, Bombay, Sind, Bengal, Burma, Eastern Bengal and Assam.

Excise Report for each Province.

Opium Department Reports: United Provinces and Bombay.

Stamp Department Report for each Province.

Registration Department Report for each Province.

Income Tax Report for each Province.

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Agriculture and Veterinary.

- Report on the Progress of Agriculture in India.
- Report of the Agricultural Research Institute and College, Pusa.
- Bulletins of the Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, and of the Provincial Departments of Agriculture.
- Memoirs of the Department of Agriculture.
- Proceedings of the Board of Agriculture.
- Agricultural Journal of India (quarterly).
- Report of the Department of Agriculture in each Province.
- Reports on various Agricultural Stations, Experimental Farms, and Botanic Gardens.
- Season and Crop Report for each Province.
- Agricultural Statistics of India.
- Area and Yield of certain Principal Crops.
- Report on Production of Tea in India.
- Report on Tea Culture in Assam.
- Statistics compiled from the Reports of the Provincial Civil Veterinary Departments.
- Report of the Veterinary Officer investigating Camel Diseases.
- Report of the Imperial Bacteriologist (Veterinary).
- Reports of the Civil Veterinary Departments for Madras, Bombay, United Provinces, Punjab, Bengal, Burma, Assam, and North-West Frontier Province.

Co-operative Societies.

- Statements showing Progress of the Co-operative Movement in India.
- Report on Co-operative Credit Societies for each Province.
- Reports of Conferences of Registrars of Co-operative Credit Societies, India and Provincial.

Forests.

- Review of Forest Administration in British India.
- Report on Forest Administration for each Province.
- Reports of the Forest Research Institute and the Imperial Forest College, Dehra Dun.
- Indian Forest Memoirs.
- Indian Forest Records.
- Forest Bulletins.

Mineral Production and Mines.

- Review of Mineral Production (in Records of Geological Survey).
- Report on Production of Coal in India.
- Report of the Chief Inspector of Mines.

Trade and Manufactures.

- Annual Statements of Sea-borne Trade and Navigation, India and Provincial (Madras, Bombay, Sind, Bengal, Burma, Eastern Bengal and Assam).
- Review of the Trade of India (Parliamentary Paper).
- Tables of the Trade of India (Parliamentary Paper).
- Provincial Reports on Maritime Trade and Customs (including working of Merchandise Marks Act) for Bengal, Eastern Bengal and Assam, Bombay, Sind, Madras, and Burma.
- Accounts of Sea-borne Trade (monthly and for Calendar Year).
- Accounts of Land Trade (monthly).
- Annual Statement of Coasting Trade of British India.
- Report on the Trade and Navigation of Aden.
- Accounts of Trade carried by Rail and River in India.
- Report on Inland, Rail-borne, or Rail-and-River-borne Trade for each Province.
- External Land Trade Reports for Bengal, Eastern Bengal and Assam, Burma, United Provinces, Punjab, North-West Frontier Province, Sind, and British Baluchistan.
- Indian Trade Journal (weekly).
- List of Joint-Stock Companies in British India and Mysore.
- Reports on the working of the Indian Companies Act (Provincial).
- Report on the working of the Indian Factories Act for each Province.
- Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives.

Public Works.

- Administration Report on Railways (Parliamentary Paper).
- Railways and Irrigation Works. Return of Capital Expenditure, &c. (Parliamentary Paper).
- Provincial Reports on Public Works (Buildings and Roads).
- Report on Financial Results of Irrigation Operations.
- Report on Irrigation Revenue for each Province.
- Reports of Madras and Bombay Irrigation Departments.
- Annual Report on Architectural Work.

Post Office and Telegraphs.

- Post Office Report.
- Report of Indian Telegraph Department.
- Report of Indo-European Telegraph Department.

Scientific Departments.

Report of the Operations of the Survey of India.
 Records of the Survey of India.
 Records and Memoirs of the Geological Survey of India.
 Report of the Indian Meteorological Department.
 Indian Weather Review, Annual Summary.
 Rainfall of India.
 Memoirs of the Indian Meteorological Department.
 Report of the Meteorologist, Calcutta.
 Report of the Director-General of Observatories.
 Memoirs and Bulletins of the Kodaikanal Observatory.
 Report of the Board of Scientific Advice.
 Report of the Archæological Survey of India, and Provincial Reports.
 Report and Records of the Botanical Survey.

Education, Literature, and the Press.

Education Report for each Province.
 Quinquennial Review of Education (Parliamentary Paper).

Local Self-Government.

Reports on Municipalities for each Province and for Calcutta, Bombay City, Madras City, and Rangoon.
 Report on District and Local Boards or Local Funds for each Province.
 Reports of Port Trusts of Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Rangoon, Karachi, and Aden.

Medical, Sanitary, and Vital Statistics.

Report of the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India.
 Report on Sanitary Measures in India (Parliamentary Paper).
 Report of the Sanitary Commissioner for each Province.
 Vaccination Report for each Province.
 Report on Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries for each Province.
 Report on Lunatic Asylums for each Province.
 Report of the Chemical Examiner and Bacteriologist for each Province.
 Scientific Memoirs by Officers of the Medical and Sanitary Departments.
 Reports of the All-India Sanitary Conferences.
 Reports of the Imperial Malaria Conferences.
 Paludism (Transactions of the Committee for the Study of Malaria).

Emigration and Immigration.

Calcutta Port Emigration Report.
 Bengal Inland Emigration Report.
 Assam Immigration Report.

Prices and Wages.

Prices and Wages in India.
 Variations in Indian Price Levels.
 Reports of Provincial Wage Censuses.

APPENDIX II.

INDIAN CURRENCY AND WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Currency.—The Indian denominations with their British equivalents are—

Pie	=	$\frac{1}{4}$ penny.
Pice (3 pies)	=	1 farthing.
Anna (12 pies)	=	1 penny.
Rupee (16 annas)	=	1s. 4d.

A lakh (lac) is 100,000 rupees and a crore is 100 lakhs.

Weights and Measures.—The weights adopted in Government transactions and by the railway companies are as follows :—

1 tola	=	180 grains	=	11.66 grams.
1 chittak (5 tolas)	=	900 "	=	58.32 "
1 ser (16 chittaks)	=	2½ troy lb. (or 2½ lb. avoird.)	=	933.10 "
1 maund (40 sera)	=	100 " " (or 82½ " ")	=	37.32 kgms.

APPENDIX III.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN FINANCE AND CURRENCY.

The terms of reference to the Royal Commission on Indian Finance and Currency, appointed in April 1913, with the Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain, M.P., as Chairman, were as follows:—

“ to inquire into the location and management of the general balances of the Government of India; the sale in London of Council Bills and Transfers; the measures taken by the Indian Government and the Secretary of State for India in Council to maintain the exchange value of the rupee in pursuance of or supplementary to the recommendations of the Indian Currency Committee of 1898, more particularly with regard to the location, disposition, and employment of the Gold Standard and Paper Currency Reserves; and whether the existing practice in these matters is conducive to the interests of India; also to report as to the suitability of the financial organisation and procedure of the India Office; and to make recommendations.”

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