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From

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To
The COLLECTOR of RATNAGIRI.
Caimp Dapoli, Brd February 1913.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit proposals for the Revision Settlement of Malvan Táluka in the Ratnágiri District. The guaranteed period of the Original Settlement ends with the Revenue year 1912-1913.
2. The taluka at present consists of 59 villages. Under the Original

Present Constitation. Settlement the number was 58, but the village of Bhudavlen was subsequently divided into two, that part of it which was held by the kbott retaining the original name and the other part being known as Nirom.
[3. There are three full inám villages in the táluka, and two " gharakati" inam villages in which the land revenue is shared by Government and the inámdar. 7All these villages are surveyed, and the Survey Settlement has in each case been accepted.
[4. Eleven villages in the tsfluka are held on the khoti tenure ;bnlyone of them-Juva Anjanácha-was under attachment during the Revenue year 1911-1912.
5. The taluka is about 238 square miles in area and thas the form of a rough square. It is bounded on the north by Devgad taluka and on the east by Savantrádi State. On the west is the Arabian Sea, while on the south the

- Position, Physical Featares and Soils. Kárli river separates it from Vengurla Taluka and the Savantvádi State.

6. The general appearance of the taluka was described by the Original Settlement Officer, Mr. Gibson, in these words:-
"A narrow strip of low-lying sandy soil from 1 to 2 miles broad extends along nearly the whole cosst-line of the district (taluka) and is protected from the sea by a line of sandhills or "dunes." On the eastern edge of this strip of land the hills rise abruptly to the height of about 200 feet, and from their western crests an undulating plateru extends inland for ahout 4 or 5 miles. The plateau slopes graduslly uppard lowards the enst until it reaches the elevation of about 400 feet sbove the sell level. The surface is capped with slag-like laterite rock, cut through by numerous deep and narrow ravines, and has a black and barren appearance. About the centre of the taluka the aspect of the country changes considerably. The continuous laterite plateaui ceases somewhat abruptly, and undulating hills separated from each other by wids valleys tuke its place. Towarils the eastern boundary the district (táluka) becomes still less hilly, and in the neighbourhood of the villages of Wurrad and Pendur there is a considerabla extent of open oountry with only a few small and isolated hilla scattered about it. The hills in this portion of the district appear to be composed of sand-stones or quartzite and the soil in their neighbourhood contains large quantities of sand and quartz."
7. The northern and eastern portions of the taluka are fairly well wooded, but in the other half of the táluka trees are to a large extent confined to the garden-lands. There is not at present, at, any rate in most villages, sufficient - 144-r
brushwood to satisfy the needs of cultivators for burning on their rice-fields, but if the cutting were carried on economically and systematically for a few jears the supply might be very considerably increased.
8. There are three principal rivers in the táluka-the Achra and Karli rivers on the northern and southern boundaries, and the Kalavli river running from north-east to south-west across the middle of the taluka. The best soils in the taluka are found in the low-lying lands on the banks of thess rivers. The sandy strip of land along the sea-coast is largely occupied with cocoanut plantations to which purpose it is excellently suited. The soil in the lower-lying villages in the south-east of the taluka is not of quite such good quality and contaius a large admixture of quartz. The soils on the plateau are of the very poorest type.

Climate.
9. The climate is equable, the ordinary extreme limits of the temperature being $65^{\circ}$ and $95^{\circ}$.
10. The average annual rainfall for the eleven years 1901 to 1911 is Rainfall. $\quad 73 \cdot 28$ inches, the maximum fall in that period being 106.57 in 1901-1902 and the minimum 42.65 in 1905. In the 14 years 1866 to 1879 the average was, 82.66 inches with a maxinum of 155.70 in 1878 and a minimum of 54.32 in $187^{\circ} 6$. The tract has thus participated to a marked degree in the general diminution of rainfall common to the west-coast districts in recent years.
11. Of the eleven seasons 1901 to 1911 the Agricultural Department describe four as good, six as fair, and one-the very abnormal year 1905-as poor. The average rainfall may therefore be said to be ample for the needs of the taluka, any shortage in the harvest being due as a rule to the irregularity of appearance of the rain rather than to a deficiency in its amount,
12. The most important grain crop in the taluka is rice. A large number of Ooltivation and Crops. different varieties are grown, which may be grouped late rice. The sowing of halva takes place as soon as the monsoon has broken, the seedlings are transplanted about a month later and the crop should ripen in September. The garoa rice is sown early in July and ripens at the end of Octaber. Halva rice is also sown as a hot weather crop (waingan) on land which has already yielded a monsoon crop. It is sown in Noveuber on lands which can be watered from 8 reliable stream and should be ready for reaping by the end of March.
13. A rice crop after transplantation usually occupies about three times the area on which it was originally sown. The land to be sown is first manured, the favourite method being the burning of brushwood. Brushwood, however, is not very plentiful, particularly in the west of the taluka, and other manures are often resorted to, fish-manure, which sells at about Rs. 50 per ton, being largely used in villages near the coast. Dried seaweed is also occasionally used.
14. The cbief product of the garden-lands is the cocoanut. This commodity has the great advantage of being but little affected by any untimeliness in the raipfall, provided that the total fall is sufficient. The palm is transplanted, from the nursery in which it is sown at periods varying from 2 to 18 months after the nut has been planted. The laiter at the time of planting should be dry and only balf full of milk. The young seedlings have to be watered throughout the fair peather, and a certain amount of watering is generally required for mature trees, Manuring is not much resorted to, but salt is found to be beneficial. Trees generally begin to beap after $B$ years, attain maturity atter about i $Q_{\text {, }} 8 n d^{2}$ continue to bear up to an age varying from 25 to 75. years. Almost every part of the tree is capable of being put to economic use:-the trunk is used for rafters, laths, firewood, etc. : the leaves for roofing, for mats, baskets, brooms, fodder and manure : the stem of the leaf for fences fishing-rods and domestic uteasils : the young unforaed leaves and nuts for pickles and chutney: the sap for toddy. for distilling and for making vinegar snd sugar the ripe nut for eating, for its
milk and for cooking: the dried flesh (copra) fortout-butter and margaripe: the oil for anap and condles, for rheumatism, for the hair and as an illuminant: the residue of the flesh, after expressing the oil, for cattie food and poultry-cake: the shell for drinking-cups, bottles, charcoal, tooth-powder and haoleum; the coin fibre from the husk for mattresses, rope, cordage, canvas, fuel, brushes, oakum, door-mats and fluor-matting. The cocoanut palm flourishes best on the flat agri-bagáyat lands on the coast and river banks. In the dongri or hill-side gardens, jack-fruit trees, mangoes, both coarse and grafted, and betel-nut palms are grown in addition to the cocoanut.
15. The principal crop grown on the voarkas lands is náchni. It is invariably the first crop grown after a period of fallow. It is followed by other coarse grains, of which harik and wori are the principal varieties, or occasionally by pulse crops. The favourite pulse is kulith, more than 12 per cent. of the fotal cropped area being sown with this crop. It is grown as a second crop on rice land and also as a monsoon crop on the better warkas soils.
16. Surgarcane is grown in some of the better rice-lands with the help of irrigation from streams and wells. Hemp is cultivated both as a monsoon crop -and as a second crop in some of the rice-lands. The principal oil-seed is sesamum.
17. Appendix $J$ contains details of the number of tanks, wells, etc., in the

## Water-aupply.

 táluka. The total number of wells now in use is given as 5,696 , of which 1,718 are described as pakka. These figures may be compared with those quoted by the Original Settlement Officer, viz., 3,129 wells, of which 600 were lined with masonry. There has been no appreciable change in the number of wells used for drinking and for purposes other than irrigation, but the number serviceable for irrigation has steadily increased throughout the Settlenent period.18. Mr. Gibson gave the number of tanks as 25. The term is so elastic that it is impossible to effect a comparison with the figures given in Appendix J. The principal tank is at Dhamápur and irrigates 545 acres of land. The tank invariably remains full risht up to the beginning of the monsoon, and the lands below it are apt to suffer from prolonged floods if the monsoon is an unusually. heavy one. The reuaining tanks in the taluka are all small.
19. The táluka is served by three modes of transport-road, river and sea. The principal road runs east from Malvan to Communications, Kasdl where it joins the road from Sávantrádi to the Phonda Gbát and Ratnágiri. There is alse a road from Malvan running:
north-east vid Rámgad and joining the Phonda Ghát road at Kankavli. Thé first of these two is a provincial road with good surface for the most part and with bridges over all the important streams. The second road has not such a good surface and crosses two unbridged streams of fair 然第 over one of which ferrying is necessary throughout the year.
20. A branch of the first road leads ta the ford of the Kárli river at Kálsa, meeting there the road to Sávantvádi and Vengurla. There are also roads from Malvan to Achra, from Achra, to Ramyad and from Sukalvádi through Vérad towards Sávantvádi; these are bad but passable by carts in the fair season.
21. The Kaleoli and Kárl rivers are both navigable cor 5 -ton boata fow about 15 miles, the one as far as Máli and the other up to Kalsa. There is however, much more water borne traffio on the former than pa the latter. The Karli creek has an outward bar, and its mouth is seven miles from the Mályas bázars. Moreover, the more prosperous villagea on its banks are much betten serped with roads than those on the Kalavli. The Achra ereek is described by Mr. Gibson as being navigable for 5 miles. This is no longer the case. If ia only with considerable dititiculty that even a suall machioa can be brought twa miles up the stream, and as a means of commanication the river must naw he negarded as negligible.
22. The taluka is well supplied with ferries at all important pointa on the creeks The ferry-boats where the roads meet the creeks are, as a rule, of suffient size to enable a bullock-cart to be easily taken acrgss,
23. Sea-going traffic toucthes at three principal ports-Malvan, Sarjekot and Achra-of which the first two are regarded as a single port for statistical purposes by the Customs Department. I have been supplied with the following figures shewing the number and tonnage of sailiug vessels (other than fishing. boats) trading at these two ports:-

| Year. |  |  |  | Malvan ( (noluding Sarjesot). |  | Achra |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | No. of pereola. | Tonnage | No. of veteels. | Tonnage. |
| 1880-1881 | ... | ... | ... | 2,364 | 27,367 | 401 | 3,154 |
| 1990-1891 | ... | ... | ... | 2,571 | 36,412 | 355 | 4,116 |
| 1900-1901 | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 3,171 | 36,652 | 333 | 4,123 |
| 1910-1911 | ... | ... | ... | 2,854 | 46,866 | 303 | 3,683 |

24. The taluka is also served by the steamers of the Bombay SteamNavigation Company, and of the Indian Co-operative Steam Navigation and Trading Company. The latter company came into existence in 1910 and ran one steamer twice weekly between Bombay and Goa, touching at intermediate ports including Malvan. The company bas now purchased a second steamer and they seem to be doing well. The Bombay Steam Navigation Company has a daily service, both north and south, touching at Málvan and Achra, and an extra boat is run by them on the days on which the Co-operative Company's steamers run. Their daily service at Malvan dates back to 1876, and at Achra to October 1911.
25. The steamers of these two lines touching at the Málvan port are purely passenger boats; they have now a complete monopoly of the passenger traffic to and from Bombay, and it is comparatively rare for a cargo ship to carry a passenger. On the other hand, there are no cargo steamers touching at the Malvan ports and the steamship lines have not exerted any direct influence on the commerce of the taluka.
26. The principal weekly bázârs are held at Sukalvádi (Talgaon), Masda

Markets and Fairs. and Achra; smaller bázárs are also held at Cbindar, markets have been supplied by the Mámlátdár and are printed in Apperdix C. The sources from which these figures are derived are so very unreliable that. no definite conclusions can be based on them.
27. The principal trade of the táluka is done at Málvan, but there is no special market day, 解d it is impossible to make any reliable estimate of the sales theru.
28. Apart from agriculture, fishing is the most important industry of

## Manufantares and Indas*

 tries. on fishing. 381 souls in the taluka dependent for their livelihoork on fishing. This is, however, evidently an error, and the true figures cannot be ascertaioed now. 'Ihe Census Report gives a fishirg population for the district of 38,075 , and as the annual catch of fish at Málvan and Achra is 3stimated at 71,500 maunds, or nearly a quarter of the district total, the fishing population of the táluka is probably at least 6,000 souls. Of the total catch about 27,500 maunds is cured, and the remainder, including 20,000 maunds for manure, is sold fresh. The total value of the annual catch is estimated at Rs. 1,46,000. In 1912, 3,283 fishing boats with an aggregate tonnage of $2_{3} 97.2$ tons were registered at A.chra and Málvan.29. There are four fish-curing yards in the talluka, and during the year 1911-1912, 29,824 maunds of fish were prepared for export.
30. There are a few hand-looms in the taluka (see Appendix G) on which' edris, lugadas, etc., are woven. Oil-presses, in which cocoanut and sesamum oil
are prepared, are found in every village, and a aseful oil is also extracted from the fruit of the undi tree. Coarse red pottery is made in considerable quantity by Kumbhars in various parts of the táluka, bat they merely supply a local demand and are not a prosperous class. The fishing and sailor classes manufacture large quantities of fishing-nets and ropes during the off-season, and a considerable amount of the latter commodity is exported for use elsewhere, Málvan rope having acquired a very fair reputation during the last century. Large quantities of nets of various kinds are sold to the 'Kánara and Malábár fishermen.
31. There are one or two merchants in Malvan who have undertaken the manufacture of cutiery, nibs and buttons on a small scale, but they do not provide work for very many employés.
32. In the month of September, when the heavier rains have abated, much labour is devoted in Málvan town to the preparation of haju nuts for the Bombay markets. The nuts are brought in from outlying parts of the taluka, and in still larger quantities from Sávantrádi State and Goa in the months of April and May. They are roasted in September, and shipped to Bombay as soon as communications are re-opened. This highly remunerative industry is said to have a deleterious effect on the public health; the acrid vapours given of during the roasting process are very irritating, and aggravate asthma and kindred troubles.
33. Exports from the táluka are, for the most part, sea-borne, bat a certain quantity of dried fish, cocoanuts and other products Imports and Exports. leave the taluka by the two principal roads. This, with a few minor products, is, for the most part, sold either in the Kankavli bázar in Devgad Taluka or in one of the bázárs of the Sávantvádi State.
34. Statistics of the sea-borne trade have been furnished me by the Customs Department. These figures were recorded in the office of the Sarkárkún at Málvan up to the year 1905-1906. Thereafter, on the re-organization of the department, the work was transferred to the office of the Recorder-General, Bombay. As a result of this, separate figures are available up to 1905-1906 for the ports of Málvan and Achra. Thereafter only combined figures for the Customs Taluka, which includes also the port of Devgad, are available. This accounts for the lack of uniformity in the figures exhibited below :-

Imports.

| Malvan <br> Achra <br> Devgad | 1880-1881. | 1890-1891. | 1800-1901. | 1905.1906. | 1910-1912. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underset{4,72,995}{ }$ | $\underset{4,52,715}{\mathrm{Rs}_{2}}$ | $\xrightarrow{\text { R, }}$ (9,584 | $\underset{11,17,678}{\mathrm{Rs}_{3}}$ |  |
|  | $\pm 5,646$ | 44,825 | 64,321 | 81,89,582 | ...... |
|  | 1,02,336 | 1,00,780 | 2,22,556 | 2,00,108 | ...... |
|  | 6,00,977 | 5,98,830 | 12,36,461 | 14,07,364 | 16,56,469 |

Exports.


[^0]35. The principal imports into the three ports in 1910-1911 were as follows:-

| Article |  |  | Faine. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rs. |
| Husked rice... ... | *** | *** | 5,79,781 |
| Rice in the husk | ... | ... | 1,56,249 |
| Other grains -... | *- | *-* | 86,768 |
| Dried frnits (chiefly kajou) | ... | ... | 2,27,190 |
| Cocoanut oil | ** | *** | 92,720 |

The principal exports were:-
Falue.
Article,
Rs.

| Dried fruits (chiefly ledju) |  |  |  | $\ldots$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cocoanuts | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots, 61,778$ |  |
| Cocoanut products | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 65,219 |
| Other fruits | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 26,506 |
| Salted fish | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 48,696 |
| Raw hemp | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 66,884 |

36. In addition to these there is a considerable import by road of coarse grains and other food articles from Devgad Taluka and the Savantvadi State.
37. Appendices $\mathbf{D}$ and $E$ contain figures supplied by the Provincial Population. Superintendent of Census Operations. The population has been steadly increasing throughout the Settlement period as may be inferred from the figures for the total population as determined at the last four censuses :-

| Year. |  |  |  | Popalation. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1881 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 84,663 |
| 1891 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 92,437 |
| 1901 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $1,07,944$ |
| $1011^{*}$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $1,11,257$ |

A reference to Appendix $G$ will shew that of recent years the birth-rate has exceeded the death-rate by over 50 per cent. and that in the last five years there has been an excess of $\mathbf{0}, 843$ births over deaths. This may be instructively compared with the census figures shewing an increase in population of only 3,313 from 1901 to 1911. An explanation of this discrepancy must be sought partly in the fact that the plague in Bombay in 1901 drove large numbers of people back to their homes and partly in the annual migration to Bombay in search of work. The demand for labour and the wages paid in Bombay are higher now than they were in 1901, and the increased pressure of the population in Malvan has provided a further incentive to emigration. A large proportion, however, of the labour supplied by Malvan to Bombay is not mere coolie labour, but includes service of all grades in the police and otber Government departments.
38. The following statements of passengers carried have been very kindly supplied to me by the two steamship companies :-

The Indian Co-operative Navigation and Trad ng Company, Limited.


The Bombay Steam Navigation Company, Limiled.

| Monthat | Mesivan to Pombay. |  |  | Bomhay to Matyan. |  |  | Achm to Bombay |  |  | Homber to Achrs |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Clam. |  |  | Clase. |  |  | Clome |  |  | Class. |  |  |
|  | 1 | 17 | III | $I$ | II | III | 1 | II | III | 1 | II | III |
| Octoter 1014 ... | 1 | 89\% | 2,9864 | 8 | ${ }^{504} 4$ | 2,169 |  | $8 *$ | 787 |  | 103 | (4)3 |
| Noxambar 1011 .. | ** | 875 | 2,812 | 1 | 349 | 2,176 | $\cdots$ | 1091 | 74 | $\cdots$ | 85 | $4{ }^{4} 5$ |
| Doveraber 1911. | 4 | 416 | 8,380 | 4 | 588 | 2,112 | $\cdots$ | 87 | 068 | $\cdots$ | \% | $88 \%$ |
| January 1918 ... | $\cdots$ | $415 \frac{1}{4}$ | 2, | 4 | 納 | \$,714 | $\cdots$ | 103 | 6781 | 1 | 1374 | 6131 |
| Pobrasty 1919 | $\cdots$ | 2007 | 1,764 | 4 | 040 | 8,187 | m | 0 | 407 | 8 | 1085 | 96el |
| March 1018 ... | $s$ | 881 | 8.081 | 1 | 771 | 2,410 | $\therefore$ | 148 | 7218 | $\cdots$ | 1203 | 658 |
| April 8012 ."m | 3 | 08 | 2.8114 | 71 | 888 | 2,560 | 9 | 1468 | $6{ }^{65}$ | $\cdots$ | 194 | 567 |
| May 1912 ... |  | 900\% | 1,085 | 01 | 624 | 1,883 | $\ldots$ | 1101 | 998 | $\Sigma$ | 001 | 5094 |
| Total ... |  | 8,805 | 10,2943 | 31 | 4,900) | 19,2831 | 2 | 817 | 5,400 |  | 009 | 4,689 |


Thus, in all, 40,638 passengers left the táluka for Bombay, and 38,745 returned, giving a net emigration of 1,893 for the year. The prosperity of the returning migrants is suggested by the larger proportion of first and second class passengers on the homeward-going boats.
39. A scrutiny of the figures for the various months will shew that the agriculturists who return to cultivate their fields during the monsoon form only a small part of the total. The heavy traffic towards the talluka in February and back to Bombay in March is a result of the Shimga festival and the marriage season which attract many of the more permanent emigrants in Bombay back to their ancestral homes.
40. Large numbers of civil and military pensioners are residents of this táluka, though the number of the latter class has considerably declined of recent years. On March 31st, 1912, there were 1,495 military and 372 civil pensioners drawing pensions aggregating, respectively, about Rs. 1,10,000 and Rs, 40,000 per annum.
41. Appendix $I I$ deals with the schools in the taluka. It will be seen that in the year 19115,539 children (about 5 per cent. of the total population) were receiving instruction in
Sohools and Education. Government and recognized private schools. Appendix E also contains figures bearing on the literaey of the population, and shewing a total of 1,528 persons under the age of 20 able to read and write. I am inclined to doubt the accuracy of the census figures and to base my view of the state of education in the taluka on the facts disclosed in Appendix H. In the Gazetteer it is stated that in 1878 there were 7 Government schools in the táluka. There are now 42 such schools and the number is increasing jearly.
42. Appendix F may be compared with the statistical Table No. VI accompanying the Original Settlement Report. There is a small increase in the number of plough-cattle and a
Live and Dead-atook. small decrease among the milch-cattlp. The number of she-buffilues, however, has increased by 50 per cent. and it is among the cows that the decrease has occurred. The number of goats has nearly doubled during the Settlement period, but sheep are no longer to bo obtained in the taluka.
43. The rate of wages for ordinary labour was 4 annas per diem for Wages. an able-bodied coolie in 1884. It rose in 1908 to 5 annas per diem. The rate for field labour has remained at 3 annas throughout.
44. The Agricultural Department has supplied information as to the

## Prices.

 prevailing prices from the year 1889-1890, and I have been able to glean from the taluka records prices in the five preceding years. The whole is embodied in Appendix N.45. It will Le pertinent to the enquiry in hand to compare the changes in the rates for rice in the husk and for cleaned rice during the Settlement period. To this end I exhibit below the average rates per rupee for the two commodities in each of the last five quinquennia:-

|  |  |  |  | Average rate per rapec for rice in the buak. |  | Cleaned rice. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Scers | bataks, | Seera | hataky. |
| 1. '(1887-1891)* | :- | *. | ... | 20 | 12 | 10 | 10 |
| 2. (1892-1896) | ... | ... | *. | 19 | 3 |  | 15 |
| 3. (1897-1901) | ... | *. | ... | 15 | 9 | 10 | 5 |
| 4. (1902-1906) | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 4 | 10 | 10 |
| 5. (1906-1911) | ** | *.* | *.. | 14 | 13 | 9 | 3 |

*Price of cleaned rice only available for 1889 and 1890.
The general trend of these figures is to shew that cleaned rice has not shared in the general rise of prices to anything like the same extent as uncleaned rice. The cause of this is, of course, the springing up of a large import trade in cleaned rice, coupled with a much smaller import trade in unbusked rice.
46. The influence of the imported rice on prices is further illustrated by the figures relating to náchni, the principal coarse grain, and kulith, the principal pulse. The price of náchni has gone up about 50 per cent. and the price of kutith has nearly doubled in the course of the Settlement period. In the meantime the flooding of the local markets with cheap cleaned rice, and notably, during recent years, Burmese or "Rangoon" rice as it is called, has kept down the price of the local product to such an extent tbat rice is now, relatively to other crops of the táluka, not so valuable a crop as it was 30 years ago.
47. Another very important commodity is the cocoanut, forming as it does the main product of the garden-lands in the táluka. A very notable rise in prices occurred in 1906 and 1907, traceable in part to the results of the locust visitation and in part to the general rise in the demand for cocoanut products throughout the world. Prices relaxed a little in 1908 and 1909, but recovered in 1010, and in 1911 and 1912 reached the wholesale price of Rs, 50 per thousand with every prospect of a further rise. In 1912 the best type of cocoanut could not be bought retail for less than an anna.
48. Appendix 0 calls for a few comments. Large increases in the cccupied area appear in 1884-1885, 1885-1886 and 1887-1888.
Revenue History. In the first two cases they are due to the inclusion of sheri and kowli lands. As no change was to be wade in the rent levied on these lands the assessment according to survey rates was not at first calculated on them. Subsequently it appears to have been calculated and they were then included for the first time in the totals of occupied land. In 1893-1894 and 1894-1895 the decreases were due to certain forest areas being appropriated and treated as unoccupied waste, and in 1897-1898 1,260 acres of inam land which had been mistakenly included were struck off. Subsequent increases are due to new land being given out for cultivation. Remissions from 1887 to 1891 were due to the remission of assessment on lands appropriated to forest. The greater part of the other remissions shewn in column 18 represent the expenses of managing attached $k h 6 t i$ and other villages. In 1905-1906 there was a suspension of revenue amounting to obout Rs. 11,000 on lands which had suffered from the locust visitation. No other appreciable suspension of land revenue has been found necessary during the Settlement period.
49. The Mámlatdár has supplied me with figures shewing the number of coercive processes employed. Up to 1907-1908 the

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 number of notices issued annually was about 250 . Most of these were probably unnecessary, for during. the last four years only 9 have been issued, all ir 1909-1910. There has been no-case of fine since $1898-99$ and only two sales of forfeited property are reported during the whole Settlement period. In the fourteen years 1898-1899 to 1911-1912 distraint has been necessary in 58 cases. Most of these were a result of the absence of the occupant in Bombay. There has thus never been any real difficulty in collecting the revenue.
50. In accordance with the orders contained in Government Resolution

## Value of land.

 No. 9623 of 22 nd October 1910 , Revenue Department information under this head has been collected with the aid of the Record-of-Right which in 1911-1912 was in working in 43 out of the 89 villages of the táluka. The task has not been an easy one. The inaccuracy of the Record as originally framed in this taluka was such as to call for a special revision, which unfortunately came too late to be of any assistance in this report. This inaccuracy has necessitated a thorongh personal check on every item extracted. The inordinate degree of sub-division of the land has also greatly increased the labour of compilation. I am, however, convinced that the results, in particular those dealing with rents, are infinitely more reliable and valuable than any information the Registration Department could possibly supply.51. I have not prepared separate tables for rents in cash and rents in kind. Whichever form of payment is agreed on the tenant usually has the option of the other. I have reduced all cash rents on rice-land at the uniform rate of Rs, 2 per maund. This is rather below the current rate but will consequently err on the right side, and make the rents appear slightly lower than they should. In the same way I have reduced rents paid in kind on cocoanut plantations at the rate of Rs. 5 per hundred cocoanuts. This is the full wholesale market rate; but as such payments in kind are generally only made in small quantitios in addition to a cash rent; it would not have been incorrect to apply the retail rate. Consequently it may be assumed that here too the estimate of rents errs, if at all, on the lenient side. LCrop-share rents are not very common. In the case of rice-lands they are generally fixed at one-half of the crop in the better villages, and one-third in the poorer ones. In all cases the recorded rent includes the assessment, that is to say, I have taken the stipulated rent when. the landlord pays the assessment and the stipulated rent plus the assessment when the tenant pays. $]$
52. (In cocoanut plantations the tenant often pays at a fixed rate per learing tree. In leases fixed more than ten years ago the rate was generally from $4 \frac{1}{2}$ to 6 annas, according as the tenant had or had not tended the trees when they were first planted. In recent leases the rate varies from 12 annas to a rupee.) In addition to this it is usual for the tenant to pay a fixed number of cocoanuts to the landlord for his private consumption. It has not been possible to amass any very valuable information as to rents in warkas lands. I have recorded a number of these, but the average rent must be regarded as merely average and not in any way typical. In the majority of cases the rent is either very much above or very much below the average. In the villages of the IIIrd and IVth groups where the rice-lands are not extensive the leasing of mixed parcels of rice and warkas land is usual, and I have recorded a number of such rents,
53. Figures of rents have been tabulated for the four groups in Appendix $\mathbf{K}_{\text {. }}$ The average ratio of rent to assessment is]exhibited below tor the various classes of land in each group:-

| Group I <br> Group II <br> Group III <br> Group IV |  |  | Warkes, | $\begin{gathered} \text { Agri- } \\ \text { Chagat. } \end{gathered}$ | Dongri- <br> bagayat. <br> hrikese | Kharit. | Mixed khati and warkon. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ... | $\ldots$ | $5 \cdot 29$ | 5.80 | 6.38 | 8.58 |  |
|  |  | ... | 5.93 | $5 \cdot 47$ | 8.93 | $5 \cdot 0$ | 3•79 |
|  | ... | ... | 8.85 | ... | - | 3.94 | . 8.72 |
|  | - | ... | 4.16 | ... | .*- | 4.02 | $3 \cdot 60$ |
|  |  |  | $4 \cdot 55$ | $5 \cdot 65$ | 5.24 | 4.81 | $3 \cdot 69$ |

Average ratio for all elasses of land 4:58,
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54. Some difficulty was found in getting any appreciable volume of reliable figures with regard to sales and mortgages. Most of the land in this táluka is held jointly by several members of a fumily. If one of them wishes to raise money he mortgages his share, on the condition that it is re-let to him ; that is to say, he executes what is legally a possessury but practically a simple mortgage. Subsequently more money changes hands and the mortgage is converted into a sale. This may be taken as the normal genesis of a sale. The simple mortgage is practically unknown. Collateral conditions are frequent in these transactions, and the uncertainty of the vendor's right to mortgage or sell consequent on the complicated nature of the family relations frequently influences the price to a considerable degree. For all these reasons I found it impossible except in the rarest cases to obtain anything like reliable information about transactions effected in the earlier part of the Settlement period, and I have therefore only exhibited in $A_{\rho}$ pendices $L$ and $M$ such mortgages and sales as have been executed in the last ten years, and appeared to be bond fide. straightforward transactions.
55. Before stating the rates which I propose shall be introduced, a few

Present Settlement. remarks are imperative as regards the rates now in force. In the first place it must be pointed out that they differ materially from those proposed by Mr. Gibson and sanctioned by Government. Mr. Gibson divided the villages into four groups in which ha proposed maximum rice rates of Rss. 7, Rs. $6 \frac{1}{2}$, Rs, $5 \frac{7}{2}$ and Rs. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Rabi lands were all to be assessed at Ms. 3. Warkas and bhatle lands were assessed at uniform rates over the taluka, of 6 and 5 annas per acre for the two classes of bhatle and 4, 3, 2 and 1 for the four classes of voarlcas. Agri-bágayat lands in groups I and II were to be assessed at Rs, 15, and dongri lands at Rs. 10 in groups I and II and at Rs, 5-8-0 and Rs. 4-8-0 in groups III and IV. Mr. Gibson stated that there were no ágri lands in groups III and IV and consequently proposed no rate for such lands there. He proposed to assess rice-land in part of Dhámapur village which was otherwise included in group II at the IIIrd group rate, viz., Rs. $\varepsilon \frac{1}{2}$. These nates were sanctioned by Government. The rates were introduced by Major Godfrey and on their coms pletion he sent in a statement showing the result of the introduction. In this statement the village of Ambdos, which had been put by: Mr. Gibson in group II, is shown in group III, and the rice rate introduced there was Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$. No Government sanction to this change can be traced.
56. During the Settlement period the following facts came to light. Agri-bágáyat lands in Kálsa and in the whole of Dhamapur (both in group II). were found to have been assessed at Rs. 12 instead of Rs. 15. Dongri-bd́gáyat lands in the following villages of groups $I$ and II :-

| Málvan, |  | Revdi, <br> Kandalgaon, <br> Hadi, |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Achre, |  |
| Tondavli, |  |  |
| Hal Waingani, |  |  |

were assessed at Rs. 15 instead of Rs. 10. This mistake was corrected and the assessment reduced under the orders of Government Resolution No. 2087 of 5th March 1910, Revenue Department. At the same time it was discovered that dongri-bdagdyat lands in the following nine villages of group II :-

had been assessed at the same rate as rice-land, namely, Rs. 62, instead of Rs. 10.
57. A further discrepancy has since been found in the course of the enquiries, on the result of which this report is based. In the following ten villages:-

| Parad, | Bandivde Khurd, <br> Dangmod, <br> Koil, <br> Jura Koil, <br> Bandirde Budruk, |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Pendur, |
| Varad, |  |
| Talgaon; and |  |
| Malond, |  |

all in group III, there is garden-land classed as ágri-bágáyat and assessed at a maximum rate of Rs. 12. No sanction can be found for this rate. It has been imposed on a total of about 113 acres and the resulting assessment is Rs. 895.
58. Mr. Gibson made the further remark that the settlement, he proposed, did not include sheri lands which were to remain at their original pre-survey assessment. As a matter of fact the sheri lands were classed and the Settlement rates calculated on them and recorded, though the lessees continued and still continue to pay Government the original makta. It may also be remarked that the lands known as kowli lands were also classed and assessed at survey ratea, though the rent paid to Government differs in many cases from the assessment,
59. Viewing the Settlement period from a general point of view, it is

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 impossible to avoid the conclusion that the taluka has prospered much more than any of its neighbours. Malvan bandar has never served to any extent as a shipping port for over-ghát traffic. The nearest passes to Málvan were the Amboli and Kamghát passes to the south and the Phonda pass to the north. The latter fed Khárepátan and Viziádurg, the former two Vengurla. Hence, while almost every other Konkan trading centre has been starved by the opening of the railways, Malvan has continued to hold its own.60. The rainfall, though recently averaging less than in former years, is atill ample for the needs of the farmer. Internal communications have improved: the roads are much better and the two principal rivers no less navigable than they were thirty years ago. At that time the talluka boasted but 17 carts for the conveyance of its merchandise; now it has 270. The population, notwithstanding the large migration to Bombay and elsewhere, has gone up by leaps and bounds. The fishing industry flourishes to such an extent that the catch of fish at Málvan is the largest at any port south of Bombay. The Malvan fishermen sell their rope and their nets all down the coast. The town has practically a monopoly of the kaju-roasting business, and there is a big export of hemp. It is peculiarly notable that while the food-grains produced in the talluka are not nearly sufficient for local wants, the cultivator can yet afford to grow such large quantities of a non-food crop. There has been po contraction in the area cropped, which is limited merely by the capabilities of the soil, and there has never been any difficulty in recovering the revenue, The demand for land is great, and while the presence of large numbers of military and civil pensioners has no doubt forced the selling value up, the figures exhibited in Appendices $K, L$ and $M$ are still indicative of a high degree of prosperity. The sea-borne trade of the táluka has expanded steadily, and, though a good deal of the increase indicated in paragraph 84 (supra) is merely due to increased prices, the actual bulk of the trade has also expanded very considerably as is evidenced by the increase in the aggregate tonnage of ships trading at Málvan.
61. There has been a very general rise in prices. This is most noticeable among the pulses and coarse grains, the advent of Burmese rice having retarded somewhat the rise in the price of local varieties of that commodity. Cocoanots and sesamum have also shared in the general rise, and $I$ am therefore of opinion that the tuluka as a whole is well able to bear an increase in its assessment.
62. As regards the distribution of this increase I do not propose any Warkas Lande alterntion in the rates now in force on warkes lund. The prices of coarse grains and pulses certainly exhibit the most noteworthy rises of almost any oommodity; the varkas land is, however, generally so poor as hardly to repay cultivation, and is wery larg-ly held by the poorer classes. The present rates are meraly nominal, and in my opinion should remain nominul. Much voarkas land is merely used to provide brushwood for burning on the better class of fields, and the increasing scarcity of brushwood renders it still less advisable to attempt any raising of the cates. For the reasons stated in paragraph 52 the figures in Appendix $K$ bearing on this olass of land cennot be taken as necesearily indicating a high lettiag value. Much more oonsistent are the figures for mixad parsely of hand which
shew that the inclusion of warkas land in a transaction diminishes the relative letting value of rice-land. I am of opinion that any rise in the warkas rates would combine the minimum of gain to Government with the maximum of hardship to the cultivator.
63. The price of unhusked rice has risen 40 per cent. during the Settle-Rico-lands. ment period, and there has been an even larger rise in the prices of the pulses which are grown as second crops. I propose an increase in the rates on rice-land accordingly. Before stating any definite proposals, however, I wish to consider briefly the logical basis on which the existing groups and rates were fixed, and to see how far the Original Settlement has been justified by events.
64. In this connection the Original Settlement Report is not of much assistance. Mr. Gibson placed Malvan town in a group by itself. The remaining villages were arranged into three groups according to their accessibility from Málvan and the maximum rates in the four groups varied from Rs. 7 in Málvan to Rs, $4 \frac{1}{2}$ in the most distant group. This would be the obvious group. ing in the case of a táluka producing large quantities of grain and exporting most of it from Malvan. Prices would then rule highest in Málvan for locally produced commodities, and highest in the outlying villages for imported commodities. The local production in Malvan Taluka is; however, very far from meeting the local needs. Grain to the value of over 8 lakhs was imported in 1910-1911 at the three ports of Málvan, Achra and Devgad, and at least $\frac{4}{3}$ ths of this must have come into the two Malvan ports. Even thirty years ago the import was considerable. As a result prices of grain in the outlying villages are generally a little in excess of those ruling ia Malvan market. The excess is never great even in the case of rice, and in the case of coarse grains and pulses sufficient is imported from Kankavli on the north-east to maintain a fair level in price throughout the taluka. Thus, as far as prices are concerned, the advantage of the agriculturist in the more bighly rated groups is confned to the buying prices of imported commodities. In the matter of selling prices for his own commodities he is practically on a level with the rayat in the outlying villages.
65. The rainfall is heaviest in the eastern villages, so that it is not in this matter either that we must look for the advantage of the western groups. The advantage lies in the readier realization of profits, in the greater abundance of cheap labour, in the undoubted superiority of the soil, in the more immediate accessibility of all the amenities of civilisation-schools, shops, courts, etc.and as $_{\text {as }}$ explained above ${ }_{2}$ in the smaller prices to be paid for imported necessities and luxuries.
66. A consideration of Appendix $K$ will shew how far events have borne out the accuracy of this reasoning. The average ratios of rent to assessment in the rice-lands of the four groups are, respectively, $6 \cdot 58,5 \cdot 00,3.94$ and 4.02 (see paragraph 53). The same ratios for mixed parcels of land in the three lower groups are $3.79,3.72$ and 3.60 . Now, on a fair basis of assessment the ratio should be higher on the more valuable lands, for a smaller fraction of the total produce will give the cultivating tenant a fair livelihood, but the difference should not be so great as that exhibited above.
67. There is, however, a qualifying circumstance which must be taken into account here. In Malvan village; and to a less extent in the villages of the second group, the pressure of population is considerable and the demand for land on lease is great. Consequently rents are fixed not merely as high as the landlórd can expect to get in an average year, but often as high as he can reasonably demand in an exceptional year. The tenant has, perforce, to agree to this, and does so, trusting to the landlord not to exact the full rent except in the case of a bumper crop. It would at first sight appear that this might have been taken into account at the time when these leases were scrutinized, and the average instead of the stipulated rent recorded. This, however, was not possible, since, except in cases where there was a dispute as to the stipulated amount, neither party when faced with the other would admit that less was paid. The tenant invariably desired to impress me with the magnitude of the rent he
was called upon to pay, and would not admit that he had in fact paid less, for fear that this should be brought against him by the landlord as an admission that arrears were still due. The landlord, on the other hand, was quite willing to complain in private that he never recovered his full rents, but in face of his tenants he would make no statement that might be construed by them into an admission that he was ordinarily willing to forego any amount.
68. This state of affairs applies to many of the rents in Málvan village and to some in the bigger villages of group II. I do not think that it has any appreciable influence on rents in the third and fourth groups where the population is comparatively sparse. I think it would be making a lenient allowance to take the average rent in group I as not less than 5 and in group II as not less than $4 \frac{1}{2}$ times the assessment. Rents in group III rule a littie lower than in group IV. The reason for this is that in the big villages of Várad, Pendur and Talgaon the lands are very largely in the hands of a few big landlords, and many of their tenants, though actually tenants-at-will, have held their leases for so long that they are able to secure specially favourable terms. It may therefore be assumed that actual unrestricted rents vary from about 4 times the assessment on the comparatively poor soils of the fourth group to rather over 5 times the assessment in group I, and this, to my mind, indicates as fair a proportional rating as can be expected.

## 69. I propose to raise the rates on rice-land four annas in the rupee in each group. This will give maximum rates respectively of Rs. 8-12-0, Rs. 8-2-0, Rs. 6-14-0 and

 Rs. 5-10-0. It has hitherto been usual to fix a maximum rate at a round sum which will give as nearly as possible the desired increase. The necessity for this has now disappeared. In their Resolution No. 10380 of 27th October 1909, Government in the Revenue Department has now pleased to direct the calculation of revised rates, by applying to individual holdings increments of an integral number of annas in the rupee. The object of expressing the revised maxima in round sums is thus removed.70. It was stated in paragraph 51 that crop-share rents were fixed at half the gross produce in the better villages and $\frac{1}{8}$ in the poorer. Assuming these to be equivalent to the cash rents summarized in paragraph 68 it will be soen that in a normal year the present assessment lies between $\frac{1}{12}$ of the value of the gross produce in group IV and $\frac{1}{10}$ in group I. An increase of 4 annas in the rupee will give corresponding fractions of $\frac{5}{48}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ or very approximately $\frac{1}{1 \sigma}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$. In the above calculation I have neglected the expenses of realization and assumed that a rent paid in kind represents the full market value of the grain to the landlord. Consequently my estimate of the gross produce is not an unduly optimistic one.
71. If any further justification of the proposed rates is needed it may be remarked that the only other tálukás in Ratnágiri District in which there is no rice-rate higher than Rs. 7 are Sangameshvar and Vengurla. In three talukás there is a maximum rate of Rs. 9 and the rates in all of these were fixed at a time when the price of rice was considerably lower than it is at present. Sangameshvar, where the highest rate is Rs. 7, is an inland táluka having no village within 15 miles of the sea. In Vengurla Táluka which was revised in 1903 the Rs. 7 rate was allowed to remain as there had been then no marked rise in prices and the trade of the taluka and its general prosperity had declined considerably during the Settlement period. In Devgad, to the north of Málvan, 41 villages, correspinding in position to the first two groups of Málvan Caluka, were assessed in 1891 at a maxinum rate of Rs. 8. Their rice-lands are no more fertile and their communications much less favourable than those of the Málvan villages. My proposals will, I think, effect a fair adjustment between the two tálukás.
72. For the reasons stated above (paragraphs 66 to 68) I do not propose any, alteration in the general plan on which the villages are grouped. One or two individual cases, however, call for attention. The northern villages of the third group were iucluded therein on account of the communication which the sea afforded them by the Achra creek. That creek is no longer navigable, even
at high tide, beyond the ford in Achra village on the Málvan-Devgad road. I accordingly propose to transfer the villages of Kudopi, Budhavli and Palsamb to the fourth group. The other villages affected by this change are Chindar and Trimbak, but a road passes through the middle of Trimbalk and the north of Chindar, while the south of Chindar has direct access to the Kalavli creek. In these two cases then I do not propose to interfere with the present grouping.
73. The village of Nirom at the time of the Original Settlement was part of Budhavil, and, despite the fact that it is perhaps the most inaccessible village in the taluka, it was assessed along with the rest of Budhavlh at the third group rate. This does not appear to have been Mr. Gibson's intention, for id the map accompanying the Original Settlement Report Nirom is coloured blue as though belonging to the fourth group. I propose now to include it in group IV where it obviously belongs.
74. In paragraph 55 mention is made of the change, after the original rates had been sanctioned, in the rate applied to Ambdos. I can conceive no reason why this change should have been made, beyond the fact that if Ambdos had been kept in group II the assessment on the village would have been increased by over 100 per cent. But much larger increases were allowed to stand in the case of nine other villages. Moreover, the assessment proposed by Mr. Gibson on the rice and bágayat lands was actually lower than that levied on the same lands prior to the survey. The average bhág annas on the rice-land of Ambdos are very little below the average for the whole of group II and in excess of the average for group I. The village adjoins Málvan itself and has the two main roads of the taluka passing within a mile of it. I propose putting the village into group II where geographically it belongs. This will mean an increase of 39 per cent. in the assessment on its rice-lands. I have recorded 13 rents on rice-lands in Ambdos and the effect of the change on these will be to increase the assessment to rather more than. $\frac{1}{3}$ of the rent. This appears a little high, but as the total area of land in this village covered by the rent statistics is under 3 acres, I do not consider it an adequate reason for abandoning the proposed change.
75. In the same way I do not think there is any justification for the special favour meted out to the northern half of Dhámápur village. The average bhág annas of its rice-land are higher than those for Ambdos, and a very large part of the rice-land in this portion of the village directly abuts on the Malvan-Kasal road. Practically the whole of this part of the village is in the hands of two big land-holders and is cultivated by hereditary tenants. In the case of one of these holdings a heated dispute, which has been in progress for several years now, as to the permanency of their right, prevented me from getting any reliable information out of the tenants as to their rents. In the other holding there are 85 tenants with an admittedy permanent lien on the land. Their rent averages about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ times the assessment which is not low for a permanent lease. I accordingly propose to include the whole of Dhámápur in the second group.
76. The two maps accompanying this report shew the present and the proposed grouping.
77. The rábi land in the talluka only covers 78 acres, but it is of good

Rabi Land.
quality. Tür, hemp and various forms of pulse are grown on it. The price of hemp has not increased much, but that it remains a paying crop to grow is evidenced by the very large annual export of this commodity. The rate originally imposed was, in my opinion, a light one, and I propose the same proportional increase as in the case of rice-lands, thus raising the maximum rate from Rs. 3 to Rs. 3 -12-0. I have not been able to collate any appreciable number of rents for this kind of land, much of it having been converted into garden-land by private enterprise.
78. The ágri-bagáyat lands of the talluka are devoted almost exclusively

[^1] to the production of cocoanuts. In group I and in 13 villages of group II they are assessed at a maximum rate of Rs. 15. In 2 villages-Kálsa and Dhámápur-
from group II and in group III they are assessed at Rs. 12. Mr. Gibson has not given any reason for assessing the first two groups at the same rate. The arguments discussed in paragraphs 64 and $6 \overline{5}$ above, whioh justify a differentiation of the rice rates, apply with even greater force in the case of gardenlands; for cocoanuts are actually exported in large quantities, and the facilities of export have to be added to the other factors which were noted above as making up the sum total of the advantage possessed by the cultivator in group 1 .
79. A reference to the table in paragraph 53 will shew that rents on dgribágayat land in group I average 5.80 and in group II 5.47 times the assessment; and the difference will be even greater if we omit from group II the villages of Kalsa and Dhámápur which were under-assessed at the rate of Rs. 12. These figures are not subject to the particular qualification applied (see paragraph 67) to the rice rates. Unseasonableness in the, raiufall, which may halve the output of a rice-crop, has no influence on the produce of the cocoanut palm. Provided the total fall is sufficient the tree flourishes. Consequently the rents recorded are not merely stipnlated but actual rents. Now, the avernge assessment of agri land in group II is in considerable excess of that of group I. Consequently the ratio of rent to assessment should be higher. This, however, is not the case. Any increase, then, that is proposed, should, in my opinion, bear more heavily on group I than on group II. The agri lands in group II are assessed 25 per cent, higher than those in group III. This difference is, in my opinion, too great. The garden-lands in the third group, though mostly occurring in small isolated patches (for which reason it has not been possible to ascertain their letting value), are of good quality, and are almost all of them situated on the banks of one of the two principal navigable rivers. I consider that the second group should be assessed intermediately between the first and the third. I accordingly propose to raise the rates in the first and third groups 4 annas in the rupee, and in the second group 2 annas in the rupee. This will give rates of Rs. 18-12-0, Rs. 16-14-0 and Rs. 15 respectively. None of the villages which I have proposed to transfer from one group to another contain any ágri-bagáyat lands. They need not therefore be considered here.
80. The grounds on which $I$ base the proposed increase are two-fold : the leniency of the present rates, and the rise in the price of cocoanuts. Mr. G. W. Hatch, I. C. S., when revising the settlement of Vengurla Táluka in 1903, enquired closely into the productivity of a cocosnut plantation, and the results of his enquiry are set forth in paragraph 26 of his report (published as Selection No. CCCCXLII, New Series). He makes two estimates of the gross produce of an average acre of good garden-land-one in which he allows 33 per cent. as middleman's profits, and one in which he allows 11 per cent. The resulting totals were Kis. 113 and Rs. 149 respectively. I think-that even his lower estimate of middleman's profits is excessive, at least as far as Mávan is concerned. Moreover, the market price on which this estimate was founded was Rs. 3-6-0 per hundred, while the present price is Rs. 5 per hundred. We may, therefore, I think, be safe in saying that the average gross produce per acre on land of the class with which he was dealing is not now much less than Rs. 200. (Mr. Hatch assumed 80 trees to the acre bearing 60 nuts per tree per annum. An independent estimate made by pyself before seeing bia calculation was 60 trees bearing 75 nuts per tree. No doubt, the thinner planting would result in a bigger yield.
81. The Vengurla lands, at a maximum rate of Rs, 14, averaged Rs. 8-1-9 per acre, whereas the Málvan lande at Rs. 15 average only Rs. 6.4-2. From my experience of the two tálukás I strongly suspec that the classification of the Malvan lands was done much more leniently than was the case in Vengurla which was surveyed 10 years earlier. However, an estimate of Rs. 150 as the average gross produce per acre will, I think, be a distinctly moderate one for the Málvan lands. This figure, even, is considerably in excess of $\varphi 0$ times the average assessment. The value of the annual export by sea of cocoanuts from the tailuka amounts to over 5 times the total assessment of the dgri lands of the táluka and in addition to the large export by road the local consumption is immense. Over $\$, 000$ trees are licensed to be tapped for toddy.
82. The prices of cocoanuts in recent years are exhibited in Appendix $N$. The only point that calls for special consideration is the question of whether the rise is likely to be permanent. I made some enquiries while on leave as to the recent history of the trade to Europe in cocoanut products and I gathered the following points. The inport of cocoanut-oil into Great Britain between 1906 and 1910 doubled in quantity and nearly trebled in value. The import of copra is not separated in the official returns from similar products of other nuts, but the value of imports under this head has also more than doubled in the same period. The imports of copra into Germany rose from $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to nearly $4 \frac{1}{4}$ millions sterling between 1908 and 1910. The annually increasing denand for vegetable fats in all manufacturing countries is responsible for this rapid rise, and there has been at the same time a corresponding increase in prices the world over. The rise of prices, then, in Málvan is not a mere local fluctuation but a result of a trade movement beyond the reach of local conditions. There is no reason to suppose that the demand will cease its present rate of increase, and it is not impossible that a boom similar to the recent rubber boom may occur in the near future. It is thus, to the last degree, unlikely that there will be any appreciable fall in the price of cocoanuts within the next few years. On the contrary, a further rise is almost certain to occur.
83. As far as I can ascertain a rate on garden-land exceeding Rs, $1 \overline{0}$ per acre has not been hitherto proposed in the Konkan. This is, however, the first revision undertaken in that tract since the price of cocoanuts began to rise. Moreover, in several revisions previous to the commencement of the rise, the maximum rates have been raised to Rs. 15, and in the case of Alibág Táluka, revised in 1893, the Settlement Officer was only restrained from recommending the adoption of a Rs. 18 maximum rate, by the fact that it would have meant an increase of over 70 per cent.
84. I propose to restore Kálsa and Dhámápur to their : proper placés in group II. Only two other villages-Amberi and Bhágwantgad-have ágrí lands of a higher average classification value than these two villages and they are well able to bear a very considerable increase. The effect of this change will be to increase the rate from Rs. 12 to Rs. 16-14-0 or by $6 \frac{1}{2}$ annas in the rupee. Suchrents as have been recorded in these villages fuily justify this increase.
85. As regards their dongri lands, the villages of the taluka may be Dongri-bagayat. $r^{*}$ divided into three classes-
(A) Málvan and six villages of group II, originally assessed at Rs. 15 and reduced in 1910 to Rs. 10.
(B) Nine villages of group II assessed at Rs. 6-8-0 instead of Rs. 10.
(C) The villages of group III (including Ambdos and Nirom) and IV assessed, respectively, at Rs. 5-8.0 and Rs. 4.8-0.
86. In the east of the taluka the dongri lands are not of very good quality. They almost invariably contain house-sites, and are much more of a luxury than a source of large profit to the occupant. Such lands were formerly known as "dher" lands, aud it was no doubt with the idea of treating them as such that the dongri lands in villages which I have classed as (B) were assessed at the rice-rate. Most of the dongri land in group II is distinctly inferior to that of Málvan village. The table in paragraph 53 shews that dongri lands in Málvan let at 6.38 , and in group II at only 3.93 times the assessment. This low figure is, however, partly due to the fact that the villages for which these rents were recorded were all, except one, in class (A).
87. Dongri lands of villages in class (C) are not often sub-let, and when they are, the inclusion of house-rent generally nullifies the value of the transaction for statistical purposes. I consider, however, that the lands in all villages of my third and fourth groups should continue to be assessed at the same rates as rice-land. Cocoanut-palms form only a small item among the trees grown on these lands and there has not been any very marked rise in the prices of other fruits. In group II I propose to keep to the original rate of Rs. 10 and to introduce it into all villages of the group. The provailing rents
in villages where the rate is now Rs. 10 indicate that that rate is not excessive, and, moreover, seven villages paid assessment for 28 years calculated at a Rs. 15 maximum rate without apparently experiencing any difficulty.
88. For the villages now assessed at Rs, $6-8-0$ the increase will work out at 53.8 per cent. or about $8 \frac{1}{3}$ annas in the rupee and for the one village of Ambdos at $81 \cdot 8$ per cent. or about 13 annas in the rupee. There are only 6 acres of dongri land in Ambdos, and the average assessment thereon after the increment has been applied will be only Rs, 7-7-0 per acre.
89. As regards Malvan village, the dongri lands are of excellent quality, and even at a Rs. 10 rate the average assessment per acre is Rs. 7-13-8. They are devoted to cocoanat plantation to a much greater extent than are the dongri lands in other villages, and the rents on them are exceedingly high. I propose to raise the rate by 4 annas in the rupee, i. e., from Rs. 10 to Rs. 12-8-0.
90. The above rates will of course be employed in the calculation of assessSheri Lands. ment on sheri lands in common with others. These lands are now all being given out on survey tenure.
91. The effect of these proposals will be approximately as follows:-


92. A word is necessary to account for the delay in the submission of this Onolasion, report. I commenced the enquiries on which it is I had to proceed on leave on medical certificate, and $I$ was allowed to take the papers home with me in the hope that I could finish the report at home. This proved impossible: certain statistics, notably those relating to trade, took much longer to compile than was expected. Moreover, during my absence the District Inspector, during the preparation of Appendix' Q, discovered some further discrepancies between the rates now in force and those sanctioned by Government. These necessitated further investigation. I returned from leave on September 20th, 1912, but it was not until January 10th, 1913, that I was able to resume the enquiry.
93. The period of the present Settlement expires with the current year. It is, therefore, imperative that early orders should be passed on these proposals to allow of the new rates being introduced from the year 1913-1914.
94. It remains for me to recommend that these rates should be guaranteed for the asual period of 30 years.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,
> G: S. HARDY,
> Assistant Settlement Ofioer, Ratnagiri.

APPENDIX A.
Statement ahowing Rainfall recorded at Málvan, Dietrict Ratnagiri, for the yeara 1901-1311.

|  | Yesr. | Early rain (lat January to 20th April). |  | Ante-monacon (11th April to 4th Jane), |  | Montoon Kharif (5th Jnne to 14th Augutt). |  | Monnoon rabi (16th Auguak to 21et October), |  | Late rains, 23nd Ootobor to 81at Devember. |  | Total. |  | Remarkn |
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|  |  | Pall. | Rainy daye | Fall. | Rainy daym | Fall | Raing dayr. | Fall. | Rainy daym, | Fall. | Rainy daga. | Fall. | Ruiny days. |  |
|  |  | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inchest | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches | No. | Inches. | No. |  |
| 1901 | *** | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 1.82 | 4 | 58.30 | 57 | $8 \cdot 15$ | 21 | 0.14 | 1 | 63.21 | 83 |  |
| 1902 | ** | .." | $\cdots$ | $1 \cdot 93$ | 3 | $71 \cdot 43$ | - 42 | $26 \cdot 41$ | 37 | 6.75 | 10 | 108.57 | 92 |  |
| 1903 | ** | ** | $\cdots$ | $9 \cdot 44$ | 6 | 59.36 | 54 | $19 \cdot 37$ | 30 | 1.06 | 2 | 89.23 | 81 |  |
| 1904 | ** | ... | ... | 0.19 | 1 | 63.03 | 51 | 11.39 | 19 | 0.08 | ". | 7468 | 71 |  |
| 1905 | ** | ... | ... | 0.48 | 2 | 29.20 | 42 | $12 \cdot 40$ | 24 | 0.57 | 1 | $42 \cdot 65$ | 69 |  |
| 1906 | ." | ** | ... | 0.09 | $\cdots$ | $55 \cdot 34$ | 43 | 19.03 | 21 | 0.24 | 1 | 74.70 | 65 |  |
| 1807 | -.. | ** | $\cdots$ | 0.87 | 1 | 57.49 | 51 | 10.43 | 24 | 0.19 | 1 | 68.78 | 77 |  |
| 1908 | .* | ... | ... | 0.20 | 1 | 6265 | 54 | $9 \cdot 77$ | 23 | 1.07 | 2 | 73.69 | - 80 |  |
| 1909 | $\cdots$ | ."* | ... | 0.83 | 3 | 54.93 | 57 | $17 \cdot 93$ | 28 | 0.21 | 1 | 78.90 | 89 |  |
| 1810 | $\cdots$ | .." | ... | 0.54 | 1 | 54.87 | 48 | $17 \cdot 64$ | 28 | $5 \cdot 34$ | 4 | 78.39 | 81 |  |
| 1911 | ** | ** | $\cdots$ | 0.24 | 1 | 43.71 | 49 | 15.56 | 28 | 0.80 | 3 | $60 \cdot 31$ | 81 |  |
|  | Average | ... | ** | 1.48 | 2 | 55.03 | 50 | $15 \cdot 28$ | 26 | $1 \cdot 49$ | 2 | 73.28 | 80 |  |

## APPENDIX B.

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Detaile of Cultivation and Crope in the

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Malvan Taluka of the Ratnagirs Colleclorate.


## APPENDIX C.

Statement showing the Fillages in which the principal Weekly Bazars are held in the Mallow Taluka of the Hatnágiri Collectorate.


## APPENDIX D．

Detaile of Population according to Oceupations．


## APPENDIX E．

Detaile of Population of Talukas，etc．，by Religion and Edwcation．

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|  |  |  | Hindas，Jainn，Astuletis， | Masalmans． |  | Christiant， |  | Others， |  | 0.15 |  | 15．30． |  | $\begin{gathered} 20 \mathrm{ard} \\ \text { ores. } \end{gathered}$ |  |
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| Malven | 51， 3 \％ 0 | 60，687 | 1148 | 5 | 4，378 | 4，16\％． | 6，578 | 7，176 | 38，887 | 48，8\％8 | 921 | 890 | 058 | 2，004 | 10 | 8 | 574 | 73 | 888 | 63 | 4478 | 198 |

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Statement showing the dgriculiural stock of the Málman Talwka of the Ratnigiri Collectorate during the year 1909－10．


APPENDIX $\mathbf{C}$.
Statement showing the Fillages in which the principal Weekly Basírs are held in the Malvan Táluka of the Hatnágiri Collectorate.


## APPENDIX D ．

Detaile of Population according to Occupations，

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|  | Having interest in land， |  |  | $\underline{L}$ Labourert． |  |  | TotalAgricul－turalpopulation． | Crateo |  | Other labo－ arers． | Other now． Agriealtaral population． |
|  | Rent payers， | $\begin{gathered} \text { Eent } \\ \text { recoivere } \end{gathered}$ | Total． | Firm labo－ arers． | Other labonrers． | Total |  | Boat－ men． | Fishermen， |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | 68，136 | 1，044 | 70，180 | 5，991 | $\pm$ | 6，991 | 76，171 | 27 | 381 | 4 | 34，674 |

## APPENDIX E．

Detaile of Population of Talukas，etc．，by Religion and Education．

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| Muven | 61，370 | B6，887 | 11＊3 | 4 | 4.280 | 4.62 | 5．878 | 7，175 | 88，687 | 48，828 | 011 | 880 | 068 | 1，004 | 10 | W | 574 | 73 | 8＊9 | 59 | 4，478 | 181 |

## APPRNDIX F．

Statement showing the Agriculiural atock of the Málvan Talwka of the Ratnagirs Collectorate during the year 1909－10．


APPENDIS G.
Stalement of Shops, Liooms, Temples, etc., and aterage Birlhs, Deaths and Vaccination, Táluka Málvan.


## APPENDIX H.

-Statement of Schools together with their average attendance in the year 1911.

|  | District. | Government Schools. |  |  |  | Manicipal Schoois. |  |  |  | Private Sctrols. |  |  |  | Remark. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Bose ${ }^{\text {d }}$ ? |  | Girls. |  | Boys. |  | Clite |  | Boys. |  | Girls. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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APPENDIX K.
Stalement of Annual Leases, Taluka Malvan.


APPENDIX L.
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|  | Sroup. | Number of Trensactions | Aree. | Assesement | Price. | Ratio of Price <br> to Aseasamenti. |
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|  |  |  | A. g. | Re. a, p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. |
| 1 |  | 11 | 318 | 11120 | 1,585 00 | 184.9 |
| II |  | 21 | 1228 | 3930 | 7,080 0 0 | 173.7 |
| III |  | 45 | 17620 | $1887^{\circ} 0$ | 28,548 00 | 151.5 |
| IV |  | 12 | $66 \quad 24$ | 2610 | 2,580 00 | $90 \cdot 0$ |
|  | Total | 89 | 25910 | 26570 | 39,748 0 | 150.7 |

APPENDIX M.
Statement of Pozsessory Mortgages, Táluia Málvan.


## APPENDIX N.

Statement showing the Priçes prevalent in the Malvan Táluka from 1834-S5 to 1011.

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|  | $\begin{array}{cc} s_{8} & \text { eh. } \\ 19 & 10 \\ 20 & 8 \\ 20 & 7 \\ 21 & 16 \\ 20 & 12 \\ 19 & 10 \\ 19 & 6 \\ 18 & 11 \\ 17 & 12 \\ 16 & 10 \\ 19 & 5 \\ 21 & 12 \\ 20 & 9 \\ 15 & 8 \\ 17 & 12 \\ 17 & 18 \\ 15 & 9 \\ 16 & 10 \\ 18 & 12 \\ 18 & 8 \\ 18 & 2 \\ 16 & 6 \\ 14 & 7 \\ 13 & 14 \\ 15 & 8 \\ 15 & 5 \\ 16 & 0 \\ 15 & 8 \end{array}$ |  | S. ch. 22. 12 <br> 1814 <br> 2212 <br> $25 \quad 10$ <br> 212 <br> 230 <br> 208 <br> 189 <br> 1812 <br> 1815 <br> 1910 <br> 2010 <br> 195 <br> 1814 <br> 159 <br> 164 <br> $\begin{array}{cc}13 & 7 \\ 16 & 2\end{array}$ <br> 176 <br> $18:$ <br> 2014 <br> $18 \quad 2$ <br> 127 <br> 138 <br> 1112 <br> 1215 <br> 1812 <br> 1411 | $\begin{array}{\|cc} \hline \mathbf{y} & \text { ch. } \\ 27 & 1 \\ 22 & 6 \\ 27 & 1 \\ 27 & 1 \\ 25 & 9 \\ 21 & 10 \\ 18 & 15 \\ 19 & 9 \\ 18 & 2 \\ 18 & 10 \\ 18 & 6 \\ 21 & 1 \\ 20 & 0 \\ 13 & 10 \\ 18 & 15 \\ 17 & 12 \\ \hline 12 & 8 \\ 13 & 8 \\ 11 & 5 \\ 19 & 15 \\ 19 & 13 \\ \hline 18 & 9 \\ 16 & 6 \\ \hline \ldots . & \\ \hline \ldots & \ldots \\ \hline 14 & 8 \\ 18 & 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { S. } & \text { ch. } \\ 10 & 11 \\ 17 & 8 \\ 18 & 14 \\ 18 & 1 \\ 14 & 0 \\ 16 & 1 \\ 16 & 4 \\ 16 & 6 \\ 12 & 7 \\ 12 & 7 \\ 11 & 2 \\ 8 & 13 \\ 9 & 15 \\ 8 & 9 \\ 10 & 8 \\ 11 & 5 \\ 8 & 14 \\ 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \\ 9 & 15 \\ 12 & 14 \\ 9 & 7 \\ 7 & 4 \\ 0 & 13 \\ 6 & 3 \\ 7 & 1 \\ 7 & 14 \\ 7 & 4 \end{array}$ | Ra. an 2 8 8 <br> 300 <br> 3 s 2 <br> 300 <br> 280 <br> 299 <br> $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 8 & 8\end{array}$ <br> 305 <br> 377 <br> 5141 <br> 2148 <br> 378 <br> 31311 <br> 3110 <br> 3122 <br> 8111 <br> 2138 <br> 8100 <br> B14 2 <br> 314 <br> $3 \leqslant 8$ <br> 3120 <br> 450 <br> 584 <br> 40 <br> 410 <br> 414.8 <br> 4150 |  | ${ }^{-R a t e s}$ up to $1894-$ 95 sre arerages for the finsucial year endiog March 31st; rates for 1885 are nine months April to December; thereafter the calendar ycar are shown. |



Effect of Revision Settlement Proposaly

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## APPENDIX $\mathbf{R}$.

The papers referring to the Original Settlement will be found printed in Government Selection No. CCLXXII New Series.
G. S. HARDY,

Assistant Settlement Officer,
Ratnágiri.

No. 1771 of 1913.
From

A.: R. BONUS, Esquire, I. C. S., Collector of Ratnágiri.

To

# The SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER and <br> DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS, 

 Poona.Camp Devrukh, $\frac{10 t h}{11 t h}$ April 1913.

Sir,
In returning herewith the papers of the Malwan Taluka Revision Settlement proposals forwarded by you unofficially, I regret that I must dissent from the observation made by Mr. Hardy. It is true that the subject was mentioned between us, and that primá facie it appeared to me that his proposals might well be acceptable. But at that time I had not even seen the papers, and now that I have been through them I have come to a very different conclusion.
2. The taluka does not provide enough food-grains for its own maintenance (paragraphs 35, 36), but imports over 7 lákhs worth of rice in a year, to say nothing of other grains; so that the local farmer has to face the competition of cheap imported food-grains (paragraph 46). It is true that an increasing prpulation means an increasing demand for food; but apart from the probability of this demand being provided for by imports in any event, it does not appear that the local man could profit by it, for both plough cattle and land are lacking. There has only been (paragraph 42) a slight increase of plough-cattle during the settlement-period now expiring; and though (appendix B) in 1910-11 there was still a small area of unoccupied land available for cultivation, the fact that in the course of ten years the increase of land under paddy was only 655 acres while that under coarse grains actually diminished does not suggest that the cultivation of cereals in the Malvan Táluka is an attractive or profitable pursuit, despite the rise of prices during those ten years to which allusion is made in paragraph 46.
3. As regards other agricultural products-pulse, hemp, and cocoanutsI also fail to find any cause for congratulation. The area under math and kulthi was certainly higher in 1910-11 than in 1901-02, but only by 830 acres (about 14 square miles), while it was lower than in the period 1902-06. And here again the grower has to contend with the importer (paragraph 61). The

- big export of hemp (paragraph 60) may be locally grown-the report assumes as much-but seeing that the area under "Fibres other than cotton" (appendix B) was in 1910-11 only 268 acres, to which it had steadily dwindled from 570 acres seven years before, I doubt the correctpess of the assumption. I do not find that the report alludes to hemp as being grown anywhere except on raili hand, and the area of that land in the taluka is but 78 àcres (paragraph 77). As to the cocoanuts, it is to be noted that the area under "fruit trees" shows hardly any inoresse over the figure for 1904-05; and moreover I regard the report as unduly optimistic in respect of the future of the local cocoanut trade. I had occasion to look into this very matter some months ago; and knowing that "Malabar copra" commanded a high price in London, I expected to find a considerable trade in that commodity from Bombay. Much to my surprise the figures I obtained showed the trade to be insignificant-almost negligible. I doubt, therefore, whether the Málvan cocoanuts do fiod their way to Europe; and even if they do, what is to happen when the Panama Canal, soon to be opened, provides a short cut from the islauds of the Pacific to England and Germany ? Even now Manila copra competes in London with the Malabar artiche; and a second canal across Central America is already advertised.

4. For these reasons, I am unable to accept the estimate of Malvan's prosperity set forth in paragraph 59 of the report. Málvan may have held its own, but it cannot have profited by its neighbours' disasters.
b. The Assistant Settlement Officer has to my thinking been led astray by his contemplation of the ratios of rents to assessments. The law of this Presidency is that in revising assessments, regard shall be had to the value of land, and in the case of land used for the purposes of agriculture, to the profits of agriculture (Land Revenue Code, section 107). In this district the two sigo-posts thus indicated point in opposite directions. We have an overpopulated district, a very great part of which contains only the poorest of soil; a cultivating class who must cultivate or emigrate, in order to live; and a general and extraordinary craving to hold a bit of land. Even men who have made money in South Africa will come back here and invest in land at a price whigh gives them a worse return than Government paper. We get, accordingly, even warkas land changing hands at Rs. 100 per acre; rents forced up by competition and monopoly to an altogether artificial level; and sub-division of land carried surely to its furthest limit. Take appendix K of the present report. (The holdings which do not consist of or include warkas land average in area a shade over 1 acre each mand are held on one year leases at that. Their rents work out at over 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ rupees per aere; their assessments at a trifle under 43. One can see the "value of land" from the point of view of the holder from Government; the " profits of agriculture" for the cultivator are much less apparent. With what orop can a man hope to make a profit on a one acre holding for which he pays Rs. 22-8 a year ?
5. The whole syatem of land tenures in this Presidency appears to me to demand revision and amendment. In every district matters must be tending towards the point already reached in Ratnagiri, where every rise in the value of land profits the landlord and nobody else, The tenant-class strangle each other in competition for a commodity of which there is not enough to go round; and Government cannot raise assessments because the "profits of agriculture" are invisible.] There is I think a remedy for this state of things, but this is not the place to discuss it.)
6. In conclusion then, I have the honour of intimating that in my opinion no case is made out for the raising of existing rates in the revision settlement of the Málvan Taluka, But I see no objection to the change of grouping proposed for a few villages.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
A. R. BONUS,

Collector.

Ref. No. $\frac{7}{8 . ~ s . ~ o f ~} 1913$.
From

F. G. PRATT, Esq., I. C. S.,<br>Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Poona;

To
THE COMMISSIONER, Southern Division,

Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith Mr. Hardy's proposals for the first revision settlement of the Málvan taluka and a covering letter (No. 1771, dated 11 th April 1913) from the Collector, Mr. Bonus.
2. Mr. Hardy, after a full account of the taluka and a review of its revenue bistory and of the movements of prices during the currency of the now expiring settlement, sets forth in paragraphs 59-62 his general appreciation of the position and arrives at the conclusion that "the taluka as a whole is well able to bear an increase in its assessment."
3. On the other hand the Collector holds that " no case is made out for the raising of existing rates in the revision settlement."
4. In view of this irreconcileable difference of opinion it becomes necessary to acrutinize very closely the reasons for and against the proposed increase.
5. The Collector's objections and criticisms are partly special (paragraphs 2 and 3 of his letter) and partly general (paragraphs 5 and 6). The special objections are that the increase in plough cattle and the increase in paddy cultivation have been small, from which it is inferred that in spite of the admitted rise in prices the cultivation of cereals is unprofitable. To this it may fairly be replied that where occupation and cultivation have reached the physical limit of expansion such increases can hardly be looked for.

Any one who has seen, as I have in this taluka, rice crops raised off a plateau of sheet rock covered with a thin layer of soil carried up in head loads will understand that rapid expansion of paddy cultivation is hardly to be looked for and will also be inclined to doubt whether the cultivation of paddy on average soils is so unprofitable as is suygested.

Again, the Collector finds no cause for congratulation in the other agricultural products-pulse, hemp and cocoanuts.

But Mr. Hardy has shown (paragraph 46) that the price of the principal pulse kulthi has nearly doubled during the settlement period. Hemp is such a very minor product that it is hardly worth discussing, but with cocoanuts the case is different.

Cocoanuts and cocoanut-produce, to the value of nearly Rs, 92,000, are annually exported from the táluka and Mr. Hardy has shown (paragraphs 47 and 80) that there has been a considerable rise in prices (nearly 50 per cent. since $19(3)$ which there is good reason to believe is a permanent rise. He has also shown (paragraph 52) that this rise in prices is reflected in a considerable rise in rents, which in such a case may fairly be accepted as being an index of a permanent iucrease in the profits of ayriculture.

Under the circumstances, the question whether the Málvan products do or do not find their way to the European market does not appear to me to be of much importance or relevance.
6. CTurning now to the Collector's general objections, contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 of his letter, I cannot accept what appears to be his interpretation of the term "profits of agriculture." as used in Land Revenue Code Section 107. The natural meaning of the words used in that section seems to

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me to be the profits of agricullure to the revenue-paying holder from Government, not, as the Collector seems to think, the profits of agriculture to the rent-paying tenant. And if my view is correct, it disposes of the greater part of the Collector's argument.)

If it is a fact that the rent payer is crushed by extortionate and oppressive rents; reduction of the Government assessment will not bring him any relief., But I do not know what basis there is for the suggestion that the tenants as a class are crushed by extortionate rents. The rents as stated by Mr. Hardy appear to be based on a half share and in special cases a third share of the gross produce. Prima facie these seem to be normal rents.] The Collector also speaks of investments in land at a price which gives a worse return than Government paper. Here again I do not know what foundation there is for this statement and $I$ am sure that it, will not bear investigation. It must not be too hastily assumed that land-lords are ruining themselves by buying land at fancy prices and that tenants are cultivating at a loss, merely because the general level of rente and land values is found to be unusually high. Economic conditions almost identical with these are found in parts of the coast talukas of Kanara, the reports on which will probably come under consideration simultaneously with this report. Mr. Maxwell has carefully

- Tide paragrapbs $67-85$ of Mr. Maswell's report on the Kumta tellika and paragraph 56 of Mr. Maxwell's report on the Honávar tallukan enquired* into these very questions of the profits of the cultivating tenant and of the land-lord's rents considered as a return on the capital invested in the land. The information and statistics which he has collected and analysed prove, I• think, conclusively that the tenants are not oppressed by rack rents and that the land-lords are getting a reasonable and adequate return on their investments. And it docs not seem to me that there need be any sacrifice of revenue out of consideration either for the land-lords or for their tenants,

7. My conclusion is therefore that the Collector's objections cannot be sustained and that Mr. Hardy has made out a good case for an increase of assessment, of which the amount and the distribution may now be discussed.
8. I agree at once that there should be no increase on the dry crop or warkas lands which, it will be noted, make up roughly 78 per cent. of the whole area and in the exemption from increase the trifling area of rabi lands may be included.
9. Some criticism seems necessary here of a theory which appears to have influenced Mr. Hardy to a considerable extent in the proposals which he has made. The theory as stated in paragraph 66 is that "on a fair basis of assessment the ratio (of rent to assessment) should be higher on the more valuable lands". I will not spend time in exposing the false assumptions underlying this theory. It may suffice if I point out that by this theory the incidence of the assessment, as guaged by the test of rents, ought to be relatively light on the best lands and groups and relatively heavy on the worst lands and groups, In my opinion there could be no greater mistake. I will have to come back to this point later on when discussing the proposals on garden rates. Meantime I would call attention to the remarks which I made in paragraphs 6-8 of my recent review of the settlement report of the Parasgad Táluka of Belgaum. The broad general principles there stated were approved and accepted by Government and need not be re-stated. I would only remark that if it is wrong to say that the pitch of the assessment should decrease as the rent becomes less, it is still more wrong to say, as Mr: Hardy does, that the pitch of the assessment should increare as the rent becomes less.

For the rice lands generally in all the groups Mr. Hardy proposes (paragraph 69) an all round increase of 25 per cent. or 4 anuas in each rupee of assessment.

In examining this proposal it must be seen first what is the incidence of the existing assessments in the various groups and secondly what increase in prices has there been during the settlement period. The incidence of the rice assessments on the rents in the four groups is reepectively $15 \cdot 1,19 \cdot 9,25 \cdot 3$, and 24.7 (vide supplementary appendix K). The pressure is lighter in the first
two groups and in none of them can it be considered heavy. The rates of the original settlement were described by Government as "exceedingly moderate" and by the Commissioner, S. D., of that time, as "if anything, too reasonable". Prices afford an equally clear justification of a general enhancement. When the Vengurla taluka was resettled on the basis of a report submitted in 1903, it was held that "the rise in the level of prices is not so marked as to be a safe basis for a material enbancement", and no change was made in the rice assessments. Since then there has been, as Mr. Hardy has shown, a rise in prices which may fairly be taken into consideration.

Appendix N shows that paddy prices per rupee have been as follows:-

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|  | Decade ending 1893 |  | ... | ... | 19 | 8 |
| (2) | Do. 1403 |  | ... | ... | 18 | 3 |
| (3) | Period ending 1911 | ... | ... | ... | 15 | 6 |

There has been a rise of nearly 24 per cent. since 1893-1894. I therefore accept Mr. Hardy's proposal for a 25 per cent. increase in the first two groups, but in the last two groups I think the ratio of increase should be smaller, viz., $18 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent. or 3 annas in the rupee. The maximum rates will then stand as follows :-

|  |  | Old rate. <br> Rs. a. |  |  | $+$ |  | Rs. 80. p. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group 1 | 38 |  |  | 0 | 25 | - | 8 | 12 | 0 |
| , 2 | ** |  | 6 | 8 |  | " | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| \% 3 | ** |  | 5 | 8 | 183 | " | 6 | 8 | 6 |
| $\cdots 4$ | *** |  | 4 | 8 | 183 | , | 5 | 5 | 6 |

10. I come now to the proposals for agri-bágáyat and dongri-bágdyat assessments. The agri-bagáyat lands are devoted almost exclusively to the cocoanut plantations and these lands, owing to the great increase in prices, rents and profits, are well able to bear a substantial increase. At present, as Mr. Hardy has shown, all such lands in groups 1 and 2 are uniformly rated at Rs. 15 and lands in group 3 are rated at Rs. 12. Mr. Hardy proposes (paragraphs 78 and 79) to depart from the grouping and rating of the original settlement by putting differential rates on the lands in groups 1 and 2.

This proposal does not commend itself to me. It will be seen from paragraph 79 that the proposal is made because the rental ratios in group 1 and group 2 do not fall into line with Mr. Hardy's theory of what rental ratios ought to be, which I have discussed in paragraph 8 above. It is here argued that as the average assessments in group 2 are higher than in group 1, the group 2 lands are evidently superior. The deduction is then made" consequently the ratio of rent to assessment should be higher". In other words it is suggested that the incidence of the assessment on these superior lands in group 2 ought to be lower than the incidence of the assessment on the inferior lands in group 1. I regard this as a serious mistake. The incidence of the assessment in the two groups is now pretty much the same, vix., 17.2 in group 1 and 18.2 in group 2 (eide supplementary appendix K ) and this is to my mind pretty good evidence that Mr. Gibson was quite right in fixing one uniform maximum rate in groups 1 and 2.

These two groups have been uniformly rated for 30 years and no sound reasons have been shown for disturbing the arrangement. Reference to the map will show that all the villages in these two groups, where agri-bagayat counts for anything at all, are villages on the sea or with easy access to the sea down the rivers and creeks. The only exceptions are Kálse and Dhámápur which probably for this very reason were deliberately rated by Mr. Gibson at the lower rate of Rs. 12 applied to the similarly situated villages of the 3rd group.
11. Therefore I recommend that an increase of 25 per cent. should be made on the agri-bagáyat rates of groups 1 and 2 and a smaller increase of $18 \frac{s}{3}$ per cent. ( 3 annas in the rupee) in the existing assessments of the less favourably situated villages, vie., Kalse and Dhamapur, and the villages of the 3rd group.
12. The dongri-bágáyat rates present rather a difficult problem because of the careless mistakes made in so many villages at the last settlement,

Mr. Hardy's proposals may be summarised as follows:-


Mr. Hardy has, I think, shown good reasons for a special increase on the dongri-bágáyat lands of Málvan (paragraph 89). They are very lightly assessed and as they are largely devoted to cocoanuts their profits must be great. But in view of the greater expense of cultivation in dongri-bagdyat lands I would limit the increase to 18 per cent., i.e., 3 annas in the rupee in Mávan. As regards group II, I support Mr. Hardy's proposals. As regards groups III and IV, Mr. Hardy writes that the lands are not a source of large profit to the occupant, they do not grow cocoanut palms to any great extent and the prices of their other products have not increased (paragraphs 86 and 87). I would therefore leave the dongri-bágáyat assessments in groups III and IV unchanged.
13. I accept the changes of grouping proposed by Mr. Hardy in paragraphs 72 to 75.
14. Mr. Hardy has submitted a clear and interesting report, but its value would have been greater if he had arranged his statistics in the manner prescribed by Government Resolution No. 9623 of 22nd October 1910 and submitted village lists of rents instead of group totals. I have had to attach to his report a supplementary Appendix K to show the perceutage incidence of the assessments. And some attempt should have been made to extract from the Record of Rights statistics of the total number of cultivating and non-cultivating occupants and the areas held by them. Statistics of this kind in this táluka would have been especially interesting and could have been used as a check on the census figures supplied in Appendix D. Mr. Hardy's classification of the figures in his Appendix $D$ cannot be accepted as accurate. There is no authority in the census returns for the classification of the agricultural population into "rent payers" and "rent receivers". This classification is misleading and leaves out of account the large number of occupants who cultivate their own holdings. I attach a new Appendix D which gives, for what they are worth, the figures as actually classified in the census returns.

> I have the honour to be, Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,
> F. PRATT,
> Settlemeut Commissioner and
> Director of Land Records.

## APPENDIX $\mathbf{D}$.

Details of population according to occupations as per Imperial Census of 1911, Talmka Malvan.

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| F. PRATT, <br> Settlement Coimmissioner and Director of Land Records, |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDIX K.

Statenent of annual leases-Maluka Malvan.

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## Revinue Dipartibny,

Belgaum, 28th Jume 1913.

## Subwitted to Government.

2. The Commissioner agrees entirely with the Settlement Commissioner both in his remarks on the views expressed by the Collector and in his comments on Mr. Hardy's careful and interesting report.

- 3. He recommends that Mr. Hardy's proposals be accepted subject to the modifications suggested by Mr. Pratt.
W. D. SHÉEPARD,

Commissioner, Southern Division.

# Revenue Survery and Assebsment. <br> Ratoagizi. <br> Revision settlement of the Málvan taluka. 

No. $10: 32$.
Reventig Departuent.
Bombay Castle, 20th November 1913.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 2068, dated 28th June 1918-Submitting, with his remarks, the
Lefber from Mr. G. S. Hardy, I. ou g., Aserintent Sottlement Officer, Retnagirf, No. 2A.n dated 8rd February 1yls, with acrompanimenta.
Latter from the Collector of Batn gigiri, No. 1771, dated 10th April 1913. Letter from the sethlement Commineioner and Hiwetor of Land Recorda, Ref. No. 71-6.8., dated 29th May 1918, with secompspimenta. papers specified in the margin, containing propmsals for the revision settlement of the Malvan táluka of the Ratnagiri district.
Memorandum* from the Coramissioner, S. D., No. 2631, dated 13th Auguat 1913-Forwarding

Leftor from the Collector of Rstakipit, No, 3222, dated 21et June 1913, to the Settlemsnt Commisaioner and Director of Land Recorda
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Momorandum from the Collector of Ratnagiri, No. 3747, dated 10th July 1918, to the Guttlement Commistioner and Director of Land Records. Iratter from the Colleotor of Ratragivi, No. 3860, dated a8th Jane 1915, to the Settlement Commiscioner and Dirsetor of Land Records.
Momorandum from the Settlement Commigsioner and Director of Lapd Becordi, Ret: NO. $71-1, s_{y y}$ dated 5 th July 1918, to the Collector of Ratungiri.
Memorandum From the Callector of Ratnagiri, No. 8746, dated 18th July 1918, to the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land aecords.
Mernorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Disactor of Land Records, Ref. No. 71-8 E, dated 1st Angust 1918; to the CommisLioner, S. D.
with his remarks, together with the correspondence* specified in the margin, petitions of objections received from certain villagers in the Malvan taluka in respect of the proposed grouping and rates for that taluka, together with an English precis of the petitions.

Resolution.-Government agree with the Settlement Officer, the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records and the Commissioner, S. D., that on the general review there should be an enhancement of assessments in the Málvan taluka. The grouping and rates proposed by the Settlement Officer, with the modifications recommended by the Settlement Commissioner and Directer of Land Records and the Commissioner, S. D., are accordingly sanctioned, subject to the further modification that as the dgri-bagáyat in the villages of Dhámápur and Kálse cannot be situated elsewhere than on the Kárli Creek, which is navigable as far as Kálse, these two villages should not be exoluded from the ágri-bd́gáyat rate applicable to other villages in their group.
2. The appended statement $\dagger$ shows the rates as sanctioned. The revised rates should be introduced in the ourrent revenue year 1913-1914, levied in and from the revenue year 1914-1915 and guaranteed for a period of 30 years.
3. The petitions of objections do not diselose any grounds whioh would lead Government to modify the orders now passed.
4. Mr. Hardy should be commended for his report.

## C. W. A. TURNER, <br> Under Seoretary to Government.

To
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Collector of Ratnágiri (with the petitions of objeotions),
The Settlement Commissioner and Direotor of Land Records (also by
Government memorandum No. 10428, dated 18th November 1913),
The Direotor of Agriculture,
The Accountant General,
The Publio Works Department of the Secretariat,
G. S. Hardy, Esq., I. c. s.,

The Government of India (by letter).

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Statement referred to in paragraph 2 of Government Resolution No. 10532, dated 20th November 1913.

| Group. |  | Number of villeger. | Maximum rates. |  |  |  |  |
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| II | ... | 18 | 100 | 300 | 820 | 18120 | 1000 |
| III | $\cdots$ | 21 | 100 | 300 | $\begin{array}{lll}6 & 8 & 6\end{array}$ | $14 \quad 40$ | 580 |
| IV | ... | 19 | 100 | 300 | $5 \quad 56$ | ***** | 480 |

# Recenue Survey and Assessment. 

Katnágiri.
Revision settlement of the Malvam taluka.

## No. 8.

## Reyenuf Department.

Bombqy Castle, 6th January 1914.

Lettor from the Settlement Commissioner and Direct r of Land Records, Ref, No. 71 -s.s.s, dated 3rd December 1913:
"I have the honcur to invite a reference to Goverument Resolution No. 10532 of 20 th November 191:s, assing orilers on the revisicn settlement proposals of the Malvan talake of the Ratnágiri district, and to solicit the orders of Government on the point noted below.
"2. The marginally noted four villages were formerly in group III with a maxi-num dongri-bégayat garden rate of Rs. 5-8-0.

1. Budhavle.
2. Nirom.
3. Kudopi,
4. Rudsamb. Mr Hardy in paragraphe 72 and 73 of his report proposed to place them in goup IV and raise their dongri-bagayat rate from Rs. 5-8.0 to Re. 5-10-0 along with the other viliages of group IV which were formerly rated at Rs. 4-s-0. Mr. Pratt, while submitting these propossie, remarked: 'I would therefore leave the dongri-bágayat assessmeats in grōps III and IV nnchanged.' In passing orders on these proposels Government in paragraph 1 of their Resolution approved of the grouping and rates proposed by the Settlement Officer, with the modifications recommended by the Settlement Commissioner and Virector, Land Records, and ths Commissioner, S. D. As the orderestand, the rate for the four villa, res in question woald be Rs. $5-8-0$, bat in the statement attached to the Government R.solition a uniform rate of Rs. 4-8-0 for dongri-bagayat is shown against all the nineteen villages of the now fourth group. I would therefore request orders whether the four villages mentioned above should be rated at $\mathrm{Ks}, 5-8.0$ as proposed by Mr. Pratt, or'at Rs. $4-8-0$ ss alown in the statement accompanying the Resolution. The metter is of trivial importance, affesting only an area less than $2 \frac{1}{3}$ acres with an asseesment of Rs. 7-7-0. I woald therefore propose to leave the rate now existing and recommended by Mr. Pratt, viz., Re. 5-8-0."

Resolution.-The dongri-bágáyat rate of the four villages in 'question should be fixed at Rs. $5-8-0$, as recommended by the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

C. W. A. TURNER, Under Secretary to Government.

## To

The Commissioner, S. D.
The Collector of Ratnagiri.
The Settlement Commissioner and Direotor of Land Records.
The Direetor of Agrioulture.
The Aocountant General.
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.

REVISED APPENDIX $Q$.
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Effect of Revision Settlement proposals as sanctioned by





PPENDIX Q-continwed.

G. WILES,

Superintendent, L. R. and Regietmion, S. D.

SELECTIONS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE BOMBAY GOVERNMENT.

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From

> J. A. MADAN, Esq., B.A., I. C.S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Ratnágiri ;

To
THE COLLECTOR OF RATNA'GIRI.
Ratnágiri, 11th September 1914.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit proposals for the 2nd Revision Settlement of the Ratnágiri taluka of the Ratnágiri district.
2. The táluka at present consists of 152 villages, of which six are inám. Of the remaining, 37 were formerly part of the Saitavda petha, 94 formed the old Ratnágiri taluka, and 15 belonged to the Lánje petha. The villages of the Saitavda petha were first settled in the year 1867-68, those of the Ratnagiri taluka in 1869-70. The period of guarantee for both these settlements expired in 1896-97 when an inquiry for their revision was undertaken. As a result of this inquiry Government ordered the then existing rafes to continue until 1914-15, when the 15 villages of the Lánje petha, originally settled in 1875 were to come under revision settlement. It will thus be seen that the rates at present in force throughout the talluka are the same as were fixed at the time of the original settlements.
3. In none of the six inoim villages has the survey settlement been introduced. I have therefore to submit proposals only for the remaining 146 villages, the tenures of which are as follow:-

> 47 Government villages.
> 60 Khoti.
> 18 Khichadi.
> 6 Dharekari.
> 11 Sharakati.
> 3 Part Government, part Khoti.
> 1 Part Government, part Dharekari.
> 146
4. All the villages which have lapsed to Government since 1896-97 were, with the exception of three, purely Dharekari. In such villages, the Khot gets no profits. Of the other three, two were Khichadi (i.e., part Khoti, part Dharekari) in which the Khot's profit was small; the third which was purely Khoti, was allowed to lapse on account of various disputes between the large number of its Khoti-sharers.

## Position and Physical Features.

5. The Ratnagiri taluka is bounded on the north by the Guhágar potha of the Chiplún táluka from which it is separated by the Jaygad creek. It is bounded on the east by the Sangameshvar táluka sad on the south by Rajapur. On the west is the Arabian Sea.
6. The generul aspect of the taluka has been well described in the Ratnagiri Gazetteer, from which I quote the following:-
"The Ratnagiri sub-division has a sea board of about 35 miles, stretching from the bold headland of Jaygad at the mouth of the Shastri river on the north, to the fort of Purnagad at the mouth of the Muchkundi on the south. Eastwards it is flanked by portions of the Sangameshpar and Rajápur sub-divisions, which separate it from the Salyadri range. - 701-1

The tract thus enclosed is in shape an irregular triangle, with its apex at the north-western end. The country consists for the most part of a series of rocky plateaus capped with weather-stained laterite and low. rugged hills intersected by steep ravines and deeply secured water-courses. The extreme breadth of the tract is from sixteen to seventeen miles. The coast line is bold and indented by numerous bays, creeks and back waters. Bold head-lands, jutting out at intervals into the sea, give protection to the local shipping and small craft during northerly winds, while the Kalbadevi bay lying on the north side of the high hill of Mirya, gives safe anchorage for craft of all size during the south-west monsoon. The cliffs throughout a great part of the coast line rise abruptly from a rocky beach. Sandy bays occur at intervals with narrow belts of drift between sea and cliff, thickly planted with cocoanut, betelnut, and Undi (Calophyllum inophyllum): In - places, as near Ratnagiri, the cliffs fall back a considerable distance from the sea, the intervening space being filled with extensive salt swamps, with here and there a few reclaimed rice fields. From the cliffs overhanging the sea to the summit of the valley of the Bav river which during several miles of its course forms the eastern boundary of the sub-division a gentle and gradual rise may be observed. The laterite plateau, of which a great part of the whole area of the tract consists, is mostly bare and uninviting. Coarse grass and stunted trees forcing themselves with difficulty through crevices, and here and there a patch of the poorer hill grains, are the only vegetation during the greater part of the year. To these may be added, during the rainy season, a profusion of ferns and lilies springing, as if by magic under the influence of the countless rills and water-courses which redeem the land from utter barrenness. Throughout the greater part of this tract the landscape is flat and unpleasing. But here and there at the edges of the larger ravines, where the rivers may be seen winding through more fertile valleys and shady village homesteads, the scenery is at once hômely and picturesque."
7. The three principal rivers in the táluka are the Shástri, the Ratnágiri and the Muchkundi. All of them are tidal, the tide reaching the eastern most points in this táluka in the case of the Shástri and the Muchkundi, which form the northern and southern boundaries respeotively of the taluka In the case of the Ratnagiri river, the tide reaches only as far as Harchiri. Besides the above, the Báv river runs along part of the eastern boundary dividing Ratnágiri from Sangameshvar.
8. The soil of the taluka, on the plateaus and hills consists almost entirely of laterite, which crops to the surface in boulders and flat sheets of rock, Wherever by the crumbling of the rock a sufficient depth of soil has been formed, hill grains are grown. The best soils are found in the low-lying lands at the foot of the hills, in the valleys or on the banks of rivers, The sandy strip of land along the coast is largely occupied with cocoanut plantation. $]$
[9. The táluka was once well-wooded.] Lieutenant Dowell (about 1830) spoke of jungles, "scarce allowing a horse to pass over the rocks." These have entirely disappeared. The plateaus are now bare of trees; so are many of the hill-sides. In the eastern and south-eastern parts of the taluka there is still a fair amount of tree-growth, but everywhere the trees are pollarded to the extreme for ráb. The houses of villagers are generally shaded with clumps of jack, mango and other trees, and here and there are found luxuriant groves dedicated to the village temples. Owing to the reckless hacking of trees in the past; the supply of rab has, in most villages, been insufficient to satisfy the needs of the cultivators.] Efforts are at present being made to teach the people -how to cut the trees economically and syatematically; these, if persisted in for a few years, would, it is hoped, lead to an appreciable increase in the supply of rdb. Nothing however can restore to the táluka anything like the tree-growth it formerly had, except aystematic afforestation at considerable expense.

## Climate and rainfall.

10. The climate, though moist and relaxing, is, on the whole, healthy. During the rainy season the air is close and muggy in the intervals between the
showers, and raw and chilly while rain is falling. During the hot season, the heat of the sun is tempered by cool northerly breezes. The climate is equable, the ordinary extreme limits of temperature being $65^{\circ}$ and $95^{\circ}$.
11. The amount and distribution of the rainfall in the last eleven years are given in Appendix A. The average annual rainfall for that period was 88.11, the maximum fall being $100 \cdot 78$ in 1903, and the minimum 56.19 in 1905. The last settlement report gives an average of $105 \cdot 79$ for the period 1886-94 with a maximum fall of 13760 in 1892. Comparing the two periods I find that while in the earlier period the fall was above 100 inches in five out of the nine years, it onls once exceeded that figure during 1902-12; the defect was chiefly noticeable during the monsoon kharif season (5th June to 14th August), the average for the two periods being 75.65 and 63.60 respectively.
12. The Gazetteer gives the following averages for the years 1851-78:-

| 1851 to 1860 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | .. | $100 \cdot 63$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1860 to 1870 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | .. | $101 \cdot 23$ |
| 1871 to 1878 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $102 \cdot 90$ |

It will be seen from the above figures that there has been a marked diminution in the total amount of rainfall during recent years. The rainfall of the current year has, however, been exceptionally heavy, the fall up to the end of August exceeding 107 inches. A rainfall of 80 to 85 inches is quite suff. cient to meet the needs of this taluka, provided it is well distributed.
13. Five of the eleven seasons 1902-12 may be described as good, fire as fair and one-the exceptional year 1905-as poor.

## Cultivation and Crops.

14. There has practically been no change in the methods of cultivation during the last thirty years, and the crops grown also remain the same. The only new crop introduced during recent years is the groundnut, but the area under it is still very small, and does not exceed 100 acres.
15. Appendix B has been supplied by the Director of Agriculture, but as there are very few village officers in this talluka to send returns to his office, the information supplied by him only relates to 51 villages out of 146. These villages are all Government; the majority of then are on or near the coast and are favourably situated both as regards soil and position. In these villages, the proportion of the cropped area to the area left fallow is 5 to 8; and of the cropped area over 64 per cent. is under rice and coarse grains. In the other and less fertile villages both these porportions increase, as will be seen from the following estimate made by the Mámlatdár of the areas under the different crops growa in all the 146 villages now under report: :-

|  |  |  |  | . | scros. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Cereals-Rice | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| 17,932 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coarse grains | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Pulses | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Fruit trees | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots 88$ |  |
| Condiment and spices, otc. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1,230 |
| Oil-seeds | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 355 |
| Fibres |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |

There are no corresponding figures for comparison in the previous settlement reports but the percentage of land under rice and coarse grains to the total cropped area is now very nearly the same as in 1896-97.
16. About 3,000 acres of the total area is cropped a second time after the rains. The crops grown are roughty as follow:-

|  |  |  |  |  | Aaroa. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1,624 |
| Pawta or varna | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 652 |
| Kulith | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 314 |
| Chillios | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 188 |
| Miscollangous | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 255 |

Rice and chillies are irrigated either from pats or wells. Pawta and kulith usually require no irrigation. In a few villages, I have come across small areas of land in which three crops are grown every year: rice, parota and then an inferior kind of nachni. Such land requires good irrigation and plenty of manure.
17. The Settlement Officer in 1896-97 estimated the total area cropped at 75,681 acres. I think this estimate was much too high. Hecalculated that only one-half of the warkas land was usually fallow, but it is only in the better kinds of such land that the cultivator gets on an average one crop in two fears. In other cases, after every two or three years the land has to be kept fallow for a period varying from 4 to 12 years. Major Waddington in the original settlement report states that "probably two-third of the arable land requires to be left fallow." My own impression also is that the cropped area out of coarlas is nearer one-third than one-half, and in this I am confirmed by the Mámlatdár, who reports that the total area cropped in the 146 villages is about 63,550 acres, while about 96,054 acres are left fallow.
18. The crop invariably grown in kharif land is rice. The commonest varieties grown are "Kudal paini" and "Panwel". The former is "halva" or early rice, the latter, "mahán" or late rice. Halva rice is sown at the commencement of the monsoon, the seedlings are transplanted a month later and the crop should ripen about the middle or end of September. The mahin rice is sown at the beginning of July and ripens at the end of October. The rice crop most usually grown in this táluka is halva. In several places I was informed that the area under mahdon crops had been reduced during recent years owing, to the uncertainty of the later rains. A more probable cause is the growing diminution of the individual holding. Cultivators like to take advantage of the early rains to sow their crops in, but if the holding is large, a portion of it has necessarily to be left over for being sown later with mahán crops.
19. A rice crop is first sown over a small area previously burnt with ráb; after transplantation it occupies about thrice this area. In some of the villages on the coast, where ráb material is scarce, fish manure is used instead. Another method followed in sowing rice is that of ploughing the land several times after the commencement of the rains, then throwing broad cast over it the seed which has previously been steeped in water for several hours. No ráb is used in this case but a good deal of farm yard manure is necessary.
20. The usual rotation on warkas lands is nachni, harik, wari, sesamum and then a period of fallow. It is only in the best kinds of warkas lands that four crops can be grown in succession. Generally only three crops are grown. Except in some of the villages to the east and south-east of the taluka, fish manure is almost invariably used for nachni, which is the first crop grown after a period of fallow.
21. The products of the garden lands have been very well described by Mr. Hardy, the Revision Settlement Officer, Málvan. As they are the same in Ratnagiri, I quote the following from his report:-
"The chief product of the garden lands is the cocoanut. This commodity has the great advantage of being but little affected by any untimeliness in the rainfall, provided that the total fall is sufficient. The palm is transplanted from the nursery in which it is sown at periods varying from 2 to 18 months after the nut bas been planted. The latter at the time of planting should be dry and only half full of milk. The young seedlings have to be watered throughout the fair weather, and a certain amount of watering is generally required for mature treea. Manuring is not much resorted to, but salt is found to be beneficial. Trees generally begin to bear after 6 years, attain maturity after about 10, and continue to bear up to an age varying from 25 to 75 years. Almost every part of the tree is capable of being put to economic use; the trunk is used for rafters, laths, firewood; etc., the leaves for roofing, for mats, baskets, brooms, fodder and manure: the stem of the leaf for fences, fishing-rods and domestic utensils : the young unformed leaves and nuts for pickles and chutney : the sap for toddy for distilling and for making vinegar and sugar : the ripe nut for eating, for milk and for cooking: the dried flesh (copra) for nut-butter and margarine:
the residue of the fiesh, after expressing the oil, for cattle food and poultry cake; the shell for drinking cups, bottles, charcoal, tooth-powder and linoleum: the coir fibre from the husk for mattresses, rope, cordage, canvas, fuel, brushes, oakum, door-mats and floor-matting. The cocoanut palm flourishes best on the flat agri-bagayat lands on the coast and river banks. In the dongri or hillside gardens, jack-fruit trees, mangoes, both coarse and grafted and betelnut palms are grown in addition to the cocoanut."

## Water-supply.

22. Appendix $J$ supplied by the Director of Agriculture gives information for only 55 villages. This appendix has been omitted altogether from the previous settlement reports. The following statement will show the change in the number of wells, tanks, etc., in 131 villages since 1897. The figures shown in brackets below those of 1913, are for the remaining 15 villages for whioh no previous figures are available for comparison:-


There has been an increase, under all heads excrpt one, but even in the case of wells used for irrigation, I am inclined to think there has not been any decrease during the last twenty-five years, and that the figures given in 1897 were probably not quite accurate.

## Communicatione,

23. There are three modes of transport in the taluka, road, creek and sea. The principal road is the Ratnágiri-Kolhápur road runuing west to east. About 20 miles of this road lie in this táluka which it leaves at tbe village of Nanij. This road is bridged throughout. At the 9th mile from Ratnagiri, near the village of Hatkhamba, a good road branches off to Sangameshwar and Chiplun and passes through the village of Niwli. Another road branches off from Pali and goes towards Ráápur. These three roads, as also the Ratnágiri-Mirya road, a little over 4 miles in length, are in charge of the Public Works Depart-. ment and are well maintained.
24. The following is a list of the cart roads kept up by the Local Board:-
(1) Bhatye-Purnagad road. This is a fairly good road and carts can pass over it from one end to the other during the fair season.
(2) Ratnágiri-Jaygad road oid Shirgaom. This is passable by carts only for about 8 miles from Ratnágiri to Kotawda, and again for 3 miles from Malgund to Warswde. The rest of the road is quite out of repair.
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() Ratnágiri-Lainja road vid Harchiri. This is a cart road only as far as Pomendi, after which it is a bullock track. Carts can, however, go with some dificulty from Harchiri to Lanja.
(4) Ratnágiri-Mirjole road. This is a cart road only as far as the plateau above Mirjole, after which it becomes a bullock track to Ukshi on the bank of the Bav river.
Exoept for the Bhatye-Purnagad road there has been no improvement in road communication since $1896-97$.
25. There are three principal creeks the largest being the Jaygad creek on the northern limits of the taluka. It is navigable for vessels up to 80 tons burden beyond Rai, the most north-eastern village of the taluka. The Bhatye creek is navigable for small craft of above 8 tons as far as Someshwar, a distance of about 4 miles, and one to two tons to very near Harchiri, 12 miles. The Muchkundi creek at the very south of the táluka, is navigable for boats up to 20 tons as far as Dorlen. On the Bav river small boats come as far as Okshi from the north.
26. The creeks are gradually silting up, but in the case of the two larger ones, navigation has been affected, not in this taluka but in the two talukas to the east, viz., Sangameshwar and Rajápur. In the case of the Bhatye creek, bigger boats can now go to Harchiri only at high tide, and even then, they have to stop at a distance of a mile from the village.
27. The taluka is well supplied with ferries at all the important points on the creeks.
28. The táluka has a sea board of about 35 miles. It has four principal ports, Jaygad, Warawde, Ratnágiri and Purnagad. Besides the usual sailing vessels plying up and down the coast, the taluka is served by the steamers of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company and also of the Indian Co-operạtive Navigation and Trading Company. The former has a daily service from October to May, touching Jaygad, Warawde and Ratagiri.. In the fair season each of the two companies also run two boats four times weekly between Bombay and Goa, touching Ratnágiri and the other southern ports in this district. The cargo boats of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company put into the ports of Jaygad and Ratnágiri twice weekly during the rainy season.
29. In spite of the sea board, the creeks and the roads, the taluka cannot be said to be well off for communications. This fact is due to the hilly nature of the country and to the consequent absence of cart tracks. In the northern half. of the taluka for instance, except on the creek and along the coast, goods can be carried only as head-loads from village to village. The same fact is true of many villages in the south.

## Live-stock.

30. Information for only 66 villages for the compilation of Appendix $F$ has been supplied by the Director of Agriculture. For the rest of the táluka I have had information collected on the principal points. As the figures given in the report of 1897 refer to only 151 villages, I give the following table of comparison for these villages alone.

| Description of ottle. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fsgures for } \\ & \mathbf{1 8 9 5} \text {. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Figares for } \\ 191 s_{0} \end{gathered}$ | Inorease, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plough ea tle | ** | -* | 22,705 | 27,449 |  |
| Milch cattle | ... | .*. | 18,172 | 15,295 | 2,123 |
| Ploughs | ... | *** | 12,328 | 14,577 | 2,249 |
| Carts |  | *** | 187 | 348 | 206 |

Thus, there has been an appreciable increase under each head. There is nothing, however, in the early reports to show what the condition of the eattie had
been in previous years, but I heard a general complaint that for many years past the cattle had been deteriorating in this táluka. They certainly look poor, especially in the hot weather. The principal cause of this poverty is want of sufficient and nutritious fodder. No proder attention is, besides, paid to breeding. Cattle are bought either locally or from wandering herdsmen who bring them from the above-g haut districts. The latter kind soon deteriorate on account of the change in climate and fodder. There is no shortage in the number of plough cattle, it being suficient to meet all the cultivators' requirements.

## Trade and Markets.

31. Statistics about trade were furaished me by the Customs Department. The following statement shows the value of the imports and exports from the four ports, Ratnágiri, Jaygad, Warawde and Purnagad, in the táluka. Separate figures for each of the ports are not available.


Although the above figures show the trade passing through the four ports of this talluka, they cannot be said to represent the trade of this taluka alone as the ports of Jaygad and Purnagad also serve parts of the neighbouring tálukas of Chiplun, Sangameshwar and Rajapur.
32. The considerable decrease in exports since 1894 - 95 has been due to the diversion of the above-ghaut trade by the Southern Marathe Railway and its branches and is ohiefly noticeable in the case of unrefined sugar and groundnut, as will be seen from the statement given below.

The chief imports in 1894-95 and 1912-13 respectively were as follows :-


The remarkable increase under all heads except sult is due to an increase in popuiation and prices and to a rise in the standard of comfort. The decrease under salt is due to the fall in the price of that comodity.

The principal exports were-

| Article. |  |  |  | 1894-95. | 1912-18. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Rs. | Rs. |
| Sugar (chiefy unrefined) | *** | ... | -.. | 4,60,873 | 37,354 |
| Gronadnut .. | *** | ... | ... | 3,19,100 | 232 |
| Hemp ... |  | ... | $\ldots$ | 50,620 | 28,2+0 |
| Myrabolons | *** | -.. | ... | \$5,966 | - 75,3.39 |
| Dry and salted hich | ... |  | ... | 3,2314 | 13,280. |

Iu aduition to the above, there is a considerable export of mango ruit, practionlly all of it to Bombay, during the fair season. The value of this frait. expurted during 1913-14 was Rs. 1,29,542.
33. Appendix C shows the value of the goods sold at the weekly bazarheld at Harchiri and Tonde. People from a long distance come to the bazar at Harchiri to buy salted fish which is brought there by the Mahomedan fishermen of Ratnágiri and surrounding villages. Very few transactions aremade for cash, the fish being usually bartered for fuel or grain.
34. There is no weekly bazar at Ratnagiri but there is a daily bazar of perishable articles such as fish, vegetables, etc.; grain and other articles are procured from the many shops in the town. The total number of shops in the taluka is 447.

## Industries,

35. Apart from fishing there is no industry of any importance in the táluka. There are five fish-curing yards, in which 41,217 maunds of fish worth Rs. 1,90,363 were cured in the year 1913-14.

There is no industry in the taluka in which mechanical power is used. There are 70 hand-looms, on which saris of a coarse kind are woven. Oil presses in which cocoanut and sesamum oil is prepared number 300 . (Appendix G)

There is a school of Industry at Ratnágiri whioh produces a small number of skilled carpenters and cabinet makers every year. These generally find: employment in Bombay.

## Population.

36. The population has been steadily: inereasing, the census statistios being as follows :-

| 1881 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 126,227 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1891 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 186,840 |
| 1901 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 147,182 |
| 1911 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $149,867^{1}$ |

Thus, there has been an increase of 23,640 persons or 19 per cent. in thirty years. The density to the square mile is now 363. Eighty-seven per cent. of the population is Hindu and twelve per cent. Mussalman. Other details about the population are given in Appendices $\mathbf{D}$ and $\mathbf{E}$, information for which was kindly furvished me by the Director of Agriculture. From these it will be seen that 68 . per cent. of the population is agricultural : of these 60 per cent. have an interest in land as occupants or tenants and 8 per cent. are labourers. In the present Appendix $D$ the number of occupants is shown as being $\triangleq 90$ per cent. of the population, while in the appendix attached to the settlement report of 1897 , the number is given as $26^{\circ} 59$ per cent. This gross discrepancy can only be explained on the assumption that the "occupancy tenants" in khoti villages who form the buik of the cultivators of this táluka, were described as occupants in 1891 and as tenants in 1911.
37. A similar differentiation in classification explains the apparent falling off in the number of people able to read and write, In this district a large number of people who call themselves literate are only able to sign their name and to read with difficulty. At the last census, only such persons as could read and write an ordinary letter clearly were classed as literate.
38. Appendix $G$ gives the number of births and deaths during each of the last ten years. It shows that the annual excess of births over deaths was nearly 43 per cent. The taluka is on the whole healthy and there bave not been any very serious epidemics during recent jears. Plague sometimes appears in a few villages but its ravages are comparatively limited. In the Ratnágiri City during the 11 years 1847 to 1907 it carried away 1,198 people. It was somewhat severe only from 1902 to 1906. Since 190- there has been noplague in the city.
39. There is usually a large temporary exodus to Bombay during the fair season. The following statement which has been compiled from information
kindly supplied to me by the two Steamship Companies shows the number of people who went to and returned from Bombay from October 1913 to May 1914:-

| Montb. | From ports in the Retnagiri tolintes to Bombay. |  |  |  | From Bombay to the ports in the Ratnigiri talnka. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Firt Claas | Second Cinas. | Third <br> Clane | Total | First Class | Eecond Clann. | Third Clans. | Total. |
| 1918. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |
| Ootober ... | 87 | 1,781 | 6,404 | 8,223 | 321 | 2,146 | 3,0814 | 5,260 |
| Novembes... | 901 | 1,962 | 6,673 | 8,665 | 464 | 2,505 3 | 4,334 | 6,386 |
| December.s. | 48 | 2,066 | 8,805 | 10,903 | 271 | 2,5994 | 6,393! | 8,0804 |
| 1914 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jamaary ... | 84 | 2051 | 7,675 | 9,768 | 32 | 2,078 ${ }^{2}$ | 6,573 | 8,677 |
| Febramry ... | 22 | 1,807 | 5,0075 | 6,686 | 89 | 2,177 | 5,714 | 7,920t |
| Maroh ... | 45 | 1,883 | 5,845 | 7,7731 | 774 | 4,7941 | 8,981 | 13,853 |
| April ... | 45 | 2,809 | 6,386 | 8,733 | 52 | 3,265 | 7,674 | 10,991 ${ }^{1}$ |
| May $\quad$ - | 881 | 4.0881 | 5,265 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 9,424] | 894 | 4,1401 | 10,136 | 14,866 |
|  | 3494 | 17,698 | 52,082 | 70,117 | 3864 | 83,701 | 51,8871 | 75,975 |

N.B.-In these tables children paying half fare are reckoued each to one-half.

Thus in all 70,117 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers left Ratuágiri for Bombay and 75,975 returned from Bombay to Ratnágiri, thus giving a net immigration of $5,857 \frac{1}{8}$ for the year. The beavy traffic to Ratnagiri in March is due to the Shimga festival and the marriage season, and in May to the return of cultivators to their villages for agricultural operations.
40. The majority of the people going out of the district are labourers, but there is a fairly large number engaged in Government service and other professions, These, after retirement, usually come and settle in their respective villages, In 1913-14, there were 558 Civil and 143 Military pensioners resident in the taluka. The total amounts disbursed amongst them during the year were Rs. 80,270 and Rs. 9,240 respectively. Some Mahomedans from villages on the Jaygad side have also gone to South Africa as traders and return to their villages occasionally. These are as a rule much better off than their co-villagers. They generally leave their families behind, to whom they remit money from South Africa. The amount of foreign money orders paid in the Ratnágiri taluka last year was Rs. 12,693, while the amount of inland money orders distributed during the same period was Rs. $3,93,015$.

## Education.

41. Appendix $H$ gives information about the schools in the taluka. As there is no Local Board or recognised primary achool in any of the 15 villages of the Lanja patha, the figures given here may very well be compared with those given in the appendix to the settlement report of 1897. It will be seen that the number of schools has increased from 37 in 1894-95 to 70 in 1912-13 and the attendance from 2,410 to 3,053 . There are two points of interest as regards the progress of education in this taluka. First; the number of Rnobi (Kulwadi) boys receiving instruction is extremely small. In most schools, there are none. Amongst backward classes, the Bhandaris are showing themselves very keen on getting their children educated. Secondly, it cannot be said that education has as yet led to any improvement in the methods of cultivation. I have questioned many boys studying in the upper classes of the full primary schools, and I find that the ambition of most of them is either to pnter subordinate Government service or to be a teacher. There are two High Schools and two middle sohools in Ratnágiri; the average daily attendance in them in 1913 was 514.

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Wages.
42. There has been, of late years, an increased demand for labour in Bombay and other centres of industry. The high wages obtaining there have attracted a larger number of people from here. This fact, as also the increase in the prices of the necessaries of life, has sent up wages in this táluka. The bistory of wages in Ratnágiri during the last 25 years shows them remaining steady till 1899, falling in 1900 and rising steadily every year since 1908. The rate of wages for ordinary labour in Ratnagiri town was 5 annas in the nineties, 4 annas from 1900 to 1907 ; now it is from 7 to 8 annas. Ihe rate of field labour during the same periods has been $3 \frac{1}{2}$ annas; 3 annas and 5 annas respectively. In the other villages of the táluka, the ordinary wage now is 4 annas per diem. The increase in wages has not however been attended by ang increase in efficiency.

## Prices.

43. Mr , Lushington, in writing the revision settlement reports of this taluka in 1897, observed: "As regards prices the only thing that can be said of them is that they have been almost stationary during the last thirty years" Things bave very much altered since then. The record of prices in this taluka shows almost a continuous rise since the beginning of this century. The bistory of prices during the last twenty-five years is given in Appendix N. It would, however, be interesting to compare the change in prices of some of the principal eommodities during each of the last five quinquennia. The following statement has therefore been prepared to show the average rates per rupee for rice in the husk and for cleaned rice during that period:-

| 1888-1892 |  | Arerage rate per srpee for |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Bice in husk. |  | Cleaned rice. |  |
|  |  | Seerls. | Chataks. | Soers | Chataks |
|  |  | 19 | - 7 | 11 | 6 |
| 1893-1897 | -- | 17 | 12 | 10 | 14 |
| 1898-1902 | .. | 17 | 14 | 10 | 14 |
| 1908-1907 | $\cdots$ | 16 | 10 | 9 | 15 |
| 1908-1912 | - | 14 | 2 | 8 | 7 |

It will be noticed that the rise bas been mach bigher in the case of unhusked than in the case of cleaned rice. This fact is due to the large import of clesned rice from outside especially from Burma. The import of unhusked rice is very muck smaller.

The most important crop grown in warkas land is nachni The price of this commodity has gone up by over 50 per cent. since 1888. Similarly the price of the other important coarse grain wari has also risen by nearly 40 per cent. during the same period.

The principal product of the garden lands is the cocoanut. There has been a notable rise in the priee of this commodity as well. The price, which was about Re. 35 per thousand in the period 1888-93, had increased to Ra 55 per thousand in 1908-72, and last year cocoanubs were sold in this tallaka at the rate of His 60 per thousand: ands some times even at a higher rate.

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\begin{gathered}
\text { Value of land } \\
\text { (a) Sales. }
\end{gathered}
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44. Appendices $K, K^{1}$ and $K^{2}$ give information about. 232 sales of land. The information has been eollected with the help of the Record-of-Bights in Government villages, but as the record in this taluka is often inaccurate, details about each transaction have been personally checked by questioning the parties concernod and all doutful cases omitted. I regret no similar information was available regarding khoti villages. In such villages, the bulk of the land is held by tenants and is non-transferable. Khoti-khasgi land, which is transferable, is usually sold in conjunction with the other rights of the khot. As there are very few Government villages in groups III to $V$ the information in Appendices $K$ and $L$ is mainly' as regards groups I and II.*

The average price realised in the ease of the 232 sales was nearly 103 times the assessment. This might instructively be compared with the 99 cases of sale reported in 1897. The prices then fetched averaged ouly 48 times the assessment. One notable peculiarity about the asles of land in this taluke is that, high as the priee of land is, it is proportionately very much higher is the case of what are considered very poor lands, af will be apparent from the eales of warkas lands given in Appendix K ${ }^{1}$.

I give the following figures for the purpose of comparing the prices realised prior and subsequent to 1897 :-


Mortgages.
45. Figuren about mortgages are given in Appeadices $L$, $\mathrm{L}^{1}$ and $\mathrm{L}^{2}$. Most of the mortgages in this taluka are legally poseessory, but are in practice ordinary simple mortgages. The mortgagor passes a doed in. whish the land is said to be conveyed to the mortgagee, but the mortgagor continues in possession, nominally as a tenant. The rent he pays is nothing more than the interest due on the loan taken. Such rents I have excluded from cousideration in the following paragraph. The amount advanced on the mortgage of land was on an average 55.9 times the assessment.

## Rents.

C46. In kboti villages the usual crop-share rent is one-half in the case of rice lands, and pne-third in the case of varkas. In Government villages, also where rente are paid as a erop share the proportion is wually the same, but is the year in which warkes land is manured with fish at the oxpense of the temant the rent is reduced to one-fourth. Orop-share rents are not tueommon in the ease of voarkas land, but in the orse of rice land the texand has usually bis rent fixed in kind or cash.] I have reduced all reats it kind into casi at the uniform rate of Rs. 2 per mand. This is somewhat lese than the eurrent rate, but I find that, when option is given in the lease to the tenatt to pay his rent either in lind or cash, the calculation is made at this rate;

Statistios about kharif land are given in Appendix $\mathbf{M}_{\text {, and about mixed }}$ (kbarif and warkas) in Appondix $\mathrm{M}^{1}$. For kharif lands, the averages are $3.7,4 \cdot 2$ $4 \cdot 1,4 \cdot 3$ and 6 times the assessment for each of the five groups respectively For mixed parcels of kharif and warkas land, the figures are $3 \cdot 4,4 \cdot 3,4 \cdot 2$ for groups I to III and $3^{\prime 9}$ for group $V$. Leases of purely warkae or begayat land are not oommon. In 26 cases of leases of warkas I found 72 scres assessed at Re. 10-8-0 were rented for Rs. 108, but some of this land was good erough for growing rice occasionally. In 12 leasee of agri-bágáyat, land assessed at Rs, 163-8-0 was let for Ra. 728, i. e., for 4.45 times the assessment

1 add Appendix $M^{2}$ to show the multiple of the assessment at which the: orop-share rents originally paid by the permanent tenants in kboti villages have been commuted by the Recording Officer under the amended Khoti Act.

## Revenue History,

47. The area of occupied and unoccupied land and the state of revenue. collections are given in Appendix 0 . This appendix calls for very few comments

Large decreases in the area occupied appear in the years 1896-97 and 1597-98. These are, however, only apparent and not real, being due to the exclusion, for the first time, of the area of the inam portions of certain Sharakati villages from the area shown as occupied Government land in previous years. This was done in accordance with the fresh sanads issued to the holders of these Sharakati villages in the years 1896-98.

The balances which have been shown as outstanding in column 17 and the amounts finally remitted, shown in column 18 represent mainly the expenses of managing attached khoti villages. These columns as also the Circle books show that there has been no difficulty at all in collecting the revenue. Up to 1905-06 the number of notices issued annually was about 280. These were issued chiefly in the case of men who had temporarily gone out of the taluka for employment. Most of the notices were probably unnecessary. During the last seven years, the average number of notices issued annually has been only 8. Only six men have been fined under section 148 of the Land Revenue Code, since 189y-1900. During the same period the average number of cases in which property had to be distrained was 19, annually. Very rarely, however, had the property to be actually sold. During the fourteen years, all the defaulters except sixteen paid up their arrears before the attached property was put up to auction. I have found no case, at least since 1896 ; in which land had to be sold for recovering land revenue.

## Present settlement.

48. As stated in paragraph 2 above, the taluka, as at present constituted, consists of three groups settled at different times. Amalgamating the villages of the three groups, I find that the following is a summary of the grouping and rates under the current settlements:-

| Group |  |  | a maixmum rate of Rs. 9 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| " | II, | 84 | 3 | " | 8 |
| \% | III, | 36 | n | , | 7 |
| " | IV, | 21 | " | " | ,6 |
| " | V, | 13 | " | " | 5 |

49. In the course of the present inquiries, the following facts came to light:-

In three villages of the second group, viz., Golap, Waingani and Wada Randpar some of the lands are assessed at a maximum rate of Rs. 9 instead of Rs. 8. These three villages together with 12 others, the Original Settlement Officer had proposed to place in the first group, but Government, on the recominendation of the Settlement Commissioner ordered them to be placed in group II. In the case of the three villages above mentioned these orders of Government were only partially carried out. From the old vernacular correspondence on the subject it appears that the Superintandent with the consent of the Settlement Commissioner directed that the Rs. 9 rate should be retained in the case of all lands of which the bhag annas were less than nine in Golap and Waingani and less than five in Wada Randpar. No authority from Government for this modification of the rates sanctioned by them in Government Resolution No. 2094 of 2nd May 1870 is traceable.
50. Another discrepancy found was in the case of the dongri bágáyat rates introduced in some of the villages of the táluka. The maximum rates sanctioned were Rs, 6 for the villages of the Saitwada petha, and the same as the maximum rice rate of the village, in the case of the other villages. In the following villages, however, the rate actually introduced is a rupee higher than the rate sanctioned:-

Thikan Jambul Ad, Mervi, Agargule, Wada Dabhil Ambere, Dorle, Pomendi Khurd, Kolambe, Dugwe, Bag Patole, Kharaote, Pomendi Budruk, Vetoshi, Jambrun.

## Proposals.

(a) General comoideration.
51. In framing proposals I have the advantage of taking as my guide the revision rates sanctioned for the Málvan táluks of this district only as late as last year, but before I proceed to state my proposals it would be pertinent to inquire how far the taluka has progressed during the currency of the present settlements, and in what respects, if any, do the conditions of this taluka difier from those of Málvan.
52. As has been stated above the current settlement in all the villages of the taluka, except fifteen, was introduced nearly forty-five years ago, and I have little doubt that during this period there has been a material advance in the general prosperity of the táluka. Major Waddington stated in 1867 that ${ }^{6}$ many of the poorer cultivators were driven to eke out their subsistence for a part of the year on the roots of the wild plantain and various species of bulb which are found in the jungle." This state of things no longer exists. There is sucb a keen demand for labour everywhere that even the poorest cultivator is in a position to supplement his income from land by working for others and the rise in wages has benefitted him considerably. Population has increased but a proportionately larger increase is noticeable in the imports. There has been a distinct rise in the standard of comfort. This can be seen from the large increase in the import of commodities which cannot be considered as necessaries. People now spend more on clothing and lighting than they did before. One instance of the rise in the standard of comfort may be seen in the large namber of tea-shops one meets with in this taluka. The number of carts bas increased from 137 to 343 . There has been no contraction in the area cropped, and if it has not been increasing, that is merely due to the fact that there is very little more land now available for cultivation. There is a great demand for land and the selling value is high. There has been a very general rise in the prices of all commodities, and there has been no difficulty in collecting the revenue.
53. In dealing with the question of the general prosperity of the tálukg from the purely settlement point of view, one has to take certain modifying circumstances into consideration. The inorease in the prosperity has been due, I think, not so much to increase in agricultural profits, as to the large amount in the shupe of wages, pensions, etc., which men, serving outside, bring into the táluka. This latter cause also partially explains the high selling value of land In considering the effect of the rise of the prices of all agricultural products, one has to take into account the fact that, although most of the cropped area is under food-stuffs, they are not sufficient to meet the local wants of the talluka, which has consequently to depend largely on imports from outside, and for these the people have to pay at a much higher rate than before owing to the rise in prices. It is quite possible, no doubt, to imagine of a rise in prices of food-stuffs benefitting the agriculturists of a food-importing country, but this will happen only when the average individual holding is big enough to enable the cultivator to have a surplus of the produce after meeting his own wants. This district is, however, notorious for the numerous sub-divisions into which land is divided, and for the very small size of its holdings. It has been possible for me to collect figures only for the 29 villages of this taluka in which the new village forms V-B, V-C have been introduced. In these 29 villages the number of occupants is 4,460 and the number of sub-divisions 21,845 . The occupants are divided as follow :-

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Out of the 4,460 occupants no less than 3,878 have a holding of 5 acres or less. Thus, a very large majority of the cultivators are not in a position to grow sufficient food-stuffs for themselves and their families, and are obliged to buy the surplus required in the market at the high prices now prevailing. . Some of the khots who still continue to recover their rents in kind no doubt reap the full benefit of the increase in prices, but many khoti villages have now been divided and sub-divided between several sharers, and the share of each of these is often very small.
54. In two respects the condition of this taluka differs from that of Málvan. First, Málvan never served as a shipping port for over-ghát traffic. In the case of Ratnagiri, a good deal of the over-ghát traffic which formerly used to pass through the port of Jaygad bas now been diverted by the Southern Marátha Railway. This diversion has affected the traders and the middlemen rather than the agriculturists.
55. A second point of difference between Ratnagiri and Málpn is the large number of khoti villages existing in the former táluka. Very few of the Malvan villages are khoti. The amendment of the Khoti Settlement Act in 1904 bas now entirely altered the question of the incidence of the assessment in khoti villages. Before the amendment was passed, except in the very rare cases in which the assessment on his khata was less than the rent paid by him, the tenant was in no way concerned with the amount of the assessment. In a few cases the rent was fixed by the Khoti Settlement Offcer, but in most cases it wás a crop share-usually one-half the total crop in rice lands, and onethird in warkas. In villages where this system of recovering reats still continues, any enhancement or decrease in the assessment of the village would affect the khot alone. He would have to pay a greater or less amount to Government, the tenants continuing to pay the same rent in kind as before.
56. The amendment enables the tenants to get their rents commuted into cash by applying to the Recording Offcer, and the important point to notice about this is that the commuted rent is to be a multiple of the assessment. Thus, if the assessment on a khata is Rs. 10 and the multiple fixed for the village is $2 \frac{1}{2}$, the tenant has to pay to the khot Rs, 25 as rent. Now, if on account of enhancement in the general assessment of the village, the assessment on this Kháta is raised to Rs. 12, the rent will be increased to Ks. 30. The khot still continues to be responsible to Government for the revenue of the village, but under tbis system every increase in the assessment is to his advantage. In the case mentioned above the increase in the rent is Rs. 5. Out of this the khot will have to pay Rs. 2 for the increase in the assessment of the kháta, while the balance of Rs. 3 will go to swell his own profits. As the cash commutation of this village is supposed to have been fixed at $2 \frac{1}{2}$ times the assessment, it follows that for every increase of Re. 1 in the assessment there would be a net increase in the khot's profits of Re. $1 \frac{1}{2}$. The khot thus benefits by every increase in the assessment. This would explain the fact that I received very few applications from khots against any enhancement of the assessment of their villages at the revision settlement. It will be remembered that when the present rates were introduced there were universal complaints against them made by the khots. At present, it is only the khots of those villages in which the rents have not yet been commuted into cash, or in which there is very little land held by permavent tenants, that will be affected adversely by the enhancement, of the present rates.
57. In a large number of khoti villages in this taluka the rents have been commuted (vide Appendix $\mathrm{M}^{2}$ ), and as shown above in these villages, for every increase in the assessment the rents of the tenants, who have got them commuted into cash, will be increased in proportion to the multiple fixed, e. $g$., if the assessment on a khata is increased by Re. 1, the rent will be increased by an amount varying from Rs. 2 to Rs. $3 \frac{3}{4}$. The tenants in khoti villages are also comparatively poor and form a class who deserve sympathy. It has consequently been suggested in some quarters that khoti villages should be excluded altogether from any enhancement in rates which Government might propose to introduce in the other villages. It is therefore necessary to consider how far such an enhancement would be justifiable and equitable in the case of both the khots and the tenants in khoti villages.
58. The assessment of a village may be increased in two ways-
(1) by increasing the maximum rates of the group in which the village is placed, or
(2) by placing the village in a group higher than that in which it was placed before.
It seems to me that an enhancement would be prima facie justified if it is due to the first cause but pot if it is due to the second cause. The commuted rent represents merely the average value of the crop-share which the tenant used to pay before. This average the Recording Officer finds out from an examination of the crop appraisement registers for a certain number of years made by the khot and of the receipts given to the tenants. The usual period selected for the purpose is the period of twelve years prior to the passing of the amendment to the Khoti Settlement Act, i. e., prior to 1904. The value of the crop, and therefore of the rent in kind which is to be commuted into cash, is based upon the prices prevailing during that period. If there has been a rise in prices subsequently, the commuted rent will not represent the value of the crop-share rent which the tenant would have paid under the old system.

If therefore the tenant has to pay an increased rent in cash owing to a rise in prices, such an increase will be justified, because it will only represent the increase in the value of the crop-share rent which he used to pay before. Now, any increase in the maximum rates for a group will mainly depend on a rise in prices, and therefore an enhancement of assessment due to this cause and the consequent increase in the commuted rent should not inflict any hardship on the tenant, so long as it is not more than proportional to the rise in prices since the period on the average prices of which the commutation was based.
59. It would not, however, be equitable to the tenant to enhance the assessment, and consequently the commuted rent, by placing his village at the revision settlement in a group higher than the one it was in before. I can best explain this by means of an illustration. Suppose there has been no rise in prices and consequently no increase in maximum rates, but a village belonging to group II, in which rents have been commuted at $2 \frac{1}{3}$ times the assessment, is placed in group I at the time of the revision settlement. The result will be that the assessment of any khata formerly assessed at Ris. 10 will now be, say, Rs. 11. The rent previously paid by the tenant to the khot was $2 \frac{1}{2}$ times Rs. 10, i. e., Rs. 25. This, as I have said above, represents the average value of the crop-share rent which he used to pay before. As we have assumed that there has been no rise in prices, the value of the crop-share rent will be the same, and there should therefore be no increase in the cash rent paid by the tenant; and yet by placing the village in a higher group the rent would actually be increased from Rs. 25 to Rs. $27 \frac{1}{8}$ ( $2 \frac{1}{2}$ times Rs. 11). It would, therefore, not be right to place the village in the higher group. On the same grounds it can be argued that the village should not be placed in a lower group than before, as such a procedure would bring in to the khot an amount of profits less than what he is entitled to.
60. If the above reasoning is correct it will have to be taken into consideration in modifying the present grouping of khoti villages in which rents have been commuted into casb.

## (b) Groups.

61. Mr. Hearn, the Settlement Commissioner in 1897, described the present grouping of this táluka as erratic and irregular. The following are the principal anomalies :-
(1) Villages along the coast south of Phansop are placed in group IL, while villages to the north of Ratnagiri and much further away from it are placed in group I.
(2) The village of Kolambe is placed in group III, while the neighbouring villages of Phansop and Bagg Agashe are in groups I and II res: pectively.
(3) All the 15 villages of the Lanje petha, though some of them are very inaccessible, are placed in group III, i. e., in the same group as the easily accessible villages of Kolambe and Harchiri.
62. As regards (1), it might be noticed that Major Waddington, the Original Settlement Officer, had proposed that 15 villages on or near the coast in the south, which are now included in group II, should be placed in group I. . Colonel Francis, the then Settlement Commissioner, recommended that these villages should be placed in group II, the reason given being that the Ratnagiri town ought to be taken as the central point for fixing the first group of villages. A glance at the map will, however, show that for this reason alone, if for no other, the villages to the south ought now to be placed in group I. Besides, both as regards climate and communications, the villages to the south of Ratnágiri are no worse off than those placed in group I to the north. On the contrary, as stated above in paragraph 24, the road from Bhátye to Purnagad is in a fairly good condition, and carts can pass on it from one end to the other. In the north carts can only go from Ratnágiri to Kotawde and again from Malgund to Waravde. The rest of the road is in a very bad condition.
63. For these reasons, I propose that the following 13 villages lying on or near the coast to the south be placed in group I:-Waingani, Golap, Wada Randpar, Pawas, Agargule, Wáda Madbangule, Wáda Gaudegule, Wáda Phadke, Thikán Soman, Wada Mervi, Thikán Behere, Thikán Jambul Ad, and Purnagad.

Three of these villages are khoti, but as tenants' rents have not been commuted into cash in any of them the argument advanced in paragraph 59 above does not hold good in their case.
64. The above proposal is supported by the statistics about selling values, rents and mortgages that I have collected. If these thirteen villages are at present in a class lower than that they ought to be in, then the selling value and rent of land in them should be comparatively higher than in the villages placed in group I. This is actually the case. I find that in the 13 villages land assessed at Rs. 335 was let for Rus. 1,490, i. e., for 41 times the assessment. The ratio for villages similarly situated to the north is 3.75 Again, while kharif land in the northern villages sold on an average at 87.6 times the assessment, similar land in the south fetched 105.5 the assessment. Much importance cannot be attached to mortgage value, but I might state that the ratio for these for the north and the south are $62 \cdot 2$ and $75 \cdot 38$ respectively.
65. Regarding Kolambe, I regret no reliable information about rents could be collected, as the relations between the landlords and tenants in the village have been very strained lately and no rent-notes were forthcoming. Kolambe is, however, a-village only 4 miles from Ratnagiri and is situated on the creek. It adjoins, on the west, Phansop, a village in group I, and Golap, which I propose also to place in the same group. On the east is Bág Agashe, a village similarly situated to Kolambe but placed in group II. I do not, therefore, see why Kolambe should be in group III, and not in group II. I therefore propose-and this was also the proposal of Major Waddington-that it should be placed in group II.
66. As regards the 15 villages in the south-east formerly belonging to the Lanje Petha, I find that the reason given in the original settlement report for placing these in the 7-rupee group is that "the adjoining villages in the Ratnagiri taluka are rated at Rs. 8." This fact is, however, true only of the two villages Bhade and Lawgan Khanawli, while others, viz., Kot, Chafet, Weral, actually adjoin villages of the 5 -rupee group. Some of these Lanje villages, like Weral, Punas, Kurnai, are fairly well off for communications, while others like Waghrat, Javde, Kante, Kot, are very inaccessible. Fourteen out of the fifteen villages are khoti. For reasons mentioned in paragraph 59 above, I do not propose to make any radical change in the grouping of these villages, but, while retaining 9 of the villages in the old group 111, I propose to form a new group consisting of the following six villages:-Uple, Kot, Waghrat, Jawde, Kanthe and Koldhe. The soil in these is rough and the means of communication very bad.
67. Thus there will be six groups altogether as follows :-

| Groap. | $\underbrace{\text { Number }}_{1}$ | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | 55 | Consisting of old Group I plus 13 villages transferred from old Groap IL |
| II | 22 | Consisting of old Gmop II plus Kolambe but excluding the above 13 vilages. |
| II | 29 | Old Group III minus Kolambe and 6 villiges from Lange Petha. |
| IV | 6 | New group. |
| V | 21 | Same as old Group TV. |
| VI | 18 | Same as old Group V. |

(c) Rates.
68. Government Resolution No. 7491 of 12th Ootober 1897, lays down that "after the initial measurement and classification are crmplatel, the revision of the settlement will depend entirely on changes in prices iveluding such local changes as result from improvement of communication and shifting of markets, although all indications of an inorease or decrease of material wealth and general prosperity will be a guide as to the suitability of the old assessment". There has been a considerable rise in the prices of all commodities in this táluka. The price of unhusked rice has risen by nearly 40 per cent. during the last twenty-five years, and there has been even a larger rise in the price of the coarse grains. Still for reasons mentioned in paragraph 53, I think the conditions of this taluka would only justify a moderate entiancement in the assessment. Although there has been a distinct increase in the material prosperity of this táluka, the people, especially the tenants in khoti villages, are comparatively poor, and the rise in prices has not been an unmixed blessiag. The rise in the standard of comfort has also sent up the cost of living. In those khoti villages in which rents have been commuted into cash, every enhancement will seud up the rents payable by the tenants, and can only be based on a rise in price since 1903. Besides, when compared with the other talukas of this district, the current rates of this táluka are high. Any enhancement in these will ultimately fall to a large exteut on the rent-paying tenant, as the demand for land for cultivation is very keen in this táluka.
69. Taking up the rice rates first, $I$ find that the present maximum rates are Rs. 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 for the five groups. These are however the maximum rates only for siugle crop rice lands. When the land can yield a second crop, its classification value has been increased, with the result that the best lands in the táluka. bave been assessed at Rs, 10 and a few at even Rs. 11 per acre. 1 know of only one taluka on the sea coast, where the rice rate is higher than Rs. 9 and, that is 8alsette, where the rate is Rs. 10. Salsette is, however, much more favourably situated than Ratnagiri as regards markets and communications.
70. I propose to raise the rice rate in Group I to Rs. 10. This would mean a rise of a little less than two anaas in the rupee. Following the instructions given in Government Resolution No. 10380 of 27th October 1909, I would have recommended a rise of exactly two annas, had it not been for the fact that in the 13 villages which I propose to transfer from Group II toGroup $I_{3}$ a rate of Rs. 10 means a rise of four annas in the rupee

For Group 1I, I propose a rise of two annas in the rupee and for the remaining villages except the six from Lanja Petha, constituting the new Group IV, I propose to raise the rates by $1 \frac{1}{2}$ annas in the rupee. In the case of these six villages, I propose an increase of only one anna in the rupee. With a few exceptions all the villages in Groups III to VI are khoti. The above proposals will give maximum rates respectively of Rs. 10, Rs. y, Rs. :-10-6, Rs. 7-7-0, Rs. 6.9-0 and Rs, 5-7-6.
71. In Málvan, an increase of 4 annas in the rupee in the case of the first two groups and 3 annas in the case of the other two was sanctioned at the - 701-5
revision settlement but everi after this increase the highest maximum rate there is only Rs. 8-12-0. A justification for the lesser increase recommended in the case of Ratnágiri may be followed in a comparison of the rents in the two talukas. In Málvan, the ratio of rent to assessment in the case of kharif lands of Group I and II was 6.58 and 5 respectively. In Ratnagiri it is only $\mathbf{3 . 7}$ and 4.2.

## 72. I do not propose any increase in the rates now in force on workas

 land. This land is of a very poor quality and is getting less fertile, on account of the denudation of all tree-growth thereon. The greater portion of it is held by the poorer classes, and the coarse grains grown on it form the staple food of these people. The cost of cultivating these lands too has increased in recent years owing to a rise in the price of fish manure, which is almost invariably used for growing the first crop nachni. The price of this manure has doubled during the last ten years. In the case of 24 villages a maximum of six annas was sanctioned at the time of the original settlement but it had soon to be reduced to 5 annas. Similarly the warkas rates in some of the villages of the Lanje and Devrukh plateaus belonging to the adjoining tálukas of Rájápur and Sangameshwar were reduced as late as 1906 (Government Resolution No. 8877 of 17th September 1906). Besides, as the Revision Settlement Officer, Málvan, remarks, "any rise in the warkas rates would combine the minimum of gain to Government with the maximum of hardship to the cultivator".73. The rabi land in this taluka only covers 16 acres. It is not of a good Rabi land. quality. Being situated near creeks and rivers, it is generally flooded in the monsoon, and the crops usually grown on it are the coarse grains. A part of this rabi land has been washed away or rendered useless for cultivation by the floods. I propose an increase of 2 annas in the rupee in Groups I and II and 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ annas in the other groups.
74. The agri-bagayat lands in this táluka, which are almost exclusively Garden lands. Agri- $\quad$ under cocoanut trees are rated throughout at the
bagajat. villages:-Hatis, Wada Gavde Ambere, Agarnaral, Watad, Gadnaral, Kolisre, Dhamansai and Chaphe; and he recommended that these should have a lower rate. On visiting these rillages, however, I found that there was no agri-bagayat land in any of them except Hatis and Wada Gavde Ambere. In the other villages there is some land which has been classed as. Ashtagri but which is assessed at dongri-bagayat rates. In fact the only villages outside Group I, in which there is any agri-bagayat land are Bag Agashe, Gavde Ambere, Dorlen and Hatis, and the total area in these does not exceed 8 acres. As these villages belong to Group II and are conveniently situated on the main oreeks, I do not see any necessity for having for them a lower rate than the one for the villages in the first group.
75. I propose to increase the agri-bagayat rate by three annas in the rupee, thus making it Re, 14-4-0 per acre. I base the proposed increase on the rise in the price of cocosnuts. The price has increased from Rs. 35 to 55 per thousand within 25 years, and there is every probability that owing to the increasing demand for cocoanut products for various purposes, there will be a still further rise. At one time last year cocoanuts were sold at Rs. 60 and over per thousand at Ratoagiri, and $I$ found that in some of the villages in the north, cultivators were able, during the marriage season, to sell them directly to the buyers at the rate of Rs. 6 per hundred. In retail sales cocoanuts cannot now be had for less than an anna each.
76. I have been shewn cocoanat trees which bear from 150 to 200 nuts every year, while there are others which barely yield 25. Both these are exceptions. Muck depends upon the soil as well as upon the care with which the trees are reared. Agri-bagayat land in this taluka is not usually leased out but I have. collected details about a dozen cases in which 22 acres of land assessed at Rs. 163-8-0 were rented for Rs. 728. The ratio of rent to assessment was thus 4.45. Tenants-at-will, however, cannot be expected to take proper care of a
cocoanut plantation, and the yield is presumably greater when it is looked after by the owner himself or by a permanent tenant. The selling value, like the rent, of agri-bagayat lands is also high. In many cases I found agri-bagayat sold together with rice or warkas land, but in the 22 cases of sales of purely agri-bagayat lands, that I cheoked, 5 acres and 20 gunthas of land assessed at. Rs, 17-7-9 was sold for Rs. 2,997, $\boldsymbol{i}$,.e. for 162 times the assessment.
77. Another source by which the profits derived from bagayat lands are increased is by letting out some of the cocoanut trees for the purpose of tapping toddy. The number of trees tapped in $1913-14$ was 5,208 . This number includes trees from dongri-bagayat lands but a very large majority of them are from agri-bagayat. Trees are let by the owner for tapping at a rate varying from Rs. 1-800 to Rs. 4 per tree per year. Taking Rs. 2-8-0 as a fair average I find that the income from this source alone comes to Rs. 13,020 , i. e. namely double the total assessment on all the agri- and dongri-bagayat lands of the táluka. The number of trees tapped does not, on a rough estimate, exceed one-twelfth of the total number of cocoanut trees in the thiluka.

In Málven an increase of 4 annas was sanctioned in the agri-bagayat rate for groups 1 and 2 , and 3 annas for the other groups. I have reconmended an increase of 3 annas for Ratnágiri as my experience of both these tallukas leads me to believe that agri-lands in Málvan are not only superior to those of Ratnágiri, but require less labour and expense for watering, manuring, etc.
78. The dongri-bagayat lands in this taluka are to be found usually in

Dongri-bagsay lands. small patches surrounding the houses of the owners. They are seldom let and when sold are generally sold with some of the other lands of the owner. Cocoanut trees are some times. grown on them, but betelnut palms are much more common.
79. In the villages belonging to the old Saitavde Petha, all dongri lands have been assessed at the uniform rate of Rs. 6 per acre. In the rest of the taluka, the maximum rice rate is also the maximum rate for dongri-bagayat.

Neither from the previous reports, nor from actual visits to many dongribagayat lands in both these groups, have I been able to find any good casse for this differentiation. I propose to treat them all alike and would recommend that the maximum dongri-bagayat rate for each village should be the same as its maximum rice rate. This would mean the same increase as the increase in repective rice rates for all villages except the villages of the old Saitavda Petha. Out of these, in 9 villages, the dongri-bagayat rate would be increased from Rs. 6 to Rs, 10 , in 7 from Rs. 6 to 9, in 8 from Rs. 6 to Rs. $7-10-6$, and in 5 from Rs. 6 to Rs. 6-9-0.
80. The above proposals, if sanctioned, would give the following maximum rates for the different groups in the taluka :-

81. The effect of these proposals will be approximately as follows.-

| . |  | Present | Proposed assessment, | Increasen |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Re. | Rg. | Rs. |
| Kharif <br> Warkas <br> Rabi <br> Bagayat |  | 55,383 | 81,831 | 6,443 |
|  |  | 25,410 | 25,410 | , |
|  |  | 18. | 18 | .... |
|  |  | 7,152 | 8,438 | 1,286 |
|  | Total | 87,988 | 95,697 | 7,729 |

The increase will be 8.79 per cent. for the whole taluka. The maximum increase for any single village is 24.59 per cent. and the minimum 224 per cent.
82. I have been asked by you to deal in my settlement reports with the Párdi numbers of khoti villages. As I however received these orders only last week, I regret I am unable to make any proposals regarding them in this report. I hope, however, to deal with them separately later. In the meanwhile, I would request that the above proposals may be sanctioned subject to any orders that might bereafter be passed on the reserved question of assessments of lands in gawthans.
83. It now only remains for me to recommend that these rates should be guaranteed for the usual period of 30 years.

I bave the honour to the,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
J. A.' MADAN,

Assistant Settlement Officer, Ratnágiri.

## APPENDIX A




APPENDIX C.
The Fillages in which the principal weekly Bayars are held in the Raindigini Taluka of the Raindgiri Colloctorate.


## APPENDIX $\mathbf{D}$.

Details of population according to occupation by percentages for the. Ratndgiri Taluka.


Details of population according to religion and education in the Ratnágiri Táluka.


APPENDIX F.

Agricultural atock of 66 villages in the Ratnágiri Tiluka of the Ratnáyiri Collectorate during the year 1909-10.


APPENDIX G.
Birthe and Dealtat in the 146 Yillages of the Ralmágiri Talwta of the Rateagiri Dietrict for the yeart 1204 to 1913.

| Yeers, | Bithss. | Deatho, | Popalation secording to list Imperial Censul |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\mathbf{z}$ | 3 | 4 |
| 1904 | 4,280 | 4,086 | 149,867 |
| 1905 | 3,663 | \%,643 |  |
| 1906 | 4,271 | 3,048 |  |
| 1907 | 4,266 | 2,914 |  |
| 1908 | 4,235 | 3,028 |  |
| 1909 | 4.979 | 2,901 |  |
| 1910 | 5109 | 3,298 |  |
| 1911 | 4,728 | 3,093 |  |
| 1012 | 4,872 | 3,431 |  |
| 1918 | 4,606 | 1,996 |  |
| Average | 4,498.9 | 8,138.8 |  |

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APPENDIX $\mathbf{G}^{+}$.
Shope, Induatries, etc., in the 146 Villagea of the Ratnágiri Táluka of the Ratndgiri District.


APPENDIX H.
Schools together with their average attendance in the year 1313, Ratuagini Táaluka.

|  | Dittrict | Govarnment Schools, |  |  |  | Manieipal Schoole. |  |  |  | Private Schoots. <br> Boys |  | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Boys |  | Girie |  | Boym |  | Girls. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | $\leqslant$ | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 |
| 147 | Ratutgiri | 45 | 1,783 | $\cdots$ | -0. | 5 | 616 | 1 | 118 | 19 | 538 |  |

APPENDIX 3.
Wells, Budkis, Tanks and olfer sources of vater-s"pply in the 55 Government Villages of the Ratnagiri Taluka of lhe Ratnagiri Colleclorate.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Nurblar } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Villagea. } \end{gathered}$ | Tkulume |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Thris |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Onazz motrcma. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Por cattide and } \\ \text { wambing and } \\ \text { oth'r puypose } \\ \text { but not for } \\ \text { frrigution or } \\ \text { drinking supply } \\ \text { of human } \\ \text { beings. } \end{gathered}$ |  | In disume |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Frrigation. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  | In dibuan. |  | $\stackrel{\text { For }}{\text { irrigation. }}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { For drinking } \\ & \text { supply of } \mathrm{raman} \\ & \text { being solely. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | In dismana. |  | 总 |
|  |  | Pakk. | Enobin. | Pakka. | Kacha | Pakka. | Kacha. | Fallem <br> in or <br> $\inf _{\text {repaing }}$. Iopen n | Other onuas. | Pakka, | Kachas. | Fakka. | Kasha | Pakka | Kache. | Pallen in or $\underset{\text { repair. }}{\substack{\text { in difor } \\ \hline}}$ repair | $\begin{aligned} & \text { other } \\ & \text { enumet. } \end{aligned}$ | Pakkra | Kache. | Pakka. | Ksecha. | Paka | Kacha. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Yallen } \\ \text { in or } \\ \text { indir } \\ \text { repair } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\underset{\substack{\text { Other } \\ \text { cauces }}}{ }$ |  |
| 1 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 8 | * | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 10 | ${ }^{17}$ | 18 | 19 | ${ }^{2}$ | 21 | 23 | ${ }^{23}$ | 24 | ${ }^{25}$ | ${ }^{28}$ | 97 |
| ¢5 | Ratuagin ... ... ... ... |  | 678 | 2,818 | ${ }^{83}$ | ${ }^{3}$ | 988 | 111 | ${ }^{70}$ |  |  | 40 | 0 | 77 | 18 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 74 | 7 | ${ }^{20}$ | 13 | 35 | $\cdots$ | ". |  |

## APYENDIX K.

Selling valwe of Karif lands in the villages of the Ratmagini Talwka, Ratnagiri Dietrict.


APPENDIX K 4
Solling value of warkae lands in the pillages of the Ratnágivi Taiuka, Ratnágirí Disirict.


## APPENDIX K ${ }^{9}$.

Selling value of mised (kharif and warkas) lands in the sillages of the Raindgiri Taluka, Ratnágiri District.


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## APPENDIX L.

Mortgage value of kharif lands in the villages of the Ratnagiri Taluka of the Ratnágiri District.


APPENDIX L ${ }^{(12)}$
Mortgage value of Waykac lande in the villages of tha Ratnágiri Táluka of the Ratnagiri District.

| Berial <br> $\underset{\text { in }}{\text { in }}$ <br> Appen. | Name of rillaga | Aree of land mortgaged. | Assessment | Yortgage debt. | Number of times the sesesment by the mortgage dabte | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group I. |  | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |  |  |
| 6 | Sytowde | 135 | 0410 | 4500 | 149.0 |  |
| 14 | Reel ... | 213 | 083 | $50 \quad 00$ | 228.6 |  |
| 15 | Waraode | $18 \quad 2$ | 1120 | 32500 | 185.7 |  |
| 23 | Are | 05 | $00^{0} 4$ | 2500 | 1,200.0 |  |
| 25 | Basai . ... | 020 | 0 1 15 | 1300 | $146 \cdot 8$ |  |
| 32 | Shirgaon - ... | 126 | $0{ }_{0}{ }^{4} 0$ | 2000 | $800 \cdot 0$ |  |
| 41 | Someshwar ... | 519 | 0140 | 50000 | 571.4 |  |
|  | Total | 300 | $\begin{array}{llll}8 & 8 & 1\end{array}$ | 1,158 00 | ** |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Average per acre } & \cdots \\ \text { Group II. }\end{array}$ | 10 | 0110 | $38 \quad 97$ | 386.9 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 45475875 | Randpar $\ldots$ <br> Agargule $\ldots$ <br> Wstad $\cdots$ <br> Gaode Ambere $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{rr}0 & 20 \\ 6 & 8 \\ 20 & 37 \\ 0 & 28\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 2 & 0^{*}\end{array}$ | 1300 | 104.0 |  |
|  |  |  | 0150 | 1750 | 186.7 |  |
|  |  |  | 618 | 920 0 0 | 151.0 |  |
|  |  |  | 010 | 15000 | 2,400.0 |  |
|  | Total | 287 | 736 | 1,258. 00 | ... |  |
| 108 | Average per aore | ... | 041 | 44105 | $175 \cdot 0$ |  |
|  | Kot | $87 \quad 1 \frac{1}{2}$ | 340 | 7500 | 23-1 |  |
|  | Average per eare ... | 10 | 015 | 2005 | $22 \cdot 9$ |  |

APPENDIX $L^{(9)}$ 。
Mortgage value of mixed (Kharif and Warkas) lands in the villoges of the Ralnágiri Taluka of the Ratnagiri listrict.


## APPENDIX M.

Leasos af Kharjf lande in the villages of the Ratnagiri tailuka, of the Ratakgini district.


APPENDIX M-continued.


APPENDIX M.
Isases of mixed (Kharif and Warkas) lawds in the villages of the Ratadgiri táluka, of the Ratmágiri district.


APPRNDIX Me.
Crop inare and cash commutation rente of the Khoti villages in the Ratnagiti Talukar


APPENDIX $M_{9}-$ ooneluded.

N.B. - Villages againet which more than one erop ohare rent han been ohown have different rates for different cleseas of pouple, es 9 , tor the Kulwadia, the Marnthas, the Brebmine, eto.
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APPENDIX N.
Prices prevalent in the Ratndgiri taluka from 1888-89 to 191 .


## APPENDIX 0.

R, tenue- Statement for 145 villages situated in the Rataajiri Tatuka.


in the Ratndgiri Taluka of the Ratmagiri Distriot.
By Bertion Sturvey.




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N. $B$ - The fullowing table cives tha classifisation of tho pilinges :-

| Namber. | Clasa of Viltage. | Sorial uruber of the village according to statament o |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Guveramont m * |  |
| II | Khots |  |
| 111 | Khichadl ... .st | 128, 180 to $124,138,137,189,141,142,143,145,148,120,188,185,129$. |
| IV | Dharekari ... -a |  |
| $\nabla$ | Sharakgit ... .e* | 86, 20, 44, $65,66,70,72,77,85,10,14$. |
| VI | Part Gryerment, part Fholt | 81, 98, 128. |
| 7II | Part Govemmant; part Dharetart, | 80. |

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Askistant Set:lement Officer, Ratnágiri.

## APPENDIX Q.

Statement showing the population and area and assessment of Government unoceupied land.

| Name of village. |  |  |  | Population. | Unoconpiad Government land. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Area | Aseesment. |
| 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 8 | 4 |
|  |  |  |  |  | A. g . | Rs. a. p. |
| 1 Jaygad |  |  |  | 2,303 | 28 | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 6 & 6\end{array}$ |
| 2 Nandiwde | ... | ... | ... | 1,260 | 3014 | 780 |
| 3 Sonde Lawgan |  |  |  | 345 | ..... | ..... |
| 4 Satkondi ... ... ... |  |  |  | 357 | ...... | ...... |
| 5 Jambhari |  |  |  | 1,390 | ...... | .. |
| 6 Sytowde |  |  |  | 2,532 | ...... | ...... |
| 7 Waidya Lamgan |  |  |  | 119 | ...... | ...... |
| 8 Panheli | ** | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | 218 | ...... | ...... |
| 9 Sandkhol ... ... .- |  |  |  | 112 | ... | ...... |
| 10 Kachre | . | ... | . | 80 | ...... | ...... |
| 11 Chapheri |  |  | ... | 574 | .0.7. | ...... |
| 12 Barjethol |  |  |  |  | -1... | . |
| 13 Undi |  |  |  | 122 | $\cdots{ }^{-1.7}{ }^{\text {223 }}$ |  |
| 14 Reel |  |  |  | 649 | 9223 | $\begin{array}{lll}10 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ |
| 15 Wararde |  |  |  | 2,365 | 1284 | 23114 |
| 16 Malgund |  |  |  | 3,005 | 728. | 14100 |
| 17 Niveodi ... ... |  |  |  | 1,914 |  |  |
| 18 Nerre |  |  |  | 3,805 | $1013{ }^{3}$ | - 149 |
| 19 Wada Dhokamle |  |  |  | 215 | 0144 | 270 |
| 20 Kotarde |  |  |  | 2,426 | 2022 年 | 740 |
| 21 Wade Jun |  |  |  | 82 | -..... | ...... |
| 22 Wada Sade |  |  |  | 245 | ${ }^{-\cdots .1} 143$ |  |
| 23 Wada Are |  |  |  | 352 | 4143 | 680 |
| 24 Wada Pirdawne ... ... |  |  |  | ${ }_{942}^{281}$ | .... | $\ldots$ |
| 26 Kelye |  |  |  | 1,075 | ........ | ...... |
| 27 Wada Kalbadevi ... ... |  |  |  | 1,239 | 47 | 150 |
| 28 Kasarveli |  |  |  | 1,964 | 06 | 006 |
| 29 Mhamurwadi ... ... ... |  |  |  | 290 |  |  |
| 30 Majgzon |  |  |  | 842 | 0 51 | 010.0 |
| 31 Wada Mirya |  |  |  | 2,351 | $515 \frac{1}{4}$ | 660 |
| 32 Shirgaon |  |  |  | 2,507 |  |  |
| 33 Zadgaon |  |  |  | 1,245 | $3011 \frac{1}{1}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}10 & 4 & 9\end{array}$ |
| 34 Rahatagar |  |  |  | 17,088 | 4188 | $0 \times 11$ |
| 36 Peth Shiwapur |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1,869 |  |  |
| 38 Karle ... ... ... |  |  |  | 1,774 | $534 \frac{1}{2}$ | $10^{\cdots \cdots 6}$ |
| 39 Wada Juve -.. |  |  |  | 546 | ...... | ...... |
| 40 Bhatye |  |  |  | 1,079 |  |  |
| 41 Someshwar |  |  |  | 2,559 | 0 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 060 |
| 42 Phansop |  |  |  | 2,365 | ..... | ... |
| 43 Waingani |  |  |  | ${ }^{396}$ |  |  |
| 44 Golap |  |  |  | 2,956 474 | 16284 | $\begin{array}{llll}10 & 5 & 6\end{array}$ |
| 45 Wada Randpar ... ... ... |  |  |  | 874 $\mathbf{3 , 3 5 9}$ | $\cdots 34$ | $10 \times 12$ |
| 46 Pawas |  |  |  | 106 |  |  |
| 48 Madbangule ... ... ... |  |  |  | 506 | $38 \frac{1}{1}$ | 3780 |
| 49 Wada Gaodegule |  |  |  | 290 | ¢ $10 \frac{1}{3}$ | 1700 |
| 50 Wada Pbadke |  |  |  | 202 | ...... | $\ldots$ |
| 51 Thikan Soman ... ... ... |  |  |  | 11 | .. | .... |
| 52 Wada Mervi |  |  |  | 2,315 | ...... | ...... |
| 68 Thikan Behere |  |  |  | 115 | ...... | ...... |
| 54 Jambul Ad |  |  |  | 888888 | .... | ...... |
| 55 Peth Purnagad | ** | ** | $\cdots$ | 658 | ...." | ...... |

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APPENDIX $Q^{3}$-concluded.


## APPENDIX B.

The papera relating to the Original and Revision Settlemente of the 131 villages formerly belonging to the Saitarda Petha and the old Ratnagiri Talaks will be found in Government Selection No. CCCL-XXVII, New series. Papers rogarding the current settlement of the remaining* villages, which were settiod along with the villages of the old Lauja Petha (vide Government Resolation, Revenue Department, No. 308 of 19th January 1875), are priatel below.

No. 45 of 1873.

## Frox

J. GIBSON, Esq.,<br>Deputy Superintendent, Ratnágiri Survey;

To
J. ELPHINSTON, Esq.,

Collector of Ratnágiri.
Sátára, 10th Febrwary 1878.

## Sir,

I have the honour to submit the tollowing report on the rates of assessment I propose to introduce in the Lanje Petta of the Rataagiri Zilla.
2. The Lanje Petta is the northern division of the Rajapur Taluka, and is bounded on the north by the Kajli River, which separates it from the Sangameswar Táluks, on the east by the Gharta, on the south by the Múchkúndi River, and on the west by the Ratnagiri Tâluks.
3. The district contains 80 villages, of which 9 are Khalsa, 63 Khoti, 5 Dharakurree, and 8 Inam. The Inámdárs of the latter class of villages have not agreed to have the survey and asessament introduced in their villages; consequentily this report only refers to the 77 villeges which have been aurveyed.
4. The western portion of the district under report is very rough and hilly and in general appearance mook resembles the country in the adjoining taluka of Ratnagiri. The hills are extremely steep, and large bouldera of laterite rock are seattered over their surface in every direction. The slopes of aome of the hille are tolerably well covered with brashwood, and here and there, where water is plentiful a fery cocoanut trees and betel-nut plantations may be ceen, but as a rule this part of the taluka has a bare and rugged appearance. A few miles inland the aspect of the ocuntry cbanges entirely. The hills are smaller and less steep, and in the central portion of the district there is a considerable extent of open undulating plain. Towarde the Ghaute the country again becomes hilly, but as most of the hills are well covered with jungle, it has not the barren appearance of the western portion of the Petta.
5. There are two roade in the district which are passable for carta in the fair season. One of them is the main road from Vengurla to Ratnigiri. It enters the district at the village of Waked; passes through the town of Lanje, and crosses the northern boundary of the district, near the rillage of Werul. The other is from Lanje towards Hurchuri. It passee through 8 villages in the north-western portion of the Petta. These roads can only be used by carts during the dry weather, as none of the nullahs and rivers are bridged. In additon to these, there is a road from Lanje to the, Khundi Ghant, but this is only passable for borsea or laden bullocks.
6. The interior of the country is intersected in every direction by small streams, most of whioh have water in them all the year round. The Múchkíndi, which forms the couthara boundary of Lanje, is the largest river in the district, and is navigable by small boats as far as the village of Satauli. The water of this river is a good deal used for irrigating hot weather rice and náglee erop. It is raisel to the level of the field by Persian wheels, and in pla :es where the banke are high, three and even four wheels are used to raise the water from one reservoir to another.
7. The elimate of the district is good and the rainfall plentiful, the average for the last 7 years being $1 \geq 5.63$ cents.
8. This district is mare thickly wooded than the adjoining taluka of Ratnagiri. The weetern portion is rather bare, bot nearly all the villages in the central part bave clumps of well-grown mango, jack, and nandrook treee sound the village sites. In the eastern villages the hilla are covered with thiok jungle containing good firewood and a amall quantity of teaks, ain, tinjul, sco. I regret, however, to say that wood is now being out down in considersble

[^4]quantities and sent to Bombay, and, unless some means are devised for checking the exportantion, the want of firewood and "rab"-for burning on the rice field-will be felt severely in a few years.
9. The principal producte of the district are rice, harreek, nagit, and warree. Til, hemp, and sugarcane are also grown, but only in small quantities. The following statement showe the proportions of the various orops grown :-

| Crops. |  |  | Percentage. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice | ... | ... | 37.5 |
| Naglee | ** | * | $21 \cdot 5$ |
| Hurreek | ** | ** | $25 \cdot 5$ |
| Wurree | * | . | $12 \cdot 5$ |
| Til | *** | .. | 1.5 |
| Knoleet | - | ... | 1.0 |
| Ourced | ... | ... | 05 |
|  |  |  | 100 |

Toor, hemp, and sugarcane have not been shown, as the quantity grown of each is very small.
10. The only regular market in the distriot is held once a week at Satanli. This is a village in the Múchkúndi creek, containing about 179 honses and 1,664 inhabitante. The creek is navigable up to this point, and on market days a considerable trade is carriod on ;in salt-Gish, salt, tobasco, wood, and a emall quantity of grain. The two latter articles are brought in from the surrounding villages, within a radias of 10 or 15 miles, and exchanged for the other commodities. The fish and salt come mostly from Goa, and whatever is not disposed of to the villagers is bought up by traders and conveyed on bullocke to the country above the Ghauts. A emall fair is held at the town of Lanje during the latter half of March and the beginning of April; the fair is a religious one, and is in honour of a Mahomedan saint whose tomb is near Lanje, bat it is attended by a good many traders from villages above the Ghauts, who bring copper pots and cloth for sale.
11. The area of the district, exolusive of the 3 Inam villages, is 150,587 acres, or $235 \frac{1}{3}$ square miles. Of this, 48,117 acres have been deducted on account of rivers, nallahs, and unculturable land, leaving an area of 102,470 acres of arable land. This has been classified by the survey as follows:-

| z ce. | Habbea. | Bagayeto | Warkas, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{rr} \text { A. } & \text { g. } \\ 6,051 & 0 \end{array}$ | A, 29 29 | A. g. 1120 | $\begin{array}{rr} \text { A. } & \text { g. } \\ 96,278 & 0 \end{array}$ |

12. The number of inhabitants in Lanje, according to the Census taken in February 1872, is 45,847 . This gives about 195 persons to every square mile of the total area, and 286 to the square mile of the culturable area.' These numbers are larger than those of any of the inland tálukas yet settled. In Chiplún there are only 188 inhabitanta per square mile of the total area, and 265 per square mile of the culturable area. About 22 per cent. of the wbole population are purely agriodltural, 3 per cent. partly agricultaral, and 75 per cent. non-agricultaral. Out of the whole popalation only 883 persons, or less than 1 per cent., are said to be able to read and write! There are 6 sohools in the district which are supported by Government.
13. The number of live stock of all kinde is 26,907 , or abont 115 animale to the square mile. Considering the large extent of grazing ground in the distriet, this is not a very large number; but etill it exceeds that of most of the other tálukas. For instance, in the Chiplun Taluka there are only 96 animals per aquare mile.
14. The water-aupply of the district is good; although there are only 209 wells, yet there are stresme in every direction, most of which have water in them all the year round.
15. The greater portion of the rice land in the Lanje Petta in very inferior. The soil, as a rule, is wanting in depth, and consequently any failure in the rsinfall affects the orops very. quickly. There ie, however, some tolerably good land in the villages bordering on the Ratrifgiri Talnka, and these I have consequently plaoed in the lat closs. The rate I propose for villages in this class is Ra. 7 per acre. Some of the adjoining villages in the Ratnágiri Taluka are rated at Rs. 8, but as the Lanje villages are not quite so well situated, as regarda means of commanication with the coast, I consider that a decrease in the rate is necessary.
16. In the 2 nd clases, rate $\mathrm{Ra}, 6,1$ have included 28 villages in the central portion of the district. The rice land in most of these villages is very poor, but as they are all within easy reach of the made rosd which passes through the district, 1 think the rate will be found suitable.
17. The 3rd class (rate Rs, 5) includes 10 villages to the east of those in class 2 nd . The soil in these is somewhat inferior to that of the villages in class 2ad, and their meane of communication with markets, \&e., is pore limited.
18. 11 villages bordering on the Ghauts have been placed in the 4th class, rate Rs, 4. This may seem a high rate for these villages, but as their position at the foot of a high range of hills give them the advantage of a large and regular supply of water during the monsoon. and as they are better off for "Rab"-for manure-than any other villages in the district, I consider that the rate I propose is not excessive.
19. The area of garden land in the district is only 112 acres. I propose to settle each garden separately, as was done in the Chiplún and Gohagarh Tálukas, taking the maximum rate on the rice land of the village as the maximum for the garden land.
20. The area of the warkne land is 144,595 acres. Of this, 48,117 acres have been dedacted as unculturable, leaving an area of 96,278 acres as arable land. The wurkns land in a few of the villages is much superior to any bitherto met with in the dietricte reeently settled, and I therefore propose to adopt a higher sanle of zates than usual, viz., annas 8 , 7, 6 , and 5 per acre, the rate for each village to be determined by the average clasification of the soil.
21. The area of the rabi land is only 29 acres; sugarcane is grown in it occasionallyabout once in 5 years; bat the asual orops are toor and hemp. I propcse to fix the maximum rate for this land at Re. 2 per acre.
22. The accompanying map shows the grouping of the villages and the distribution of the proposed rates. The effect of the new rates, as com pared with former payments in each of the classes, will be seen from the following statement:-

|  | Clase. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maxi } \\ & \text { mam } \\ & \text { Rate. } \end{aligned}$ | No. of villa. gen. | 10 years' average. | 20 years average. | $\underset{\text { Pay* }}{\text { munts, }}$ 1871-72. | Survay Dettlvment. | 10 yearg ${ }^{*}$ average. |  | 20 years' average. |  | Paymenta 1071.72. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ( | Decrease |  | Decreme. | $\xrightarrow{\text { In- }}$ crease. | Decrease. |
| I |  | Re. | 88 |  |  |  |  |  | 5.614 |  | 3,818 |  |  |
| II | .. | 6 | \% | 21,329 | 19,107 | 19,604 | 17,249 | $\ldots$ | 3,730 | $\cdots$ | 1,859 | $\ldots$ | 4,120 2,405 |
| III | $\ldots$ |  | 10 | 6,63t | 6,756 | 6,050 | - | $\ldots$ | 2,352 | $\cdots$ | 1,574 | $\ldots$ | 1,868 |
| 17 | $\ldots$ | 4 | 11 | 6,609 | 4,465 | 4, 266 | 2,403 | $\cdots$ | 9.0.6 | ... | 2,472 | $\ldots$ | 1,773 |
|  |  | 1. | 77 | 52,418 | 47,172 | 47,816 | 37,650 | ... | 14,762 | ... | 9,622 | $\cdots$ | 10,166 |

23. The effeot of the new rates is to cause a considerable decrease in the total assessment of the district. The reduction in the payments for last year is R3. 10,1026, oz $21 \cdot 25$ per ceat. -in the average payments for 20 yeard Rs. 9,522 , or 20.18 par cent., -and in the average for 10 years As. 14,762 , or 23.16 per oent. The reduction is principally in the assessment of the warkus or hill lands, whieh, notwithatanding the high rates I have proposed, is Rs. 8,912 less than the collections for last year.
24. The effect of the rates in the rice land is as follows:-
(a)-There is a reduction of Re. 1,169 in the payments of last year.
(b)-A reduction of Rs. 1,883 in the average for 10 years.
(c)-An increase of Rs. 62 in the average for 20 years. In the Statement (A) appendel to this report, I have shown, as usual, the supposed area of the land under rice cultivation at the time of the former survey, aud it will be seen the new survey shows an increase of 1,309 acres. It may be thought from this, that there ought to be a correaponding increase in the assessuent, but it must be remembered that the reeords of the old sarvey were very imperfect, and cannot now be relied on as a standard of comprarison, and the apparant inerease ought not, therefore, to be taken into consideration in judging the fitness of the present rates.
25. From the result of the rates, which are quite as bigh as those ad.rpted in the iniand talukas in the narthern portion of the collectora'e, there "an be no donbt that the Lanje Petta, hike the neighbouring tallukz of latnágiri, was mueh too heavily aseesed by the former survay, and I consider that the retuction is not more than is required.

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26. In conclusion, I would request sanction to includa the following very small villages in the adjoining ones, by which arrangement a saving in trouble of preparing the village papera will be effected. The three Wadees of Bander Satauli, 30 acres ; Mahomed Satauli, 245 acrea ; and Lamgan Satanli 268, should be included in Mouje Satanil, making one village of 1,100 acres. Wédee Tipsnni, 86 aeree, and Wadee Rajan, 4 acres (both of which are uninhabited), should be included in the village of Bhendi and Kirbet. The two latter villages and wadees are Khálsa. The Wádees of Satanli are Khoti, bat the Khote of Satanui is also Khote of the threo wadees, and the arrangement will not affeet his interesta in any way.

I have the honour to be,
$\mathrm{Sir}_{\text {, }}$
Your most obedient Servant,
J. GIBSON,

Deputy Superintendent, Ratnágiri Survey.

## STATEMENTA.

Statement contrasting the Survey Setclement wilh past payments for

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*he 77 Fillages of the Lanjo Petia, Taluka Rajapwry, Ratndgivi Collectorate.

| Ansonstament acsording to proposed Ratear. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Lares coltiveteri of Rioe at the time of |  | Aterage Rate per $\Delta$ are for Rice under |  | A varage Clasaificar tion of |  |  |
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| Reso. |  |  |  | Warkun, | Bagaset. |  | Old Sarveg. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Present Sux- } \\ & \text { Fey. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | Old Sys- tem. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Now Sys } \\ \text { tem. } \end{gathered}$ | Bice. | Wurkne | 岩 |
| Hesp. | Inter | Renc. | Rn, ${ }_{\text {as }}$ |  |  | RL. as | Rn. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Ras. 8 , | R8. 3. | Rs. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Rs, ${ }^{\text {s. }}$ | R.8. an |  |
| $\begin{array}{lll}7 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 768 828 | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{ll}88 \\ 84 & 0 \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}197 & 0 \\ 185 & 0\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{ll}988 \\ 581 & 0 \\ 0\end{array}$ | 279 70 | $\begin{array}{ll}214 & 0 \\ 105 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 8 & 2 \\ 5 & 9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 8 \\ 8 & 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}8 & 1 \\ 7 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}2 & 1 \\ 1 & 10\end{array}$ |  |
| 700 | 1050 | $\cdots$ | 40 | 780 | ... | 1870 | 180 | 310 | 70 | 86 | 60 |  |  |
| 700 | 1190 | $\cdots$ | 60 | 1020 | $\ldots$ | 226 | 350 | 50 | 212 | 26 | 55 | 20 |  |
| 700 | 1810 | ... | 50 | 1550 | ... | 3210 | 350 | 550 | 811 | 215 | 67 | 80 |  |
| 700 | 2580 | $\cdots$ | 380 | 8250 | $\cdots$ | 6060 | 990 | 82 - | 57 | 81 | 70 | 111 |  |
| 700 | 1880 | ... | $\cdots$ | 290 | ... | 4790 | 80.0 | 480 | 3.8 | 42 | 96 | 26 |  |
| 700 | 4480 | - | 80 | 4180 | ... | 8680 | 50 | 142.0 | ${ }^{5} 18$ | ${ }^{8} 8$ | 72 | 26 |  |
| 700 | 1478 | $\cdots$ | 40 | 560 440 | . | 207 <br> 721 <br> 0 | $\begin{array}{ll}85 & 0 \\ 75 & 0\end{array}$ | ${ }_{99} 86$ | $\begin{array}{ll}4 & 6 \\ 8 \\ 8\end{array}$ | ${ }_{8}^{4} 12$ | $\begin{array}{ll}9 & 4 \\ 6\end{array}$ | 2 5 <br> 8 8 |  |
| 700 | 2800 | ... | 50 | 996 | $\cdots$ | 1,382 0 | 180 0 | 1820 | 212 | 28 | 10 | ${ }_{3} 1$ |  |
| 700 | 230 | $\ldots$ | 200 | 128 0 | ... | 4280 | 60. | 710 | 3.5 | 815 | 90 | 20 |  |
| 700 | 1780 | $\cdots$ | 200 | 830 | $\cdots$ | 2880 | 250 | 440 | 611 | 40 | 91 | 21 |  |
| 700 | 8570 | ... | 180 | 2530 | ** | 6280 | 1450 | 1080 | 21 | 36 | 78 | 25 |  |
| 700 | 3050 | $\cdots$ | 40 | 20.0 | $\cdots$ | 1290 | 210 | 270 | 46 | 314 | 811 | 22 |  |
| 700 | 2310 | $\ldots$ | 60 | 2880 | $\cdots$ | 5050 | 80 | 88.9 | $\begin{array}{ll}1 & 7 \\ 8 & 18\end{array}$ | 210 | ${ }^{8} 8$ | $8{ }^{8} 8$ |  |
| $\begin{array}{lll}7 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 98 371 | $\cdots$ | 40 | $\begin{array}{ll}90 & 0 \\ 68 & 0\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | 4970 | 1110 | 1350 | $\begin{array}{ll}1 \\ 8 & 18 \\ 8\end{array}$ | 2 3 3 | 58 7 7 | $\begin{array}{ll}8 & 0 \\ 8 & 6\end{array}$ |  |
|  |  | $\cdots$ | .. |  |  |  |  | 610 | 114 | 4 | 100 | 30 |  |
| 700 | 2240 | $\cdots$ | 8.0 | 700 | $\cdots$ | 3020 | 54.0 |  |  |  | 60 | 26 |  |
| 700 | 48 | * | 80 | 80 | ... | 680 | 120 | $\begin{array}{ll} 16 & 0 \\ 34 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 8 & 4 \\ 8 & 14 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ 8.10 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |
| 700 |  |  |  |  |  | 1550 | 290 |  |  |  | 88 | 26 |  |
| 700 | 4830 | $\ldots$ | 40 | 1780 | . | 659 | 850 | 1870 | 79 | 818 |  |  |  |
| 700 | 1260 | $\ldots$ |  | 876 | ... | 4020 | 68 0 | 580 | 815 | 88 | 50 | 26 |  |
| 700 | 8480 | $\cdots$ | 810 | 3820 | $\cdots$ | 696 | 650 | 1310 | ${ }^{3} 5$ | 910 | 60 | 29 |  |
| $\begin{array}{lll}7 & 0 & 0 \\ 70 & 0\end{array}$ | 1680 | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{ll}1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0\end{array}$ | 2940 | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{233} 50$ | 60  <br> 50 0 <br>   | 63 <br> 58 <br> 0 | 6 4 <br> 3 5 | $\begin{array}{llll}8 & 11 \\ 3\end{array}$ | 8 <br> 7 | $\ddot{26}$ |  |
| 700 | 9780 | $\ldots$ | 320 | 8900 | $\cdots$ | $800 \%$ | 550 | 1670 | 17 | 24 | ${ }^{5} 2$ | 24 |  |
| 700 | 5390 | ... | 120 | 850 | ... | 8940 | 550 | 1640 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ** | 7,301 0 | $\cdots$ | 8240 | 8,101 0 | $\ldots$ | 13,726 0 | 1,907 0 | 2,348 0 | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | . $\cdot$ |  |
| 600 | 1620 | $\cdots$ |  | 8550 |  | 5170 | 620 |  | 212 | 24 |  |  |  |
| 400 | 1090 | $\cdots$ | 180 | 8980 | ... | 4530 | 60. | 490 | 82 | 21 | 57 | 81 |  |
| 600 | ${ }^{678} 0$ | ... | 40 | 1,008 0 | ... | 1,688 0 | 140 | 810 - | 511 | 114 | 411 | 31 |  |
| 600 | 360 | ** | $\cdots$ | 88.4 | $\ldots$ | 430 | 80 | 140 | 28 | 29 | 610 | 37 |  |
| 800 | 2400 | $\cdots$ | 10 | 9390 | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{880} 80$ | 50 | $\begin{array}{r}82 \\ 116 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 4.7 | 815 | 710 | 210 |  |
| ${ }^{6} 00$ | 2880 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 8680 | $\cdots$ | 656 |  | 1160 | 8 |  | ${ }_{8} 8$ | 26 |  |
| 60 |  | $\cdots$ | 60 | 720 | $\cdots$ | 1488 | 850 | ${ }_{98} 82$ | 28 | 3 <br> 215 <br> 15 | 8 <br> 7 <br> 10 | 25 |  |
| 6 8 0 | 2828 | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{5} 50$ | 3610 | $\cdots$ | 809 | 660 | 790 | 59 | 218 | 56 | 25 |  |
| 600 | 6840 | $\ldots$ | 120 | 067 | $\ldots$ | 1,2180 | 1180 | 1820 | 46 | 215 | 710 | 80 |  |
| 000 | 860 | $\cdots$ | 10 | 900 | $\ldots$ | 1570 | 810 | 260 | 413 | ${ }^{2} 8$ | ${ }^{6} 9$ | 23 |  |
| 80 | 2580 | - | 30 | 470 | $\cdots$ | 730 | 900 | 1170 | 816 | 88 | 510 | 811 |  |
| ${ }_{6}^{6} 00$ | 1020 | ** | 10 | 2780 | $\cdots$ | 8810 4310 | ${ }^{25} 0$ | 80 | ${ }^{6} 18$ |  | ${ }_{6}^{81} 10$ | ${ }^{2} 2$ |  |
| $\begin{array}{lll}8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 364900 | $\cdots$ | 6330 | ${ }_{90} 0$ | 360 | 90 | 25 | 6 | ${ }_{8} 8$ |  |
| $60 \%$ | 2280 | $\cdots$ | 40 | 6120 | $\ldots$ | 8440 | 990 | 980 | 811 | 26 | 83 | 84 |  |
| 600 | 2840 | $\ldots$ | 70 | 4780 | . | 750 | 1000 | 96 | 32 | 218 | 74 | 88 |  |
| ${ }^{6} 00$ | 90. |  |  | 366 | $\cdots$ | 250 | 180 | 870 | 87 | 27 | 67 | 811 |  |
| 600 | 2230 | 280 | 40 | 1820 | ... | 8850 | 450 | P3 0 | 412 | 26 | 64 | 110 |  |
| 800 | 4880 |  | $\cdots$ | $44^{45} 0$ |  |  | 1120 | 1570 | 46 | 30 | 710 | 211 |  |
| 80 | 780 | $\cdots$ | 10 | 6470 | ... | 7260 | 650 |  | 310 | 20 8 | 54 | 84 |  |
| ${ }_{6}^{6} 00$ | 1380 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 2880 | $\cdots$ | 4060 | 820 | ${ }^{56} 0$ | 35 | 87 | 67 | 29 |  |
| $\begin{array}{lll}6 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 3240 | $\cdots$ | 10 | 4650 | $\cdots$ | 780 895 | 1100 | 1140 70 | 88 | 213 213 | 78 | 8 $\times 8$ |  |
| 600 | 1820 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 3210 | $\ldots$ | 4580 | 750 | 760 | 27 | 96 | 68 | 211 |  |
| 600 | 7980 | ... | 40 | 4490 | $\ldots$ | 1,251 0 | 260 | 2936 | 815 | ${ }^{2} 8$ | 610 | 87 |  |
| 800 | 780 |  | 40 | 980 | $\ldots$ | 3680 | 450 | 810 | 24 | 28 | 69 | 88 |  |
| 600 | 8840 | 10 | 80 | 4080 | $\cdots$ | 8010 | 1100 | 150 | 48 |  | 610 | 81 |  |
| ..* | B,604 0 | 810 | 1080 | 10.8120 | ... | 17,249 0 | 2,049 0 | 2,562 0 | $\cdots$ | ... | *** | ... |  |
| 500 | 900 | 60 | . 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 500 | 1000 | $\cdots$ | ** | 2250 | $\cdots$ | $835^{\circ} 0$ | 820 | 420 | 50 | 26 | 77 | 26 |  |
| 50 | 3760 | ... | $\ldots$ | 880 | $\cdots$ | 5600 | 760 | 890 | 413 | 115 | ${ }_{6}^{6}$ | 88 |  |
| 800 | 1250 | ... | $\ldots$ | 9740 | $\cdots$ | 4990 | 80 | 660 | 26 | 114 | 61 | 23 |  |
| 500 | 70 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 170 | $\cdots$ | 840 | 80 | ${ }^{35} 0$ | 410 | 28 | 89 | 26 |  |
| 5 0 0 <br> 8 0 0 | 1150 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 965 0 | $\cdots$ | 470 498 | 910 | 71 780 80 | 111 | 130 | 62 | 23 |  |
| $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 140 | $\cdots$ | -. | 468 | $\cdots$ | 4980 | 850 | 850 1070 | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 0 & 0 \\ 50 & 0\end{array}$ | 1960 | $* *$ | $\ldots$ | 485 8010 | ... | ${ }_{6}^{680} 0$ | $\begin{array}{ll}85 & 0 \\ 80 & 0\end{array}$ | 107 <br> 192 <br> 0 | 88 | 118 | 59 | 28 |  |
| $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 240 70 | $\cdots$ | *** | $\begin{array}{ll}201 \\ 194 & 0\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | 4410 266 | 60 <br> 48 <br> 8 | 182 38 38 | 5 8 <br> 8 12 |  | 510 70 | $\begin{array}{ll}2 & 8 \\ 8 & 0\end{array}$ |  |
| ** | 2,950 0 | 6 | $\cdots$ | 2856 | $\cdots$ | 4,188 0 | 4770 | 6920 | 1.4 | $\cdots$ | *** | $\cdots$ |  |

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Communication Rates of Grain per Candy．

| Ytar． | Fhad Sttanli． |  |  |  | Phud Bhadkambe． |  |  |  | Phad Harcht． |  |  |  | Phud Prabanwalli． |  |  |  | Plud Pawam． |  |  |  | Remaritu |
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|  | 辿 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 营 } \\ & \text { 旨 } \\ & \text { 品 } \end{aligned}$ | 花 | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{\dot{\mathbf{B}}}{\underline{\mathbf{x}}} \\ & \dot{\mathrm{m}} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 落 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 寞 } \\ & \text { 官 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 总 } \\ & \text { 渵 } \end{aligned}$ | 采 |  | \％ | 莯 | 怘 |  | 愛 | 瞋 |  |
| 1851－52 | Ric． 2 |  | Rt． | $\mathrm{Bra}_{\text {e }} \mathrm{a}$ | Br．A | Ra，a． | Ren; ; an | Res．a． | Rs，${ }_{\text {a }}$ ． | $\mathbf{B s}_{\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{a}} \text {, }$ | $\mathrm{R}_{0,} \mathrm{a}_{0}$ | Rs．a． | Ra，a． | Re．en | R9．${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{g}, \mathrm{E}}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rs. } 2 . \\ 712 \\ 78 \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  | 140 | 160 | 15.0 | 75 | 121 | $15 \quad 2$ |  | 515 | 1212 |  |  | 618 | 120 |  | 130 | $08$ | 148 | $17 \begin{array}{ll}17\end{array}$ | 158 |  |  |
| 1852－53 | 120 | 188 | 148 | 512 | $120$ | $140$ | 18． 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 158 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 50 | 122 | 14.4 | 1211 | 52 | 121 | 144 | 1211 | 58 | 1410 | 165 | 14.15 |  |  |
| 1853．54 ．－ |  | 248 | 190 | 188 | 150 | 198 | 170 | 80 | 158 | 22. | 190 | 100 | 150 | 198 | 170 | 80 | 180 | 2314 | 190 | $150$ |  |
| 1854－55 ．．． | 172 | 22 | 170 | 100 | 170 | 20 0 | 18 0 | 88 | 158 | 220 | 180 | 100 | 1612 | 200 | 170 | 80 | 160 | 22 | 18 |  | A B Mex ex |
| 1856－56 ．．． | 204 | 280 | 180 | 110 | 170 | 200 | 188 | 80 | 168 | 230 | 190 | 100 | 1612 | 200 | 0 | 8.8 | 1.70 | 23 0 |  |  | 发－めが心 |
| 1856－57 ．．． | 178 | 230 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1856．5 $\cdots$ | 178 |  | 18 0 |  | 170 | 20 | 18 | 9 | 170 | 230 | 190 | 100 | 17.0 | 200 | 178 | 88 | 17 4 | 820 | 198 | 100 |  |
| 1857－58 ．．． | 208 | 25 B | 204 | 128 | 180 | 228 | 198 | 90 | 190 | 280 | 204 | 118 | 19 ： | 28． 8 | 198 | 88 | 200 | 240 | 204 | 180 |  |
| 1888.69 | 288 | 278 | 240 | 120 | 208 | 240 | 220 | 100 | 220 | 280 | 280 | 188 | 28.0 | 25 | 220 | 10.0 | 24 |  |  |  |  |
| 1859－60 ．．． | 290 | 880 | 890 | 140 | 2718 | 8312 | 280 | 148 | 280 | 370 | 290 | 14 | 270 | 320 | 280 | 140 | 280 |  |  |  | ：：：： |
| 1860－61 | 320 | 970 | 220 | 100 | 800 | 248 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | M 0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 200 | 90 | 230 | 27.8 | 220 | 100 | 220 | 250 | 810 | 30.0 | 2388 | $\pm 0$ | 250 | 100 | ：： |
| 1861－62 ．．－ | 24 | 810 | 248 | 110 | 228 | 288 | 228 | 110 | 290 | 290 | 230 | 110 | 230 | $288:$ | 280 | 11.0 | 25.0 | 328 | 280 | Ii 0 |  |
| 1862－83 | 258 | 320 | 260 | 128 | 238 | 810 | 24 0 | 128 | 238 | 310 | 240 | 128 | 288 | 810 | 850 | 128. | 250 | 340 | 268 | 128 |  |
| 1863063 ．． | 970 | 56. | 450 | 160 | 840 | 470 | 850 | 140 | 840 | 50.0 | 890 | 160 | 34.0 |  | 350 | 138 | 380 | 550 | 450 | 180 | －：！： |
| 1864－65 ．．． | 380 | 59 | 540 | 160 | 380 | $50 \quad 0$ | 400 | 160 | 870 | 580 | 480 | 160 | 880 |  | 410 |  | 820 |  |  |  |  |
| 1865－66 ．． | 388 | 50 | 430 | 120 | 260 | $87 \quad 0$ | 320 | 120 | 320 | 440 | 390 | 120 | 280 | 89 | $\begin{array}{ll}81 & 0\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1866－67 ．．． | 350 | 50 | 390 | 120 | 830 | 420 | 350 | 120 | 850 | 480 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{ll}51 & 0 \\ 51\end{array}$ |  | 120 | 5易湯 |
| 186768 ．．． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 120 | 820 |  | 380 | 110 | 86 | 510 | 430 | 120 |  |
| 186268 ．．． |  | 330 |  |  | 180 | 230 | 210 | 60 | 220 | 300 | 230 | 60 | 180 | 230 | 200 | 60 | 240 | 380 | 260 | 0 |  |
| 1869.69 | 270 | 320 | 250 | 120 | 23 （ | 290 | 250 | 0 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 110 | 280 | 270 | 240 | 70 | 270 | 330 | 280 |  | 吕223 |
| 1869－70 ．．． | 38 Q | 370 | 880 | 150 | 840 | 370 | 340 | 100 | 830 | 370 | 480 | 100 | 260 | 320 | 2 O |  | 300 |  | so 0 | 120 | －TM－ |
| 147071 ．．． | 250 | 350 | 240 | 110 | 240 | 260 | 280 | 70 | 250 | 280 | 250 | 110 | 210 | $24 \quad 0$ | 8 O |  | 80 | 888 | 250 | 120 |  |
| 1871.72 ．．． | $27 \quad 0$ | 820 | 270 | 150 | 280 | 320 | 280 | 90 | 290 | 320 | 290 | 130 |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{88} 2$ |  |  | 120 | 8 |
| 21 yearot | 250 |  |  | 180 | 830 | 280 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 310 |  |  |  |  | 880 |  | 350 | 850 | 170 | 110 | $\bigcirc$ |

## STATISTICAL TABLE No. III.

(To br adde out beforb Seftibuemt.)
Details of Oultiration in A.D. 1871-72.

| District. | Survoyed Villagen | Crops | Percentage of total caltivation of Government and lom Lande. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Total. | Kharit. | Rabi. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| Petta Lapje, Táluka Rajápur... | Kbalsat $77 \times\{$ | Rice $\ldots$ $\ldots$ <br> Nagli $\ldots$ $\ldots$ <br> Warri $\ldots$ $\ldots$ <br> Harrick  $\ldots$ <br> Till $\ldots$ $\ldots$ <br> Kulid $\ldots$ $\ldots$ <br> Urid $\ldots$ $\ldots$ | 37.5 | 37.5 |  |
|  |  |  | 21.5 | 21.5 |  |
|  |  |  | 12.5 | 12.5 |  |
|  |  |  | 25.5 | 25.5 |  |
|  |  |  | 1.5 | 1.5 |  |
|  |  |  | 1.0 | 1.0 |  |
|  |  |  | 0.5 | 0.5 |  |
|  |  |  | 100 | 100 |  |

STATISTICAL TABLE No, IV.
(To bif made out befobi Settleybnt.)
Detail of Population.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under <br> 15 yeare <br> of agen | Above <br> 15 years of age. |  | Under 16 yearn of age. | Above 15 years of age. |  |  |  |  | Ferr | les, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | No. | Per Cent. | No. | $\begin{gathered} \text { P.r. } \\ \text { Cent. } \end{gathered}$ |
| $\therefore 1$ | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 38 | 13 |
| Taluka Rajipur, Petto Ladje. | Chriatians .ax ** | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  | Jows ce | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | *** | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  | Jains ... -* | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | * | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  | Lingayates om .o. | 189 | 291 | 473 | 198 | 297 | 405 | 968 | 8 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ |
|  | Mumalmana ... | 853 | 470 | 888 | 307 | 461 | 768 | 1,591 | 7 | 1 | $\cdots$ | . ${ }^{\circ}$ |
|  | Hinde Brahmint ... | 488 | 737 | 1,223 | 488 | 898 | 1,840 | 2.572 | 275 | 284 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  | I Low Ontea... | 8,593 | 11,072 | 19,665 | 8,207 | 12.824 | 21,051 | 40,716 | 99 | $\dagger$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  | Othera | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  | Total ... | 9,614 | 12,570 | 28,184 | 0,818 | 14,445 | 28,663 | 45817 | 883 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |

## STATISTICAL TABLE No. V.

(To be made out before Seitleme:t.)
Occupations of the People.


Statistical table No. vi.
(To be made out before Settlement.)
Return of Houses, Chowries, Wells, ge., and of Live ana Dead Siock.


Ertratt paragraphs 2 to 6, 24 and 39 to 41 from letter No. 784 of 12th March 1873 from Mr. J. Elphineton, Colloctor of Ralndgion
"2. The first Ascistant Collector considere that the rates are mederate and as compared with thore introduced iuto other talukas of this zilh and with the former payments in the same peta, they appear to be so ; by a clerical errer apparently, the average of 20 yeara' assessment is not given in the Iat column of statement $A$, submitted by the Depaty Superintendent of the Rovenue Survey.
3. An examination of statement B, which gives the commutation rates of past years, proves that the price of grais has a tendenoy to fall, and that it is now in 1872-73, much lower than it has been during the past ten years.
4. Inotice that in Mauze Satawli the assessment by the proposed rates is higher than Jaet year's assessment, though last year the commutation rate for rice was Rs. 27 a candy, against Re. 25 a candy the commutation rate of this year. Caution should be exercised lest in exceeding the assessment of the past 10 years, we may be unduly increasing taxation. I rotice the inoreased oultivstion of rice now in this village, is only 4 acres since the last survey by Puratram Punt Puranjpay in 1788-89 A. D. I fixed the commutation price for each kind of grain forming an item of the grain rental, payable to Government this year at the different "Phuds" in the Lanze Peta on the 7th lnstant so I write with the subject fresh in my recollection. A" Phad" is the depott to which the payments of the Laod Revenue in kind were always brought in the time of the Peshwa and to which the thots and dharekari oultivators still bave the option of bringing their payment in kiad, if they do not agree to pay in cash at the rate annually fixed in commutaion by the Collector.
5. The "Phade" of the Lanze Peta, are five in rumber, viz, at Satewli, Prabhanwalli, Bhadkumbay, Hurcheri and Pawas ; and the commutation rates for the payment of the grain rental of rice fixed for this year are Rs. 75 per candy for the Satawli, Rs. 24 per candy for the Pawas and Re. 23 per candy for the Prubhanwalli, Bhadkumbay and Hurcheri phuds; eaeh "Phud" includes (besides the village where the dep8t ib,) a number of other villages, the people of which are bound by custom to pay their grain rental at the eame depott. It is always neceseary to fix a price lower than the actual bazar price of grain at the village where the depat or (phud) is, as othermise the Revenue Officers would be under the necessity of receiving the grain at the depot from whatever villagere preferred to pay in kind and they would then have to dispose of it afterwards realise the cash Jamabandi. As an instance of this I mention that the market price now of rice at Satamli is Rs. 28 and $I$ have fixed the commatation rate at Rs. 25. Pawas and Satawli are within communication with Bombay aed the grain markets of Gorgegaon and elsowhere by sea, so the price fixed is higher than at Prubhanwalli and Bhudkumbay, villages under the ghats, to which there is no made road. I have gone to this length, to explain one phenomenon of the Ratnfigi dietrict generally, viz, that the rice and other grains are not sulficient for the consumption of the population, but grain has to be imported, and where this can be done cheaply and easily by water the people are more comfortably off generally, than in the villagee where the grain required to aupport life, has to be brought a long distance, by diffeult tracts on pack bullocks."
"24. I fully eoncur with what Mr. Nairne has said in his fourth paragraph and I regret very much to bee that notwithstanding the inconvenienoe whigh has been found to erist in the inaccurate system of measurement adopted in the Dápoli Talaka and in the Khed Peta of Chiplun Taluka where, owing to the non-measurement and to the want of any dema:ation between each man's veparate field, of warkas land, it has been found necessary for the last five years to keep Survey Kárkúne at the Mámlatdar's and Mahs!kari's offices, on parposes to point out, to the ryots, whereabouts in the village their warkas lands are, and what are the limits of them, because the area of them sad assessment entered in the Survey Records have not agreed with the sctual facts at least as regards the ares enjoyed by the cultivator. I ayree with the First Assistant Collector in hoping "that Government will not sanetion the settlement of any villages in which the measurement of warka lands have been made on a syst m. already proved to be faulty in other talukas merely to save the expense of a fresh settlement."
"39. In the 7th and 10th paragraphe of his letter, the Depaty Superiutendent of thr Survey, notices two things, which are likely to effect the future prosperity of the country. In paragraph 7, he points out how the district is gradually becoming denuded of trees and principally for the Bombay firewood market. In the absence of any other means of conservation (which appears impossible) I would recommend to Government that a heavy proteetive duty be put on firewood in order to disoonrage ite exportation. This mould prevent the further destruction of firewood and timber trees, by poor and igoorant villages . Without any foresight or care for the future, because it would prevent its being worth the while of wood dealery to purchase firewood for exportation to Bombay.
40. The fact that, nalt and salted fish is bronght for sale and barter in large quantities to the local markets from Goa is fresh proof that our duty on salt is too high salt could
just as easily be manafactured on this coast as at Gos and I attribute this tuking of salted Geb from Gos to our markets, to the excessively high duty on altt, which renders it unprofitable to manafacture salt or salted fish for sale in this Zilla. Another evil resuit from the same, I became aware of lately, viz. that fish is often now salted by eea wa'er only, which is insufficient to preserve fish throughly, the result is, that poor people are often half poisoned by eating tish in a semi-putrid condition.

4i. In his letter No. 20 dated 1st instant, the First Assistant Collector has notieed twe or three apparent inscearaces in the letter of the Deputy Superintendent of the purvey. I agree with the First Assistant Collector that there appears to be some mistake in representing only 22 per cent. of the population of the peta as agricultaral and only 1 per cent. as able to read and write. Further inquiry shall be made on this point to test the correctness of last year's census retarns on these points."

Extract paragraphs 1,2 and 4 from a letter No. 18 of 27 th Pebrwary 1573 froms Mr. Nairne, Assistant Collector, Ratnagiri.
"1. I have the honour to retarn the report of the Deputy Saperintendent of sarvey ow the rates proposed for the Lanze Peta, reeeived with your letter No. 498 of the 15 th instant.
2. The rates proposed appear to me to be very moderate. This is shown not only by the greatly decreased demand of Governiment, but also as regards rice land by the figores in columb 20 of statement A. It is undoubtedly true as Mr. Gibson says that, the rice land in the Peta is generally poor, and equally so that the warkas land is very much better than in almost any ottrer part of the Collectorate, while at the same time there is very little of the poozest soil of billy land. I should myself have thought that the warkas land of the villages entered in class II (coloured yellow in the map) would have borne a bigher rate than that proposed, but I find that the Native Officials, whose opinion I most trast, do not agree with me-so I certainly would not press this. On the other hand, the Mahalkari of Lanze would like to see several villages, entered in the second class, moved up to the first on sccount of the goodness of their rice lands. I do not think however that this alteration need be made. I notice with particular satisfaction, the great reduction in assessmens effected in the villages of class IV-the poorest in the Peta."
"4. My next objection is a more serious one, and is on a point not mentioned in Mr. Gibson'a report at all. It is well known that in the recently setiled talukes, the warkas lind has been measured and alloted more accurately than was done in the tálakas first settled. The siteration was, I belive, made at the saggestion of Shambhu Pursad, who fond out in the Khed Peta, how great a cause of dispute and unsertainty the old inscecurate measurements of the warkae were. In my report No. 299 of Ootober 28, on the state of the Khed Peta, I sidmitted that the new system of measurement would perhaps greatly reduce, though probably not altogether prevent, the disputes abont warkas in the lately surveyed talukas. But when I esid this I never for a moment supposed that, in tálukss to be sabsequently surveyed, the old inaccurate measurement was still to be retained in some villages. Yot this is the case in the Lanzê Peta for which rates ared now proposed. I aminformed, and I have been carefal to get * the best possible information on this point, that in more than half the villages of the Peta, the warkas bas been measured only io the old roogh way, and in leas than half in the improved way. I sincerely hope that Government will not sanction the settlement of any villages, not messared in the new plan. The fact that the majority of the villagee were measured some years ago, before the defects of the old plan were proved, cannot be held as sufficient excase for debarring those villages from the benefits of the improved mode, Dor can it be proper to introduce into a dietrict now to be settled, a eystem already proved to be wrong, merely to save the expense of a fresh measurement. I am urgent on this point because 1 have heard so constantly both from Khots, ryols and Government officials in the Northarn districts complaints of the great diffieulties caused to all parties by the "ghalmel" consequent on the inaccurate mensurement of the warkas."

No. 20 or 1878.
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## COLLECTOR,

Sir,
In my letter No. 18 of February 27th, I omitted to mention two points in Mr. Gibson' report on the Lanjê petta, which though in no way affeeting his proposals should yet be correoted as they would give a wrong idea of the district to anyone who does not know it. He ptated that 75 per centio of the population was non-agrioultural and that only 383 individuals in
the peta could resd and write. Now it would eertainly be diffeult to find a more parely agricoltural distriot than Lanje and I can only account for the above fignres by supposing that only heads of houses have been put down as living by agricultare and that the women and children have been put down es occupied with house work, play and so on. This beiog a common method among satives of describing their employments. But as to the numbers of elucated. people I cannot account for it at all. No one, who knows the Collectorate, can believe that in any peta thre could be anything tike so few ednested men as this and the natives to whom I have mentioned it agree with me in thinking the number quite ridiculous. It would be proved en liy a reference to the total number of Brabmins in the peta for I think you will agree with nie that it is very unusual to meet a male adalt Brahmin in this Collectorate who cannot read and write. Mr. Gibson appears to have got his fignres from the census papers of last year ; if so the error will be a rather serious matter.

Vengurla, March 1st, 1878.
I am, etc.,
(Signed) A. K. NAIRNE, 1st Assistant Collector.

No. 1721 oy 1874.
To

W. H. HAVELOCK, Esq,<br>Revenue Commissioner, Southern Division.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward correspondence as per margin on the subject of the ratos

Report by Dopaty Superintendent, Ratagigiri Surveg, No. 45, dated 10th Foirraary 1878 and atat ments.

Extract parggraphe 8 to 524 and 39 to 41 from Rntnag,ric Colleotor, traoumitting letter No, 784, dated 12th March 1873.

Extract paragrapha 1, 8 and 4 from letter from Mr. Nairue, First Assistant Collector of Batnagiri, No. 18, dated 97th Fubraxy 1873.

Letter from Kre Nairse, First Assistant Collector, Matedgiri, No. 20, dated the 1st March 1878. proposed for the villapes forming the Laaje Peta of the Rejjapar tsluka.
2. The Deputy Superiatendent's report (dated 10th Febrasry 1873) upon the rate for this distriet reached ime in March 1878 but it was not sent on then, as Govarnment had at that time determined to suspend settlement work in the Ratnágiri Coll cotor to with the view of enquiring into the general question of the plan of operations adopted for khoti villages. Orders having now however been issued to resume operations under the diz ction, at first of a Committee appointed to test the practical working of a different system, I beg therefore to solicit the sanction of Government to the proposed rates with the view to having the experimental system, to be carried out by the Committee, tried in some of the villages of this diatrict.
8. The proposals were reported on at the time both by the Collector and his first Assistant Mr. Nairne) but as their letters contain a lengthened dipenssion anou the manner of fixing and levying Khoci Phaids, and upon other questions also, affecting the plan of settlement for shoti villages then in force-all of which have been disposed of by recent orders. I have thought it better not to enoumber the case with the correspondence, on theve particular subjeots, and have accordin. Iy submitted only extracts of the parts of thes, Officers' letters bearing upou the proposed rates, and upon other general subjects diseussed $\mathrm{in}_{2}$ the Deputy Suprrintendent's report.
4. It will be observed that both of the above officers advozate a remeaxaremant of tho warkas landy of tha district upon the approved aystem which has heen generally adopted in the Department since the defects of the formur plan followed in the Khed and Davali Dis ricts, and which was carriel oat in part of this District also, have been brourlht to notice. I referred this question to the Depaty Superintendent for his opinion and it will be seon from his remarks (paragraphs 8 of letter No. ©14, dated 25th August 1874-Appendix A) that part only of thi- District (the work of the season of 1869.70 ) was done apon the compara ively rough systern in force in the Department at the time alladed to, but as it was carried out in that cave under Mr. Hexton's careful supervision, I think it is probable that the work will be found to peed only the partial revision iuvolved in eorrecting holdinge according to existing occupation $f$ ir tho mist. Kees in Khed and Dapuli, to which Mr. Nairne a ludes were the result more of want of oareful supervision than of defects in the plan of survey. As however it is - very neoeassary that we s ould be well assured of the correctness of this part of the eurvey work, I bave therefore directed Mr. Gibson to have it carefully exarained, reporting the result, and I shall taky vare that the settlement is not introduced until I have fully satusied myself that the warkas menasurements have been properly done.
5. Mr. Nairne lo.bts (letter No. 20, dated lst Mareh 1974) the ojrrectness of the Ceneus Retirus in showing 75 per eent. of the population to be non-agriealtural. and I think there can be nis quertion. Some mistake has been made in proparing then, probably in the

- 701-17
- manner* indicated by him, for as Lanje is almost entirely an agricultural Disirict, $T$ should expect to see fully 75 per cent. of the popalation shown as dependent on agriculture for their suppntt. The returns ased by the Depnty Superintendent were taken from the general census of the District made by the Collector's Department in 1872,

6. The Collector, it will be observed, as intimated his intention of enquiring into the matters noticed by Mr. Nairne. It is highly desirable that the doubt raised by that officer should be cleared up and the returns of this District corrected as also those of others that may have been prepared in the same way. Mr. Nairue also calls attention to an apparent mistake in the return affecting the number of persons recorded as able to read and write which is absurdly swall for such a District and seems to point to some mistake under this head also.
7. The Deputy Superintendent has given (paragrapbs 4 to 10) a full and correct sccount of this features of the country and resources of the District. Its rice cultivation is generally poor but there are a fow villages mostly on the western boundary where a second crop of rice is grown in the hot season by means of irrigation from pata and wells. The warkas lands on the other hand, which are the great source of the people's support, are unusually srood, especially round about the chief town of Lanje, where there is an extensive plain of comparatively level land well suited for the production of Nachavi and Nagli, which are the staple products of the dry-crop cultivation of the Ratnagiri District.

Mr. Nairne it will be seen, seemod at first to be of opinion that the Deputy Superintendent had somewhat under estimated the capabilities of the warkas lands of the District, but I am glad to find that on enquiry he admita the proposed rates to be sufficiently high.
8. The hill slopes on the eastern side of the District towards the Ghauts are represented to be covered with a fair growth of cammon jurgle trees and underwood. But Mr. Gibson seems to apprehend that the bille will soon be almost denuded of wood under the system of cutting for the Hombay market which has been going cn of late years. The Collector, who takes the great st interest in forest matters, regrests this state of things expressing at the same time, his inability under the existing state of the forest law to interfere with the clearance of the jangle which beionge to tice holders of the land,
9. I am sware that this subject of the diminution of the ordinuy fuel supply in the Ratnagiri Col ectorate, has attracted the attention of the Forest Department, sut it seeme tu be advisable to bring forward the state of the case in this district when is in no way better than in other parts of the Collectorate.
10. It will be seen from the paragraphs 16 to 19 that Mr. Gibson proposes to have four classes of ratea for rice-lands. The highest maximam of Rs. 7 (for single crop rice land) he intends to apply to the part of the District bordering on the settled part of the Mamlatdar's Division of the nalnagiri Taluka. This is undoubtedly the best part of the district, being near to the navigable creeks and to the markets on the onsst. The rate as mentioned by Mr. Gibson, is a rupes less than was imposed in the part of Ratnagiri alladed to above, where Rs. 8 was the maximum.
11. The maximum for the other three groups* is reduced by a rupee a class-the lowest
 rate of Rs. 4 being for the more distant villsges towards the ghauts*-Onr experience has proved the correctness of this plan of grouping, which has been carried out generally in all thet settled districts of the Ratnagiri Collectorate. We have however departed occasionally from this Rule by raisinur a village of known fertility a clase higher than its general position would indicate to be proper for it, when the lower class of rate would effect a considerable reiluction on past average payments; and in the sazoe way the rate has been reunced a class in favour of poor villages when much incressed by the proper maximam pertaining to them. And, I think, it will be advisable to make a few exceptions of this kind
in Mr. Gibson's grouping so as to avoid any considerable inerease or deoreng on in Mr. Gibson's grouping so as to avoid any considerable increase or decrease on past payments.
12. I append a memorandum containing a list of the villages for which I recommend an increase or reduction of rates. In some cases the increase or decresse should be in the warkas and in others in the Rice.-The particular why in which it should be effected being a matter which I beg may be left to me to be setiled with the Deputy Supermtendent. The differences which it will be seen are large amounting to above 100 per cent. in one case show the expediency of making some adjustment of the new to the old rates for sach casee. And this moreover is in accordance with the policy which Government wish to have adopted at future suttlements. Their orders, it is true, refer to increases ouly, but I think it is but fair to make the same principle applicable to deureases when unasually large as in the cases given by me.
13. Since the Deputy Superintendent's Repart was prepared Government have called formare detailed information than was formeriy supplied in Nettement Reports as to the

[^5]manner in which the classification of each District has been effected and in regard also to the avernge snd minimum rates resulting from it. I accordingly called for information on these heads which has been aupplied by Mr. Gibson in letter No. 614, dated 25th August 1874 (attached as Appendix A).
14. On refercing to this it will be seen thast Rs, 9-3-0 is the highest rate imposed for a combined monsoon and hot weather rice-crop in first class villages but this may be considered to be exceptional as there are but ferm cases in which the combined rate win come up to this sum. Other detaile respecting the classification are given in the letter alluded to which I think will be found to contain all the requisite information on this head.
13. For the warkas lands which, as b-fore mentioned, are generally of superior quality, the Deputy Superintendent proposes (paragraph 21) to have rates of annas 8, snnas, 7, annas 6, annas 5 per acre These rates are not apportioned off into groupe in the manner adopted for rice-lands, but are to be appled to the several villages according to the eharacter of their. warkas lands. The higier classes of course where the lands are good and the lower where they are poor.
16. The garden lands which comprise an extent of only 112 acres, the Depaty Superintendent proposes to assess at the maximum rice-land rate of the village, explaining that he inteeds to fix the rate for each in lividual garden from a personal examination of the classification returns. There are so many varying circumstances affecting the rates of garden-lands, that we have found $\mathfrak{t t}$ better to deal with each case separately, as is to be done in this instance, ratior than to bring the whole under a general rule as with the rates for other lands.
17. Paragraph 22. There are 29 acres of rabbee-land for which a maximum of 2 rupees r acre iв proposed.
18. The result of the Deputy Superintendent's proposals which is shown in detail of classes in paragraph 83 is to fix a total assessment of Rs. 37,650 for the whale District which is 14,762 or 28 per cent. less than the 10 years average, $9,52 \%$ or 20 per cent. less than the 20 years average, 10,166 or $21 \nmid$ per cent. less than the revenue of 1871-7\%. There can' be no doubt I think of this reduction being sufficiently liberal. It amounts, sa shown in the foregoing atatement, to 20 per cent. on the average of the past 20 yeare payments, which, as they have been fix d annually upon a grain commutation rate, represent the flactuations in the price of grain during that period.
19. In the adjoining villages of the Mámatdar's Division of Ratngixi which were settled in 1868.59; the percentage reduction effected by the survey rates was 20 per cent. apon the average paymonts of the 20 years preceding the settlement, and experience has ahown the rates in that case to be molerate. And I am gial to be able to quote the opiniond of both the Collector and Mif. Nairne in favour of the rates proposed lor this Districts
20. As intivated in the early part of this report, I propose to settle some of the villages of this District experimentally by the Committee appointed for the general pettlement of the Khotic case. It may not be practicable to introduce the rates throughoat the whole Division this year, but if eanction by givea for the whole, the Commites can select as many'as they may require for a test of the new systeme and the settlement of the remainder can be done afterwartis.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) J. FRANCIS, Colonsl,
Survey and Settlement Commissioner, Northern Division.
List of villages for sohick redwetion and inerease of proposed rates is recommesded.

| . | Nain sitatement. | village. | Presont paymente | Proposed paymenta. | Percentage |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Increse. | Deareasa |
| II ... | 27 | Khanauli | 419 | 800 | 91 | . |
| II ... | 4 | Dhundare | 265 | 430 | 62 | $\ldots$ |
| II | 14 | Kejambe . .... | 211 | 431 | 104 | -... |
| II | 7 | Niposhi | 315 | 148 | 104 | 68: |
| II | 11 | Borthade | 408 | 157 | -* | 63 |
| III | 4 | Kochri | 1044 | 499 | ** | 62 |
|  | 8 | Palu | 1007 | 470 | ** | 63: |
| IV | 1 | Korkinko Probhan Walli ... | 1021 | 388 | $\cdots$ | 62 |
|  | 5 | Wadi Machal | 251 | 99 | *** | 65 |

## APPENDIX A.

## No. 614 or 1874.

# THE ACTING SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER, 

 Northern Division.Sir,
With reference to your letter No. 827 of the 28th May, I have the honour to submit the following report on the classification of the Lanje Peta.
2. The seale used for the classification of soils in Lanje is the same as that adopted $n$ he Districts of the Ratnagiri Zillah, which have already been settled.

The soils bave been divided into two orders, first and second, and each order has been further subdivided into four classes according to the depth of the soil.

Soil of a yellowish, red or brown colour the particles of which are consistent on being dug up is considered to belong to the first order snd its valuation according to depth is as follows:-

Ans. $\mathbf{p}$.


The second order consists of reddish soil which has little consistency on being dug up or black soil with large fissures in it, the clods of which are hard and tongh.

Its valuation is as follows:-

3. In addition to the classification of the soil the water-supply has been classed as follows :-

In fields which are well embanked and the drainage good and where the crops are not liable to injury from a cessation of rain for a period of 15 days or where garwa (best kind of rice) crope are alwaye grown, the water is considered to be lst class and is valued at 8 andas.

In fields which though well embanked will not always grow a crop of garwa rice but will always grow a full crop of the inferior kinds, the water is. considered 2nd elans and valued at 6 annas. In high lying fields which produce the inferior kinds of rice but where the supply of water is not sufficient to ensure a full crop regularly, the water is classed at 4 annas (3rd ciass).

In high lying fields which have no drainage from the higher lands and are entirely dependent on the rain water which actually falls on the sorface, the water is classed st 2 anpas (4th elass).
4. Faults in the enil such as the admixtare of limestone, gravel or salt, are allowed for by reducing the classification one or two classes, in proportion to the extent of fanlt.

In the same way reduction is made in the classification of the water on account of an excessive supply of moisture either from the drainage from the hills or the overflowing on the streams.
5. The foregoing description of the classification applies cnly to the soils which produce one crop in the year. There is a considerable extent of rice-land in the Lanje Peta which produces two crops in the year, and in 1 his kind of land a slight inceease has been made. in the classification values.
6. There are two kinds of dcuble crop lands. In one the natural moistare is suffieient to produce a second crop consisting of Fowta, Koollet, Oorad, (Tag) hemp, \&c.

In the other a crop of rice, Machni or Nagli, is raised in the hot weather by means of irrigation.

In land of the former description 2 aunas have been added to the ordinary valuation on account of the second crop, thus a field of the first order baving soil one cubit in depth and a first olass water-surply is valued thas:-

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\begin{array}{lcccc} 
& & \text { Ans. } & \text { p. } \\
& & & 8 & \\
\text { Soil } & \ldots & 8 & 0 \\
\text { Water } & \ldots . & 8 & 0 \\
\text { 2nd Crop } & \ldots & & \text { I } & 0
\end{array}
$$

7. The elsssification of the latter kiad of land depends on the means of irrigation.

Where a hot weather crop of riee, nachai or nagli, can be grown by irrigation from a first elass water conrse (that is one in which the water flows naturally up to the end of the season) six annas is added to the ordinary valuation of the field according to the scale laid down for a single crop field. Thus the valuation of a field of the first order of soil with a first olass watersupply for the rain orop is 22 annas.

In cases where large nalas cross the course of the water course or where at the end of the season the water has to be raised by hand to the level of the head of the water course, the extra valuation of water is 4 annas only.

When a hot westher crop is grown by irrigation from a well or " ookti" (that is a bucket with a weighted lever used for rsising water from a river or nallah) the extra valuation on account of water is 2 annas.
8. With reference to Mr. Nairne's remarks on the insccuragy of the warkas measurements in some of the villages in Lanje, I would observe that although the work may not be quite as accurate as that in the remsining villages of the district, it is much superior to that in the Khed Petta whioh Mr. Nairne refers to in his letter. A considerable time has however elapsed since the aurvey was made and many changes in occupaney mast have taken place. I therefore think that it would be advisable to examine and correct where necessary the boundaries of individual holdings in the warkse land of the villages surveyed in the season of 1669.70 (those referred to by Mr. Nairne). The inspection of the boundaries would not occupy any great length of time and might be nudertaken at the commencement of the working season.
9. This work need not however delay the sanctioning of the proposed rates as the areas of the survey numbere and the classification values on which the proposed rates have been calculated, will remain the sume. The boundaries of the holdings within the limits of the sarvey numbers only will be altered.
10. A atatement ghewing the maximum and the minimun rate of each group of villages is herewith forwarded for insertion in the figured statement which accompanied my former report on the rates.

> I have, etc.,
> (Signed) J. GIBSON,
> Deputy Surerintendent, Ratnagiri Survey.

Statement shewing the maximum and minimum rates of each group of villages in the Lanje Petton

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| $1 \quad \ldots\{$ |  Rs. a.  <br> Single crop land $\ldots$ 7 0 <br> Double crop land $\ldots$ 9 8 |  Rs. a. <br> Single crop land   <br> Double crop land ... 0.14 <br>  ... 112 |
| II ... $\{$ | Single crop land ... 5 4 <br> Double crop land ... 6 6 | Single crop land $\ldots$ 0 12 <br> Double crop land $\ldots$ 1 8 |
| III ... $\{$ | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Single crop land } & \ldots & 4 \\ \text { Double arop land } & 6 \\ \text { Do. } & \text { None. }\end{array}$ | Single orop land $\ldots 010$ <br> Double orop land ... <br> None.  |
| IV ... $\{$ | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Single crop land } & \ldots .214 \\ \text { Double crop land } & \ldots\end{array}$ | Single crop land ane 0 <br> 8   <br> Double crop land ... None. |

(Signed) J. GIBSON,
Deputy Superintendeat, Raftóágixi Survey.

Revenue Survey and dsossment.
No. 30 s.

## Rrvenot Drpartment.

Bombay Castle, 19th January 1875.
Letter from the Revenue Commissioner, S. D., No. 4800, dated 24th November 1874-Sabmitting, with his remarks, correspondence regarding the introduction of survey rates proposed for the villages forming the Lanje Petta of the Ratnagiri Collectorate.
Memorandum from the Revenue Commissioner, S. D., No. 4391, dated 30th November 1874
-Submitting a letter from the Survey and Settlement Oommissioner, N. D. (No. 1748 of 1874),
forwarding one from the Depaty Superintendent, Ratongiri Survey, explaining why no maraul assessment has been shewn for the village of Gowil, alluded to in the papers sabmitted to Government with the Rovenue Commissioner's No. 4300, dated 24th idem.
Resolution-The proposed rates are unquestionably very moderate and may be sanctioned.
2. For rice-lands the maximum rates for fonr classes into which the tract of country is proposed to be grouped are respectively Rs. $7,6,5$ and 4. These, as well as the maximum rate quoted by Colonel Francis for two crop lands in paragraph 14 of his letter, are, however, purely nominal, as the highsst average rate in any one village is only Rs. 4-6-0, equivalent to a grain rent of a little over 3 maunds an acre ascording to the average commutation rates for the last ten years, the combined classification for soil and water in this instance only amounting to as much as ten out of aixteen annas. The rates for warkas sre annas $8,7,6$ and 5 according to the average classification value of the soils of the several villages.
8. For garden lands the maximum rice rate in each village is propoeed for adoption, snd a maximum of Rs. 2 an acrefor land producing rabbee or spring crops.
4. The result of the proposed settlement will be a reduction of Rg. 10,161 or $21-29$ per cent: on the pagment of the preceding year, a reduction of $R s_{\text {, }} 9,516$ or 20.17 per cent. on the average payments for twenty years and a reduction of Rs. 14,757 or 28.15 per cent. on the average payments for ten years.
5. Government consider that the warkas lands in villages which were not in the first instance measured off into individual holdings but were dealt with ten bloc should be remeasured.
6. The manner in which it is proposed to alter the rates of the villages entered in the memorandum attached to the Survey Commissioner's letter should be reported to Government for sanction. At present it does not appear in which of them an increase and in which a reduction is intended. No adjustment of rates, such as will interfere with the proper relative values of soils, can be permitted.
7. The Collector's explanation should be called for as to the obvious errors in the census details. It is not understopd how the Survey Oficers conld have adopted such results. The Collector is to report whether there is reason to apprehend the census returns referring to other parts of the District are equally faulty.
8. The remarks regarding the denudation of trees will be communicated to the Committee of Enquiry. It will be well if they can come to an understanding with the Khotes to check this very serions evil.
2. Mr. Elphinston's observations regarding the insufficient manner in which fish are oured owing to the alleged diffealty in procaring aalt will be communicated to the Collector of Salt Revenue.
10. With regard to the details of the system of classification reported by the Depaty Superintendent, it is presumed the Surver Commissioner has satisfed bimself that the small number of classes provided for the sub-division of the two orders is sufficient to provide for the expression of the relative values of the different fields in place of the larger namber considered necessary by the framera, of the Joint Report. Colonel Francis should be requested to report specially on this point.
11. In future reporta the recent instructions of Government with regard to notice boing taken of proposed rate eausing any striking change in the assessment of a village in the way either of increase or decrease, and its cause being explained, ahould invariably be acted up to ${ }_{4}$
(Signed) F. JAMES;
for Chief Secretary to Government.
The Revenue Commissioner, S. D.
The Survey and Settlement Commisgioner, N. D.
The Callector of Ratnagiri.
The Collector of Salt Revenue (with a copy of Mr. Elphinston's obserystions referred tal
The Survey and Settlement Commissioner, S. D.
The President, Khote Commisaion (with a copy of the remarks referred to in parsgraph 8 of the Resolution).
The Couservator of Forests, N.D.

# (Below Letter No. 855, dated 11th September 1914, from the Assistant Settlement Officer, Ratnagiri, to the Collector of Ratnágiri.) 

No. 5642 or 1914.

## Rainágiri, 6th November 1914.

Forwarded with compliments to the Settlement Commissioner and the Direotor of Land Records, Poona.
2. Paragraph 15.-The percentage of land under rice and coarse grains to the total cropped area was in 1896-97 as under:-

| Rice | ** | ** | ... | 1770 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coarse grains | ... | ** | *** | $73 \cdot 0$ |
| Pulses | ** | *** | ** | 1.0 |
| Fruit trees ... | ... | . | -** | 1.0 |
| Condiments and epices, eto. | ... | ... | -8* | 0.5 |
| Oil seeds | ... | ... | *** | $7 \cdot 0$ |
| Fibers (Tág) ... | ... | ... | ** | $0 \cdot 6$ |
|  |  |  | tal ... $100 \cdot 0$ | $100 \cdot 0$ |

The present peroentages are said to be very nearly the same.
3. Communications.-Under this head no notable change has occurred since the submission of the report in 1897. Only the Bhatya-Purnagad road has been improved; but as against this it may be noted that creeks have graduaily silted up making traffic impracticable except at high tides.
4. Paragraph 30.-Cattle, ploughs and oarts have appreciably increased. The Collector (Mr. Drew) remarked in 1897 that the increase under this head was due more to the earnings of members of the landholders' families by other occupations than to the profits of agriculture, and the same is probably true even now. This increase should not, therefore, be taken into consideration in revisiog assessments.
5. Paragraphs 32, 36 and 53 show that imports have remarkably increased under all heads and that exports have decreased. The decrease uader the latter head is due to diversion of trade by the opening of the S. M. Railway above the gháts. The increase in imports is ascribed to increase in population, which during the last 30 years has risen by 19 per cent. The density of population por square mile is now 363 as against 354 and 242 in years 1897 and 1866, respectively. The District is not self-supporting, but depends upon wages earned elsewhere and pensions to quite a remarkable extent.
6. Paragraphe 55, 56 and 57.-In these paras., the Assistant Settlement Officer points out that in khoti villages in which grain rents have been comuruted into cash, an increase of assessment will only benefit the khots and will press hard on the tenants paying commuted rents. The commutation rates being fixed in multiples of assessment, the Assistant Settlement Officer points out that if the assessment on a kbata is increased by Re. 1, the rent will be increased by an amount varying from Rs. 2 to Rs. $3 \frac{3}{4}$ and that as the tenants in khoti villages are comparatively poor, their case deserves sympathetic consideration in a revision of Settlement. .
7. On these considerations, the Assistant Settlement umcer concludes that it is not possible to increase the assessment except on the ground of increase in prices. For the best rice land, the , highest old rate is Rs. 9; the Assistant Settlement Officer proposes an increase of this by Rupee one, i.e., a rate of Rs. 10. Nowhere in the Distrist is the rice rate so high; even the lighest rate recently sanctioned for Málvan is Rs. 8-12-0 only. But it may be noted that the rice lands in this Táluka are somewhat superior to those in

Malvan a ${ }^{\circ}$ d that the present rates in Ratnsgiri have been in vogue since the time of the original settlements (viz., 1867-68, 1569-70 and 1875).
8. Appendix N shows that there has been a considerable rise in prices, but this has been accompanied by a rise in the wages of field labour, without any increase in its efficiency. Consequently the rise in prices has not entirely benefited the occupants.
9. Paragraph 77.-The increase in the rate (3 annas) proposed for Agri Bágayat lands appears to be reasonable and may be sanctioned. The Malvan Agri Bagáyat lands are, as observed by the Assistant Settlement Officer, superior to those in Ratnágiri.
10. Paragraph 79.-The Dongri Bágáyat rates proposed for groups, lower than groups Nos. 1 and 2 in Ratnagiri, are higher than those recently sanctioned in Málvan.
11. The Assistant Settlement Officer bas, it seems rightly, proposed no change in the rate of asse ssment for Warkas lands.
12. Paragraphs 61 to 67.-The Assistant Settlement Officer's proposed revision of the groups explains itself and the Collector has nothing to add to his remarks.
13. The proposals made are estimated to give a moderate increase of Rs. 7,729 for the táluka. The Assistant Settlement Officer has carefully considered the matter from all points of view and given full reasons for his conclusions in which the Collector generally concurs.
(Signed) A. W. G. CHUCKERBUTTY,
Collector.

No. 50 of 1915.
From

> J. A. MADAN, Esq., I. C. S., Assistart Settlement Oficer, Ratnágiri and Sangmeshwar Tálukas :

To
The COLLECTOR of RA'TNA'GIRI.

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\text { Ratnagiri, 13th January } 1915 .
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Sir,
With reference to paragraph 82 of this office No. 855 of 1914 (Revision Settlement Report of the Ratnágiri Táluka), I have the honour to submit proposals for the revision of the assessment of the Pardi lands in the Ratnágiri Táluka.

The Pardi lands in this district were not measured at the time of the Original Settlement. In 1896, Government ordered that the question of assessing Pardi lands should be reserved in sanctioning revised rates, that in the meantime all Pardis which were in area larger than five gunthas should be measured, and that when this had been done orders should be passed regarding their assessment (vide Government Resolution No. 983, Revenue Department, of 1st February 1896). Such lands were found to exist only in 10 villages in the Ratnágiri Taluka. The total area was 27 acres, 33 gunthas, the assessment on which at the current maximum rates came to Rs. $33-5-6$. This was lovied for the first time in 1911-12. The question of these lands had, however, not been reserved at the Revision Settlement of 1897, and so in Government Resolution No. 4869, Revenue Department, of 26th May. 1914, Government ordered that the levy of the assessment on these holdings in Khoti villages should be foregone until the next Revision Settlement.

Pardi lands are assessed at the same maximum rates as similar kinds of non-pardi lands in the village. I, therefore, propose that the assessment on the Pardi lands, should be increased in the same proportion as the assessment on non-pardi lands, proposals for which have been submitted for sanction in my Revision Settlement Report. As over 19 acres out of the Pardi lands is Warkas, for which no increase has been recommended, the effect of the revised settlement of Pardi lands would be to increase the assessment by only Rs. 5-12-3.

A statement showing the assessment on Pardi lands under the ourrent and the revised settlements accompanies.

No. 720.
Camp Kharepatan, 15th February 1915.
Forwarded with compliments to the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Liand Records, Poona, in continuation of this office No. 5642 dated 6th November last.
2. The Collector has no remarks to make on these proposals.

A. W. G. CHUCKERBUTTY,<br>Collector of Ratnagiri. .

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Statement showing the assesement on Gaothan lands in the villages of the Ralnagivs Taluka.

| Serial No. in Appen$\operatorname{dix} Q$. | Name of Villago. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Group } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ | By former survey. |  |  |  |  |  | By Rovision Survey. |  |  |  |  |  | Remarkss. |
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No. 877-S. S. or 1914.
From

> C. N. SEDDON; Esq., I. C. S., Settlement Commissioner and Director, Land Records, Poona; ;

To

# The COMMISSIONER, Southern Division. 

Poona, 26th March 1915.

> Subject:-Revision Settlement Reports of Ratnágiri and Sangameshwar Ť́lukas.

Sir,
I have the honour to forward Mr. Madan's Revision Settlement Reports for the Tálukas of Ratnágiri and Sangameshwar with the Collector's remarks. The proposals are simple and seem to me to be judicious and correct. The amalgamations referred to in paragraph 4 of the report may be approved.
2. There are minor alterations in the grouping. Paragraph 67 of the Ratnagiri Report shows very clearly what they are for Ratnágiri and paragraphs 58 and 59 of the Sangameshwar Report explain the small changes suggested for Sangameshwar. I think these proposals may be aocepted. The changes are:-
(1) the raising of thirteen coast villages south of Ratnagiri to Group I in which the other coast villages have always been;
(2) a reduotion from Group III to a new Group IV of 6 villages of the old Lanja Petha;
(3) the reduction from Parchuri (Sangameshwar) from Group I to Group II: the putting of Kalambushi (Sangameshwar) now outside the regular groups into Group II: the amalgamation of Wádi Tipaune with Bhowade (Sangameshwar) : the raising of Kelambe (Ratnagiri) from Group III to Group II.
In other words, the present grouping is in the main left alone; and for the alterations suggested Mr. Madan has given, I think, conolusive reasons,
3. If one looks at the map $I$ have prepared, one will notice obrtain Sangameshwar villages rated at Rs. 7-14-0 on one side of the Bav River while on the other side there are Ra tnágiri villages rated at Rs, 6-9-0 and Rs, 5-7-6. I have referred this point back to Mr. Madan and have reoeived the following explanation from him :-
"It does, no doubt, look anomalous to have villages rated at Rs, 7-14-0 lying side by side with others rated at Rs. $6-9-0$ and Rs. 5-7-6, but I think this apparent anomaly can be justified on more than one grotud. The Sangameshwar villages are distinotly superior to those of Ratnágiri, both as regards soil and conmunioations. The rich rice land on the banks of the Bav River lies almost exolusively in the Sangameshwar Taluks. The Ratnagiri villagee, though they appear on the map to be on the river, are situated on a much higher plateau and this plateau consists, e.g., at Karambuden, Bhoken, Lajole, of huge sheets of rock, barren and treeless. Nor is water-supply plentiful. Men and women have often to carry water from a long distanoe when they go to cut grass in their warkas lands in November and Deoember.
"As regards communications, the Sangameshwar villages have, not only the Bav River whioh is narigable as far as Wandri, but also a good Public Works Department road from Kante to Sangameshwar. There is no road in Ratnagiri north of the Ratnágiri-Halkhamba-Niwli rosd H 701-20
(exoept the one on the coast) and consequently there are no carts in any of the villages adjoining Sangameshwar Táluka.
"The present grouping has been found to be suitable, and, in my humble opinion, should not be altered. Besides, the only way in which the apparent anomaly could be removed would be by raising the rates of the villages in the Ratnágiri Taluka. (There would be no justification for lowering the rate of the Sangameshwar villages.) Such increase in the rates of the Ratnagiri villages will be an increase due, not to increase of prices, but to variation in grouping, and as several of these villages are khoti, in which the rents have been commuted into oash, such increase will, as I have tried to show in paragraph 59 of my report, hit the tenants unnecessarily hard, and will not be justifiable."
This reasoning appears to me sound, and I think it disposes of the apparent inconsistency of treatment.
4. Mr. "Madan proposes a general rise in the rates as shown in the Appendix I attach to this letter. The rise is 4 annas in the rupes in respect of the coast villages raised to Group I of Ratnagiri. And in the other groups of both Tálukas it variẹs from 1 anna tơ 2 annas. This is for rioe lands. Warkas rates are to be left as they are throughout. Agri bágáyat is to be raised by 3 annàs. For the small area of rabi landsincreases of $1 \frac{1}{3}$ to 2 annas are sug'gested; and for dongri bagayat the rice rates of their groups are recommended.
5. That these increases are moderate cannot be denied. The 4-anna increase in the case of 13 villages is due to the fact that those villages have hitherto been grouped incorrectly and have consequently escaped the assessments to which they are fairly liable. A mere inspection of the map makes this quite clear. For the rest I see that there are applications against any increase; but it is impossible to get over the rise in prices. Petitioners who admit a 25 per cent. rise in prices endeavour to show that owing to the minute sub-division of land in the District people cannot afford to give Government a small share of the increased value of the land's profits. Even Mr. Madan seems to feel that there is something in this plea (vide paragraphs 53 and 54 of his Ratnágiri Report). I see no reason why anything of the sort should be admitted. Government must surely be the only landlord in the world who would be asked to listen to such an argument. It will not stand a moment's examination.
6. For the increases suggested by the Settlement Offcer the general rise in prices is the justification. No other reason is required, and so it is irrelevant to urge that no increase was suggested in 1898, that communications have not improved, and that agricultural skill is not apparently greater than it was three or four decades ago. In some of the Belgaum Reports Mr. Cowan pointed out that the effect of a rise in prices and wages and in the standard of living has been to raise the rent of good lands and throw inferior lands out of cultivation. Mr. Madan's suggestion that warkas assessments should not be raised is in accordance with these conclusions.
7. The matter referred to in paragraphs 55-60 of the Ratnagiri Report is of some importance. In my opinion Mr. Madan states the position correctly. I am given to understand that the cash commutation of rents in khoti villages is always based upon the average prices for 12 years prior to 1904. If that be so, there need be no fear that the raising of assessments in consequence of the rise of prices will be unfair to the tenants. The particular point should be borne in mind by any officer making this eash commutation-he must in Tálukas nearing revision settlement time take prices not appreciably in excess of those ruling when the current settlements were fixed. If he takes much higher prices Government may find it impossible at revision settlement to raise assessments without seriously damaging the tenants. Possibly this warning is not needed.

8: Proposals for pardi lands have been inoluded in the Sangameshwar Report and separately sent in for Ratnágiri. They may be accepted. The revenue expected is small-Rs. 39 and Rs. 6 . The lands were measured under the' arrangements sanctioned by Government Resolution No. 983, dated 1st February 1896. Most of the work was done between 1909 and 1912 (see Gojernment Resolution No. 6836, dated 18th July 1912). Other recent orders
to which reference may be invited are contained in Government Resolntion No. 7968, dated 17th August 1913, and Government Resolution No. 4,869, dsted 26th May 1914.
9. Revision Settlements have now-a-days become purely matter of grouping and alteration of rates, and $I$ almost feel inclined to apologize for the insertion of a paragraph referring to matters connected with the survey records. In 1867 Major Waddington sent up the original report for the Saitavala Petha which formed the northern part of the present Ratnagiri Taluka. He referred in paragraph 11 to the survey work done some 12 years earlier and said:-"The boundary marks ereoted . . . . are in excellent order, and every plot of ground and bánd can be identified with the greatest faoility from the plans prepared at that time." I have been sorry to notice that this can no longer be said even of khalsa villages where boundary mark and crop inspection is supposed to have been regularly done, much less of khoti villages where there is no such inspection. There seems to have been no field work subsequent to the original survey, and a very unfortunate system, so far as I can judge, was adopted for the demarcation of rice fields. These fields are of irregular shape with many corners and bends. Three stones have been put at each of the four corners which the measurer ohose to consider the main corners, and the rest of the field has no boundary mark at all. Cirole Inspectors and others have looked at these twelve stones and taken no interest in the actual boundary which has often become seriously different from what it used to be and quite unlike what is shown in the sud sketches and other survey records. I regard this growing divergence as a serious matter. It has arisen from enoroachments, or more commonly from the excavation of neighbouring warkas so as to form additional rice land whioh has been added to that previously existing.
10. Two points arise for consideration-how to prevent any further divergence, and what to do where the divergence is already too marked to ignore. I am consulting the looal authorities and the Superintendent, Land Reoords, as to the second question. But whatever we can do to restore I think there is no doubt we should try to save the position where it is still possible. My predecessor wanted the Collector to prescribe as a boundary mark under section 124, Bombay Land Revenue Code, an unploughed ridge all round rice survey numbers. The cultivators object with some reason that they must be shown exactly where the ridge should be. I am suggesting to the Collector that this may be arranged for in a few villages every year where boundary mark repair is to be done, I am also asking him to use the twelve stones which every rice number has to better advantage by removing two from each place where there are three and putting them at other corners and salient bends. It is neeessary to mark all corners and salient bends or the boundary will be lost again. Such corners and bende have always been marked in Kolába, and they ought to be marked in Ratnágiri too.
11. I have remarked that boundaries are still more unsatisfactory in khoti villages. I do not know why khots should not keep up their field boundaries. And I do not know why the Record of rights is less necessary in khoti than in Sarkári villages. The record is being introduced in the Kolába khoti villages, and even if the Ratnágiri khots have a superior status I doubt if this means that the record is not wanted. For the present We have plenty to do in improving that Register in Sarkári villages, but when this has been done I should very much like to introduce it in khoti villages too.
12. I attach a map which shows the two Tálukas together and have only to add that Mr. Madan has written two sensible and earefully considered Reports which are in my opinion deserving of commendation.

## I have the honour to $\mathrm{be}_{2}$ Bir,

Your most obedient servant,
C. N. SEDDON,

Settlement Commissioner and
Director of Land Records.

Appendix referred to in paragraph 4 of the Settlement Commissioner's remarks on Ratndgiri and Sangameshwar Settlement Reports.


- Three of these villages amalgamated with other villages.

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C. N. SEDDON,

Sottlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,

No. 2148 of 1915.

## From

The Honourable Mr. H. S. LaWRENCE, I. C. S., Acting Commissioner, Southern Division;

## To

The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT; Revenue Department, Bombay.

Belgaum, 13th May 1915.

Sir,
I have the honour to forward the Revision Settlement proposals of the tálukas of Ratnágiri and Sangameshwar.
2. In regard to the Ratnagiri taluka, it appears from Appendix $Q$ that the Settlement Officer leaves unchanged the assessment on 140,000 acres of varkas, and that he raises the assessment on 14,469 acres of rice from an average of Rs. 3-13-3 to an average of Rs. 4-4-4, and the assessment on 1,547 aores of bagayat from an average of Rs. 4-10-0 to an average of Rs. 5-7-3. The increases on rice and bagayat represent respectively 11.6 and 17.9 per cent.
3. These increases are based on the increase of prices which is nowhere clearly stated. The figures in paragraph 43, however, show that between 1888 and 1908 the price of rice in husk had gone up by 37 per cent.; the price of cocoanuts, the principal produce of garden land, by 57 per cent.; and the produce of varkas land from 40 to 50 per cent.
4. A concrete illustration may be useful. An acre of rice assessed at Rs. $4-8-0$ in group $I$ is raised to Rs. 6 . The produce which formerly fetched Re. 30 now fetches Rs. 41. The cultivator, who formerly had a surplus of Rs. 25-8-0, now has a surplus of Rs. 36. The enhanced assessment levies only 8 annas out of his inoreased profit of Rs. 11.

So also with the cocoanut gardens. If we take the cases mentioned in paragraph 76, an acre assessed ait Rs. 7-8-0 will now be raised to Rs. 8-14-0. If we take the produce at Rs. 60 per aore, it is increased in value to Rs. 94 , and out of this surplus of Rs. 34, the cultivator is asked to pay Rs. 1-6-0 only.
5. The statistics of rental confirm this view of moderation of the proposals. In rice lands the percentage of the assessment to the rent varies by groups from 16 to 27 . Even in the first group where a 25 per cent. increase of the rice rate is proposed. on certain villages the resulting percentage of the assessment to the rent will not exceed 33.
6. The grounds for making so modest an enhancement, put forward by the Settlement Officer, are:

Firstly, the precedent of rates sanctioned last year in the ţluka of Malvan; and

Secondly, the fear that the commuted rents in Khoti villages may prove too heavy for the tenants.

It is a most unfortunate result of the Khoti Settlement Act if Government are to forego revenue justly due to the State, because that Act would make the burden of the tenants of a Khot intolerable.
7. However, Mr. Seddon has come to the conclusion that if the commutation is based on prices previous to 1904, "there need be no fear that the raising of assessments in consequence of the rise of prices will be unfair to the tenants." Where commutation has not yet taken place, the tenant would, in future assessments of the commuted values, undoubtedly be in a strong position. But Appendix-M-2 shows that the multiples of assessment have in many cases
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already been fixed at from 3 to 4, and apparently under section 33 , clause (5), rule (3), the Khot will be entitled to 3 or 4 times the revised assessment., If then the commuted value payable to the Khot is not to exceed the ordinary rental of free leases, it follows that the assessment should be restricted to from 25 to 33 per cent. of lease value.
8. The present percentages of assessment to rental, as above stated, vary from 16 to 27 , and the small enhancements proposed by the Settlement Officer and the Settlement Commissioner will keep the revised assessments within the limits thus circumscribed by the Khoti system. It is worth while perhaps to place on record that it is the existence of the Khoti tenure and the privileges accorded thereto by the Khoti Settlement Act which prevent Government from securing the full addition of revenue which is justified by the general agricultural conditions of the tract and the increase of prices.
9. I entirely concur in the proposal to levy no enhancement on the varkas land. If the special character of such inferior hill lands had been recognised and a separate designation employed in the mal lands above the gháts in Belganm, it is probable that there would have been no enhancement of the assessment of those inferior soils, proposals for which I have recently submitted to Government with some hesitation.
10. I concur also in the proposed alterations of grouping, and in Mr. Seddon's remarks generally, subject to one point of dissent. In paragraph 6, Mr. Seddon appears to suggest that an increase of agricultural skill is a possible ground for enhancement. This view, I think, should not be supported.
11. In regard to the Sangameshwar taluka the considerations under review are very similar. The situation is dominated by the Khoti Settlement Act, for there are 104 Khoti villages to only 23 Government villages, and somefifty-four of mingled character. It is proposed to leave 218,000 acres of varkas unaltered (rabi and bagayat lands are negligible), and to increase the assessment on 15,595 acres of rice by 11 per cent., from Rs. 45,800 to Rs. 50,800 .
12. The fertility of some of this rice land is extraordinary. In paragraph 63 of Mr. Madan's report, some land is reported to produce in one year a crop of rice worth Rs. 80 per acre, and also a crop of pulse worth Rs. 40. The assessment on such a field would be Rs. 6. However, in this talluka also the commutation values are represented by multiples of 3 to 4 times the assessment and there seems to be no alternative but to regulate the Government demand by the capacity of the Khoti tenant.
13. For these reasons I am constrained to support the proposals put forward by Mr. Madan and accepted by the Collector and the Settlement Commissioner.
14. As pointed out by Mr. Seddon, Mr. Madan has prepared two concise, accurate and business-like reports.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,

H. S. LAWRENCE, Acting Commissioner, Southern Division.

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Resolution.-These papers contain the revision settlement reports of the Ratnágiri and Sangameshwar tálukas of the Ratnágiri district. These tálukas have made a certain advance in material prosperity during the current settlement period, but the total increases proposed for them are only $8 \cdot 79$ and $5 \cdot 60$ per cent. respectively.
2. In his lette No. 877-S.S. dated 8th November 1915, the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records differs from the interpretation placed by the Assistant Settlement Officer and the other officers upon the rules under section 33 of the Khoti Settlement Act, and suggests that the rates proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer may be revised in the light of the remarks made by him. Government concur: in the opinion expressed by the Commissioner, S. D., in his letter No. S.R.-728 dated lst April 1916 that the foundation of the settlement proposals is not erroneous. They do not however endorse the arguments advanced by the Assistant Settlement. Officer in paragraph 59 of his report on the revision settlement of the Ratnágiri taluka,

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because the grouping of villages is merely one part of the method of adjusting the assessment and, with it, the khot's demand in relation to the value of the produce of the land.

3. The proposals made by the Assistant Settlement Officer regarding grouping and rates, which are supported by all the reporting officers, are sanotioned. Under these orders there will be no enhancement of assessment on varkas land in either taluka, but the assessment on Pardi lands will be increased in the same proportion as the assessment on non-Pardi lands.
4. The increases now sanctioned, which are shown in the appended statement,* are cbnsiderably less than the great fertility of some of the rice lands would at first sight appear to warrant; but Government concur with the Commissioner that the whole situation is dominated by the Khoti Settlement Act, the provisions of which prevent enhancements of the assessment to the full extent that the agricultural conditions and rise in prices might otherwise demand.
5. The proposals made in paragraph 4 of the Sangameshwar report for the inclusion of the villages of Wádi Ránjan and Wádi Tipawne into Kirbet and Bhowade, respectively, and for the amalgamation of the villages of Wadi Chinchurti and Wádi Umravne into one village, to be named Chinchurti, are sanctioned.
6. The revised rates should be introduced in 1915-16, levied from 1916-17 and guaranteed for a period of thirty years.
7. The petitions of objections do not disclose any grounds which would. lead Government to modify the orders now passed.
8. The commendations of Government should be conveyed to Mr. Madan for his carefully prepared reports.

## G. A. THOMAS,

 Deputy Secretary to Government.G. R. No. 4934, R. D., dated 11th May 1916.

To
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Collector of Ratnagiri (with the petitions of objections),
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Director of Agriculture,
The Accountant General,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.)
J. A. Madan, Esq., I.C.S.,

The Government of India (by letter).

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From

> R. G. GORDON, Esq., I.C.S.,
> Settlement Officer, Mandangad.

To
The COLLECTOR of RATNAGIRI.
Bijapur, 4th July 1924.

## Siy

I have the honour to submit my proposals for the Second Revision Settlement of the Mandangad Petha of the Dapoli Taluka of your District.

As I" write this report in conjunction with that of the Khed Taluke I shall merely make a reference here to that repoft to save unnecessary repetition where it has already dealt with matters of common interest.
2. Number of villages.-The Petha consists of 97 villages of which $15 \frac{1}{8}$ are Government, one (Latvan) Inam and the remainder Khoti. Half the village of Kolmandle belongs to the Janjira State. The Government villages are distinguished in Appendix $L$ by the letter " $G$ " and have increased in number by 7 since the last Settlement, the cause being the failure of the Khots to pass Kabulayats for 12 yenrs. It is interesting to note that the villages of Velas, Veshvi, Shipole, Panderi and Peve constitute the oldest British possessions on the western coast of India after Bombay itself, having been acquired in 1756 from the Marathas in exchange for the fort of Vijaydurg after the British had oaptured it from the Angrias through the agency of Lord Clive and Admiral Watson. The fort of Bankot is included in the village of Veshvi.
3. Previous Settlement.-The First Revision Settlement took place in 1896, orders on the Revision being passed by Government Resolution No. 3619 dated 4th May 1896.

The word "Selection" when used in this report signifies Selection No. CCCLX containing the first Revision report of the Fetha. I may remark that the map attached to that report is not properly placed with reference to the oardinal points, as the Petha is shown as lying north-west and south-east whereas it really lies west to east as the map attached to this report proves. The grouping remaining unohanged, only one copy of the latter is attached.

## Part I.

## General Economic Features.

4. Boundaries and Area.-The Petha constitutes a rough triangle with one apex at Bankot on the open sea, another at Mahapral half way down the Savitri creek, and the third at Latwan due south of Mahapral. Its boundaries are, on the north the Savitri with the exception of the villages of Bagmandle and Kolmandle which are situated on the north side of that creek, on the east the Mahad Taluka of the Kolaba and on the long side running from east to west the Dapoli taluka. For part of this side the Kelshi creek runs up, forming the boundary for some eight miles till it dwindles away to a mountain streamlet. The Petha as a whole is very rugged and hilly, but several divisions may yet be made. There is first the line of villages along the Savitri from Bankot to Mahapral, which might roughly be described by saying that as the Konkan is to the Ghats so is this line of villages to the hills at their back. The hills are in fact exceedingly steep and in the case of the villages shown in blue in the Settlement map run down sheer to the water's edge; in the case of the rest shown in red, however, a space is left between the edge of the oreek and the foot of the hills so that land is left for cultivation and it is here that there are the best Rice lands in the Petha, some of which grow double orops. In the

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other villages on the creek, however, rice cultivation is only possible in flat places among the hills and their chief cultivation is that of warkas crops. From Mahapral the hills run back as can be seen in the map and there is a Local Board road which leads to the upper levels by a winding Ghat four miles long, very steep in places. This "above-Ghat" country, if the phrase may be used, may be divided roughly into three areas, which may best be viewed from the Fort on the hill top of Mandangad from which the whole country side is visible. From there it will be seen that the country west of a line running almost due north to south through the Mandangad hill is of a very rough and rugged description, the eye passing from valley to valley over intervening hills till it comes on the western boundary to the Kelshi creek down which the hills slope to the water's edge in much the same way as on the Savitri. On the other side of the Kelshi they rise up again in the same way to their heights in the villages of Tondli, Unhere, Dahimbe and Veral. South of the hill in the villages of of Mahu and Nargoli the country is even more broken with deeper valleys still. On the east of Mandangad however the prospect presents a different appearance. The sharp hills and valleys disappear leaving a series of rolling slopes consisting of fairly flat Varkas lands which on the south east run down to the third division of the uplands in the shape of the eastern plain. This forms quite a distinct area which may be likened to a saucer with surrounding hills at the edges sloping gently down to a central plain where are situated some of the best rice lands in the Mabal.
(i) The area of the Petha is 107,932 acres or about 169 square miles. The cultivable area is 80,128 or 75 per cent. the balance of 25 per cent. or 27,804 acres being uncultivable.
5. Climate and Rainfall.-The climate of Mandangad is better than that of Khed on account of greater proximity to the sea and the higher level of the Petha.
(2) The following table gives the average rainfall for three periods of 10 and one of $8_{k}^{x} y$ years, as for Khed.

| Period. |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1886-93$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 164.98 |
| $1894-1903$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 160.86 |
| $1904-1913$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $136^{\circ} 50$ |
| $1914-1923$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 148.20 |

(ii) These figures show that the Petha has an sverage advantage of from 16 to 18 inches per annum over Khed which is considerable and highly useful in years of short rainfall. It is true that Mandangad where the rain gauge is placed is situated at the foot of a steep hill which might perhaps tend to catch the rain and so raise the figures for the whole Petha, but the Petha as a whole is higher than Khed and this faot is enough to account for the difference.
(6. Communications.-Communications are by water and road. By water, firstly, by the Savitri creek which even at Mahapral, 24 miles from the mouth is half a mile wide, and has direct steamer communication with Bombay by the launches of the two steamship companies which serve this coast. The steamers themselves call at Hareshwar which is opposite Bankot in Janjira territory. As, however, there are no exports from Mandangad Petha except mangoes from a fer villages at the mouth and some silk cotton the existence of this creek is not so advantageous as might be supposed. The second oreek is the Kelshi, which forms the boundary of the petha for some 8 miles on the " north-west. It is navigable for small boats only for about 4 to 5 miles and is not of much assistance to the neighbouring villages.
(i). With respect to road communioation, however, the Petha has distinotly improved since the last settlement, for, whereas then there was not a single made road, the road from Khed which formerly stopped at the village of Dahagaon has since then been oontinued to Mandangad and from thence to Mahapral. I have driven a car both ways along this road from end to end. Its best part is from Mandangad to Mahapral owing to tbe laterite surface, but from thence to the borders of Khed it varies from good to bad, though $I \mathrm{am}$ afraid that it will get continually worse under the management of the Local

Board to which it has lately been handed over, having formerly been provincial. By means of this road combined with the road constructed by the Local Board from Dapoli to Palgad the southern part of the Petha has been put in proper communication with Dapoli where a considerable amount of rice is exported yearly by the group of villages to which I have made previous reference as situated in the eastern plain.
(iv) There is little trade between Khed and Mandangad, Dapoli being the main market. For the rest, things are in the same condition as at the last settlement except that there are now two more launches plying on the Savitri creek, which are, however, of no importance from the point of view of trade, and that the track from Mandangad to Dapoli has grown steadily worse.
[7. Crops and Cultivation.-The Mahal produces the usual crops of Pice with second crops in the case of some villages, and Varkas crops of Nachni, Vari, Harik and Til. JIn addition to these however I shall have to call attention to the exceedingly valuable crops of mangoes which are grown in certain villages and also a valuable, though uncultivated, produce of other Varkas lands in the shape of Myrabolams.
8. Rice.-The first point to which I would draw attention is the undoubtedly greater produce per acre of rice in Mandangad than in Khed. I have taken extracts from the abhavnis of 20 Khoti villages from Mandangad with a total area of 229 aores and find that the average produce per acre is 17 maunds as against $12 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ maunds in Khed. Of course I do not claim the highest accuracy for these abhavnis, but when it is found that they agree invariably in giving a higher outturn all round then a general conclusion can legitimately be drawn, especially when it is backed up by the facts in the case of Varkas lands also.

I am myself inclined to put this fact down to larger rainfall, the influence of which must be obvious especially in years of short rain.
(i) Suppose, however, the average is taken at 15 maunds to be on the safe side, then adopting the same methods of procedure as in Khed, the amount of one-sixth of the crop will be $2 \frac{1}{2}$ maunds, the value of which at Rs. 3 per maund will be Rs. 7-8-0. But the average assessment peracre of Riceland in Mandangad is Rs. 3-8-0; therefore it is less than half of what it might be were we to adopt the people's standard of one-sixth of the orop.

Apart from some villages "below Ghats" close to the creek my experience is that considerably the best tract for rice is the area to the east to which I have referred above. It is nicely sloped so that the rain does not run off, has a good catohment area and is flat so that the rain soaks in properly and good large fields can be made. In appearance it is the best area I saw either in Khed or Mandangad, while it has further e,dvantage of being the most easily accessible tract to the market of Dapoli. I mention this tract particularly because my pradecessor does not refer to it at all in his report which can only be considered a strange omission.
9. Second crop areas.-As in Khed these are practically confined to fields situated between the foot of the hills and the bank of the Savitri creek with a few sonttered fields elsewhere. The total area in Government villages on the creek is 180 acres and probably in the whole Petha about $300-400$ acres. It may be noted that in Mandsngad a: increas d olassification has not been imposed on lands growing a second crop.
10. Varkas.-The warkas lands play just the same part in the agricultural economy of the Petha in general as in Khed and grow the same general orops. I will only therefore refer to any special features which call for attention, partioulirly those of the mangoes and myrobalan crops.
11. Varkas crops.-The main ordinary crops are Nachni, Vari and Harik with a little Til. Here again, I believe that the produce is greater than in Khed. The abhavnis of 27 Khoti villages in an area of $187 \frac{1}{2}$ acres give an average outturn of $8 \frac{1}{8}$ maunds per acre for Nachni against 5 in 25 villages of Khed. In the original Settleme it Report reference is made to the specially good Varkas areas near Mandangad. These are concentrated in the villages to the east of

Mandangad round about Pat, Dhutroli, Shirgaon and Bhingloli and consist of the rolling plains of laterite to which I have referred in paragraph 4.
11. (i) I find the same diffioulty as in Khed about the question of the rotation of the Varkas crops and the same phenomena of the large disproportion of Nachni to the other crops of Vari and Harik, nor can I get any satisfactory explanation out of the cultivators. More local experience than I could claim would be necessary to solve the problem.
(ii) I must add that according to the Mahalkari there are considerable areas of Varkas which are left permanently waste on account of lack of population. There is probably some thing in this contention but the point must be difficult to prove even in the case of Government villages because the statistics do not distinguish between lands which is permanently waste and true fallows, even though they are supposed to do so ; though the task would be very dificult even with the best of establishment.
12. Mango Plantations.-I am unable to understand how the previous Settlement Officer failed to bring to notice the existence of this important source of agricultural revenue as it is of much importance in the villages of the Savitri oreek where it flourishes. The villages in question are those of Bagmandle, Velas, Veshwi, Shipole, Gudeghar, Kuduk Budrukh and Pewe and the income from mangoes therein far exceeds that of any other source. From statistics furnished by the Customs Department at Bankot I find that mangoes to the value of Rs. 18,000 were exported to Bombay by country craft last year. But this is only the minor section of the export, the major part going by steamer. I have applied to the two Companies which do this business. I have received no reply from one, but the other reports on the exports of 3,450 baskets in 1922, the value of which would be roughly Rs. 34,500 . Doubling this and adding Rs. 18,000 as above the total value comes to about Rs. 87,000 . If some allowancs is made for a small share from the Janjira State and for bad seasons the average value exported from the Petha can well be put down at Rs. 75,000 .
12. (i) The trees are grown on Varkas lands assessed at 3-4 annas per acre and the cost of cultivation is small. Cuttings from a wild mango are grafted on to a cultivated tree and when they shoot are planted in mounds of raised earth. For three years they are watered once a day at a cost of two annas per tree per month, one man taking charge of about fifty trees. From five years old they commence to bear a few fruits and in ten years are in full bearing. After that no watering or care is required save that of watehing. The profits are very large. Thus I know two cases in which the fruit of some 3-4 acres was auctioned last year for over Rss. 3,000 and the Khot of the villages of Gundghar, the total assessment including rice land of which is Rs. 147 has an annual income from mangoes alone of some Rs. 3,000.
(ii) Special euquiries which I had made give the following result in the cases of 5 Government villages.

| Village. |  | Area oonpied mith Mangoes. | Trees. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vcres. |  |  |  |  |
| Veshvi | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 166 | 2,951 |
| Bagmandle | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 68 | 1,125 |
| Velas | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 97 | 1,646 |
| Shipole | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 52 | 902 |
| Kuduk Budruk | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 18 | 300 |
| Pewe | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 38 | 2,400 |

The average comes to 21 trees per acre. Good trees, I find, Fetch up to Rs. 200 each in full bearing.
(iiii) In this connection I would point out the somewhat curious fact that the soil in only the villages noted above seems to be suita ble, efforts made in other villages having proved abortive. It can hardly be that it is only in villages close to the sea that they can be grown as the village of Pewe where they are excellent is 20 miles from the coast. I suggest that the Agricultural Department might perhaps be asked to make enquiries for, whatever the advantage to Government, it is desirable that every effort should be made to render the
varkas lands in the othereneighbouring villages suitable for this valuable class of cultisation.
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13. Myrobalan and Silk Cotton. -The first, which are of course used for dyeing purposes are the produce of the Hirda and the silk cotton comes from the Sewa trees which grow uncultivated in the jungles. The value of myrabolams exported last year from the petha was Hs. 12,000 and of silk cotton nearly Rs. 4,500. The myrabolams come mainly from some 13 villages of the groups III and IV.
14. Conversion into rice land.- I regret that I have been unable to get any satisfactory figures about the amount of conversion of varkas into rice land. The information derived from a comparison of those of the area of rice as shown in the Survey papers with the actual rice cultivation and those derived from a special enquiry made in one village in each Saja do not fally, and so one can only go upon guess work as in Khed. I think, however, that from my experience there is considerably less conversion going on in Mandangad than in Khed as the varkas lands seem to be fiatter and on a higher level and therefore not so suited to. conversion, but I should need more local experience before I could say definitely.
(i) In connection with the varkas lands of the villages at the mouth of the Savitri I should opall attention to the baleful spread of the Lantana which has ruined many acres of these lands. It is spreading over the whole country side and forms thick jungle through which it is impossible to force a path and also gives protection to wild pigs which do much damage. It has got such a hold that it seems impossible to take any action now; at the same time the villagers seem to be taking no precautions to see that it does not spread further.
15. Rabi-Lands.-There are only 35 acres of so-called rabi land in the petha.
16. Garden lands.-Beyond a few scattered acres of poor land the Garden area is concentrated in the villages of Velas, Veshvi, Bagmandlen and Shipole at the mouth of the Savitri. The crops grown are the usual garden crops of cocofiuts and supari. The cocoputs are consumed locally, but there is considerable export of suparis to the value of Re. 11,500 last year.
17. Agricultural Stock.-The following table compares the figures of the previous and present Settlement under the main heads:-

| Itena. |  | Provious <br> Settlement. | Present <br> Settlement. | Incresee or decrease. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plough Cattle | $\ldots$ | 10,641 | 8,954 | -12 | per cent. |
| Milch Cattle | $\ldots$ | 8,003 | 7,193 | -10 | do. |
| Young Stock | $\ldots$ | 7,994 | 7,300 | -8 | do. |
| Carts | $\ldots$ | 6 | 76 | 121 times. . |  |

(i) Though it would perhaps be as well not to rely too much on the absolute accuracy of these figures, yet the reduction in numbers of cattle is 60 regular under the different heads that it is diffioult to believe that they are not substantially correct. The only explanation which I have been given locally is that the decrease is due to poor feeding with consequent deaths from starvation and oattle disease. But these are not new phenomena in Ratnagiri and hardly acoount for the facts. I am inclined to think that the real reason is the decrease of population which may not be due entirely to epidemics and there may have been a real permanent dearease due to emigration. As I have noted elsewhere I have received complaints in soms villages that lands are left waste in Mandangad from want of population and the number of cattle would in that case naturally decrease also.
(ii) The number of carts has gone up very. greatly, but of the 76 carts 50 come from the Eastern group of villazes to which I have made previous references and belong mostly to prosperous Mahomedans for the export of Rice to Dapoli.
18. Water Supply.-There are the same difficulties about water supply in the hot weather as in Khed with variations between villages as in that taluka. In the large and prosperous village of Mahapral where there are numbers of rich Mahomedans a piped supply has been laid on from a tank in the hills, but the rest of the Mahal depends on wells.
19. Labour.-Labour is almost entirely agrigultural and the wages are much the same as in Khed, about 6 annas a day for men.
20. Education.-There are 13 vernacular schools with an attendance of 479 boys and 42 girls. I would make the same comwerts as I have made in my report on Khed. In the petha also there are villages where the people pay for their own master and I have received the same requests to have schools provided. I was told that the people feel their lack of pducation in their Bombay life and, so far as I could see with my limited experience, there seemed to be real keeness about Education in certain villages.
21. Trade and Industry.-I am afraid that the statements bf my predecessor as given in paragraph 11 of his report and in Appendix C give a very wrong idea of the actual state of things, in implying that the figures represent the trade of Mandangad Petha. In point of fact they cover the trade carried on in country craft on the Savitri creek as a whole, but the greater part is connected with the important town of Mahad situated in the Kolaba District at the head of the creek and has no connection with the Mandingad Petha.
(i) I have had the figures for the Petha taken out separately and they are as follows:-

> Rs.

| Mangoes | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | . | .. | 18,092 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Suparis | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | . | $\ldots$ | $.11,524$ |
| Myrabolams | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 11,936 |  |
| Charcoal | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1,760 |  |
| Silk Cotton | $\ldots$ | .. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | 4,352 |

(ii) The figures for Mangoes are of c urse subject to the remarks it:ade previously as to the exports in steamers. It is not possible to obtain any figures of imports as they are mixed up with those to Mahad.
(iii) The Mahalkari estimates the imports of Rice to amount about to Rs. 50,000 per annum at present, the Petha like the rest of the district being unable to feed itself. At the same time there is a good deal of export of Rice from the group of villages situated in the South-Eastern corner of the petha (Dabhat, Valote and others) where there are Mahomedans and 'Brahmins with considerable areas of lands leased out to tenants. This Rice goes to Dapoli where there is much demand, and higher prices can be obtained.
22. Markets.-There is no market for grain within the petha itself. As stated above there is export of Rice to Dapoli which is 22 miles from the SouthEastern end of the Petha. A weekly fish market is held at Mahapral, and there is a small Bazar at Bagmandle. Rice is iwported from Mahad and Rangoon rice from Bombay.
23. Population.-I give below the figures for the last four censuses :-

| Year. |  |  |  |  |  | Population. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1891 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 46,789 |  |
| 1901 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 44,985 |  |
| 1911 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 45,420 |  |
| 1921 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 41,759 |  |

The figures show the same features as those for Khed, viz., a fall between 1891 and 1901, a recovery though smaller than in Khed, between 1901 and 1911 and a further fall between 1911 and 1921. The main causes of the falls seem to be the same in both cases, plague in the first 10 years and infuenza in the last ten. At the same time it is possible that there may be a really permanent decrease due to emigration and it is to this that I am inclined to attribute the reduction in the number of cattle.
(i) In view of the apparent density of the population it may perhaps seem strange that there should be complaints of under population, yet I have received such in more than one village. The fact is that 21 per cent. of the whole population are concentrated in the three villages of Bagmandle, Velas and Veshwi at the mouth of the Savitri creek which contains large numbers of

Koli fishermen and Panderpeshas, who are non-agricultural. Hence the pressure on the remaining villages is not so great as might appear, amounting to about 227 to the square mile. I have been shown areas of varkas which the Khots say are lying permenently waste because of the lack of cultivators and this may be so ; but the desertion of the varkas land is not unnatural when the expense of cultivation is compared with the poor results and it is no wonder if men prefer to go to Bombay for labour from the central villages of Mandangad where the amount of Rice land is small.
(ii) I give below the division of population by occupation according to the laget census:-

| Agricaltural population. |  |  | Nou-agricultural population. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having intexest in land. |  | Labourara. |  |
| Tenanta and Subsharera. | Other land-holdera. |  |  |
| 80,092 | 1,089 | 1,187 | 9,999 |

It is diffioult to say how far these figures are correot nor can much stress be laid upon them.
(iii) The main divisions of the population, as in Khed, are into Marathas, Kunbis and Mahomedan, and I should say there was also a considerable Brahmin population as they are in the majority among the Khots. It is not possible to. give any adequate opinion of the condition of the people after a hasty visit of a few days, but so far as I could see the Brahmin and Mahomedan Khots seemed in quite fairly good circumstances and it is upon them that the increases in assessment fall and not on the Kunbi cultivators.
(iv) From the point of view of health the remarks made in the Khed report would apply in the case of Mandangad.
24. Emigration.-The chief features under this head are muoh the same as for Khed. The tiwo streams of emigration are that of the Marathas, Kunbis and Mahars to Bombay and the Mahomedans to South Africa and other foreign parts. The latter undoubtedly make large sums abroad which they bring home to spend on purchases of land and house building. Thus the present Police Patil of Mahapral is a Mahomedan with a Colonial accent who was for many years in Syduey as a merchant in precious stones, having started in life as a stoker on a British Vessel from which he gravitated to a sweet shop in Sydney and thence to bis lalest occupation, and this whole village is full of Mahomedans from South Africa. The South-East of the Mahal also contains many such and they have made large purchases of land there.
(i) The amount of money orders paid at the Mandangad Sub-office during the year 1923 was Rs. $1,26,267$ of whioh Rs. 75,037 were inland and Rs, 51,230 were foreign. The large propurtion of foreign money orders as compared with Khed is aq index of the extent of Mahomedan emigration in the Petha, though there also much money is sent by methods other than the post office for the same reasons.
[25. 'Landlord and Tenant.-The relation between landlord and tenant present the same features as in Khed. In the Government villages the landlords are largely Mahomedans, especially in the south-eastern group of village where they have acquired considerable areas from the former Khots who are mainly thriftless Marathas. D The figures for agriculturists and non-agriculturists in Government villages give only 170 acres as held by the latter class out of 13,500 acres and they seem open to the same criticism as was made on the Khed statistics.
[(i) In the Khoti villages uolike Khed, the majority of the Khots are Brahmins, the Marathas being few. One Khoti village, Veral, is peculiar in that the Khots are Kunbis, the only case I have come across. 3
(ii) So far as I could see the relations between Khots and tenants seem reasonably satistactory; on the surface at any rate, I reoeived no complaints.

In any case the condition of things is very different to what they were. at the time of the Original Settlement, when the people were "in a state of bondage , which has long ground them down and helped along with the effects of a few "bad seasons to bring them to that state of destitution which has even attracted the attention of the Home Government" (vide paragraph 5 of the letter quoted on page 37 of the selection), and when it could be remarked that "No one who has travelled through the Ratnagiri District can fail to have been struck with the wretched condition of the people" (vide paragraph 9 of letter on page 56). Even at the time of the Revision Settlement, it was stated that the condition of things had not much improved and that "large numbers of these tenants are now in arrears with their rents" (vite paragraph 6 of letter on -page 78 of the Selection). As regards this last question, figures $I$ have obtained show that the villages in which there are nowadays any considerable amount of rent suits, that is to say above 20 per annum, amount to some 8 only, of which three belong to one Khot, and in these cases I am informed that the suits are due rather to absenteeism and the independence of tenants than the pressure of the rent.
26. Revenue History.-As in Khed, permission has been obtained from the Settlenent Commissioner to omit Appendix $K$, there being never any arrears or necessity for'remissions or suspensions.

## PART II.

Settiement Statistics.
27. Prices.-The statement made out below on the same lines as for Khed gives the course of prices during the currency of the existing settlement:-

(i) The course of prices shows exactly the same features as those seen in the case of Khed and any special comment is unnecessary. As regards the history of prices during the period previous to the first Revision it was the general opinion of the officers through whose hands the papers passed that it could not be considered. that there had been an increase during the currency of the Original Settlement (vide paragraph 10 of the Settlement Commissioner's letter on page 79 of the Selection) while the rates were actually reduced at Revision. It therefore seems unnecessary to discuss this question with reference to the previous Revision period.
(ii) As regards the subject of commuted rents, I give below figures on the same lines as those for Khed:-

|  | Period. | , | Paddy. |  | Nagli. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Price. | Increaso. | Price. | Increase. |
|  |  |  | Rs. 8. p. | Per cent. | Rs. a. p. | Per cent. |
| 1892-03 | $\cdots$ | . | 2008 |  | 272 | ..... |
| 1911-15 | ... | . | 2102 | $29 \cdot 08$ | 21411 | 19.78 |
| 1923 | ... | .... | $3 \quad 54$ | $63 \cdot 26$ | 310 | $25 \cdot 10$ |

(iii) For Garden lands I give the prices of coconuts and suparis arranged on the same system :-

| Period. |  | Coconute. |  | Saparis, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Price. | Differemos. | Price, | Diference. |
|  |  | Rs. 8. p. |  | Rs. a. p. |  |
| 1892-95 | ** | 4159 | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{lll}16 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ |  |
| 1896-00 | $\cdots$ | 5 5 5 5 . | $+7 \cdot 10$ | 17125 | $+11 \cdot 7$ |
| 1901-05 | ... | $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 5 & 7\end{array}$ | + 710 | $1314 \quad 7$ | $-13.5$ |
| 1906-10 | *** | $6 \quad 27$ | +2361 | 1414 | - 6.97 |
| 1911-15 | ... | 51310 | $+1766$ | 1310 | -1836 |
| 1916-20 | ... | 7148 | +5883 | $\begin{array}{llll}14 & 8 & 9\end{array}$ | 1808 -9.08 |
| 1921-23 | ... | 8128 | +76.38 | 20103 | $+29$ |

(iv) It will be seen that while the prices of coconut have risen fairly steadily during the currency of the Settlement those of suparis which form the main export have fluctuated considerably and have been lower than the price which obtained at the time of the Revision Settlement except during the last three years.
28. Sales.-Appendix G gives figures for 10 Government villages for Rice, Varkas, Mixed Rice and Varkas and Bagayat. In all cases are prices over 100 times the assessment.

The causes of bigh prices are the same as those given in the Khed report. But as I have remarked under the bead of "Rents" these villages are hardly representative of the taluka though there is no reason to believe that in the circumstances prices would be on a lower scale in the rest of the taluka.
29. Leases.-Appendix $H$ is divided into two parts for Government and Khoti villages as in Khed.
(i) Government villages.-Statistics are given for 10 out of 16 Government villages for Rioe, Mixed Rice and Varkas and also for four villages for Bagayat - land. I do not give figures for Varkas alone for the same reasons as in Khed. There is no need to comment on the figures for Rice and Varkas as they explain themselves. As regards those of Bagayat, the figures are low for Bagmandle because the fields in question have deteriorated and are leased at a low rent for improvement.
(ii) Khoti villages.-The fagures of Commuted rents are arranged on the same system as in Khed report. The area covered, including both Rice, Varkas and Garden is land with an assessment of Rs. 6,804 .
(iii) In determining the rate of increase to be allowed for since the date of commutation I have taken 40 per cent. in the case of Rice land and 20 per cent. in that of Varkas which seems reasonable considering the figures given in paragraph 27 of this report. For Bagayat I have made no increase, for while the price of coconuts has steadily increased that of suparis has been on the downward grade during the whole period of settlement except in the last few years and it would be hardly fair to take this spasmodio increase into account. I therefore have set off the increase in coconuts against the fluctuating figures for suparis and allowed for no inorease in prices.
(iv) The figures may be summarised as follows:-

Paddy.

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Varkas.
There is only one rate of one rupee as in Khed ; the indices are as follows:-

| Indas. |  |  |  | Villages. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 120 | ...' | ... | ... | 18 |
| $1 \cdot 35$ | ... | ... | . | 1 |
| 150 | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| 1.65 | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 6 |
| 1.80 | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 21 |
| 1.87 | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 3 |
| $1 \cdot 95$ | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 2 |
| 2-10 | ... | $\cdots$ | .. | 5 |
| 217 | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| $2 \cdot 40$ | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 4 |
| $2 \cdot 55$ | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| 2:70 | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 2 |
| Bagayat. |  |  |  |  |


| Group. |  |  |  |  | Villagear | Present <br> Rate | Indices. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Rs . | Re. |
| 1 | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 | 15 | 30 |
| II | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 5 | 6 | 9 to 13.50 |
| III | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 6 | 9 to |
| IV | ... | .. | ... | , | 2 | 6 | 3.75 to 12 |
| V | ... | ... | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ... | 1 | 6 | 12 |

In the one bad case in Group IV with an index of only Rs. 3.75 the garden was in bad condition when the commutation was made.

## PART III.

Proposals for Re-Settiementr.

## Original Settlement.

30. Rice land.-Mandangad was the first part of the Ratnagiri district to be taken in hand by the Survey Department, it then being called the "Bankot taluka". The rates proposed which ranged from Rs. 10 downwards gave rise to considerable dissatisfaction and the Settlement Commissioner Colonel Francis himself proposed reductions on account of "The fact that the villages not having a market in the district was not sufficiently oonsidered". Nothing, however, was done until the Revision Settlement, the central feature of which is that in the case of all the villages in the Petha except 18 the Rice rates were reduced according to the scale summarised on the statement of the Commissioner in paragraph 4 of his letter on page 85 of the Selection. The reasons are summarised in pıragraphs 8 to 10 of the Settlement Commissioner's letter on page 79 of the Selection.

They were-
(a) That from the existing assessments compared with the rest of the district it might be thought that the Petha was the richest and most accessible part of the district whereas it was the poorest and most out-of-theway:
(b) That the assessments had from the outset caused great discontent and protests from all sides, both on the part of the cultivators and the Revenue Officers:
(c) That reductions had been proposed by the Settlement Commissioner but that these had never been carried out :
(d) That there had been no rise in prises since the Original Settlement.
(i) He considered however that no reductions were necessary in four villages (Unhere, Tondli, Dahimba and Palvani) rated at rupees 5 which had been transferred from the Dapoli Taluka, or of 8 other villages also transferred from Dapoli rated at Rs. 4.
(ii) The total reductions may be summarised as follows :-


The reduction on the Taluka as a whole was from Rs. 43,934 to Rs. 39,872 or 9.2 per cent.
31. Grouping.-The existing grouping in Mandangad is arranged according to proximity to the creek, the first group consisting of those villages on the creek with an area of cultivable land lying between the foot of the hills and the creek able to grow double crops, the second group of those on the creek but with hills running sheer down to the water without double crop lands and the remaining grou's consisting of the other villages at an increasing distance therefrom. This arrangement can hardly be called satisfactory in any case, as the only market of the Petha to which there is any export is Dapoli to which rice is sent from the eastern group of villages to which I have made previous reference. They are, however, in the last group; in fact, it is clear from reading the First Revision Report that my predecessor quite failed to grasp the importance of these villages, for if he had done so the epportunity could have been taken, especially when reductions were being made, to re-group these willages and put them in their proper place, which should have been at least in group III. Their position has been further benefited by the construction of the road which passes through the centre of this tract.
31. (i) I propose to allow for the position of these villages at the time of rating, but otherwise $I$ do not intend any change in the grouping. It would no doubt be possible to make suggestions for alteration here and there on the ground of proximity to the new road, etc., but this could not be done without making, inordinate increases in the rates of individual villages so I propose to leave the grouping as it stands.
32. Present and Proposed Assessments.-The question of the proper standard of assessment for Mandangad is by no means an easy one. Prices have increased by 50 per oent. or adopting the figure for commutation rents taken in para. 29 (iii), 40 per cent. 'The rents are high when reduced to cash and the value of land is als: high in the few villages for which details are available and the commutation settlement has much benefited tiue tenants. On the other hand the Petha is pronounced, by those who possess a looal kuowledge of the whole district which I cannot claim, to be the poorest and most isolated of all the sub-divisions and there seems to be a decrease in population accompanied by that of the agricultural stook. But further at the last revision it was generally agreed that during the course of the Original Settlement the Petha had been overassessed, and it was found necessary to make reductions which, it was admitted, should have been given long before. In these circumstancts,
it would seem that Government owe a certain debt to the petha and that moderation must be observed in settling the new rates.
32. (i) I do not, in fact, see how it is possible to go beyond the standard of Khed Taluka which is being settled at the same time without comparatively overassessing Mandangad. There is no doubt that Khed and its surrounding villages with their road system are considerably better off than Mandangad which has no roads at all in the central track. I propose therefore to adopt the maximum rate of Rs. $9 / 8$ as the highest for the Petha which means an increase of three annas in the rupee or 1875 per cent. over the per cent highest rate of Rs. 8 and in all the other groups except group $V$ to make a similar increase throughout. The last group, however, I propose to increase by 33 per cent. which is the maximum permitted. Properly speaking, this group should be divided into two, the first consisting of 14 villages sonth of the line bounded by and including those of (Gharadi, Dhudere, Palgad, Taked, Tide and Kadvan, which have the advantage of road and also of favourable agricultural conditions to which I have referred under the head of "Crops and Cultivation" and the second sub-group consisting of the remaining villages which are more hilly and without those conditions. But as there is no reason why these last villages should not also take the 33 per cent. increase, they being at least as well off as those in group IV, I could not make the division without going beyond the limit allowed. At the next revision the question of re-grouping may be able to be re-considered.
32. (ii) The result of these proposuls are shown below:-

32. (iii) I may point out that even so the standard for Mandangad will in actual fact be higher than that of Khed as the following comparison will show:-

| Group. |  | Khoad. | Msndangad. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rs. | Rs. |
| I | $\ldots$ | $9 / 5$ | $9 / 8$ |
| II | $\ldots$ | 8 | $8 / 5$ |
| III | $\ldots$ | $6 / 11$ | $7 / 2$ |
| IV | $\ldots$ | $5 / 5$ | $5 / 16$ |
| V | $\ldots$ | 4 | $5 / 5$ |

but it is not possible to make adjustments except by giving practioally no increase to Mandangad. I may also refer in this connection to the remarks of Colonel Godfrey in paragraph 11 of his letter on page 80 of the Mandangad Selection and may note that the proposed maximum rate for the highest group will be 5 annas above that recently sanctioned for the Panwel Taluka of Kolaba District, which is out of comparison superior to Mandangad.
33. Varkas Lands-Original Settlement.-Thē history of the Settlement of Varkas lands in Mandangad is somewhat peculiar. At the original settlement in 1866 Colonel Francis proposed to adopt three "rates of 6 annas, 5 and 4 annas per acre which would not be fixed by a regular system of grouping the villages, but distributed with reference to capabilities". He added that
" if fertility of soil were to be the sole ruling guide the highest rate would be imposed upon the villages around Mandangad, but in consequence of their isolated position their rate has been brought down to 5 . The highest rate of 6 in fact has been imposed only on the best Varkas villages on the coast, or bordering on the Mahad river; the 5 and 4 maximum being applied generally in the district." (Vide paragraph 15 of bis letter printed on page 34 of the selection). He had previously remarked with reference to the Varkas lands near Mandangad "Nowhere in the Konkan have I seen such fine Varkas crops; great care and labour are doubtless bestowed on the cultivation of the land". The Collector is forwarding the report remarked that the Varkas rates would have been too high but for the fact that the Settlement Commissioner had "reserved for himself a wide margin" and he (the Collector) would have "preferred that the rates should have been left to range between 2 annas and 6 annas, thas allowing the Survey Commissioner a still wider latitude" on which Government commented that "the rates for Varkas lands would, as supposed by the Collector be too high, were they not maximum rates. These rates when applied to the results of the classification will give a much lower rate and in many cases lower than the Collector himself suggests."
33. (i) Now as Colonel Godfrey explains in paragraph 18 of his letter reviewing the Revision Report on page 81 of the selection, a maximum rate of 6 annas for Varkas really means a rate of Rs. $1 / 8$ on dry crop land classed at 16 annas, the maximum classification of Varkas land being 4 annas; and similarly, a maximum rate of 5 annas on Varkas meant one of Rs. 1/4 annas on the 16 annas scale. Hence the real meaning of Colonel Francis was to impose rates of Re. 1/8, 1/4 and Re. 1 on the three classes of villages designated by him. But as Colonel Godfrey points out in paragraph 17 of the letter quoted above, these ratee were nuver actually applied, and all the villages were assessed at one and the same maximum rate, viz,, one rupee per acre. Colonel Godfrey therefore proposed at Revision "to adopt the rates proposed, but not applied by Colonel Francis and to apply these rates to the villages grouped according to their advantaces of position, making the first of the five groups proposed in paragraph 15 take the Rs. $1 / 8$ maximum, for the dry crop lands of the 22 villages included therein, the maximum of Rs. $1 / 4$ apphicable to the next two groups 2 and 3 and the rupee one rate, as it is now applied to the last two groups of the most inaccessible and poorest villages". He also points that Colonel Francis had remarked that had he been duing the Settlement of Varkas land again he would not have imposed such a low rate as he did. Though no definite reference was made by Government in their orders sanctioning the Revision Settlement to the case of Varkas lands, it is to be presumed that the intention was to approve the proposals of Colonel Godfrey. But on making enquiries in the Survey office I find that these orders also were never carried out; and that for some reason undiscoverable the maximum rate for all the villages still remains one rupee. It seems to follow therefore that for 30 years the Varkas lands in the best villages have escaped the rates which have been authorisedly imposed upon them.
34. Present and Proposed Assessments.-The present maximum rate is one rupee throughout the Petha. As regards the new rates, the dominating factor as in Khed must be the increase in prices since the time of commutation and as, in the case of the representative Varkas crop, Nagli, the increase can hardly be put fairly at more than 20 per cent., I propose to raise the Varkas sssessments to this extent all round. I do not propose any differentiation between the groups as I did in Khed because the better class of Varkas lands to which special reference is made in the Original Report lie mostly in the lower groups and though the distinction ought to be made in the classification, there is little doubt that the small range of the classification scale for Varkas lands does not allow sufficiently for the difference which can therefore be evenod up in the rates. These proposals will of course produce rates considerably less than those proposed by Colonel Godfrey and presumably sanctioned by Government 30 years ago, but in the circumstance there seems no other course possible.
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34. (i) If my proposals are approved the result will be as follow:-

| Group. | Fillages. | Prebent sssessment. | Proposed Bssessment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Ris. | Re. |
| I ... | 28 | 2,519 | 8,025 |
| II... | 12 | 1,289 | 1,546 |
| III ... | 20 | 2,178 | 2,616 |
| IV ... | 17 | 8,108 | 8,722 |
|  | 25 | 2,958 | 8,860 |
|  | 1 (inam). | 204 | 245 |

35. Rabi lands.-There are only a few scattered acres of so called "Rabi". Column 19 of Appendix $Q$ to the Revision Report purports to show various "rates" applied to the rabi in different villages, but in point of fact there is only one actual rate, that of one rupee ; in other words, just as in the case of Varkas the soil classification is the assessment. In paragraph 18 of his letter quoted on page 81 of the Selection Colonel Godfrey proposed that Rabi and Varkas should be classed together as "Dry Crop" and the same rates applied as had been done in Panvel, but in spite of the fact that his proposals were apparently meant to be sanctioned nothing was done as in the case of Varkas. I propose to follow this course now. Rabi lands will therefore have an increase of 20 per cept. all round :-

| Group. |  | Present assessmeat. | Proposed assesement. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rs. | Rs. |
| I | $\ldots$ | 8 | 10 |
| II | $\cdots$ | 6 | 9 |
| III | $\cdots$ | 1 | 1 |
| IV | $\cdots$ | 1 | 1 |
| V | $\ldots$ | 6 | 7 |
| " (inam) | $\ldots$ | 5 | 6 |

36. Garden lands.-Original Settlement.-The system adopted for the classification of garden lands in Mandangad was a somewhat pecalier one. The factors taken into consideration. were soil, water and the number of trees, a method which, as Colonel Godfrey pointed out at the time of the Revision Settlement so far as the last factor was concerned based the assessment upon the temporary condition of the individual garden at the time and in fact given an advantage to those which were in a bad state at the Original Settlement. In the case of the gardens in the Kolaba District this system had been changed at the time of the Revision Settlement and the factor of position, which included drainage, eto., substituted, thus basing the assesment upon permanent elements in fertility. Colonel Godfrey proposed that this new system should be introduced in the case of Mandangad also, but this suggestion was negatived by Government on the ground that that the classifioation of the Ratnagiri District had been declared final and that therefore it would be illegal to reclass. The classification therefore has remained unchanged.
37. Present and Proposed Assessments.-There are at present three rates applied, one of Rs. 15 applied in all the villages of the first group except Shipole which has a rate of Rs. 12, and the third of Rs. 6 applied in the rest of the Taluka. As regards proposals for revised assessments, the Government orders regarding commutation seem to stand in the way and as I have been unable to find any increase of prices on the average I am presumably debarred from proposing any increase in the rates. In this connection I would point out that in the first group in which the large proportion of the best garden land is situated there are only two or three acres for which a commutation has been made in one village. Had it not been for these orders I should have proposed an increase of 20 per cent. in the first group and 10 per cent. in the remainder whioh seems reasonable looking to the fact that on the one hand prices have
not on the average increased and that the indices would allow such an increase on the other. There is, it is true one village, Shenale, in which the rate of commutation and therefore the index is very low (Rs. $3 \cdot 20$ ), but this is due to deterioration of the garden oo far as I can find.
$37^{*}$ (i) There will therefore be no increase in the rates for garden lands unless Government are pleased to vary their orders.
38. Summary of Proposals.-My proposals may now be suimmed up as follows:-

39. Period of Guarantee- It is presumed that the ordinary guarantee of 30 years will be applied to the Settlement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedieat servant,
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## APPENDIX A.

Rainfall recorded at Mandangad Petha.


## APPENDIX B:

Details of cultivation and crops in the villages of the Mandangad Petha.

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## APPENDIX D.

Agricultural Stock of the 97 Government including Khoti and Inam villages in the Mandangad Petha during the year 1920.

| Number of villages. | Cattle |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | For glough. |  | For breeding. |  | For other purposes. |  | Miloh cattile. |  |
|  | Ozen. | ( $\begin{gathered}\text { He } \\ \text { Buffices. } \\ 8 \\ 8\end{gathered}$ | :Bplls. <br> 4 | Bull Buffaloes. <br> 5 | Ozen. <br> 0 | He Buffaloes. 7 |  | She Butialoes. <br> 9 |
| 22 | 8,197 | 248 | ... | ... | 3 | ... | 1,690 | 669 |
| 12 | 581 | 27 | $\cdots$. | ... | $\cdots$ | :.* | 385 | 81 |
| 90 | 1,094 | 101 | ... | $\cdots$ | 2 | 2 | 699 | 184 |
| 17 | 1,686 | 120 | ..* | ** | 6 | 1 | 1,092 | 208 |
| 20 | 2,640 | 380 | ... | ... | 8 | .** | 1,741 | - 814 |
| Total ... 97 | 8,078 | 876 | ... | ... | 19 | 8 | 5,607 | 1,886 |


| Number of villages. <br> 1 | Young stook.* |  | Total. | Horses and Ponies (includ. ing foals). | Sheap. | Gratis. | Plough. |  | Caxts. |  | Cropped land per pair of plough osttie. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Calves. | Buffaloe calves. |  |  |  |  | Small. | $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text { Large } \\ \text { ine., } 0 \\ \text { over } 2 \\ \text { catlee) } \end{array}\right.$ | For Passengers | Flor produces 日nd goode. |  |
|  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
|  |  |  | Group | 1. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | 1,676 | 411 | 6,884 | 6 | 3 | 216 | 1,200 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | Group | II. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | 410 | 48 | 1,507 | ... | $\cdots$ | 114 | 251 | :.. | $\cdots$ | ... | ... |
|  |  |  | Group | III. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 80 | 76 | . 111 | 2,787 | $\ldots$ | - | 289 | 615 | $\ldots$ | 1 | 6 | ** |
| - |  |  | Group | IV. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | 1,804 | 149 | 4,563 | 1 | :* | 494 | 899 | $\cdots$ | 8 | 7 | ... |
|  |  |  | Group | D. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 8,080 | 412 | 7375 | ... | 70 | 476 | 1,461 | ... | 8 | 67 | ... |
| Total ... 97 | 6,174 | 1,126 | 28,469 | 7 | 79 | 1,589 | 4,426 |  | 6 | 70 |  | sading, if female

## APPENDIX E.

Shops, industries, etc., in the villages of the Mandangad Petha.

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## APPENDIX $F$.

[FORM V. F. 16.]
Wells, Bhudkis, Tanks and other Sources of Water Supply in the sixteen Government villages of the Mandangad Petha for the year 1922.


Abstract of Appendix F.


* These seem to include figures for Khoti villages which are not aysilable for this settlemant.
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APPENDIX G-1.
Selling value of Kharif lands in the villages of tho Mandangad Petha.

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Selling value of Bagayat lands in the villages of the Mandangad Petha. .

| Strisl <br> No. in Appendix I |  | Name of village. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Ares } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { land sold. } \end{gathered}$ | Assessment. | Sale prioe. | Number of times the sssessment represented by the price. | Remaris. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21. | Velae | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Growe 1. } \\ \\ & \text {..er }\end{array}$ | A. $\begin{array}{r}\text { g. } \\ 815\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Re. as. } \\ 44 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Re. a. } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 6,920 } & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 155-29 |  |
|  |  | Avarage per mare ... | ... | 1838 | 2,050 511 | 156.89 |  |

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## APPENDIX G-3.

Selling value of Varkas lands in the villages of the Mandangad Petha.

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APPENDIX G-4.
Selling value of Mixed (kharif and varkas) lands to the villages of the Mandangad Petha.

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APPENDIX H-1.
Leases of Kharif lands in the villages of the Mandangad Petha.

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## APPENDIX H-2.

Leases of Bagayat lands in the villages of the Mandangad Poiha.

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Leases of Mixed (kharif and varkas) lands in the villages of the Mandangad Petha.

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## APPENDIX H (Pabe II).

Mandangad Petra.
Rates of commutation for Khoti Villages.


APPENDIX H—contd.

| Serial <br> No. <br> 1 | Village. |  | Rice. <br> 4 | Rates of oommutation (times assessment.) |  | Raised. |  |  | Indices. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Varkas. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Baga- } \\ \text { yat. } \\ 6 \end{gathered}$ | $\left(\begin{array}{c} \text { Rios } \\ (40 \%) \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Varkas } \\ & (20 \%) \end{aligned}$ <br> 8 |  | Rice. 10 | Varkas. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Baga- } \\ \text { yat. } \\ 12 \end{gathered}\right.$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 | Savri | 802 | 8 | $2 \cdot 75$ | $2 \cdot 75$ | $4 \cdot 20$ | $8 \cdot 30$ | 2.78 | 12.60 | -1.65 | $8 \cdot 25$ |
| 51 | Sumeli | 188 | 8 | 2 | ... | 4.20 | 2.40 | ... | $12 \cdot 60$ | 1.20 | ... |
| 82 | Takaoli | 89 | $8 \cdot 12$ | 812 | ... | $4 \cdot 36$ | 9.74 | 18.08 | 18.08 | 1.87 | ... |
| 58 | Tambane | 88 | 4 | 4 | $\ldots$ | 5.60 | 4.80 | ... | 16.80 | $2 \cdot 40$ | $\cdots$ |
| 55 | Wadaoli | 62 | 8 | 8 | $\cdots$ | $4 \cdot 20$ | $3 \cdot 60$ | ... | 12.60 | 1.80 | ... |
|  | Total | 1,804 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Group IV. |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |
| S5 | Bhingloli | 14 | 8 | 8 | ** | 4.20 | $2 \cdot 40$ | .. | 10.5 | 120 | $\cdots$ |
| 67 | Devare | 198 | 8 | 8 | $\ldots$ | 4.20 | $3 \cdot 60$ | ... | 10.5 | 1.80 | ... |
| 68 | Dhatroli | 184 | 8 | 2 | ... | $4 \cdot 20$ | 2.40 | ... | 10.5 | 1.20 | $\cdots$ |
| 69 | Konhaoli | 164 | 45 | 4.5 | - | 6.50 | $5 \cdot 40$ | ..: | 15.75 | 2.70 | $\cdots$ |
| 60 | Kuduk Khurd | 248 | 8.5 | 8.5 | ..' | $4 \cdot 90$ | $4 \cdot 20$ | ... | 12.25 | $2 \cdot 10$ | ** |
| 61 | Pachral | 105 | 8 | 2.75 | ... | $4 \cdot 20$ | 3.30 | ... | 10.50 | 1.65 | $\ldots$ |
| 62 | Palon | 118 | 8.6 | 8.6 | ..* | 490 | $4 \cdot 20$ | $\ldots$ | 12.25 | $2 \cdot 10$ | ... |
| 69 | Paiveni | ... 99 | 8.5 | 3 | ... | 490 | $8 \cdot 60$ | ... | 12.25 | 180 | $\cdots$ |
| 64 | Pat | 85 | 8 | 2 | ... | 4.20 | $2 \cdot 40$ | ... | 10.50 | 120 | ... |
| 85 | Shenale | 72 | 8.12 | $8 \cdot 12$ | 2.25 | $4 \cdot 86$ | 8.74 | 1.25 | 10.90 | 1.87 | $8 \cdot 75$ |
| 66 | Surle | 4 | 8 | 8 | ... | 4.20 | $8 \cdot 60$ | $\cdots$ | 10.50 | 1.80 | ... |
| 67 | Terdi | 15 | 8 | 2 | ... | 420 | 9.40 | ... | 10.50 | 1.80 | ... |
| 68 | Tondi | ... 188 | 4.26 | 4.26 | 4.25 | 6.95 | $8 \cdot 10$ | 4.25 | 14.87 | $2 \cdot 55$ | 18.75 |
| 69 | Tulahi | 989 | 4 | 8 | ..' | $5 \cdot 80$ | $8 \cdot 60$ | ... | 14.00 | 180 | ... |
| 70 | Onheore | ... 6 | 8 | 8 | ..* | 4.30 | $8 \cdot 60$ | ... | 10.50 | 1.80 | $\cdots$ |
| 31 | Waknoli | 184 | 8.5 | 8 | ... | 4.90 | $8 \cdot 60$ | :.. | 22.25 | 1.80 | ... |
|  | Total | ... 1,893 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - | Group $\mathbf{F}$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 72 | Bamanghar | 112 | 4.5 | 4.25 | ... | 6.80 | 5.10 | ... | 12-60 | 2.55 | $\ldots$ |
| 75 | Borghar | 158 | 4 | 8 | ... | $6 \cdot 60$ | $8 \cdot 60$ | ... | 11.20 | 1.80 | ... |
| 7 | Duathare | $\cdots{ }^{-\cdots} 2$ | 8 | 9 | ... | 4.20 | $2 \cdot 40$ | $\cdots$ | 8.40 | 1.20 | ... |
| 78 | Gharadi | 99 | 8 | $2 \cdot 60$ | ... | 4.20 | 8.00 | ... | $8 \cdot 10$ | 1-50 | ... |
| 81 | Kelvat | 41 | 8 | 8 | ... | $4 \cdot 20$ | 8.60 | - | $8 \cdot 40$ | 1.80 | ... |
| 82 | Kamle | 9 | 2 | $\ldots$ | ... | $2 \cdot 80$ | ... | ... | $6 \cdot 60$ | *** | $\cdots$ |
| 84 | Mahu | 126 | 8.50 | 8 | ... | $4 \cdot 90$ | $8 \cdot 60$ | ... | 280 | 1.80 | ... |
| 86 | Nargoli | ... 95 | 8 | 2 | ... | 4.80 | 8.40 | ... | $8 \cdot 40$ | 1-20 | ... |
| 86 | Palghar | ... 110 | 4 | 4 | 4 | $5 \cdot 60$ | 480 | 4 | 11.20 | $2 \cdot 40$ | 120 |
| 87 | Pimpoli | $\cdots 192$ | 8.60 | 2 | '... | $4 \cdot 90$ | $8 \cdot 10$ | ... | $0 \cdot 80$ | 1.80 | ... |

APPENDIX $\mathbf{H - c o n c l d . ~}$

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Prices prevalent in the Madangad Petha from 1889-90 to 1923.
(ns plotted in the accompanying Diagram).

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{\multirow[b]{2}{*}{Years

1}} \& \multicolumn{6}{|c|}{Seers of 80 Tolas per Rupee.} <br>

\hline \& \& \& \& | RHee in husk. |
| :--- |
| 2 | \& Cleaned Rice. \& | Nagii. |
| :--- |
| 4 | \& | ${ }^{\text {Bri. }}$ |
| :--- |
| 6 | \& | Coconnntaper 100 each. |
| :--- |
| 6 | \& Betelnuts. 7 <br>

\hline \& \& \& \& S. Ohs. \& 8. Che \& B. Chs. \& g. Chs: \& Rs. a. ${ }^{\text {P }}$. \& 8. Ohs. <br>
\hline 1889 \& ... \& ... \& - $\cdot \cdots$ \& 2410 \& 1111 \& 19 \& 24-9 \& 81611 \& 81 <br>
\hline 1890 \& .* \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 25 2 \& 188 \& 228 \& 278 \& 491 \& 80 <br>
\hline 1891 \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& ... \& 288 \& 1215 \& 21 \% \& 2614 \& 418 \& 210 <br>
\hline 1898 \& ... \& .." \& * \& 298 \& 1111 \& 212 \& 2814 \& 4511 \& 810 <br>
\hline 1898 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 208 \& 92 \& 1612 \& 1911 \& 627 \& 29 <br>
\hline 1894 \& ** \& ... \& ... \& 180 \& 814 \& 1812 \& 1615 \& 4.128 \& 28 <br>
\hline 1895 \& - \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& 248 \& 10.2 \& 19 15 \& 228 \& 480 \& $\underline{7}$ <br>
\hline 1896 \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 2111 \& 106 \& 19 \& 2014 \& 511 \& 211 <br>
\hline 1897 \& ** \& ..' \& $\cdots$ \& 159 \& 710 \& 1214 \& 1518 \& 5511 \& 810 <br>
\hline 1898 \& . \& -** \& . \& 205 \& 100 \& 167 \& 197 \& 644 \& 98 <br>
\hline 1889 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 1810 \& 97 \& '1618 \& 1914 \& 4119 \& 28 <br>
\hline 1900 \& ... \& ** \& ... \& 151 \& 89 \& 1011 \& 156 \& 640 \& 14 <br>
\hline 1901 \& ." \& ... \& ... \& 208 \& 911 \& 1511 \& 18 5 \& 640 \& 215 <br>
\hline 1803 \& ... \& ..* \& $\cdots$ \& $20 \quad 9$ \& 102 \& 162 \& 1810 \& 6100 \& 915 <br>
\hline 1908 \& .* \& ... \& ... \& 198 \& 1014 \& 16 \% \& 1815 \& 4108 \& 84 <br>
\hline 1904 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& 189 \& 911 \& 151 \& 167 \& 438 \& 212 <br>
\hline 1905 \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& 186 \& 915 \& 143 \& 1418 \& 4166 \& 210 <br>
\hline 1906 \& ** \& ... \& ... \& 1710 \& 96 \& 18 \% \& 144 \& 6184 \& 24 <br>
\hline 1907 \& - \& ** \& $\cdots$ \& 1610 \& 83 \& 120 \& 14.7 \& 740 \& $2^{*} 5$ <br>
\hline 1908 \& ... \& ... \& ... \& 149 \& 76 \& 134 \& 152 \& 5144 \& 216 <br>
\hline 1909 \& ** \& ** \& - \& 181 \& 81 \& 156 \& 1614 \& 670 \& 91 <br>
\hline 1910 \& ... \& ... \& ... \& 180 \& 812 \& 1510 \& 1711 \& 674 \& 214 <br>
\hline 1911 \& ** \& ... \& ... \& 1411 \& 72 \& 182 \& 14 4 \& 680 \& 81 <br>
\hline 1919 \& ... \& ... \& ... \& 156 \& 70 \& 1815 \& 1612 \& 600 \& 36 <br>
\hline 1918 \& ... \& ** \& $\cdots$ \& 157 \& 84 \& 156 \& 1714 \& 700 \& 36 <br>
\hline 1914 \& * \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 1515 \& 78 \& 1818 \& 1610 \& 408 \& 218 <br>
\hline 1915 \& ** \& -* \& ... \& 147 \& 75 \& 1114 \& 14 5 \& 8190 \& 918 <br>
\hline 1916 \& $\cdots$ \& ** \& , \& 1211 \& 66 \& 1111 \& 14.5 \& 7120 \& 218 <br>
\hline 1917 \& ** \& ** \& *. \& 129 \& 68 \& $\theta 18$ \& 111 \& 6194 \& 86 <br>
\hline 1918 \& $\cdots$ \& ** \& $\cdots$ \& 1212 \& 59 \& 87 \& 1018 \& 5119 \& 211 <br>
\hline 1919 \& ... \& ... \& . \& 88 \& 47 \& 66 \& 714 \& 8.8 \& 27 <br>
\hline 1920 \& ... \& ... \& - \& 96 \& 411 \& 78 \& 98 \& 1100 \& $y 8$ <br>
\hline 1921 \& .'* \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 112 \& 518 \& 815 \& 108 \& $10^{*} 88$ \& 2 \% <br>
\hline 1982 \& ** \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& 1212 \& 611 \& 118 \& 191. \& 850 \& 114 <br>
\hline 1908 \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& ... \& 130 \& 88 \& 181 \& $15 *$ \& 780 \& <br>
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Settlement Offcer, Mandangad.

APPENDIX L.

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Proposals on Government Occupied land.

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APPENDIX M.
Showing village, population and Area of unocoupied assessed cultivable Government Land in Mandangad Petha.


APPENDIX M-contd.

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## APPENDIX N.

The papers relating to the Original and Revision Settlements of the Mandangad Petha will be found in Government Selection No. CCCLLXX-New Series.
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Settlement Officer, Mandangad.

No. S. R. V.-9.

From

H. L. FOX, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Ratnagiri ;

To
The SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER and DIRECTOR of LAND RECORDS, POONA.

Ratnagiri, 2nd May 1925.
Subject.-Second Revision Settlement Report, Mandangad Petha.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit the proposals of Mr. R. G. Gordon, I.C.S., for the second Revision Settlement of Mandangad Petha.
2. In forwarding the Khed proposals I have made various general remarks which apply pretty closely to Mandangad and which need not be repeated.
3. Mr. Gordon's proposals ( $18^{\circ} \cdot 75$ per cent. increase for all rice lands except those of Group V-for which he proposes 33 per cent. and 20 per cent. increase for all warkas lands) are quite moderate and may be accepted. I agree with his reasons and statement of the case.
4. The existing grouping is clumsy and unnatural but as Mr. Gordon explains it is not feasible now to make any alterations.
5. I attach a statement of objections to the proposals received from land holders, with Mr. Gordon's comments, in which I concur. None of the objections call for any other special remark.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,
H. L. FOX, Collector of Ratnagiri.

Below Ratnagiri Collector's No. S. R. V.-9, dated 2nd May 1925.

## No. S. T.-474.

Poona, 24th December 1925.
Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, Southern Division.
2. The report is on the lines of that for Khed, and has been compiled with Mr. Gordon's usual ability'.
3. I have found the facts he adduces regarding the relative fertility of this petha and Khed Taluka of much use in discussing the proposed new rates.

The figures he gives in paragraph 12 regarding the production of mangoes are very striking. The total assessment on the occupied warkas land in the Taluka is only Rs. 12,047 , whereas the exports by steamer of mangoes alone are of the annual value of R3. 75,000.

The money-value of the exported produce of the land-mangoes, suparis, myrabolams, silk cotton, and some rice would buy up the annual half a lakh of rupees worth of imported rice-twice over. This fact modifies one's idea of the extent to which the petha is an importing area.

Rice Land.
4. Though the increase in the prices and the sale and lease statistics overwhelmingly justify the permissible increase of 33 per cent., Mr. Gordon, for reasons with which I do not agree, proposes much lower increases. His reasons are stated in paragraph 32 of the report.
5. In criticism of them I may say that, since this is an area which cannot produce enough to support its population throughout the year, it would not be surprising if a proportion of its people have found that with the development of industry in Bombay and of overseas communications, they can do better for themselves elsewhere. But in fact it seems more likely that the deoline in population is due to the infuenza epidemic. In this connection I should have liked to see figures of occupied and cropped areas for the time of first revision settlement and now; but they are not given in the report. On referring to the First Revision Report, however, I find that the cocupied area was then 77,447 acres and is now 78,209 , there being an increase under all three heads, rice, warkas and garden, so that there is no indication of land going out of ocoupation-not even warkas land-but the contrary. As for agricultural stock, the figures-especially the old ones-are known to be unreliable ; and it is in no way established, or even suggested, that the amount of agricultural stook is inadequate. A fall in agricultural stock, owing to the weeding out of useless animuls, is now not an uncommon phenomenon.
6. Mr. Gordon next states that "at the last revision it was generally agreed that during the course of the Original Settlement the petha had been overassessed, and it was found necessary to make reduotions.........In these circumstances it would seem that Government owe a certain debt to the petha." I cannot agree, however, that an adequate assessment ought not to be imposed now because the petha was over-assessed during a settlement which expired more than 30 years ago, which over-as essment was also remedied thirty years ago. Whether the petha was in fact over-assessed or not during the Original Settlement is a matter I have not gone into.
7. Mr. Gordon next states that he does not see how it is possible to go beyond the standard of Khed Taluka without comparatively over-assessing Mandangad. He also states that the maximum rate he proposes for Mandangud will be 5 annas above that recently sanctioned for Panvel Taluka, "which is out of comparison superior to Mandangad." I a u decidedly of opinion that the question whether Mandangad will be "over-assessed " relatively to other talukas does not enter into the matter at all. That a full and fair assessment could not be imposed elvewhere owing to the artifici 11 restrictions placed on
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increase of assessment is no xeason at all why revenue should be sacrificed by not imposing proper assessments here. Anomalies may result, but the real anomaly will be that other places are under-assessed, not that Mandangad is over-assessed. Moreover, such anomalies are inevitable under the 33 per cent: rule unless revenue is sacrificed in a preposterous fashion, and they have resulted in a hundred places already.

Further, I do not see how it can be contended that Mandangad is worse off than Khed. Admittedly Mandangad has a decidedly better climate for the production of crops. In paragraph 8 Mr . Gordon refers to "the undoubtedly greater produce per acre of rice in Mandangad than in Khed, ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ the average being no less than 17 maunds as against $12 \frac{1}{2}$ mannds in Khed. Even in respect of "arkas land Mr. Gordon finds that the produce is greater than in Khed. "The abhavnis of 27 khoti villages in an area of 1872 acres give an average of $8 \frac{1}{2}$ maunds per acre for nachni against 5 in 25 villages of Khed. In the Original Settlement Report reference is made to the specially good warkas areas near Mandangad." In fact these areas are there described as the best in the district.

Such facts do anything but indicate that the rates ought to be lower in Mandangad than in Khed. But my main point is that this matter of relative pitch of assessment is irrelevant. The maximum permissible increase has been proposed for Khed, and if it will be relatively under-assessed compared with Mandangad that cannot be helped. What has now to be done is to fix the proper rates for-Mandangad.

The only point in Mr. Gordon's argument that I have not referred to is his view that "Khed and its surrounding villages, with their road system, are. considerably better off than Mandangad which has no roads at all in the central tract." I doubt this, for this petha, being on the sea coast and served by two creeks is well situated both for export and import. It is for this reason, I surmise, that the price of rice rules lower in Mandangad than in Khed. Also, supposing Mandangad is more remote than Khed, it has to be remembered that in tracts into which food-grains must be imported, the more remote the area is, the higher will prices rule owing to cost of transport, and therefore the higher ought to be the assessments on crop-producing lands.
8. I shall now examine the price and sale and lease statistics with a view to determining proper rates for this petha.

The prices for paddy and cleaned rice since 1920, are as follows :-
Serf and Chataks per rupee.

| 1920 |  |  |  | Paddy. <br> S. Ch | Cleamed Rice <br> S. Ch. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ... | ... | ... | ... 96 | 411 |
| 1921 | ... | ... | ... | ... 112 | 513 |
| 1922 | ... | ... | ... | ... 1212 | 511 |
| 1923 | ... | ... | ... | ... 12 | 59 |
| 1924 | ... | ... | ... | ... 116 | 59 |
| 1925 | ... | ... | ... | ... 1114 | 512 |
| (10 m |  |  |  |  |  |

These figures do not indicate a movement towards a fall in price since 1921. Taking the average for the period 1921-1925, I find percentage increases as compared with the period 1892 to 1895, as follows :-

| Paddy. | Oleas Rice. |
| :--- | :---: |
| 88.8 | 75.4 |

These figures, considered in conjunction with the fact that even the period 1911 to 1915 . (since when there has undoubtedly been a great fall in the purchasing power of money) shows increases of $37 \cdot 13$ and 34.3 per cent. as compared with 1892 to 1895 put it beyond doubt that, so far as prices are concerned, the maximum permissible increase of 33.3 per cent. is indicated.

As for the sale and lease statistics the figures are amazing. The highest sale multiple is 388 times the assessment, the lowest 156 times, the average 218 times; but the statistics are meagre. For leases the statistics are more plentiful, though like those for sales, they are confined to groups I and V. The highest multiple is $11 \cdot 15$, the lowest $4 \cdot 79$, and the average 6.6 . The average for group I is 6.29 and for group V 9.53 .

I submit that an increase of $33 \cdot 3$ per cent. all round is quite clearly justified, and I recommend that it be imposed, no change being made in the existing grouping. Even the commutation rates, $I$ should add, given in appendix H (Part II), which postulate an increase of 40 per cent. only in the price of paddy, amply support this proposal.
9. The limitation introduced by the commutation rates does not prevent this increase being imposed. As may be seen from paragraph 27 (ii) of the report, the increase in price of paddy even for the period 1911 to 1915 as compared with the period 1892 to 1903 is 29.08 per cent.

## Warkas land.

10. Mr. Gordon proposes an all-round increase of 20 per cent. The prices of ragi (nagli) and vari since 1918 are as follows :-

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Ragi | Vari. |  |
|  |  |  |  | S. Ch. | S. |  |
| 1918 | ... | ... | ... | 87 | 10 |  |
| 1919 | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | ... 66 | 7 | 14 |
| 1920 | ... | ... | ... | ... 78 | 9 | 3 |
| 1921 | ... | ... | ... | ... 815 | 10 | 3 |
| 1922 | ... | ... | ... | ... 118 |  | 1 |
| 1923 | ... | ... | ... | ... 131 |  | 4 |
| 1924 | ... | . | $\cdots$ | ... 1215 | 15 |  |
| 1925 | ... | $\cdots$ | .'* | ... 131 |  | 6 |
| (10 months) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

During the last 3 or 4 years these prices appear to have reached equilibrium after the disturbing effects of the fluctuations of the rupee in the earlier years, and they do not exhibit any movement towards a fall now.

As compared with the period 1892 to 1895 , the prices of 1910 to 1914 exhibit the following percentage increases:-

$$
\begin{array}{cc}
\text { Nagli. } & \text { Vari. } \\
24.7 & 28.3
\end{array}
$$

As compared with the same early period, the prices of the years 1922 to 1925 exbibit the following percentage increases.

| Nagli. | Vari. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 42.2 | 46.5 |

I suggest that, considering the undoubted rise in prices (or fall in purchasing power of the rupee) since 1914, these figures support an increase of 33 per cent in the rates. This view is strengthened by the fact that since 1910 to 1914 there has been an ivorease, for the period 1922 to 1925 , of only 14.0 and 14.2 per cent. respectively in the price of nagli and vari. This is much less than the all-round rise in prices since 1914, and it is to be expected that there will be a gradual increase in prices of nagli and vari. The prices of locally consumed products only follow gradually a general increase in prices, and level up only in the long run.
11. As regards sales, the lowest multiple is 144 , the highest 774; and the average 201. There are no figures for leases, except those in appendix H (Part II) drawn from the commatation rates of Khoti villages. There the lowest index is R. $1 \cdot 20$; and it occurs in all the groups. But it followe
mechanically from taking one-third of the crop as equivalent to twice the assessment, combined with Mr. Gordon's estimate of an increase of 20 per cent. in price. Moreover, this appendix cannot be accepted as showing the full rental value of the land.
12. In these circumstances $I$ am of opinion that ordinarily an increase of 33 per cent. is justified. But now comes in the limitation introduced by the commutation rates.

As compared with the period 1892 to 1903, the percentage increases for 1910 to 1914 are

| Nagli. | Vari. |
| ---: | ---: |
| 13.5 | $15 \cdot 4$ |
| and for the period 1922 to 1925 are |  |
| Nagli. | Vari. |
| 29.4 | 31.8 |

So the question for decision is what percentage increase in rates between 14 and 30 per cent should be taken. I propose that the increase be 25 per cent. This means that in my opinion the prices of nagli and vari will during the next 30 years in all probability run not less than $9 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. above those for 1910 to 1914. This appears to be a modest assumption.

And should the worst come to the worst, that is to say, should the price actually recede below this standard for a period, it is always possible to apply a prompt remedy, for the prices are quite definitely known from month to month.

## Rabi.

13. It follows from my proposal for warkas that the rabi assessments would also be increased by 25 per cent.

## Warkas and Rabi Rates.

14. So far, in order to facilitate discussion, I have acquiesced in Mr. Gordon's view that the increase in arsessment must be limited by the increase in price of produce since the period 1892 to 1903. But, for the reasons given in my review of the Khed report, I am of opinion that the assessments ought to be increased throughout by 33.3 per cent, a remission reducing the increase to 25 per cent., being allowed. for so long as may be necessary, only on the land for which, under the Khoti Act, as amended in 1904, rent was fixed in the form of an immutable multiple of the assessment.

## Bagayat.

15. Mr. Gordon finds that there has been no increase in price of garden produce, and hence presumes that he is debarred by the Government Orders regarding commutation from proposing a ny increase in the rates.

More especially as there is a world demand for cocoanuts and supari, it is prima facie incredible that there has been no increase ia price concomitant with the great fall in the purchasing power of the rupee an 1 of currencies generally since the war. I shall accordingly have to investigate this point further, especially as price figures for 2 more years are available since the report was written.

The sale and lease statistios in appendices G-2 and H-2 are meagre, but so far as they go they justify the permissible increase of 33 per cent. in assessment, and afford no indication to the contrary. The low multiple for leases for Bagmandle, viz., 2.85 is explained by the deterioration of the garden. No doubt the commutation multiples shown in Part II of appendix H. are lower, but it follows mechanically, from Mr . Gordin's conclusion that there has been no increase in prices, that the multiples fixed at the time of commutation remain unchanged. Moreover, the rents shown in this appendix cannot be accepted as a measure of the full rental value of the land.
16. As regards prices, those for the pre-war period 1910 to 1914 compare as follows with those for the period 1892 to 1895.

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Superi.
20.3 per cent. increase. $\quad 19 \cdot 4$ per cent. decrease.

It might therefore be said-on the assumption that the areas under the two crops are equal-that there has on the whole been no increase.

But I see no reason at all why in the year 1935 or 1926 we should base the discussion of revision of assessment on the prices of a period now 12 to 16 years in the past, and that too a period since which there has been an altogether exceptional fall, due to altogether exceptional causes, in the purchasing power of the rupee, as well as in that of most, if not all, other currencies. The cost-of-leaving index figure for the working classes in Bombsy City is 57 per cent. higher than in 1914. There is no reason for thinking that the effect of the manipulation of the English and Indian currencies forced on Government by the oonditions created by the war, will pass away quickly. On the contrary the process is likely to be a slow one, assuming that it takes place at all, now that all the countries concerned have adapted themselves to inoreased prices. It is, therefore, necessary in my opinion to consider the prices from, say, 1920 onwards. They axe :-


These prices are obviously not falling, but rising. Taking the period 1922 to 1925 , I find the following increases as compared with the pre-war period 1910 to 1914.

$$
\begin{array}{cc}
\text { Cocognuts. } & \text { Supari. } \\
48.0 \text { per cent. } & 104.6 \text { per cent. }
\end{array}
$$

Big increases are certainly to be expected; and here we have them. I do not think these increases in prices since pre-war days can reasonably be ignored.
17. For the purpose of the present settlement the prices for the period 1922 to 1925 have to be compared with those for the period 1892 to 1895 , and the following percentage increases reveal themselves.

| Cooosnuts. | Bupari. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 78.0 | $64 * 8$ |

I think that these figures amply confirm the reasonableness of an increase of 33 per cent. in the rates.
18. But now the limitation introduced by the commutation rater comes into play.

As compared with the period - 1892 to 1903, the prices for 1910 to 1914 show the following percentage changes :-

| Cacoannk. | Snpari. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 10.1 | 18.0 |
| Increase | Decrease |

Here there appears no ground for an increase in rates.
But compared with the period 1892 to 1903 the prices for the period 1922 to 1925 give the following percentage results :-

| Oooominta. | Supari. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 65.9 | 67.7 |
| Increase | Increase |

oa $:-19$

In this connection prioes, and prices alone, are to be considered, and in my opinion these figures show that even under the limitation introduced by the commutation rates, the increase of $33 \cdot 3$ per cent., is a safe one.
19. Moreover, suppose that at any future time prices should fall heavily, so that these increases were reduced to less than 33 per cent., the event creates no difficulty, nor even uncertainty. For the prices are definitely known, and if ever the increase sinks for, say, a three year period below 33 per cent. it is perfectly simple for Government to lower the rates on the land concerned, without delay. Meanwhile, as the rates will presumably be guaranteed against enhancement for 30 years, I do not think there is any adequate reason why Government should sacrifice revenue for all that period simply on the off-chance of the increase in prices as compared with the period 1892 to 1903 falling below 33 per cent. In fact I think that shorter periods of settlement with smaller maximum permissible increases would be better than the present practice. In the present case, for instance, the position would then be reviewed as a matter of course after, say, 10 years.
20. For these reasons I recommend that the bagayat rates be increased throughout by $33 \cdot 3$ per cent.
21. As between Mr. Gordon's proposals for warkas, rabi and bagayat, and mine, the amount of revenue at stake is small. Nevertheless, I do not think that any revenue should be sacrificed needlessly. Moreover, it will probably be found advisable to adopt a uniform practice for all the talukas in this district for which orders regarding second revision settlement have yet to issue.

A. W. W. MACKIE, Acting Settlement Commissioner and<br>Director of Land Records.

# (Below Settlement Commissioner's No. S.T.-474 dated 24th December 1925 and accompaniments.) 

No. S. R. V.-37.

Office of the Commissioner, S. D.:<br>Belgaum, 29th March 1926.

## Submitted to Government in the Revenue Department.

2. The current (1st revision) settlement of the Petha expired in 1924-25. In that settlement the groups were reduced from 6 to 5 and Goverament holding that the rates levied during the original settlement were unduly high and more than the circumstances justified, reduced them as under :-

| - Original groups. |  |  | Rates sanotioned in original settlement (1866). |  | Revised groups. | Rates sanctioned in list mevision (1894-96). <br> Rs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Rs. |  |  |
| I | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 10 | I | 8 |
| II | . | ...* | ... | 8 | II | 7 |
| III | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | 7 | III | 6 |
| IV | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 6 | IV | 5 |
| V | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $\left.\begin{array}{l}5 \\ 4\end{array}\right\}$ | V | 4 |

(Vide paragraphs 4 and 10 of Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 3619 dated 4th May 1896.)
3. In Government Resolution No. 8906 dated 30th October 1923 Mr. R. G. Gordon, I.C.S., was appointed Settlement Officer for a period of 5 months to submit proposals for the revision settlement of this Petha and fcr Khed taluks.
4. There are 97 villages in the Petha of which one is inam (surveyed and settled). Mr. Gordon has submitted proposals for all the 97 villages (the same as those referred to in the first revision settlement report) the tenures of which are as under:-

| Government villages | ... | -.. | ... |  | 16 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inam | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Khoti | ... | ... | ... | ... | 80 |
|  |  |  | Total | ... | 97 |

Note.-Half of the village Konmandle belongs to Janjira State and the other half to Government.

His proposals are on the lines of those for Khed taluka.

## Agricultural condition.

5. The agricultural condition of the Petha is satisfactory. Appendix M shows that there is no unoccupied assessed cultivable area. There is a keen demand for land.

Appendix B (Details of cultivation of crops) contains information for only the 16 Government villages. It shows that the net cropped area is 5,333 acres and fallow 8,336 aores, the proportion being 39 per cent. and 61 per cent. respectively. The unoccupied waste is only 598 acres as agsinst 856 at the time of first revision. This unocoupied waste is unsuitable for cultivation. A large proportion of fallow is due to the warkas area permanently kept waste
and the Mahalkari attributes this to lack of population. I do not consider this need follow. In Ratnagivi, warkas lands have to be kept waste-
(1) for grazing as there are no grazing grounds
(2) for providing grass and shrubs for rab whithout which rice oultivation is impossible.

The statistios given by Mr. Gordon in paragraph 12 of his report on the cultivation of mangoes on warkas lands are striking. They show that warkas lands in this Petha are proved to be suitable for mango plantation, that on an average one acre of such land contains 21 trees and that a good tree in full bearing fetches up to Rs. 200. A mango tree yields abundantly only once in three years. Even so, where mango trees can be grown and can produce fruits fit for export (Rs. 75,000) the profits are high.

## Live and dead' stock.

6. Statistics for the 97 Government and khoti villages as given in Appendix $D$ compared with the figures in Appendix $F$ to the first revision report show that the agricultural stock, except carts, has decreased considerably-

Plough cattle from 10,641 to 8,954 ;
Milch cattle from 8,003 to 7,193;
Ploughs from 4,665 to 4,426.
Carts have increased from 8 to 76. In the report of 1895 this small number is attributed to the hilly country and lack of roads. Pack bullocks were in use then.

## The Settlement Officer remarks :-

"Though it would perhaps be as well not to rely too much on the absolute acouracy of these figures, yet the reduction in numbers of cattle is so regular under the different heads that it is difficult to believe that they are not substantially correct.- The only explanation which I have been given locally is that the decrease is due to poor feeding with consequent deaths from starvation and cattle disease. But these are not new phenomena in Ratnagiri and hardly account'for the facts. I am inclined to think that the real reason is'the decrease of population which may not be due entirely to epidemics and there may have been a real permanent decrease due to emigration,"
On this the Settlement Commissioner remarks:-
"As for agricultural stock, the figures-especially the old ones-are known to be unreliable; and it is in no way established, or even suggested, that the amount of agricultural stock, owing to the weeding out of useless animals, is now not an uncommon phenomenon."
I oonsider these figures are unreliable. Emigration of oultivators who in the past worked on warkas lands in a sea board petha to the extreme north of Ratnagiri and near to Bombay is naturally more active than elsewhere and it is possible that every year more emigrants fail to return and take up their abode in Bombay. Where grazing is scarce and where there is a large Mahomedan population who in this Petha are better off than elsewhere, it is only natural that the useless cattle should be gradually reduced.

## Prices.

7. Rice and Nagli are the chief crops. Just before the 1st revision, i.e., during the 5 years ending 1893-94, the average quantity of rice and nagli sold per rupee was 12 seers 3 chataks and 20 seers 2 chataks respectively. The average for the 10 years ending 1917 (pre-war prices) was-

| Rice | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 7 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| Naghi | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | 13 |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

This gives an increase on the price of rice of 65 per cent. and of nagli of 50 per cent. Omitting the abnormally high prices of 1918-20, the average quantity of rice and nagli sold per rupee during the first 3 years of the Settlement and the last 3 years ending 1923 work out as follows:-

|  |  |  |  | First 3 years of <br> Settlemant. | Last.3 years of <br> Settiement. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice |  |  |  |  | S. ch. | S. ch.

The price of cocoanuts in 1890 was Rs. $3-15-11$ per hundred, in 1900 it rose to Rs. 6-4-0, in 1910 to Rs. 6-7-4 and in 19:0 to Rs. 11-a very considerable rise. The price of betelnut, however, has fluctuated considerably and has been lower than the price obtained at the time of the revision settlement. It is not grown to any large extent.

Wages.
8. Labour is entirely agricultural and the minimum wages are about 6 annas a day.

## Rainfall.

9. The average rainfall divided into three periods of 10 and one of $8^{\circ}$ years is as below:-

| $1886-93$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | .. | $164 \cdot 98$ inches. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1894-03$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 160.86 | $"$ |
| $1904-13$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $136 \cdot 50$ | $"$ |
| $1914-23$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $148 \cdot 20$ | $"$ |

The fall was much below the average in 1918 (94.37 inches) and in 1920 (102.17). It is always sufficient for the crops.

## Population.

10. The subjoined teble gives the figures for the last 4 censuses:-

| 1891 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 46,789 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1401 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 44,985 |
| 1911 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 45,420 |
| 1921 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 41,759 |

The deorsase in the census of 1901 is due to plague and that in the census of 1021 is due to deaths from influenza in 1918 when it was estimated over the Presidency that 10 to 12 per cent. of the population perished. The present day figures would probably show a recovery. The Settlement Officer remarks:-
"At the same time it is possible that there may be really permanent decrease due to emigration and it is to this that I am inclined to attribute the reduction in the number of cottle. I have been shown areas of warkas which the Khots say are lying permanently waste because of the lack of cultivators and this may be so; but the desertion of the warkas is not unnatural when the expense of cultivation is compared with the poor results and it is no wonder if men prefer to go to Bombay for labour from the central villages of Mandangad where the amount of rice land is small."

## Value of land.

11. Appendices G-1 to G-3 contain statistios of sales in 10 out of 16 - Government villages. It is not clear from the Settlement Officer's report to what years these statistios relate and considering the importance of these figures this omission should not have occurred. They are useless therefore for comparison.

## Rents.

12. The Settlement Offieer has collected statistics for only 10 out of 16 Government villages in respeat of Kharif and mixed (Kharif and warkas) lands and for 4 villages in respect of ba; ?ayat lands (vide appendices $\mathrm{H}-1$ and $\mathrm{H}-2$ ). He has not oolleoted figures for warkas only on the ground that such lands are soldom permaneatly rented, that after a crop or two they are kept fallow and that the renta thereon during their periodioal oultivation depend upon the
rainfall of the particular year. For khoti villages he has given figures of commuted assessment in respect of rice, warkas and garden lands (vide Appendix H -Part II). (The average rents per acre in multiples of assessment in Government villages and the average commuted rents in multiples of assessment in khoti villages are given below:-


The commuted rents in respect of khoti villages are based upon the prices current during the years 1892-1903. As they give exceptionally low figures the Settlement Officer, with a view to present the rents proportionately to the subsequent increase in prices, has considered it necessary to raise them 40 per cent. in the case of rice and 20 per cent. in the case of warkas. These increased rates work out as under:-

| Groups. |  |  |  | Rice. | Warkss (Nagi). |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.79 | 3.56 |
| II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.79 | 3.53 |
| III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.51 | 3.42 |
| IV | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.72 | 3.57 |
| V | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.66 | $3.27)$ |

I have discussed this question in the Khed report. For bagayat the Settlement Officer has made no increase and says:-
"While the price of cocoanut has steadily increased that of supari has been on the downward grade during the whole period of settlement except in the last few years and it would be hardly fair to take this spasmodic increase into account. I therefore have set off the increase in coooanuts against, the fluctuating figures for suparis and allowed for no increase in prices."

## Grouping and rates.

13. No change is proposed in the existing 5 groups and the Collector and Settlement Commissioner agree.
FThe general considerations on the basis of which Mr. Gordon has formulated his proposals are explained in paragraph 32 of bis report. He remarks:-]
"The question of the proper standard of assessment for Mandangad is by no means an easy one. Prices have increased by 50 per cent. or adopting the figure for commutation rents taken in paragraph 29 (iii) 40 per cent. The rents are high when reduced to cash and the value of land is also high in the few villages for which details are available and the commutation settlement has much benefited the tenants. On the other hand the Petha is pronounced, by those who possess a local knowledge of the whole district which I cannot claim, to be the poorest and most isolated of all the sub-divisions and there seems to be a decrease in population accompanied by that of the agricultural stock.] But further at the last revision it was generally agreed tbat during the course of the original settlement the Petha had been overassessed, and was found pecessary to make reductions, which it was admitted, should have been long before. In these circumstances it would seen that Government owe a certain debt to the Petha and that moderation must be observed in settling the new rates."
The Settlement Commissioner, on the other hand, disagrees with Mr. Gordon's reasoning and holds that the inorease in prices and the sale and
lease statistics overwhelmingly justify the permissible increase of 33 per cent. He proposes an all round increase of 33.3 per cent. for rice, 25 per cent. for warkas and rabi, and $33 \cdot 3$ per cent. for bagayat as against the increase of
18.75 per cent. for rice groups I to IV.

83 per cent. for rice group $V$.
20 per cent. for warkss and rabi in all groups.
no increae for garden lands proposed by Mr. Gordon.
The areas of several classes of lands subjected to these proposals are as under:-

|  |  |  |  |  | Aores. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Rice | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 7,840 |
| Warkas | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 70,078 |
| Rabi | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 29 |
| Garden | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 264 |

It is to be noted that the area under rabi and bagayat is small."
In pussing orders on the 1st revision settlement, Government observed that the only favourable feature at the time was the high price of land which was attributed to the intense love of the people for the land and to their practice of investing their earnings in its purchase, rather than to the profitable character of the cultivation, and even reduced the rates fixed in the original settlement on the ground that they were held by all the officers to be undaly high. I do not think that circumstances have changed during the current settlement to any appreciable extent and I doubt whether a maximum increase of $33 \cdot 3$ per cent. is advisable. Good land is practically unsaleable. Mr. Gordon's proposals are summarised in the following paragraph whioh are accepted by the Collector (late Mr. Fox). I consider these are moderate and recommend them for acceptance.

The existing rates and the rates proposed by Mr. Gordon and accepted by the Collector are compared below :-


The effect of these proposals will be approximately as follows :-


[^6]14. The Collector has submitted a statement of objections to the proposals received from landholders, with Mr. Gordon's comments, in which he concurs. As remarked by the Collector none of the objections raise any special points calling for consideration. The Settlement Commissioner apparently agrees with the Settlement Officer and the Collector as he has made no separate comment.
15. In January last I enquired into the conditions of the Khots und tenants of this Petha and examined the rayats of three villages. I.found the condition of the Upri tenants (tenants-at-will) was very poor. In return for grazing the khot exacts labour: in Borghar village he pays for this at a rate of one meal and $\frac{1}{2}$ seer of grain. In Gharadi, only one meal is supplied for half a day's work and when I asked the tenants why they accepted such terms and did not go to Bombay they replied they had no money nor could they take up cultivation elsewhere on better terms as there was no room for them. These Upri tenants have cultivated the lands for 50 years and are reluctant to leave their lands. The only hope for them is emigration; but emigration requires a certain amount of energy and resource in which these Kulwadis are singularly lacking. I found the conditions of permanent tenante was satisfactoy.

The rice produced in Ratnagiri is poor and very little is exported. The chief want in Ratoagiri is Government grazing grounds. All the grazing belongs to the khots who can exact high rents and labour in return for the free grant of grazing and fuel. ]

I consider the revised rates constitute no burden.

## L. J. MOUNTFORD, <br> Commissioner, S. D.

## Devision Settlement.

Mandangad Petha, district Ratnagiri.
GOVERNMENT. or BOMBAY.

## Revenue Departigent.

Resolution No. 6219/24.

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\text { Bombay Castle, 5th July } 1926 .
$$


#### Abstract

Memorandum from the Commissioner, Southern Division, No. S. R. V.-37, dated 29th March 1926-Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified below*, containing proposala for the revision settlement of the Mandangad Petha of the Dapoli Taluka of the Ratnagiri District, together with certain petitions of objections relating thereto.


${ }^{-}$Letter from Mr. R. G. Gordon, I.C.S., Settlement Officer, Mandangad, No. S.T.S.F.-62, dated 4th July 1924.
Letter from the Collector of Ratnagiri No. S.R.V.-9, dated 2nd May 1925.
Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. 8.T.-474, dated 24th December 1925.

Resolution.-These papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of 96 Government and khoti villages and one inam village of the Mandangad Petha of the Dapoli Taluka of the Ratnagiri District.
2. The proposals made by the settlement officer involve an increase of $21 \cdot 22$ per cent. in the existing rates of Government and khoti villages. The Collector and Commissioner have accepted his proposals, while the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records recommends the maximum increase of $33 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. in the case of rice and bagayat lands and an increase of 25 per cent. in the case of varkas and rabi lands. Although the economic conditions generally of this petha, the rise in price and the figures of commuted rents all justify a maximum increase in the rice rate, Government approve of the smaller increase suggested by the settlement officer in view of the conditions mentioned in paragraph 32 of his report. The rates for rice, rabi, varkas and garden lands, proposed by the settlement officer, are sanctioned.
3. The grouping proposed by the settlement officer is approved.
4. His proposals for the inam village of Latvan are sanotioned.
5. The appended statement $\dagger$ shows the rates sanctioned by Government. The usual Bhiwndi cencessions should be applied. The revised rates should be introduced during the current resenue year 1925-26, levied from the revenue year 1926-27 and guaranteed for a periód of thirty years.
6. The petitions of objections disclose no grounds which would lead Government to modifv the orders now passed.

By order of the Governor in Council,

> A. S. V. ACOTT,
> Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

| The Commissioner, Southern Division, | The Accountant General, |
| :--- | :--- |
| The Collector of Ratnagiri, |  |
| The Cómmisaioner of Settlements, | The Finance Departwent, |
| The Government of India (by letter). |  |

$\dagger$ Printed as an accompaniment to this Resolution.
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Accompaniment to Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No, 6219/24, dated the 5th July 1926.

Statement referred to in paragraph 5 of the Resolution


REVISED APPENDIX L

Effect of Revision Settlement Proposi


## APPENDIX L

on Government Occupied Land, Mandangad Petha



APPENDIX L—continued


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IPPENDIX L-concluded

d. S. YARDI,

Superintendent, Land Records, S. D.

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 of Khed Taluka of Ratnagiri District.

No. S.T.S. R-61.

From

R. G. GORDON, Ese., I.C.S., Sêttlement Officer, Khed;

## To

## TaE COLLECTOR of RATNAGIRI.

Sir,
I have the honour to submit my proposals for the Second Revision Settlement of the Khed taluka of your district. I beg at the same time to submit separately a supplementary report regarding the important question of the orders contained in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No.5711, dated 12th September 1900.

I also beg to attach a separate note regarding the question of prices in connection with Settlements in this district.
2. Number of villages. -The taluka contains the game number of villages as those noted in the previous report, viz., 147, arranged as follows:-

| Government Rayatwari | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Part Rayatwari, part Khoti | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 2 |
| Khoti | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 97 |
| Surveyed Inam | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 2 |
| Unsurvejed Inam | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Total |
|  | $\ldots$ | 147 |  |  |  |

In Appendix L the Government villages have " $G$ " against their names. There has been an apparent increase of 31 Government villages over the number in paragraph 2 of the First Revision Report, which refers to 13 Rayatwari villages: But the details given therein are incorrect, for the villages of Bharne, Kalambani Budruk, Shiotar and Kadaoli which are shown therein as Government were then and still remsin Khoti so that the actual increase has been from 9 to 44 or 35 in all. The additional villages have become Khalsa through failing to pass Kabulayats, mostly, so far as I can ascortain, owing to quarrels among the share-holders or because the Khot-ship was not profitable to the holders owing to the small amount of Khoti land. I may add, however, that during the course of my tour I had several enquiries as to whetber Government would be pleased to restore the Khot-ship that had lapsed, the object being to get a hold over the tenants who are considered to be becoming too independent. Of course I refused to listen to any such representations.
3. Previous Settlement.-The last Revision Settlement Report was made in April 1885, but orders were not passed thereon till three years later by Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 5820, dated 9th September 1898, in which the original rating and grouping were confirmed. Subsequent orders were however passed by Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 5711, dated 12th September 1900, which has been taken as the basis of this report subject to the supplementary report attached.

The word "Selection" when used in this report signifies Seleotion No. CCCLXXX containing the First Revision Report of the taluka.

## Part I.-Genbank Economio Fratures.

4. Boundaries and area.-The taluka occupies the north-west comer of the district, being bounded on the north by the Mandangad Patha and by

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the Mahad taluka of the Kolaba district; on the south by the Chiplun taluka; on the east by the Sahyadri Ghats, beyond which is the Javli taluka of the Satara district; and on the west by the Dapoli taluka. From its northernmost village, Kashedi, it is only 35 miles distant from Mahableshwar via the Fitzgerald Ghat. Its average breadth is about 24 miles and its length along the provincial road from Chiplun is about 36 miles, while its total area is about 392 square miles or 251,065 acres, divided as follows:-

| Cultivable | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 185,294 | acres. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| Uncultivable | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 62,227 | " |
| Inam villages | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4,544 | $"$ |

Of the total area nearly 30 per cent. therefore is uncultivable.
The Khed taluka is, I believe, the most rugged and hilly of all the talukas in the district. The northern half, roughly comprised within the area north of the line of road shown in the map attached, is divided up by lines of hills running north and south between which are vallies traversed by streams. Up these valleys too run the Looal Board tracks also marked in the map. The hills here are very lofty, going up to 3,000 feet near Ghera Sumargad and communication between one valley and another is therefore difficult. In the extreme north-east in the direction of the Sahyadris the country becomes a wild tangle of hills in which roads are impossible. The streams mentioned all take their eventual course westwards and meet at Khed to fall finally into the Jagbudi creek which joins the Chiplun oreek at Bahiraoli. The hills which fringe the creek run steeply down, leaving, however, in the case of most villages a strip of land between the hill foot and the bank which grows some of the best rice in the taluka and also yields double crops. From Khed eastwards there spreads out a failly wide extent of more or less flat country, narrowing again in the direction of the Sahyadris and bordered on the south by the high table land along which passes the Provincial road to Chiplun. This table land consists largely of flattish Varkas lands of laterite with low hills, running down on the west to meet the creek and on the east to lose themselves in a similar tangle of lofty hills near the Sahyadris as in the north-east.
5. Climate and rainfall.-The climate is pleasant in the cold weather, but hotter than the average in the hot weather owing to the distance from the sea. The average rain-fall, divided into three periods of 10 and one of eight years according to the figures given in Appendix A, is as follows:-

| $1886-1893$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 148 | inches. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1894-1903$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 142 | $"$ |
| $1904-1913$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 119 | $"$ |
| $1914-1923$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 130 | $"$ |

These figures seem to show the familiar decline in the annual rainfall which marks those given in other Settlements. There is no reason, however, to consider the decrease as other than a fluctuation, to be evened up over long period. During the last ten years there have been two years (1918 and 1920) when the fall was much below the ayerage, but even so, it was not found necessary to give remissions or suspensions of revenue.
6. Communications.-Communications are by water and road. The firstis repres nted mainly by the Jagbudi creek, which takes off from the Chiplun creek 7 miles below Khed at the village of Bahiraoli and thence follows a winding course to Khed. Boats of ten tons burden can reach Khed at high tide. The Chiplun oreek passes the villages of Songaon and Dhamandivi, which are just opposite Chiplun town itself, but, the creek is not navigable above Chiplun. There is communication between Chiplun and Harnai by two steam launches which meet the steamers of the two companies whieh serve the western coast, but they are useful only for passengers and not for trade. As fur roads, the western half of the taluka is quite fairly well served. The provincial road from Chiplun passes through the centre of this tract to Khed where it goes a mile east to turin north again to Mahad and Mahabaleshwar, and west via

Phurus to Dapoli. It is not however so useful as might appear simply from the map, for between Chiplun and Khed it passes over the crown of the table-land and does not in any way serve the villages of Veral, Hedli and those to the south of them from which it is divided by deep valleys, while on the west the hills slope away to the creek. Its Mahad seotion again is useful directly only to the villages situated in the particular valley down which it runs. The other roads are maintained by the Local Board. The most important takes off from the Dapoli road five miles from Khed and goes to Mandangad via Dhamni. That of next importance leaves the Mahad road a mile from Khed at Bharne and proceeds due east in the direction of the Ghats to Ambivli. Next is the road which leaves the Mahad road just outside Khed and goes north for five miles to Ambaye vio Chakale and Murde. The first of these three was provincial, but has recently been handed over to the charge of the Local Board with the result that it is steadily growing worse, though still notorable. The second road I have travelled in a bullock cart and in sections it is very bad indeed and promises to become worse. I have motored for about 1! miles along the third after which it becomes difficult. The other roads are merely fair-weather tracks.
(i) It will be seen therefore that the eastern half of the taluka is practically roadless, while the western section is considerably better served, having both fair roads and water communication. A comparis n with the details given in paragraph iof the previous report shows that the condition of the communications is much the same as 50 years ago, except that the local Board road via Dharni has been exiended to Mandangad. But this improvement has little importance for Khed as there are no markets on that side, the interests of the taluka lying in the direction of Dapoli, Chiplun and Mahad.
(ii) Seeing however that the assessments were left unchanged at. the last settlement it is quite legitimate to institute a comparison with the condition of things existing at the time of the Original Settlement, and from this point of view there can be small doubt that communications have been revolutionised since that time. As is clear from the statement of the Assistant Collector, Mr. Nairne, given in paragraph 2 of his letter quoted on page 44 of the Selection, the road between Chiplun and Khed had only just been opened and that between Khed and Poladpur, i.e., the Mahad road, was not completed. There was again no road between Khed and Mandangad. Nor presumably was there the present condition of steamer communication with Bombay. Khed in fact had been up till that time almcst entirely cut off from communication with the outside world and therefore in a position of comp!ete isolation. The difference between these conditions and those of the present day hardly needs emphasis.
(iii). The very large increase in the number of carts as shown in $A$ ppendix $D$ is eloquent of the improvement in communications by road. In one small village, Khavti, situated in the last group to the extreme north of the talnka on the Mahad road there are no less than 46 carts which ply between Mahad and Khed.
7. Crops and cultivation.--The crops of the taluka may best be oonsidered under the three heads of (a) Rice land, (b) Second crop areas, (c) Warkas lands, (d) Rabi lands, (e) Garden lands.
-(a) Rice lands.-Rice lands in Khed may be divided into two broad classes which may be called "Natural" and "Converted ". The former consist of the so called "Khalatis", i.e,, the flat and lowlying lands at the bottom of the valleys whioh require nothing to make them into rice lunds but low surrounding embankments. Contrasted with these are the "Converted" lands which are those made out of Varkas by being carved out of the hill sides and then faoed with a stone embankment to keep the earih from slipping.] This distinction is well recognised by the people themselves as a natural division. The advantage of the former class lies not merely in the smaller expense of construction and of upkeep, but also in the fact that the fields are invariably able to be made larger and therefore easier to cultivate, that they get the advantage of soakage from the higher ground and are not drained from underneath, and always have greater depth of earth. The result is that they can stand a break in the mins far better than the converied lands on the higher
levels whieh commence to dry at once when there is a shortage of rain. Of course the distinction between the two classes is not absolute because they shade off into each other by sabtle gradations, but still the broad distinction does exist and comes out clearly in, say, the broad plain of the village of Khed as contrasted with the villages at the foot of the Ghats where the fields slope up the hill sides like an enormous staircase. I mention this point particularly because, as it is impossible to make the distinction between these two classes in the classification it has had to be done in the rates.
(i) As regards the classes of rice grown I do not think it necessary to make any particular remarks as they are the ordinary kinds so often described in these reports, but one question of considerable interest is that of the production per acre. At the time of the Original Settlement a good deal of play was made with a demand of the ryots that the assessment should not exceed one-sixth of the gross crop (vide paragraph 12 of Mr. Nairne's letter on page 54 of the Selection) while the report of the Select Committee on Bill IV of 1898 to amend the Khoti Settlement Act states "Statistics show that on the average and making due allowance for fallows, the value of the crop of a field is equivalent to six times the assessment or in other words the assessment represents as a rule a sixth part of the produce" and it was on this basis that sub-rule 2 under rule $V$ of the Khoti Act was framed. It is of course very difficult to obtain accurate information on this subject, but what I have done is to take the Abhavnis or Appraisement Registers kept by the Khots in 21 villages and work out the figures therefrom. While it cannot be claimed that they are absolutely accurate they at least represent the facts upon the bayis of which the Khots recover their rents and are the practical results therefore of long experiencs. The total area dealt with is 334 acres and the crop for this year which is rather under normal owing to the shortage of rain comes to 209 khandis which gives an average of $12 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ maunds per acre. I am aware that this seems very small, but there is undoubtedly in the taluka a considerable area of rice land, situated on the hill slopes with a very small depth of earth and subject to drought, which does produce inadequate crops and as the Gazetteer remarks "on the whole, as regards soil, this sub-division is with the exception of Devgad, the poorest in the district." But my point in any case is that supposing thiis small average produce to be correct, then at the present price of Rs. 3 per local maund the average value of the crop per acre, even excluding the rice straw which has also a certain value, would be Rs. 37-8-0, one-sixth of which would come to Rs. 6-4-0. Now the average assessment per acre of rice land in the taluka is Rs. 2-13-7 or about $2 \frac{1}{4}$ times less than it might be-acoording to the standard formerly put forward by the people themselves of one-sixth of the crop.
(ii) I should state here that I received a good many complaints from villages on the creek, notably Savanas and Dhamandivi, about damage to the lands by the creek side from flooding by salt water and the breaking of the bandhs and undoubtedly in these two villages, especially the latter, there seems a good deal of justifioation for the complaint. The matter is one however which would require detailed investigation on the spot such as I have no time for, and in any oase the Settlement cannot be delayed pending erfuiry. I therefore beg to reoommend that the investigations necessary may be made by the Prant Oficer and recommeadations submitted by him.
(b) Second crop areas.-The area under second crops is almost entirely confined to the villages along the Jagbudi creek including the villages of Chinchghar and Chakale which stand at the head of it. The orops are usually Pavta and Tur. In five Government villages in this area there are 412 acres of these crops, of which Khed alone contains 236 aeres and Mumbke and Savanas 57 and 53 reipectively. But besides these there are 18 Khoti villages for which defnite information is not available, but which, at a rough average of 50 acres per village, give an additional 900 acres. If we add the few scattered areas of an aore or two elsewhere in the taluka, the total will be about 1,400 acres. It will be seen therefore that the taluka is considerably worse off than the rest of the district in respect of these orops, which is in itself a oriterion of the general comparative fertility.

There is a small amount of irrigation conducted on the higher reaches of the creek by small Persian wheels, worked like treadmills by the cultivators, the crops being mostly brinjals, chillies, castor, and so on. I have also seen two small pats in one village.
(c) Varkas lands.-The question of varkas lands is ons that has been treated somewhat cavalierly at previous settlements, so I venture to go into it in somewhat greater detail. The area of varkas is nearly nine times that of the rice lands though the total assessment is less than half as much, and the interests of the eastern villages are all in varkas as against rice owing to the comparatively insignificant area of the latter class of land which they contain. CThe main uses of varkas land are for the cultivation of varkas crops of nagli, vari and harik, for grass for grazing and rab, for tree growth, for quarrying and for conversion into rice land.]
(i) Varkas crops. The rotation of warkas crops is usually stated to be nagli, vari and harik or til followed by a fallow of three to ten years' duration according to the quality of the soil. 2 I am however doubtiul myself whether this is oorrect as the Khots' abhavnis invariably give an area of nagli which exceeds the combined area of the other two crops several times, whereas if there is a regular rotation the areas under each should be at least approximately equal. I oan find no satisfactory explanation of this phenomenon; [one thing however is certain that the cultivation of vari and harik is decreasing because emigration to Bombay has refined the taste of emigrants and they refuse to eat the varkas grains as their forefathers did. 7 They require rice at least two or three times a week, and harik which was formerly produced in large quantities is now hardly to be found in the market at all. I should add that the cultivation of these crops is not popular on account of the much greater labour involved in them than in rice comparatively to the produce per acre.

As regards the outturn of varkas lands, I have made an attempt to estimate it very roughly by taking the Abhavnis or Appraisement Registers of 25 Khoti villages as in the case of rice land and working out the average orop per acre of the typical varkas crop, nagli. I find that 118 acres give an average yield of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ maunds per aore. I am inclined to think that this is somewhat low as there is a disproportion of low cropped land among the figures, but 5 to $5 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ would be a fair average crop, which, as will be seen, is considerably less than in Mandangad.

As regards the amount of fallow, I should say that on the average it is three years' cultivation to five years' fallow, i.e., that Chie proportion of cultivated to fallow is $3 / 8$ ths to $5 / 8$ ths.] But there is undoubtedly a considerable area which never grows varkss crops at all, but is kept permanently under grass. Unfortunately our statistics in Government villages are too inaccurate to show the difference between the two classes of "fallows" so they are mixed up together.
(ii) Grass.-As I have said above, Cconsiderable areas are preserved annually for grass alone, they are often surrounded with stone walls to keep out wandering cattle. Griss is also out and stacked for the hot weather feed of cattle. There is no export of grass from the taluka.
(iii) Trees.- - The taluka is very bare of trees as a whole]though there are occasional villages where there is fairly good growth. I have found one or two villages where the land-holders have made small teak plantations and also in some parts lines of teak can be seen planted along the borders of the rice fields; but though they have abundantly large areas and plenty of time the land-holders are too slack to take up this work which should be profitable in view of the demand for wood. The cutting of the rab seems to be done very carelessly in general, no care being taken to preserve the central shoot, except in Khed itself and some other big villages. I venture to suggest that instructions might perhaps be given in Government villages, though the process of careless lopping has gone so far that it seems almost too late now.
(iv) Quarries.-There is a good deal of quarrying done in these lands for house-building, apecially near Khed.
ces?
(v). . Conversion into Rice land.-I have had special enquiries made in a certaiu number of Government villages with a view to discover the amount of conversion of Varkas into Rice land. While it would be as well not to place too much reliance upon the absolute accuracy of the figures, they at any rate show that there has been a very large amount of conversion among the villages of the (old) last Group, as the following three examples show :-


The percentage of conversion is much greater in this Group of villages on account of their far larger area of Varkas and it is not to be expected that the same proportion would be converted elsewhere. But it is still going on everywhere, as from the beginning before the survey, and a very rough estimate of an increase of 10 per cent. in the Rice area or, say, 6,000 to 6,000 acres would be absolutely reasonable; probably it is considerably more than that. The resultant improvements will be enjoyed in perpetuity by the occupants without enhanced taxation. But against this has to be set the cost of embankments whioh is very beavy in some cases, where the slope is steep. I have also found cases, e.g., such as one in Khed, in which the occupant is covering almost sheet rock with earth brought from a distance and deposited between stone walls. There are also other cases I have seen in which the conversion has proved a failure and the expenses have gone for nothing. I have not been able to obtain correct figures of the cost of conversion, and in view of the difficulty of estimating the profits of ordinary Varkas cultivation, I am unable to give any estimate of the profits of conversion; but of course it must be profitable or it would not be done.
(d) Rabi lands.-The Survey papers show 521 a.ores of so-called "Rabi land", practically the whole of which are situated on the creek side villages. It consists of alluvial soil on the edge of the bank which is too sloping to be turned into Rice land and grows Nachni with second crops of the usual kind.
(e) Garden lands.-There are 41 acres of Garden land in the taluka with no more than an aore or two in any village. In some villages the original gardens seem to have disappeared.
8. Agricultural Stock.-The following table compares the figures under the important heads of Agricultural Stock for the last and the present Sottlement.


While the collecting agency is not a bove suspicion, probably the figures present approximately the trath, and show goodincreases under the heads where they oan be expected. The area cultivated being the same no increase is to be antioipated under that of plough cattle. As regards the figures of carts, when it is considered that 60 years ago there were only 33, the progress is striking.

- The villages with the greatest number of carts are those situated by the side of the high roads. There are two with over 40 carts, one with over 20, and others with maller numbers. But the hill and the oreek side villages have no oarts at all and the carrying of crops has to be done by head loads. Carters are prosperous as they get any amount of work, and this constitutes an advantage for the villages situated by the road side.

The cattle are of the usual Konkan type, full fed in the rains and half starved in the hot weather. In the Eastern part of the taluka, near the Sahydris, they suffer greatly from lack of water which in the hot weather is not nearly sufficient even for human beings. Last year there was a bad outbreak of cattle disease and seversl hundreds of cattle died in Humbri, Astan and the surrounding villages.
9. Water Supply.-Figures are available for Government villages only. There is no irrigation from built wells in the taluka so that the only question is of those used for drinking purposes. Here the glaring contrast is between the number of pakka wells in the villages of the various groups which is as follows:-

| Group. | Viltages. | Pakke wella. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4 | 107 |
| $(2$ | Nil | NiI) |
| 3 | 7 | 39 |
| 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 5 | 30 | 31 |

The last group is composed largely of the villages situated near the Ghats where the question of water supply in the hot weather is a pressing problem. The kacha wells dry up, no water or very little is to be had from even pakka wells in the trap and the only resource is the springs or water channels. In some villages the people have to go one or two miles every day for water, often of very bad quality mixed with mud, so that guinea worm is very prevalent. But even in other groups the water supply is most capricious, one village having a good supply and its neighbour one equally bad.
10. Labour.-The land holders raise the usual cry about the increasing cost of labour. In Khed itself wages are about 8 annas a day for men, while in the villages a common rate is two meals and two annas. The competition from the Rombay labour market raises rates here as elsewhere.
11. Education. - There are 28 vernscular sohools with an attendance of 1,032 boys and 222 girls. There is no English school. I believe however that the village people recognise the importance of education and I have had many pressing requests for schools, and have found more than one village in which the people themselves are paying Rs. 200 per annum for a private master. Perhaps in this oonnection I may venture to say that the question of Education in Ratnagiri is not merely a local matter, considering the number of recruits for the mills and also for the Army. The better the men who go to Bombay are educated, the more easily they will be able to organise and recognise their true interests.
12. Trade and Industry.-Khed possesses one Rice mill set up this year, its only form of industry. As regards trade, Khed itself is a small centre of the traffic in dried fish which is brought up the creek in fishing boats which stay there for some months in the cold weather disposing of their malodorous wares. On the Ambivli road I have met men walking down from Satara District, 20 miles each way up and down a 3,000 feet Ghat, to buy a little dried fish, and all along the roads can he seen strings of people carrying bundles of this dainty. Down this road also come from Satara Maratbas or Wanis with bullocks or ponies earrying gram, jaggery, chillies, etc., to exchange for rire and oil. Part of these wares go on to Dapoli, where also gees a share of the rice imported by the road from Mahad in Kolaba district whence the Khed and the surrounding talukes obtain the greater proportion of the rice needed to supplement their own production. The rest comes from Rangoon by ses
from Bombay and is somewhat more popular among the lower classes being cheaper. It is very difficult to say the value of these imports of rice, but they are said to amount to about Rs. 75,000 .
13. Markets.-The main looal market is Khed itself except in the oase of the villages in the South whose market is Chiplun. So much more convenient indeed is Chiplun for them that they asked me if they could not be transferred to that taluka, as it is 27 miles to Khed via very difficult country. I must leave this matter for the local authorities to deal with.
14. Population.-The following table gives the figures of population for -the last four censuses:-

| 1891 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 100,550 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1901 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 93,594 |
| 1911 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 101,529 |
| 1921 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $95,494$. |

These figures are somewhat curious in their equal alternation. The decreases in 1901 and 1921 are due to plague and influenza respectively, Nature thus redressiog the balance of over-population. Were it not for these epidemics, Khed is, I believe, generally healthy like the rest of the district, the main reasons seeming to be-

- (a) The absence of Forests which undoubtedly are a prime cause of Malaria.
(b) The hilly nature of the country which causes the water to flow off and not to stagnate.
(c) The habits of the people in living in small wadis or hamlets and not in regular Gaothans as in Kolaba, which tends to sanitation and prevents the spread of disease. Thus, in the village of Tale this year, where there was a serious outbreak of small-pox. only two hamlets were affected whereas in a big Gaothan it might well have spread through the whole village.
(d) The sturdy cbaracter of the people caused by their living among the hills.
All these factors tending towards bealth have also of course an effect on fertility with the result that large families are the rule, and the country becomes over-populated.
(i). The main divisions of the population are into Mrrathas and Mahomedans and Kunbis. The former are khots and cultivators and also emigrate in search of work, while the Kunbis are the tenants of the other two classes, and also emigrate to Bombay. The Census gives the following division of the population by occupation :-

| Agricultural population. |  |  | Non-agricattural population. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having intereat in land. |  | Labourexs. |  |
| Tenants and Subshsrers. | Other land holders. |  | , |
| 68,907 | 5,131 | 4,460 | 15,996 |

How far these figures are to be relied upon I cannot say though they hardly correspond with the results of local experience; thus the entry in the first column is far too large if it is meant to include "tenants" only and to exclude Khots, and I should also sey that the figures for the N. A. population were too great.
(ii). An interesting guestion is how far the food production of the taluka is able to support the population during the year. A rough eatimate I have made seems to sbow that there is a shortage of about 25 per cent. at the
lowest figure in the food production; other authorities with local knowledge would put it higher than that and it seems clear that this is a moderate estimate.
15. Emigration.-The Khed taluka shares with the rest of the District the phenomenon of emigration on the part of a large section of the population, whether temporary or permanent. There are two main elements in this stream of emigration, one Hindu and the other Mahomedan. The furmer consisting mainly of Marathas, Kunbis aud Mahars gravitates to the Bombay mills and other forms of service, including the ariny, the majority of the Sepoys coming from the villages, situated in the hills. One such village, Shiotar, in the Northo West corner sent some two hundred men to the War and I believe that it lost no less than 45 killed. But all the villages near the Sahyadris are full of old soldiers, including many who were at Cabul with Roberts, and fine old men they rre. As for the Mahomedan stream it has two main directions, one in that of foreign parts, mainly South Africa and Mauritius, and secondly, on shipping service in or near Bombay. Thus, Savaas provides large numbers for the Royal Indian Marine, and other neighbouring villages for other shipping service, either on steamers or on prows owned by themselves and trading between Ratnagiri, Panwel, Pen and Bombay. The money earned is spent in paying high prices for land, or in building fine houses, usually in very insanitary locations.
(i) As an-illustration of the amount of money which comes into the taluka from out-side, the figures of money orders paid at the Khed Sub-office during the year 1923 amounted to Rs. $3,72,414$, of which Rs. $3,47,276$ were Inland and Rs. 25,139 Foreign. It is however believed that the amount of foreign money orders in no way represents the actual sum sent into the taluka, as other methods are now adopted beoause the recipients are desirous of escaping Income-tax, which they think will be imposed on them if their money is received through a Government source.
16. Landlord and Tenant. (Though the villages are divided into Government Rayatwari and Khoti the actual difference is more nominal than real. In the former the old khots hold most of the land as before, the real change being that they have less hold over the tenants, Ihat the assessment is collected direct and that they lose what Khoti rights they had before, tnuugh where these rights were considerable tine original khots have been careful to keep up their kabulayats. In the Government records the old khots are still shown as agriculturists, so that there are nomioally only 376 acres of land held by non-agriculturists in the 44 Government villages out of 64,610 acres. In point of fact, Khed itself for example, comprising nearly 1,500 acres is held almust wholly by people who let out their lands to tenants, which seems to show that there is something wrong with the classification into agricultural and non-agricultural. I do not however find much intrusion, comparatively speaking, of what we should call the Savkar element proper, its extent seeming to depend on proximity to Khed. Thus in Chakale large areas and in Palghar practically the whole villags has passed into the hands of Banias; but out in the hills they do not trouble to go. There it is a oase rather of trausactions between Khot and Khot.
(i) In the Khoti villages the main factor of interest is the operation of the Khoti Act with its provision for oash assessments. Undoubtedly the bunelits to the tenants have bien very great and even where the cash rates may appoar somexhat high they would not think of going baok to the old apprasement system. They have also gained much of oourse from the fact that the cash rates were fixed mainly in 1909-10 on the basis of the average prices of 11 years previous to 1904 , when the prices of the produce were far less than they are at present. I have not had many complaints agaiust Khots by teuants, though I saw sigus, especially in Maratha vill bges, that they were somewhat afraid of the landlords as they would decline to raise points in ther presence. Ia only one villago were any iasistent complaints made arainst the Khot, a Brahmin.]
(ii) As regards rent suits, there were last year 131 suoh suits with 1,020 defondants. There are some 12 villages in which there are annually suits
with defendants numbering 20 or more. $\mathrm{F}_{\text {am informed that while most of the }}$ suits are due to the poverty of the tenants, there are a considerable number in whioh there is a contest between different shareholders as to who is to take the rent which leads to suits in the court. 2
$T_{\text {(iii) }}$ In point of fact however agriculture in Khed is in one way a subsidiary occupation in that the ordinary tenant gets out of it not more than sufficient to support himself and family for more than about one-third of the year, if he cultivates about an acre of rice land and two acres of varkas. The rest comes from labour in Bombay and in the taluka itself. T -. 17. Revenue History.-With the permission of the Settlement Coramissioner, I have omitted Appendix $K$ regarding the collection of Land Revenue as unnecessary labour in a taluka where there is never any difficulty ab, ut collections and where there is no need for remissions or suspensions.

## Part II.

## Settlement Statistics.

18. Prices.-In dealing with Prices it is desirable first to say something about their course during the Original Settlement as one of the reasons for making no increase in the rates at the First Revision was that there had been no appreciable rise in Prices. This statement require a certain amount of explanation. The facts are that at the time of the Original Settlement the Settlement Commissioner based his proposals on a price of Rs. 38 per Khandi for paddy. This price was the so-called "Phad rate", i.e., that which is fixed annually in this district for the different talukas for the conversion into cash of the amounts due in paddy by the holders of "Kavli" lands. The proposals raised so many protests however from the people and the Revenue authorities that from 1866 to 1876 continual modifications were made in the assessments, either hy modifying the assessments themselves or by reductions in classification which had the same practical effect. The total reductions amounted to about 40 per cent. on the original proposals. (Vide the statement given in paragraph 4 of the Settlement Commissioner's letter on page 94 of the Selection.) Now at the time of the Revision Settlement the "Phad rate" was Rs. 28 which amounts to a reduction of 40 per cent. on Rs. 38. It was for this reason, it may be supposed, though he does not distinctly say so, that the Settlement Officer stated that there had been no change in prices. Technically there had been an actual decrease of 40 per cent. but this was offset by the reduction of the same amount in assessment, the net result, expressed in terms of prices, being as he states.
(i) For the present purpose it will therefore be only necessary to consider the course of prices during the currency of the existing Settlement. In tabulating them, in order to differentiate clearly the effect of the war, I take as the basis the five years' period ending with the year 1915 up to which the effect of the War is not apparent, and work out the prices for the rest of the Settlement in five yearly periods accordingly, back to 1892 from which the previous Settlement Officer ended his calculations. I give prices for paddy and nagli, as representing Rice and Warkas lands respectivety. The "increases" are calculated on the figures of the first period from 1892-95 which is thoroughly representative of the general range of prices at the time :-

| Period. |  | Paddy. |  | Nagli. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yrice. | Incraase (per coni.). | Price. | Inoresse (per oent.). |
|  |  | Re. a. p. |  | Rn, A, p. |  |
| 1892-95 | $\cdots$ | 200 | -•*.** | 966 | ... |
| 1896-1900 . | . | 239 | 11-72 | 21210 | 19.85 |
| 1901-05 | *** | 210 | 3.18 | 999 | 11.89 |
| 1908-10 | -•• | 274 | 28.91 | 2146 | 24 |
| 1011-16 | ** | 9119 | 36.72 | 3-8 6 | 87•11 |
| 1916-90 | ** | 818.2 | 91-14 | 488 | 96\%禹 |

(ii) If therefore we discard altogether the course of prices during and after the War we should find an increase of 37 per cent. all round, nor during this period are there any suc 1 large fluctuations due to famine or other causes such as should make the increase other than perfectly regular and normal under the well-known phenomenon of the general rise in prices throughout the world since about 1904. The present price of paddy is Re, 3-7-4 which amounts to an increase of 73 per cent. and it does not look like dropping at present as there has been a spall rise since last year though it is not much use speculating about the course of prices in the future. We should however be quite justified in reokoning that prices have attained a standard rise of at least 40 to 50 per cent. during the course of the current settlement up to the present time.
(iii) There is however a special point of importance in connection with the commutation of Khoti rents which demands separate treatment. It has been ruled by Government that in determining the assessments of the talukas in Ratnagiri the ruling factor must be the provisions of rule $V$ of the Khoti Settlement Act (vide paragraph 4 of Government Resolution No. 4934 dated 11 th May 1916), the principle as I understand it being, that as the rates of cash rents fixed as multiples of the assessment must be altered with the change in the rates of assessment under rule $V$, therefore the increase in assessment must be limited by the increase in prices, which has occurred since the commutation. Now I understand that the basis upon whioh these commutations were dine was the avera ye prices if twelve years prior to the passing of the amended Khoti Act of 1904, a period which corresponds conveniently with the first 12 years of the current settlement. The compirison with the average for the 12 years and the last pre-war period of 1911-15 works out as follows:-

| Period. |  | Paddy. |  | Nagli. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Price. | Incref 8 per sent. | Price. | Inorease per cant. |
| 1892-1908 | .** |  | ***** | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rs. 日. P. } \\ \text { (per meund) } \\ 2 \quad 910 \end{gathered}$ | **.** |
| 1911-1916 | ** | 2119 | 81.91 | 838 | $93 \cdot 60$ |
| 1998 | $\cdots$ | 874 | 66:88 | 871 | 81.67 |

It will be necessary to consider the bearing of these figures on the assessments subsequently.
19. Sales-Appendix $G$ divided into three parts for Rice, Mixed and Warkas lands shows the figures of sale value for the Government villages in question. They amount to only 17 out of 44 , as I was unable to visit 7 villages, in which however there were in any case only a very few entries, on aocount of their remoteness, and in the rest there were either no statistics available or those available were useless. The figures given oover the last ten years and I have not thought it is necessary to separate them into different years. They speak for themselves and much comment is unnecessary, for in every case except two they are over 100 times the assessment. The fact is, as every report in the District shows, that the demand for-land aud the fact that there are no other means of investment make the price enormously high. This is specially the case with Mahomedan villages as those who make money abroad do not care what they spend on land purchases and it is not easy at times to see that they oan make any profit. And in fact the rate of profit is small. Thus to give an example from the village of Khed, on land bought within the past few years for Rs. 14,158 the amount of rent, including the price of atraw and minus the assessment comes to Rs. 522 , a profit of 3.7 per cent. only. This of course is no argument against the rate of assessment, but merely shows that the prices of land are inflated beyond their true value by the demand for it. On this being pointed out to the purohasers and asking them why they do not invest in Governmen! Securities at 6 per cent. the Mahomedans reply that they are not
allowed to take interest and the rest have no reply except a grin ; the fact being that they do not know anything about securities and invest in land because it is traditional to do so and because they like to have their investments under their own eyes and land will not run away. Also they get a certain amount of prestige from being landholders.

From the Government point of view it is at least permissible to argue that these high prices at any rate prove that there is a lot of money about which has to find an investment somewhere.
20. Leases.-The lease statistics are divided in Appendix H into two - parts, those dealing with Government villages and Khoti villages respectively :-
(a) Government villages.-I append statistics for Rice and for mixed Rice and Warkas lands for 16 villages only. Of the other 28 I was unable to visit 7 on account of their remoteness, in 2 there was only crop share and in the rest there were either no statistics available or I found that the leases only consisted of mortgages or that the figures were unreliable. As regards Warkas only; I do not submit figures because I do not think they would be of any value, even if it were possible to collect them. In order to arrive at any correct figures it would be necessary to know, first how many years the land had been cultivated and the rent on all the different crops and secondly the number of years of fallow, and it is quite impossible to get these figures. Also there is no doubt that Warkas land is seldou rented permanently in Khed and that after a cr p or two it is thrown up for the fallow period and then taken on again, and that when it is taken up the actual rent depends very much upon the rainfall of the particular year.
(ii) I should add that the figures I give are for the past year only and not for previous years. The reason for this is that the rents are in kind which vary very little and then only because the land has either been improved or has deteriorated; and in the next place there are no rent notes. and the tenants are so ignorant that it is difficult to get them to say the right thing even as regards the past year, much less for the previous years.
(iii) In calculating the figures of "times the assessment" I have taken it at Rs. 3 per maund of paddy which is the ruling price in the market this year during February. This price applies of course to the local mannd which is a measured maund and not a maund by weight like that taken as the basis of the figures in Appendix I. This local maund when reduced to weight is 2,800 tolas against the Government maund of 3,200 tolas ; hence it is necessary to increase this local price by $11 \cdot 11$ per cent. to campare it with the Government price. Thus increased, Rs. 3 comes to Rs. $3-5-4$ as compared with the Government price for the year of Rs. $3-7-4$ which is as close as can be expected. It may perhaps be argued that this price is too high, but the present price is practically the same as last year and there is no apparent reason for a fall; rather the other way, in fact, as this is a year of bad trade in which we might anticipate lower prices if anything.
(iv) At the same time I would not press the conclusions to be derived from the figures of rent too far so as to claim that assessment could be raised to the rates which appear frum the indices! The basis of the figures is a rent in grain of which allowance has to be made in bad years, and such allowancess are actually made, as I know. In fixing the commutation rates the Recording Officer as his proceedings show seldom gave the full rates which would be allowable on the grain rents; but always made allowance for the difference between a grain and a cash rent and a Settleinent Officer must take the same course. Still, giving credit for all these points of view, the rents are undoubtedly high as stated in terms of assessment.

- (b) Khoti villages.-For Khoti villages I have been content to rely upon the figures of commutation whioh seem to supply all that is required. They cover an area of land assessed at Rs. 7,545 in Khoti villages-and though the actual area involved cannot be disoovered without trouble which would not be worth taking, it is not necessary to do this as the figures of assessment suffice. Morecver, the rates of commutation were fixed after
enquiry with the Khots and the tenants by an officer with personal knowledge of the district, and, as I know from seeing the proceedings in a number of cases, the awards were favourable to the tenants rather than the Khots. The basis of price upon which the rates fixed were those from 1892 to 1903 which gives an exceptionally low figure, so that these cash assessments seem to possess all the advantages required for the purpose of assessment.

I have therefore compiled them separately, giving sthe assessment for each village and the commutation rate fixed. The latter has then been increased to allow for the increase in prices since the time of commutation, on the basis of the statistios summarised in paragraph 17 under the head of "Prices". In view of the difference in the rise in the case of paddy and nagli, I have found it necessary to adopt different rates of increase for the purpose of this Appendix and on the whole I have thought that an increase of 40 per cent. in the case of paddy and 25 per cent. in that of nagli would be reasonable, though it is somewhat difficult to arrive at figures which will be entirely aatisfactory. The indices have been worked out accordingly, and the results may be summarised as follows :-

| Group. | Paddy. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Present rate | Indices. |
| I | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | 7 | 18.47 to $17 \cdot 15$ |
| II | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 10.50 to 15.75 |
| III | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 10.50 to 14.00 |
| IV | . | ... | ... | 4 | $8 \cdot 40$ to $12 \cdot 25$ |
| V | $\cdots$ | ... | ... |  | 4.20 to 8.40 |

Nagli.
There is only one maximum rate throughout the taluka, viz., one rupee -and the indices range from Rs. $1 \cdot 25$ to $2 \cdot 50$ as follows :-

| Index. | Villages. | Index. | Villages. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1.25 | 22 | 2.03 | 4 |
| 1.40 | 4 | 2.18 | 2 |
| 1.06 | 15 | 2.34 | 2 |
| 1.72 | 5 | 2.50 | 1 |
| 1.87 | 15 |  |  |

From which it will be seen that practically all the villages fall among - the indices under two.

## Part III.

21. Proposals for Re-settlement.-Before making proposals for Re-settlement it is necessary to refer shortly to the Original Settlement and its sabsequent history. That history is a peculiarly chequered one which was well summed up by the Conumissioner, S. D., in 1876 when he said that- "The assessment of the Khed taluka has been the subject of much discussion and of repeated reduotions." The Original Settlement was made by Major Waddington in 1867 (vide his report page 39 of the Seleotion), giving an increase of 47 per cent. on the average collections of the past 10 years and 23 per cent. on the collections of the previous year. Protests were however made by the local Revenue authorities against these large increases, especially as prices hat fallen in the meantime from Rs. 38 per Khandi (which the Settlement Offioer had stated to be unlikely to fall at all) to Rs. 24 and these protests continued from time to time accompanied by correspondence which is printed in the Selection. In the result the assessment in Khed was reduced by various methods to be detailed below, till the original proposals had come down by 40 per cent. and the total for the taluka had been reduced to practically the same as the average assessment paid for the ten years preceding the Settlement (vide the statement quoted by the Settlement Commissioner in paragraph 4 of his letter printed on page 94 of the Selection). This statement does not however disclose the whole facts, for, while the total for the taluka did indeed remain the same, there was a considerable increase among the villages in the last groups on account of the assessing of Rioe land which had remained undetected previous to the Surveg.

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It follows therefore that, the total for the taluka remaining the same there must have been considerable reductions in the case of other villages, and this is the case, for in 32 villages the assessments finally settled and still paid, were from 34 per cent. downwards less than that paid before the Survey, the total reductions amounting to Rs. 4,379.
22. The Revisien Settlement was made by Mr. Lushington in 1895 though orders were not passed thereon till 1898 by Government Resolution No. 5820 dated 9 th September. In the result no increase was made in the existing assessments for reasons summed up in the Government Resolution as follows:-"It is clear that during the period of Settlement the economic condition of the taluka, one of the least fertile and flourishing in the Presidency has undergone no marked improvement. Prices have certainly not risen, although on the average they do not seem to have fallen. The Original Settlement was based on abnormally high prices and proved to be so burdensome that it was lowered by a series of operations to the existing level, at which it is levied and paid without difficulty. The last of these operations occurred a little more than ten years ago. All the officers are unanimous in the opinion that the assessments as a whole can bear no enhancement." During the course of the correspondence which preceded these orders there was a good deal of discussion about the history of the successive reductions in the rates which had occurred from time to time and also with reference to the classification of the taluka, in consequence of which by paragraph 4 of the Government Resolution sanctioning the settlement Government ordered an inguiry into the history and accuracy of the classification of the taluka which was made by Mr. Hudson, the Deputy Superintendent, Konkan Survey, whose report, with the review of the Settlement Commissioner, Mr. Symonds, is printed as an accompaniment to Government Resolution No. 5711 dated 12 th September 1900 passing orders on the reference. The result of the enquiry was to show, in general terms, so far as the assessment of Rice land is concerned:-
(a) that the Original classification was bad:
(b) that the decreases in assessment had been made either by a reduction in classification or in the maximum rate or by both methods :
(c) that the reductions in classification had been made not by re-classification in the field but in office by reducing scales of various kinds:
(d) that the result was to render a classification which was originally bad in a worse condition, in those villages, some 44, in which the manipulation had been carried the farthest.
The results of his investigations were summed up by Mr. Hudson in Schedule Y attached to his report, which is nearly though not quite accurate, as I find by independent inquiry, and the Settlement Commissioner, Mr. Symonds, advocated a correction of the classifioation of the taluka on the partial system adopted elsewhere. The orders of Government in the matter were passed by Government Resolution No. 5711 dated 12th September 1900, which ordered the adoption of the five group system proposed by Mr. Symonds in paragraph 22 of his forwarding letter and corresponding alterations in the classification, which was adjusted so as to produce the existing assessment in accordance with the change in the maximum rates. Thus, to give an example, when the last three old groups with rates of Rs. 3-1, 2-10 and 2-4 were combined into new Group $V$ with a rate of Rs. 3 it was necessary to reduce the classification of the last two groups all round by $14^{\frac{2}{7}}$ and 33 per cent. respectively in order to produce the old assessments.

I venture respectfully to think that the full effect of these orders may not perbaps have been realised at the time when they were passed. I have therefore submitted a supplementary report in the matter and would request that it may be considered along with this report. Pending orders I take the existing arrangement into five Groups as the basis of Settlement.
23. I propose now to take for re-settlement in order the four classes of Rice, Varkas, Rabi and Garden.
A.-Rice land.

Present and Proposed Grouping.-(i) Under the orders contained in Government Resolution No. 5711 the 17 groups shown in Appendix Q to the First Revision Report were reduced to five as follows:-

(ii) As the map attached shows, this grouping divides the villages into one group consisting of those on the creek, a second of four villages with no particular reasons for being grouped as they are all by themselves, a third and very large group consisting of the rest of the villages in the lower western half of the taluka in the neighbourhood of the roads, a fourth group in three blocks, more or less within reasonable distance of Khed or Chiplun, and a fifth group containing all the rest of the villages in the taluka.
(iii) Now apart from the objections against this grouping on the score of principle there is another which is relevant here, viz., that it is partly based on a misapprehension of facts. This basis was the grouping as shown in Appendix $Q$ to the Revision Report, but as a matter of fact the rates and consequently the grouping as shown therein are in many cases incorrect, the chief mistakes being the following:-
(a) The actual maximum rate of the village of Koregaon in Old Group V in Appendix Q was Rs. 6-8-0 and not Rs. 5-11-0. It should therefore be in Group I instead of Group II;
(b) Of the 13 villages shown in Old Group VII as having a maximum rate of Rs. 5-4-0 only one, Bharne, as a matter of fact had that rate, the others being really rated at Rs. 6. Hence these 12 villages should have been placed'in New Group II instead of Group III and I propose to make the corrections accordingly;
(c) Of the eight villages in Old Group IX the real maximum rate of Sakhroli, Sheravli and Sulkdar was Rs. 5-8-0 and not Rs. 4-13-0. They should, therefore, have been placed in New Group II and not Group III, and I propose to do this now;
(d) Of the 19 villages given in Old Group $\mathbf{X}$ with maximum rate of Rs. 4-6-0,
(i) The real ra'e of Ghanekhunt was Rs. E-8-0 so that it should go into Group II;
(ii) The real rate of the remaining villages was Rs. 5 except in the oase of Shio Budruk, Shio Khurd and Sukivli which actually had a rate of Rs. 4-6-0. Hence these last three villages should be reduced to Group IV, the rest staying in Group III.
(iv) There were in fact only 14 groups at the time of the Revision Settlement and not 17 as is shown in Appendix $Q$ to that report.

I propose to make the necessary corrections in the present grouping if only because it brings the state of affairs closer to the actual facts, apart from
the consideration that it carries out the intentions of Government in issuing their orders. At the same time however I venture to think that the new arrangement leads to a better grouping by a more reasonable distribution of villages between Groups II and III.
( $\mathbf{v}$ ) As these changes are merely by way of correction to the grouping under the orders contained in Government Resolution No. 5711 they will be made on the principles laid down in that Government Resolution and will not entail in themselves any alterations of the assessment, the classification being adjusted to allow for the alteration in the maximum rates. I much regret to have to worry you with these complications but they are inevitable in the circumstances. As the result of these corrections the grouping will stand as under:-

| Present Grouping. | Villages. | As corrected. | Reasons. |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| I | $\ldots$ | 16 | 17 | Addition of one village from Gromp II. |
| II | $\ldots$ | 4 | 19 | Minus one village above; plus 16 viliages <br> from Group III. |
| III | $\ldots$ | 41 | 22 | Minus 16 villages as above; minus <br> 3 villages reduced to Group IV. |
| IV | $\ldots$ | 19 | 22 | Plus 3 villages redueed from Group III. |
| V | $\ldots$ | 63 | 63 | No change. |

(vi) There are also other mistakes in the maximum rates in Appendix Q as follows:-

(vii) These villages are however now in their right groups according to the five-group system, so that it is not necessary to make any alterations and I merely note the facts for the benefit of future Settlement Officers. To make matters clear however and at the same time to facilitate their work I have arranged the villages in Appendix $L$ so as to show the old 14 groups to which they belonged.
(viii) The changes in grouping proposed above are due to mistakes in Appendiz $Q$ and merely place the rillages where they would be had the true facts been plaoed before Government. It remains to consider whether it is necessary to make any alterations on the merits.
(ix) At the present settlement I have only one such ohange to propose, vie., the reduction of the village of Ghera-Rasalgad from Group IV to Group V. This village is situated at the extreme western point of the northern section of Group IV among very hilly country without roads and is certainly over-grouped at present. I make no other such recommendations because I am precluded from doing so by my proposal for a general rate of increase in the assessment by 33 per cent. which will prevent any alteration in grouping. -
(x) At the same time I may note that the original grouping, which as I have pointed out above, stall subsists in reality in spite of the apparent changes, was strongly criticised at the time of Revision and it was suggested by all the officers through whow the papers passed that much correction would be required at the next Revision. It would not be possible to go into this question satisfaotorily without resolving the existing groups into their constituent fragments which is impossible here. I would therefore only call attention to three obvious cases:
(a) The two villages of Shio Budruk and Shio Khurd in Group IV are certainly under-grouped. They are situated on the oreek, are in no way different from the other first group villages which surround them and have a considerable area of double crops. They ahould certainly be in Group I.
(b) The village of Sukhivli, four miles east of Khed, is surrounded by villages in Group III in which it should also be placed instead of Group IV.
(xi) The villages as finslly grouped will therefore be as follows:-

| Group. |  | Vilages |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | $\ldots$ | 17 |
| II | $\ldots$ | 19 |
| III | $\ldots$ | 22 |
| IV | $\ldots$ | 21 |
| V | $\ldots$ | 64 |

(xii) But as I have already stated, only in the case of .Ghera Rasalgad will these alterations make any difference by themselves in the assessments, the rest being mere corrections to be made on the principles laid down in Government Resolution No. 5711.
24. Present and proposed rating.-The factors which seem of chief importance in settling the new rates are the following, premising that, as no change was made at the time of the Revision Settlement, it is perfectly legitimate to take into account the improvements made since the time of the Original Settlement :-
(1) The actual amount of assessment now paid for the taluka is almost exactly the same as that paid 60 years ago; and in the case of 32 villages it is actually less to a greater or less amount;
(2) Since that time communications have been revolutionised, as previous to 1866 there was not a single road in the taluka wheress now the West is everywhere within easy access to first or second class roads, and in communication with Mahad, Chiplun and Dapoli. To this must be added the increased ease of steamer communication with Bombay with its facilities for the employment of labour;
(3) The prioe of paddy stands at present 73 per cent. over that for the five years previous to the Revision Settlement; and has risen slightly since last year nor is there any apparent reason why it should fall. Even prior, however, to the War the rise had been 37 per cent.
(4) On the standard of one-sixth of the crop which was that asked by the people themselves the average assessment per acre is at present prices 125 per cent. less than it might be ;
(5) As for Rents
(a) in Government villages the rents at present prices range from
10.61 to 4.10 per acre in multiples of the assessment;
(b) in 69 Khoti villages the commuted assessments raised by 40 per cent., to allow for the rise in prices since they were settled in all cases except two, are over four times the assessment.
(6) The prices of land are very high ranging from 43 to over 500 times the assessment for mixed lands;
(7) An in lication of the rise in prosperity is the large increase in the number of carts for trade purposes, also in milch cattle;
(8) The monsoon practically never fails and there is never any cause to suspend or remit the land revenue;
(9) The taluka is healthy, except for occasional epidemics;
(10) There can be no doubt that owing to the provisions of the Khoti Act, etc., the economic condition of the people in general has much. improved.
25. In these circumstances the only proposal which a Settlement Officer can make is to impose the full increase allowed of 33 per cent. The objection that the rent of Khoti tenants will thereby be raised to an inordinate extent seems to lose force when it is considered that the basis on which those rents were fixed was the exceptionally low range of prices between the years 1892 to 1903 and that prices have since increased by 40 per cent. at least. Nor does there seem any reason why the increase should not be made throughout all the groups. If it be suggested that it should be less for the last group, I would reply that, as will be seen from Appendix $Q$ to the Revision Report; the average assessments per acre in the case of the last three old groups which are now included in Group $V$ were Rs. 2-2-4, 1-11-2 and 1-6-8 respectively. An increase of 33 per cent. will raise these to Rs. 2-13-9, 2-4-2 and 2-0-11 resrectively, which is less than the price of a maund of rice at the present time - an assessment which cannot but be considered moderate. The only argument against imposing the full increase, which I should state in fairness, is that the rate of assessment imposed will be above that of the much more favoured talukas of the Kolaba District such as Panvel, which bave been recently settled, and that it will be much higher than that which can be imposed at Revision on the Mahad Taluka with its highest maximum rate of Rs. 7 though it is undoubtedly more favourably placed than Khed. These however are matters for Government to take account of and not the Settlement Officer.

I propose therefore to increase the assessment on rice lands by 33 per cent. in all groups in which cases the new rates will be as follows:-


I must point out however that in the case of the three villages of Khed, Dhamandivi and Songoan this numinal rate of Rs. 9-5-0 is really one of Rs. 10-11-0, so far as their best lands are concerned. The original rate applied to these lands was Rs. 8 as I have stated in paragraph 23 above, and when this was reduced to Rs. 7 under the orders contained in Government Resolution No. 5711 their classification was increased proportionately, as no change was made in the assessments, which amounts to the same thing from the practical point of view as keeping the rate of Rs. 8.

## B.-Varkas lands.

26. Original Settlement. - It is not possible to find out exactly what was done at the original settlement with regard to varkas lands. The Settlement Officer stated that "For Varkas land I adopted the same maximum rate as was imposed in Bankot, vis., six annas, but this rate has been applied in the best villages only, five annas being taken as the maximum rate in the next best villages and four annas in those of classes 6 and $7 \%$. (Para. 12 of his letter printed on page 40 of the Selection.) In the next year a reduction was made of Rs. 1,389 on the assessment of 33 villages (vide statement on page 48 of the Selection), but great objections were made to the rates the following year (para. 6 of the Assistant Collector's letter on page 53 of the Selection); and the Survey Commissioner agreed to reduce the rates by two annas per rupee on all the villages of the last four groups beginning with the Rs. 4-8-0 maximum. It would appear that further reductions were made in 1876 when the Varkas lands were re-measured. The result was that for 133 villages of the original Khed Taluka the demands fixed by the original settlement on varkas were reduced from Rs. 38,119 to Rs. 29,805 or 26 per cent., which they pay at present and which seem to be about lis. 1,500 less than the average of the ten years previous to the original settlement; so that the Settlement Commissioner was right when he said in reviewing the Revision Report that by the final revision of the original settlement the varkas rates were reduced.
(i) Present and proposed rates.-At present the maximum rate is one and the same throughout the whole taluk ${ }^{2}$, miz., one Rupee, the classification being taken as the assessment, and the standard of assessment is the same also, being within a pie or two on either side of three annas per acre.

Working on the ordinary standard of the increase of prices and the value of land as shomn by the prices in Government villages an increase of 33 per cent. would be justified but the situation is dominated by the figures of commutation which show that we can only fairly allow for an increase in the price of the main crop, nagli, of 25 per cent., on the basis of the standard of commutation, I propose therefore to inorease the rate in the case of the first three groups by this amount, which comes to four annas in the rupee. As regards the last two groups I think that a differentiation should be made which does not now exist, but should be made on every principle of settlement, between thea and the first three groups and would propose an increase of two annas in the rupee or $12 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent. in their case. I may add that though the increase proposed in both cases is less than what the bare figures of prices and value apart from the figures of commutation would justify, yet it has always been recognised that caution should be observed in assessing varkas land on account of the long fallows, and tendency to denudation, in which connection I would invite attention to the opinion of the former Commissioner, the Honourable Mr. Lawrence, given in paragraph 9 of his letter on page 80 of the Selection containing the seoond Levision report for the Ratnagiri Taluka, which runs as follows :--
"I entirely concur in the proposal to levy no enhancement on the varkas land. If the special character of such inferior hill lands had been recognised and a separate designation employed in the mal lands above the Ghats in Belgaum, it is probable that there would have been no enhancement of the assessment of those inferior soils, proposals for which I have recently submitted to Government with some hesitation."
If my proposals are approved the revised assessments will stand as follows:-

| Group. | Villagen. | Present amsesment. | Proposed assegament. | Inorease |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rss. | Re | Re. |
| 1 | 17 | 2,409 | 3,010 | 601 |
| II ... | 19 | 8,670 | 4,585 | 915 |
| III | 92 | 4,935 | 6,165 | 1,930 |
| IV | 81 | 4,949 | 5,566 | 617 |
| 7 ... | 64 | 18,491 | 15,096 | 1,675 |
| Total ... | 148 | \$9,884 | 84,489 | 5,039 |

## C.-Rabi lands.

27. The present maximum rate for these lands is Rs. 1-8-0 in the oase of villages in the first group and Re. 1 in that of the rest. Any statements to the contrary in old Appendix $Q$ are in error. I propose that this class of land should take the same increase as varkas, viz., 25 per cent. and $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the first three and the last two groups respectively so as to assimilate the rabi and varkas on the lines laid down by Colonel Godfrey in his remarks on the Revision Report of Mandangad to which I refer in paragraph 25 of my report on the petha.

The results will be as follows:-

D.-Garden lands.
28. The present maximum rate is Rs. 6 throughout. The total area is only 41 acres. In one village, only Alsure, has a commutation been made at tbree times the assessment, the index being Rs. 9. I discuss the question of garden lands more fully in the Mandangad Report where they are of more importance and for the reasons therein recorded I advocate no increase in the case of garden lands.
29. Summary of proposals.- The total result of my proposals will be as follows :-


These figures show that the total rate of inorease will fall short of the full increase allowed on the whole taluka of 33 per cent. by 5.60 per cent., due to the limitation in the increase on varkas lands.
30. Period of guarantee.-It is presumed that the usual guarantee of 30 years will apply to the Settlement.

Your most obedient servant,
R. G. GORDON, Settlement Officer, Khed.

APPENDIX A.
Rainfall recorded at Khed, District Ratnagiri.

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Settlement Officer, Khed.

APPENDIX B.
Detaits of Cultivation and Crops in the Villages of the Khed Taluka of the
Ratnagiri Collectorate.


R. G. GORDON,

Settlement Officer, Khed.

APPENDIX D.
Agricultural Stock of the 143 Government villages in the (including"Khoti) Khed Taluka during the year 1920.


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Settlement Officer, Khed.

## APPENDIX E．

Shops，industries，etc．，in the Villages of the Khed Taluka．

|  | Hand Induatries． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Meabanical Power． |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 8 | ${ }^{66}$ | 86 | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | －．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1 | ＂＊ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |

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APPENDIX F .
[Form V. F. 16.]
Wells, Bhudkis, Tanks and other Sources of Water Supply in the Forty-four Government Villages of the Khed Taluka, District Ratnagini for the year 192.

R. G. GORDON,

Settlement Officer, Khed.

## ABSTRACT OF APPENDEX F.

| - Distriot. <br> 1 | Detaila$2$ | Wells, Bhadris and the like. |  | Tanks. |  | Other Sources. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Pakka. <br> 3 | Sacha. | Patra, | Kachas 6 | Pakka. 7 | Kacha. 8 |
| Khed Taluka of the Ratnagiri - digtriot. | For irrigation <br> For arinking supply of human beings but not for irrigation. <br> For pastle and washing and other purposes, eto. <br> In diguse | $\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 179 \end{array}$ | *m... | .*.... | *....* | *..... | 2 |
|  |  |  | 223 | 2 | **** | ***** | $\cdots \cdots \cdots$ |
|  |  | 2 | 19 |  | 8 | **** | **** |
|  |  | 3 | 9 | 2 |  |  | *...** |
|  | Tobal ... | 186 | 245 | 4 | . 8 | ...... | 2 |
|  | Totaln recorded at the previous settlamants. | - |  |  |  | *** | $\cdots$ |

*These seam to inolude figures for Khoti villages whioh are not available for this sebtlement.
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Settlement Officer, Khed.

## APPENDIX G-1

Selling Value of Kharif Lands in the Villages of the Rhed Taluka.

| Sorial No, in Appendiz $\mathbf{L}$. | Name of Village. * | Are of land sold. | Ansessment. | Sale price | Number of times the asgessment represented by the price. | Remsths. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group I. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Kheai ... ... | $\begin{array}{ll}3 . & y \\ 30 & 38\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 127 } & 18 & 6\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Re. } \\ \text { m. } & \text { p. } \\ 20,174 & 11 & 0\end{array}$ | 157.62 |  |
| 10 | Mumbles eci ess | 014 | 1180 | - 7000 | 386 |  |
| 18 | Sarnas ... ... | 085 | 380 | 1,800 00 | $428 \cdot 67$ |  |
|  | Total ... | 292 | 18826 | 22,874 110 | **..** |  |
|  | Average pers acris .... | .....** | 607 | 1,014 117 | 168.09 |  |
|  | Grosp IL. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | Veral ... | $0 \quad 10$ | 080 | 10000 | 800 |  |
|  | Average per more at. ... | **** | 900 | 40000 | 200 | , |

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Settlement Offcer, Khed.

## APPENDIX G-2

Selling Value of Varkas Lands in the villages of the Khed Taluka.

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## APPENDIX G-3.

Selling value of mixed (Kharif and Varkas) lands in the villages of the Khed Taluka.

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Settlement Officer, Khed.

APPENDIX H-1.
Leases of Kharif lands in the villages of the Khed Taluka

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Settlement Officer, Khed.

APPENDIX H-2.
Leases of mixed (Kharif and Varkas) lands in the villages of the Khed Taluka.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
Serial \\
No. in Appendix L.
\end{tabular} \& Name of village. \& Area of land leased. \& Assessment. \& Rents. \& Number of times rent represented by the sesessment. \& Indives. \& Remarks. \\
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{2} \& \multirow[t]{4}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Group \(I\). \\
Khed (single crop areas). \\
Khed (donble crop areas). \\
Total \\
Average par acre \\
Aroup II.
\end{tabular}} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
A. \(g\). \\
618 \\
926
\end{tabular} \& \[
\begin{array}{rll}
\text { Rs. a. } \& \text { p. } \\
162 \& 0 \& 0 \\
56 \& 0 \& 0
\end{array}
\] \& \[
\begin{array}{rrr}
\text { Rs, } \& \text { a. } \\
1,145 \& 0 \& 0 \\
620 \& 0 \& 0
\end{array}
\] \& \begin{tabular}{l}
769 \\
928 \\
\hline
\end{tabular} \& \(\left.\begin{array}{l}26.39 \\ 82.20\end{array}\right\}\) \& \multirow[t]{4}{*}{(including straw at 15 bundles per maund of rent.)} \\
\hline \& \& 7029 \& 21800 \& 1,668 00 \& ...... \& \& \\
\hline \& \& ...... \& 814 \& 8894 \& \(7 \cdot 65\) \& \& \\
\hline 18 \& \& 9130 \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{79100 550} \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{array}{rrr}
698 \& 10 \& 0 \\
68 \& 0 \& 0
\end{array}
\]} \& 8.02 \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
\& 20.05 \\
\& 20.65
\end{aligned}
\]} \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{81} \& Veral ... \& \(9 \quad 5\) \& \& \& 11.68 \& \& \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Total \(\ldots\)} \& 8485 \& 8450 \& 701100 \& ...... \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{} \& \\
\hline \& \& ...: \& 270 \& 20111 \& \(8 \cdot 26\) \& \& \\
\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{84} \& Average par seme ...

Group $V$. \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& Guldhe ... \& 81 \& 4150 \& 1800 \& 865 \& 6.46 \& <br>
\hline 108 \& Mirle ... \& 85 \& 500 \& 4800 \& $9 \cdot 60$ \& 14.40 \& <br>
\hline 113 \& Pur Budrukh ... \& 6 \& 3140 \& 22100 \& $5 \cdot 84$ \& $8 \cdot 26$ \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{128} \& Ohatao \& 49 \& 4180 \& 6600 \& 18.71 \& 20.56 \& <br>
\hline \& Total ... \& 1622 \& 18100 \& 15100 \& ... \& \& <br>
\hline \& A perage per arre $\quad$ m \& ...... \& 120 \& 966 \& $8 \cdot 50$ \& \& <br>
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\end{tabular}

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APPENDIX $\overline{7}$ (Part IT).
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Rates of Commutation for Khoti villages.


APPENDIX H ,(Part II)-continued.

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Settlement Officer, Khed.

## APPENDIX 1 .

Prices prevalent in the Khed Taluka from 1889-90 to 1923.
(As plotted in the acoompanying diagram).

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Effect of Revision Settlement Proposald

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occupied land, of the Ratnagiri Taluka of the Khed District.


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## APPENDIX M.

Showing village, Population and Arèa of unoccupied assessed cultivable Government land in the Khed Taluka, Ratnagiri District.


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APPENDIX M-concluded.

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## APPENDIX N.

The papers relating to the Original and Revision Settlements of the Khed Taluka will be found in Government Selection No. CCCLXXX-New Series.

Under the orders contained in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 5711 of 12th September 1900, the 17 Groups shown in Appendix Q to the First Revision Report have been reduced to five with rates, Rs. 7, 6, 5, 4, and 3 applied to each of them respectively.
R. G. GORDON,

Settlement Officer, Khed.

## Second Levision Settlement Report of Khed Taluka.

From

> No. S.R.V.-9.

> H. L. FOX, Esquire, I.C.S., Collector of Ratnagiri ;

To
The SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER and DIRECTUR of LAND RECORDS, Poona.

Ralnagiri, 2nd May 1920.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith the report by Mr. R. G Gordon, I.C.S., on the Second Revision Settlement of Khed Taluka.
2. Briefly the proposals are for an increase of 33 per cent. in the assessment on all rice lands, and of 25 per cent. and $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the assessment of the warkas lands of the first three and the ramaining two groups respectively.

In view of the rise in prices, land values, and rents, during the last Settlement period, these proposed increases are quite reasonable. Mr. Gordon has throughout his report taken the most moderate estimates in his figures, and wherever there was any doubt has given the benefit of it to the oultivator.

In these ciroumstances it seems quite unnecessary to go into his argument in any detail; the proposals seem to me to be acceptable as they stand, both as to rating and grouping.
3. He remarks that his real rate for the best rice lands of Khed, Dhamandivi, and Songaon will be Rs. 10-11-0. This looks formidable on paper, but it is well-known that these lands produce regularly two khandis per acre, i.e., Rs. 120 without reckoning the value of the straw.
[4. As regards his estimate of $12 \frac{1}{2}$ maunds average produce per acre for rice lands, this is possibly correct, but it may be that the abharni estimates (from which he has extracted his figures) are underestimates. Nowadays the abhavni system is tending to become a nominal one, and many occupancy tenants whose rents have not been commuted pay cash rents equal to, or a little more than, the commuted rents. In such cases an abhavni may be made but it is only a nominal one, drawn up as a safeguard against contingencies. But I an informed that there is also a tendency on the part of the khots to deliborately undorestimate crops from which they still get a share (in cash or kind), the reason being that under the influence of the Khoti Settlement Act and with the alternativo attractions of Bombay, occupancy tenants will not pay such heavy rents as they used to, and the khot knows that if a dispute arises and he has to seek assistance from the Mamlatdar, he runs a risk of having his evidence rejected and only "acoumulation rate" rent awarded if the Mamlatdar, in the light of present-day views, considers the rent demanded an unreasonably heavy one. The khot therefore, in some casos at least, underestimates the crops so that he may still continue to demand his full share of the amount entered. 7
5. I may remark, with regard to the position of the ocoupancy tenants in general that their position has undoubtedly been groatly improved in the last 15 years. There are, strangely enough, no complaints heard from the khots regarding the loss they have suffered through rents having been commuted on the basis of the prices ruling 15 or 20 years ago. The explanation is that they offset this against the enhanced rents (in money value) that they got from their extensive khoti-khasgi land.

The ocoupanoy tenont has escaped from the khotra clutches, and it is the tenant of the khoti-khasgi land (often of course the same individual) who foels - the preesure of a heavy rent or other exactions, but haagain, with his telling
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threat of throwing up the land and emigrating, is steadily improving his position.
6. As regards Mr. Gordon's extracted estimate of average warkas yield of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ maurids per acre, the same remarks apply as those I have noted above about the rice lands, but there is also the further point (which leads one to think that this is a heavier-underestimate) that the khot looks particularly to the rice-land and considers it peculiarly his whilst the cultivators look specially to the yield of warkas crops and consider the warkas land their special domain. The khot is accordingly not so particular about his estimates of the warkas crops.

I may note that Mr. Crawford had a number of experiments conducted at Ratnagiri (in connection with an earlier settlement) which yield the figure of 7 maunds per acre as the average for nagli.
7. In paragraph 14 (V) Mr. Gordon estimates a shortage of about 25 per cent. in the food production of the taluka. In connection with this it has to be remembered that whilst perhaps 20 per cent. of the population emigrate (most of them returning annually to join in the cultivation) these are nearly all adult males, who leave their families behind. There is therefore a considerable population of women and children whose bread winners are nothing more than allotment holders.
8. As throwing some light on the peculiar conditions of the Distriat I may mention that the total average annual amount of money-orders paid out (inland and foreign) in the last five years in the whole District is 60 lakhs. Of this Khed's share is nearly $3 \frac{8}{4}$ lakhs, whilst the population is nearly a lakh out of $11 \frac{1}{2}$ lakhs.
9. I have had the advantage of Mr. Gordon's comments on the objections sent in to his proposals. I agree with him that they are either merely "customary" or based on misunderstanding and that they require no detailed comment.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

> H. L. FOX,

Collector of Ratnagiri.

## Below letter No S.R.V.-9, dated 2nd May 1925, from the Collector of Ratoagiri.

No. S.T.-418.

Poona, 22ud December 1925.
Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, Southern Division.
2. Mr. Gordon has had a difficult task, and has performed it with his usual ability.
3. As regards the assesement of rice land, he has established that an increase of 33 per cent. throughout the taluka is amply justified. To the facts which he enumerates in support of this conclusion, I wish only to add the fullowing infurmation regarding the course of the price of "paddy" since the report was writt $n$.

Price of rice in husk in sers and chataks per rupee:-

|  |  |  | Sen. | Chatake |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1924 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 10 | 2 |
| Average for 10 months of 1925 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 10 | 10 |  |  |

Percentage increace in price of rice in husk for the period 1921 to 1925 as compared wi $h$ the period 1893 to $190 \%$.
77.39 per cent.

These figures fortify the conclusion that an increase of $\mathbf{3} 3 \cdot 3$ per cent. in the rice rate; is perfectly safe.

I may add that the run of prices since 1921 has been as follows:-

| Year. |  |  |  |  | Per rupes. <br> 1921 |  |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 10 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1922 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 11 | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1023 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 11 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1924 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 10 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1925 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 10 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Thus no tendency towards a fall is exhibited, and these five years may fairly be adopted for comparison with the earlier period.

4 Mr . Gordon proposes to leave the grouping undisturbed, except for one village. More often than not in similar circumatances the plan of leaving the grouping as it is has been approved by Government, and I agree with the Settlement Officer's proposal, except as regards the one village.
5. In his paragraph 23 (ix), in which Mr. Gordon proposes this alteration of the grouping of one village, he states that he makes no other such recommendations because his pruposal for a general increase of 33 per cent. prevents any alteration in grouping. But this puts the cart before the horse. The grouping to be adopted must first be determined, and then the rater. The perception of the fact that an increase of over 33 per cent. in every village is justified shows that it is unnecessary to change the existing grouping, even though it may re obviously susceptible of improvement, and when, in these circumstanoes, it is decided not to change the grouping, the proposal for an allround increase of 33 per cent. follows
6. Mr. Gordon has proposed [paragraph $\equiv 3$ (ix)] to reduce the village of Ghera Rasalgad from group IV to group V on the ground that it is "certainly overgrouped at present."

Obviously by position the village belongs to group V; but in my No. S.T. -418 dated 22 nd instant $I$ bave argued at length, and need not repeat the arguments here that the grouping which nominally exists in this taluka, whether that of the original or that of the revision settlement, is practically
meaningless, my conolusion being that "there is no certainty that because in two villages the so-called maximum rate is the same, therefore the pitoh of assessment is the same, and it is possible that in two villages with very different maximum rates the pitch of assessment is approximately the same."

The question here is not whether Ghera Rasalgad is overgrouped looking to its position, but whether it is over-assessed relatively to group $V$, and that, in the circumstances of this taluka, is a different question. I am willing to agree that the probability is that this village is assessed more highly than the villages in group V. But that is nothing. The question is whether by increasing the assessments in it by 33.3 per cent. we are in danger of over-assessing it. T'he answer is, in my opinion, an emphatic negative. The sale and lease statistics in appendices G. and H. indicate that throughout the whole taluka the assessments might (but for the limitations imposed on us) be increased by very much more than 33.3 per cent. There is every indication that the assessments of the villages of group V might be safely doubled, but for these limitations. This would mean (so far as it has any meaning in this taluka) a maximum rate of Rs. 6 for these villages. But in Ghera Rasalgad the new maximum rate will not be Ris. 6 but only Rs. $5 \frac{1}{3}$. There is, moreover, no point in making this slight apparent improvement in the grouping. Other far more striking anomalies [referred to by Mr. Gordon in his paragraph 23 ( $x$ )] remuin. The artificial restrictions on enhancement must produce and have produced hundreds of anomalies and absurdities in other talukas, and it is certainly not worth while trying to obviate one more at the expense of the public revenues.

Also, the maximum rate in force in Ghera Rasalgad is Rs. 3-8, and that in neighbouring villages in group $V$ is Rs. 3-1 (vide statement $Y$ at page 21 of the appendix to Government Resolation No. 5711 dated 12th September 1900, Revenue Department). According to Mr. Gordon's proposal the latter will be raised to Rs. 4-1-4 while the former will remain unchanged. Thus, if the maximum rates actually in force are effective, Mr. Gordon is proposing to assess Ghera Rasalgad at considerably lower rates than these villages - which is certainly not called for, and would merely create a worse anomaly than the one he is attempting (and failing) to cure. If the maximum rates in force are not effective, then it is meaningless to say a village is overgrouped.

Accordingly I am of opinion that there should be no change at all in the grouping.
7. Mr. Gordon [his paragraph 24 (ii)] proposes such new maximum rates as Rs. 9.5, Rs. 6-11 and so on. This avoidance of pies in maximum rates is not worth while. Incidentally it means a loss to Government of a certain amount of annual revenue. That loss is not great in this cass owing to the small assessment borne by the taluka; but Mr. Gordon's rates give an increase of Rs. 18,503 per annum as maj be seen from the paragraph just referred to, whereas the full $33^{\prime} 3$ per cent. increase amounts to Rs. 18,743 i.e., Rs. 240 per annum more. Every increase, I propose, should be calculated at precisely the true rate of 5 annas 4 pies per rupee, the new maximum rates being Rs. 9-5-4, Rs. 8, Rs. 6-10-8, Rs. 5-5-4 and Rs. 4. The calculations are as easy as those involved by Mr. Gordon's rates.

I may rewark incidentally that the increases in assessment shown by Mr. Gordon in his paragraph 24 (ii) are wrong. As increases are calculated to the nearest quarter anna per rupee, the increase in group $I$, for instanoe, is not Rs. 5,861 , as given by him, but Rs. 5,828 only. Thus the loss involved by his proposals considerably exeeeds the Rs. 240 per annum shown above; and there is no reason at all for incurring it.

## Warkas Land.

8. Mr. Gordon states that an increase of 33 per cent. would be justified, but that the situation is dominated by the figures of commutations, which show that an increase of 25 per cent. only in price of nagli can be fairly allowed for. He therefore cuts down the otherwise justifiable increase of 33 to 25 per cent., and further proposes this only for the first three groups, with an increase of only $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the other two. He says this differentiation should be made "on every principle of settlement"

In my opinion this justification of the proposed increase of only 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in two of the groups cannot stand examination. A great increase in assessment would be justifiable all over, but the 33 per oent. limit compels us to cut down the increase to 33 per cent. Then comes into operation the 25 per cent. limit further compelling us to cut down the increases to 25 per oent. But it is not allowable to go further and say that because the assessment in the tirst 3 groups ought to be higher than in the other 2, therefore, in order to introduce 2 relative fairness in pitch of assessment, the increase which would otherwise have been justified in the lowest 2 groups and which has already been cut down because of the artificial limits imposed on us, is to be still further cut down so as to make the assessments lower than in the first 3 groups. This would be a quite unjustifiable and needless sacrifice of revenue. The warkas in the lowest 2 groups will by no moans be over-assessed under the 25 per cont. increase ; and if we cannot, because of the restrictions, assess the first 3 groups more highly, that is unfortunate for the public revenues, but it is quite unnecessary to sacrifice these revenues still further by cutting down still more the already curtailed fincrease in the two lower groups. When it is discovered at revision sebtlament that half of the villages of a group might fairly have their assessments iocreased by 45 per cent. and the other half by 33 per cent., we increase all the assessments by 33 per cent; we do not say that because the 45 per cent. must be out down to 33 per cent., therefore the fair increase of 33 per cent. in the other villages must be cut down to 25 per cent. So in any case the proposed increase of 25 per cent. in warkas assessment must be applied to all the groups.
9. It remains tu be seen whether the increase of 25 per cent. is sufficient. The prices of nagli and wari for the period 1923 to 1925 (up to end of October 1925) are 53.3 and 50.6 per cent. respectively higher than for the first 4 years of the settlement period. Appendix $G$ shows enormous selling values of warkas land expressed in terms of assessment. Even for group V the average is 318 times the assessment. The Settlement Officer has given no lease statistics because of the difficulty of making allowance for fallows, etc; but I think that had he given them it would have been seen that though the annual rental values could not be accurately evaluated yet they are certainly very high after making the freatest reasonably possible allowance for fallows. Appendix $H$ (Part II) shows one or more villa :es in all the groups having indices as low as $\cdot$ Rs. $1 \cdot 25$. But this figure results mechanically from taking $1 / 3 \mathrm{rd}$ of the crop as equal in value to twice the assessment, and estimating an increase of : 5 per cent. in prious since the period the prices of which were taken as a basis for calculating the commuted rents. Moreover, these rents cannot be taken as a measure of the full rental value of the land. It will be noticed, for instance, that the index figures tor rice land in this appendix run well below those derived from ordinary leases in Appendix H-I.

Consequently, if the increase in prices since the period 1892 to 1903 will allow it, an increase of 33 per cent. is justified.

During the five years' period now ending, the prices of nagli and wari have been as follows:-

Sers and chataks per rapeas

| Yesr. |  |  | Nagli. |  | Wari. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1921 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $8-1$ | $8-9$ |
| 1922 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $9-2$ | $10-10$ |
| 1923 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $11-10$ | $14-2$ |
| 1924 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $10-10$ | $13-8$ |
| 1925 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $11-1$ | $12-8$ |

(10 months)
From 1917 to 1922 prices remained exceptionally higb, a phenomenon whioh is probably closely connected with the ivcrease in the exchange value of the rupee during that period (but I shall not go into that). Accordingly for purposes of comparison, I shall use only the figures for the period 1923 to 1925. These figures show the following percentage increases over those for the period 1892 to 1903:-

| Nagli | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 37.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wari | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 36.5 |

The increases for the same period over the pre-war period 1911 to 1915 are:-

| Nagli | .. | $\ldots$ | .. | .. | .. | $11 \cdot 8$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Wari | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | .. | .. | $3 \cdot 4$ |

The increase since the pre-war period is remarkably small considering the fall in purchasing power of the rupee and the rise in cost-of-living index-figure. This is probably an instance of the common phenomenon that locally consumed products only gradually and in the long run follow ty e chance in price of products (such as rice) which enter into international trade; so that a gradual increase in the prices of nagli and uari is to be looked for. Moreover, the uctual run of figures for the period 1923 to 192 i as given above does not suggest a future fall. In thess circumstances the probability of a fall in prices appears to me to be remote. Consequently I think that to take an increase of only 25 per cent. when the actual increases in price by which "the situation is dominated" are 37.5 and 36.5 per cent. allors a greater margin of safety than is necessary. The proposed increase of 25 per cent. is too far below these increases in prices, and too little above the increases for the pre-war period, which are 23.5 por cent. for nagli and 32.0 for wari as compared with the period 1892 to 1903. I think that an increase of 30 per cent. (which is about midway between the increases for nagli for the 2 periods) should be taken, or, say, an increase of 4 annas 9 pies in the rupee, which works out at just $u$ der 30 per cent. The fact that the increase for wari for 1911 to 1915 even is 32 per cent. over that for 1892 to 1903 further support: the reasonableness of this proposed increase in assessments. I may also remark that in order that this increase in assessments may be justified it is not nece-sary that the increase in price as compared with the period 1892 to 1903 should never fall below 3.) per cent. in any year, but only that the average increase over a period of years should not fall below 30 per cent.
10. When in paragraph 26, (1) Mr. Gordon states that the "standard of assessment (of warkas) is the same throughout the taluka, being within a pie or two on either side of 3 annas per acre", he appears to refer to the average assessment per acre on warkas land in each of the five groups (vüde Appendix L). But the average assesement per acre is a different thing from the "standard of assessment".

## Rabi.

11. Mr. Gordon states that the present maximum rates are Rs. 1-8 in the first group and Re. 1 in the others. He proposes an increase of 25 per cent. in the first 3 groups and $12 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. in the other two. This will produce maximum rates of Rs. 1-14 in group I, Re. 1-4 in groups II and III and Re. 1-2 in group V. Mr. Gordon states that he proposes this "so as to assimilate the rabi and warkas on the lines laid down by Colonel Godfrey in his remarks on the Revision Report of Mandangad ". But obviously Mr. Gordon has not produced any assimilation in the case of group I. However, this does not matter.

As in the case of warkas, there is in my opiuion no reason why the increase should be reduced to 121.per cent. in the last 2 groups. The already restricted increase of 25 per cent. ought to be applied all round. Of course, as in the case of warkas, I think the increase ought to be of 30 per cent.

## Warkas and Rabi Rates.

12. In order to facilitate the discussion of the warkas and rabi rates I have so far assumed that the percentage increase must be limited by the increase in prices since the period 1892 to 1903, and have discussed what the new rates ought to be on this supposition. But in my opinion there is no reason why this limitation should apply to any land except that in Khoti villages on which the rent has been fixed under the Khoti Act, as amended in 1904, in the form of an immutable multiple of the assessment. Mr. Gordon states-and I agree with him-that apart from this limitation the ordinary considerations would justify an increase of 33.3 per cent. I am therefore of opinion that this increase of one-third ought to be applied throughout the taluka, and that on the land just referred to a remission should be allowed so
as to reduce the increase to 30 per cent. in the case of such land only. It is not udvisable that the continuance of this remission throughout the settlement period be guaranteed; for, if the run of prices should justify it, the assessment on this land also may be increased up to $33 \cdot 3$ per cent. limit. (The reason why the assessment on this land ought not to be increased in a ratio greater than the increase in price of its produce since the period 1892 to 1903 is of course, obvious).

## Garden Lands.

13. I discuss the assessment of garden lands in my review of the Mandangad report, and I recommend that the rates be increased by $33 \cdot 3$ per cent.
14. This taluka was overassessed at the original settlement, and in consequence of complaints numerous reductions in the assessment of rioe land were made at various times both by uniform proportionate reductions throughout whole villages, whether of the assessment or the classification, and also by varied modifications of the olassification of different qualities of land. The classification was bad to start with. The complaints were silenced; which means that no appreciable area of land remained overassessed; but it is practically certain that as the result of the reductions much land is and will remain under-assessed; and it is certain, in my opinion that the pitch of assessment throughout the taluka is not satisfactory.

Similarly, muny reductions were made for the same reason in the assessment of warkas land. In paragraph 26(1) Mr. Gordon states that now the maximum rate is the same throughout the taluka, viz., Re. 1 "the classifioation being taken as the assessment". This means that the various reductions ennmerated by him must have been made by lowering the classifioation of the land in the villages dealt with. Though this ensured that no warkas land remained overassessed, there is no certainty that a great deal is not under-assessed, or that the pitch of assessment is fair from village to village.

The olassifioation of the taluka may have to be thoroughly overhauled. But this matter does not affect the present settlement at which practically the maxiwum permissible increase is, in any event, secured.
15. I make a few brief remarks on certain paragraphs of the report:-

Paragraph 7 (c) (i). -It is difficult to see how, when land lies fallow for from 5 to 10 years, the Village Accountant can decide whether it is merely'fallow or under a grass crop.
Paragraph 8.-An increase in milch cattie is a usual sign of prosperity.
There are under 30,000 acres assessed as rice in the taluka. With the increase in rice area referred to in paragraph 7 one would expect an increase in plough cattle. The apparent discrepancy is probably due to inaccuracy in the statistios; but may also be due in some measure to fewer useless animsls being kept.
Paragraph 18.-It is incredible that at first revision settlement it could have been said there was "no appreciable rise in prices", though there had in fact been a fall of 40 per cent., on the ground that there had also been a decrease of 40 per cent. in assessments which decrease neutralised the fall in prices. For one thing the fall in price from Rs. 38 to Rs. 28 is not a decrease of 40 per cent. but of 26 per cent. The fact is that the price of Rs. 38 adopted by the Settlement Officer at the original settlement fell within nine months to Rs. 24, then later the price rose to Rs. 30 and at the time of first revision settlement it was Rs. 28. Consequently it was correct to say there had been no appreciable rise in prices during the period of the original settlement.
Paragraph 19.-It is hardly credible that people who have so much contact with the outside world as have the people of this taluka are not aware of other means than the purchase of land ready at hand for investing money. Doubtless, they do like, when
they have mate money, to buy a bit of land in their own village and on that account the price is forced up; but that they so invest all their money I doubt.
16. Rents expressed as multiples of assessment are abnormally high in Ratnagiri district. This is generally attributed to the fact that the tenants do not depend on cultivation for their livelihood throughout the year, but work also for several months in Bombay. If they had to depend on the land for their livelihood throughout the year, they would necessarily pay muoh lower rents. . Consequently, it may be argued, the assessment ought to be a much lower fraction of the rent here than it is generally elsewhere, in view of the position of the cultivating oocupant. To give a rough illustration, if, out of a gross produce of Rs. 140 elsewhere, Rs. 100 goes to the tenant and Rs. 40 to the landlord, then if the assessment is half the rent, the cultivating occupant will in such a case seoure an income of Rs. 120 from his land. But in Ratnagiri, with the same gross produce, Rs. 70, let us say, would go to the tenant and Rs. 70 to the landlord. If, again, the assessment is half the rent, the oultivating occupant in Ratnagiri will get only Rs. 105 from his land as against Rs. 120 elsewhere.

In so far as there is any substance in this view it may be replied to to the effect that the assessment is in fact a much smaller fraction of the annual rental value in Ratnagiri than generally elsewhere. But I do not think there is any substance in the said view. Where supplementary occupations are so readily available as they are to the inhabitants of Ratnagiri, and where they have for long been so universally made use of as by these inhabitants, there appears to be no reason why a man should olaim to be able to maintain himself thronghout the year by only six months' labour on the land. Where sapplementary occupations are not available the case is of course different; but there economio facts a atomatically settle the matter by lowering the rents, just as, in the different circumstances of Ratnagiri, they push the rents up.

It is needless to add that for the non-cultivating occupant, be he a rich landowner or a widow who must lease her land, the bigh rents are pure gain.
A. W. W. MACKIE,

Acting Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.
(Below Settlement Commissioner's No. S.T.-418, dated 22nd December 1925, and accompaniments.)

No. S.R.V.-37.
Office of the Commissioner, S. D., Bombay, 1st March 1926.

## Submitted to Government in the Revenue Department.

2. The current (1st revision) settlement of the taluke expired in 1924-25. In that the rates and grooping fixed in the original settlement were continued (vide Government Resolution No. 5820 of 9 th September 1898).
3. In Government Resolution No. 8906, dated 30th October 1923 Mr. R. G. Gordon, I.C.S., was appointed Settlement Officer for a period of five months for submitting proposals for the revision settlement of this taluka and of Mandangad Petha. In accordance with the general instructions given on page 402 of the Settlement Manual, Volume II, as amended by Government Resolution No. 5545 of 3rd August 1922, these proposals should bave been submitted as under:-


The Settlement Officer submitted the report to Collector in time, i.e., on 4th July 1924, but the Collector forwarded it to the Settlement Commissioner on 2nd May 1925 (after 4 months delay) and the Settlement Commissioner transmitted it to the Commissioner on 22nd December 1925 (received on 2nd January 1926), i.e., after 6 months delay (in consequence of the 4 months' delay in the Collector's office). Thus it will be seen that the report was received by the Commissioner from the Settlement Commissioner on the date on which-it should have reached Government.
4. There are 147 villages in the taluka of which 4 are inam ( 2 surveyed and 2 unsurveyed). The Settlement Officer has submitted proposals for 143 villages (the same as those referred to in the first revision report) the tenures of which sre as under:-

44 Government villages.
2 partly Government and partly khoti.
97 Khoti.

## Total ... 143

5. Agricultural condition.-This taluka is under the Khoti tenure. The agricultural condition of the taluka has been satisfactory. Appendix M. shows that there is no unoccupied assessed cultivable srea. It is well known that the Ratnagiri District cannot support its population. This was declared by Government as far back as 1879. With the increase in numbers of the khoti landlords and increased cost of living it is not likely that the landlord can afford to reduce his customary renb, high though it is. The Upri tenant or. tenant-at-will who has cultivated the land, in many cases for a long term of years, has to accept these high rents and states that as he or his ancestors bave improved the land for many years past he cannot afford to let it go. Owing to pressure on land in this district the tenants-at-will are not able to make their own terms with their landlord. When I asked them why they did not seek service under another less exsoting landlord they replied there was no room for them elsewhere, that all landlords had their full complement of tenants and they declined to go to Bombay and leave others behind to cultivate and look after the cattle. Although large numbers emigrate to Bombay for labour, this migration is chiefly from the coast talukas.
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Khed is an inland taluka and there must be a very large increase in the numbers who leave for Bombay, before the landlords will feel the necessity of lowering rents to tempt the tenańts to stay. This pressure on the land cannot continue and I pointed out to them that they must make up their minds sooner or later to break with old traditions and move on. 'l'he population in 1856 was returned at 681,147 and was more than the district could support (Collector's letter No. 614 of 22nd July 1856). It is now nearly double. The pressure on the land can be imagined. Captain Wingate reported as far back as 1851 the toilsome plan of bringing earth from a distance to cover bare rock. (Bombay Government Selection II,9). Under economic law it is but natural that the landlords who are rapidly increasing in number must strive to get the highest rent possible from the land leaving a minimum wage for the Upri tenant. Consequently no prices of land can be used as a criterion of land values, nor can it be inferred that profits are high because land fetches a high price. There is an eager scramble for land if any is ever available. Every possible inch of cultivable land in Khed is cultivated except what is reserved for grass or rab.

- Appendix B (Details of cultivation of crops) contains information for only the 44 Government villages. It shows that the net cropped area is 17,205 acres and fallow 44,536 acres, the proportion being 29 per cent. and 71 per cent. respectively. Fallow is of course a misnomer. There are no public grazing grounds and most warkas land is grazing ground and is kept fallow. It is also kept to provide rab, i.e., grass, leaves and shrubs for wood ash without which no rice cultivation is possible. The Settlement Officer says that the statistics collected are too inaccurate to distinguish between ordinary and grass fallows.

6. Live and deadstock.-Statistics for the 143 Government and Khoti villages as given in- appendix $D$ compared with the figures in Appendix $F$ to the 1st revision settlement report show that the agricultural stock has increased to an appreciable extent under the heads earts and milch cattle, viz.-

## Carts from 140 to 344

Milch cattle from 17,401 to 19,360
while there is decrease under the following heads:-
ploughs from 12,943 to 11,660
plough cattle from 23,070 to 22,714
sheep and goats from 3,922 to 3,530 .
The Settlement Officer remarks:-
"While the collecting ageney is not above suspicion, probably the figures present approzimately the truth, and show good increases under the heads where they can be expected. The area cultivated being the same no increase is to be anticipated under that of plough cattle. As regards the figures of carts, when it is considered that 60 years ago there were only 33 , the progress is striking."
7. Prices.-Rice and nagli are the ohief crops. Just before the 1st revision, $i$. e., during the 3 years ending 1893-94, the average quantity of rice -and nagli sold per rupee was 11 seers 5 chataks and 17 seers 13 chataks respectively. The average for the 10 years ending 1917 (prewar prices) was-

|  |  |  |  | Per rapee. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | S. |  |
| Rice | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 14 |
| Nagli | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 | 9 |

This gives an increase on the price of rice of 44 per cent. and of Nagli of 42 per cent. Omitting the abnormally high prices of 1918 -20 the average quantity of rice and nagli sold per rupee during the subsequent 3 years ending 1923, was-

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& & & & & & \text { Increase over } \\
\text { pre settlement price. }
\end{array}
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The customary share as ascertained at the time of the Khoti settlement was half gross produce on rice (so called kharif) and $1 / 3 \mathrm{rd}$ on warkas, $4 s$ that is more difficult to raise. I find in his private lands the khot often takes 10 maunds on Makta as rent on lands which are supposed to yield 20 maunds but which are often admitted to yield only 17 maunds in poor years. Yet the tenant has to pay 10 maunds all the same. When the Khoti Settlement Act I of 1880 was introduced, it was decided in the case of permanent tensnts that when making commutations of payment of a crop share into a cash equivalent (if there were no satisfactory evidence to the contrary), a half crop share should be commuted into 3 multiples of the survey assessment and a third crop share into 2 multiples [section 33, Rule V (2) ]. The permanent tenant has now had his rent commuted, with few exceptions, usually at $3 \frac{1}{2}$. times the assessment. If we raise the assessment by rupee 1 the permanent tenant will have to pay to the khot an extra amount of Rs. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per acre as the multiples will be maintained by law on the revised assessment. In view of the prominence which has been given of late to the difficulties under which khoti tenants labour, any large increase of the tenants rent will be strenuously resisted. I have recently toured through the Kbed Taluka and have held enquiries among some hundreds of ryots of a large number of villages. They complain that even with the present rates of assessment, the multiples of assessment which they have to pay as reat ( $3 \frac{1}{2}$ to 4) are burdensome. On the other hand no increase of assesswent on khoti khasgi land will have any effect upon the tenants-at-will. They are already made to pay the utmost amount of rent that can be obtained from them: and any increase of assessment will fall on the khots.
8. Wages.-The current rate of agriçultural wages in Khed itself is 8 annas and in villages 2 meals and 2 annas per day. The wages of Bombay city affect labour conditions in Katnagiri,
9. Rainfall.-The rainfall is ample. Bad seasons are unknown.
10. Population.-Thel, subjoined table gives the figures for the last 4 censuses:-

| 1891 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 100,550 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1901 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 95,594 |
| 1911 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 101,529 |
| 1921 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 95,494 |

The deorease in the census of 1921 is chiefly due to deaths from influenza. Rainagiri District does much to supply the working population of Bombay, the Army and Police and this reduces the number of residents. The health of the taluka is good.
11. Value of land.-A ppendices G-1 to G-3 contain statistios of sales in 17 out of 44 Government villages for the 10 years ending 1923. The results are summarised below. As already explained land fetches fancy prices in the Ratnagiri District.


## The Settlement Officer remarks :-

"The fact is, as every report in the district shows, that the demand for land and the fact that there are no other means of investment make the price enormously high. This is specially the case with Mahomedan villages, as those who make money abroad do not care what they spend on land purchases and it is not easy at times to see that they can make any profit. And in fact the rate of profit is small. Thus to give an example from the village of Khed, on land bought within the past few years for Rs. 14,158 the amount of rent, inoluding the price of straw minus the assessment comes to Rs. 522 , a profit of 37 per cent. only. This is of course no argument against the rate of assessment, but merely shows that the prices of land are inflated beyond their true value by the demand for it". Every one who knows Ratnagiri is aware that land prices are inflated far beyond the real value.
12. Rents.-The Settlement Officer has collected statistics for only 16 out of 44 Government villages, in respect of kharif and mised (kharif and warkas) lands only (vide Appendices H-1 and H-2). He has not collected figures for warkas only on the ground that such lands are seldom permanently rented, that after a crop or two they are thrown up for the fallow period and that the rents thereon during. their periodical cultivation depend upon the rainfall of the particular year. Warkas lands are of great value for grass and rab. The taluka could not be cultivated without them and they are mostly used as adjuncts to rice fields.

For khoti villages he has given figures of commuted assessment in respect of rice, warkas and garden lands (vide Appendix H-Part II). The rents according to Maktas on khoti khasgi land have not been shown. They are apparently one half of the crop. The average rents per acre in multiples of assessment in Government villages and the average commuted rents in multiples of assessments in khoti villages are given below :-


The commuted rents in respecits of khoti villages shown in columns 4 and 5 were based upon the prices current during the years 1892-03. As they give exceptionally low figures, the Settlement Officer, with a view to present the rents proportionately to the subsequent increase in prices, has considered it necessary to raise them by 40 per cent. in the case of rice and 25 per cent. in the case of warkas. These increased rates work out as under :-

| Groups. |  |  |  | Rice | Warkas (Nagli). |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.29 | 2.89 |
| II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.58 | 3.24 |
| III | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.79 | 3.44 |
| IV | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.80 | 3.29 |
| V | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.56 | 3.48 |

The lowness of rents can easily be explained. The commutation had to be fixed by mutual consent. The khots were attraoted by the prospects of easy recovery of rents year by year under Assistance Suits, as against the disputes
and difficulties involved under the Abhavani system. The tenants naturally would not accept a commotation unless it was favourable to them. Section 33 of the Act also laid down that where proof of customary rents was not satisfactory three multiples should be allowed for a $\frac{1}{2}$ crop share and two multiples for $1 / 3$ rd crop share. All these factors onspired to bring about commutations at thres times or a little over. Where there is absolute free traffic, i.e., between tenants-at-will and the khots as regards their own khasgi lands, rents are far bigher. Tenants-at-will urge to he allowed to pay as rents the same multiples as were given to permanent tenants. Permanent tenants when complaining that the multiples fixed by the leccording Officar were high had to admit to me that these multiples were lower than the amount they used to pay under the old Abhavani systern to which they had no desire to revert. I consider it is reasonable therefore to conclude that the rents of permanent tenants based on multiples are low rents; but they are a privilege 1 class.

As regards the relation of rents to enhancement of assessment the Settlement Officer remarks:-
" At the same time I would not press the conclusions to be derived from the figures of rent too far so as to cluim that assessment could be raised to the rates which appear from the indices. The basis of the figures is a rent in grain on which allowance häs to be made ia bad years, and such allowauoes are actually made, as I know. In fixing the commutation rates the Recording Officer, as his proceedings show, seldom gave the full rates which would be allowable on the grain rents, but always made allowance for the difference between a grain and cash rent and the Settlement Officer must take the same course. Still giving credit for all these points of view, the rents are undoubtedly high as stated in terms of assessment."
With regard to the position of occupancy tenants in general the Collector considers that it has undoubtedly greatly improved in the last 15 years and I agree. I do not however agree with the Collector that the condition of the tenanta of khoti-khasgi lands is steadily improving. (I met thousands of tenants during my enquiry and the worst clad and worst nourished tenants were the tenants-at-will. Repeatedly I was informed that although the rents were most oppressive (in some cases 10 maunda of grain on lund that yielded some 17 maunds except in a specially good year) they could not leave their village and the lands that had been with their family (as tenants-at-will) for over 70 years for it must be remembered that all tenants, unable to prove continuous occupancy since 1845 up to the time the Bot-khat was framed, are tenants-at-will. Thus even a continuous ocoupanoy from 1850 to date is, under the Khoti Act a tenancy-at-will.) In the majority of villages in Khed tenants-at-will do not threaten the khots with emigration. In time no doubt these high rents must be lowered or the tenants will be forced to leive. My suggestions that some should leave for work elsewhere were not weloomed by the tenants; the time when the tenants of Khed can exact better terms from their landlords has not yet come. If any one tenant-at-will gave up his job tomorrow, there would be clamour for his vacant place. The emigration movement has chiefly affected Marathas and the tenants-at-will are kulwadis an ignorant class who seldom send their children to school.

In the Settlement Commissioner's opinion, though the rents are high in this taluka as elsewhere in the district, the tenants do not feel the pressure as supplementary occupations are readily available and have long been universally made use of. In the case of a non-cultivating occupant, the Settlement Commissioner adds, be he a rich landowner or a widow who must lease her land, the high rents are pure gain. I consider the rents of tenants-at-will are high, but no alteration of the assessment will affect them.
13. Grouping and Rates.-The General considerations on the basis of which the Settlement Officer has formulated his proposals are explained in paragraph 24 of his report. He has shown-
(1) that the actual assessment now paid is the same as that paid 60 years ago and that in 32 villages it is actually less;
(2) that the present price of paddy has increased by 73 per cent. over that for the 5 years previous to the revision settlement and that even the pre-war price had risen by 37 per cent. over the same.
(Here I consider we are on safe grounds. The enormous rise in prices justifies increase of assessment.)
(3) that communications by road and steamer have vastly improved ;
(4) that the price of land has considerably risen;
(5) that there has been an increase in the number of carts for trade purposes and also in milch cattie which are clear signs of prosperity; and
(6) that the provisions of the Khoti Settlement Act have much improved the economic condition of the people.
I agree that the lot of the permanent tenants has been vastly improved by the Khoti Act. The tenants-at-will raised a universal demand that it should be applied to them also. All tenants except those whose ancestors were cultivating for 20 years previous to 1865 are "Upri" tenants or tenants-at-will, subject to 3 months' notice.

There are clear indications of marked progress and it can be safely assumed that there has been material advance in the general prosperity of the taluka and that there has been a distinct rise in the standard of comfort. Those who consider the taluka is poor, by basing their conclusions on the conditions of khots and the tenants, must remember that both classes have increased in numbers in a district which as far back as 1856 was said to be unable to support its population under 700,000 . The population is now nearly $1 \frac{1}{4}$ millions. It will be said that the census figures of Khed Taluka do not bear out a large increase in population but Khed feeds the Army, the Police and the Bombay labour market, and Ratnagiri is a suburb of Bombay, where many go and settle from among the Ratnagiri population. Khed is undoubtedly exporting some part of its surplus population but the population is still too much for the soil. It also has to feed absentee khoti landlords.

## Grouping.

During the frst revision the villages were classified into 17 groups which were subsequently reduced to 5 in accordance with the orders in Government Resolution No. 5711 of 12 September 1900. The Settlement Ufficer has pointed out in his paragraph 23 (iii) certain inaccuracies in the grouping sanctioned in the above quoted Government Resolution and has now corrected them, the number of groups remaining the same. His corrections will not make any difference by themselves in the assessment. As the result of these corrections the grouping will stand as under :-


In the grouping thus corrected the Settlement Officer proposes only one change, i.e., to raise the village Ghera-Rasalgad from group V to IV. The Settlement Commissioner approves of the corrections in the grouping made by the Settlement Officer but he is against raising Ghera-Rasalgad to group IV on the ground that the existing maximum rate in that village is Rs. $3 / 8$ whereas in the neighbouring village in the same group it is Rs. $3 / 1$. The Settlement Commissioner's reasoning is correct and I reoommend that it may be accepted. It is not possible in so hilly a taluka to reduoe the number of groups.

Rates.
The existing rates and the rates proposed by the Settlement Officer are compared below :-


The effect of the Settlement Officer's proposals will be approximately as follows:-


As regards kharif (19,379 acres). -The Settiement Officer has proposed an increase of 33 per cent. for all the groups and has established the fact that the increase is amply justified. He however remarks :-
"The only argument against imposing the full increase, which I should state in fairness, is that the rate of assessment imposed will be above that of much more favoured talukas of the Kolaba District, such as Panvel, which have been recently settled and that it will be much higher than that which can be imposed at revision on the Mahad Taluka: with its highest maximum rate of Rs. 7 though it is undoubtedly more favourably placed than Khed. These however are matters for Government to take account of and not the Settlement Officer."
The Collector and the Settlement Commissioner consider that the increase proposed by the Settlement Officer is quite reasonable. The price statistics for 1924 and 1925 given in paragraph 3 of the Settlement Commissioner's review fortify the conclusion that an increase of 33.3 per cent. is perfectly justified. The Settlement Commissioner, however, points out that the avoidance of pies in the maximum rates proposed by Mr. Gordon, which would result in the loss to Government of about Rs. 240 annually, is not worth while and proposes that every increase should be caloulated at precisely the true rate of 5 annas 4 pies per rupee, the new maximum rates being-

| Rs. 95 | 4 | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | for group | I |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 80 | 0 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | " | II |
| 610 | 8 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | " | III |
| 55 | 4 | ... | . | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | " | IV |
| 40 | 0 | ... | ... | ... | ... |  | V |

I prefer the Settiement Officer's rates, as I consider pies cause extra work in working out the actual assessment. We should eliminate pies. The loss will be about Rs. 240 which is insignificant.

It is to be noted that the average rice rate that will have to be actually assessed will come to-

| Rs. | 6 | 9 | 3 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | in group |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $"$ | 4 | 7 | 8 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | I. |
| $"$ | 3 | 11 | 0 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $"$ |
| " | 3 | 4 | 0 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | III. |  |  |
| $"$ | 2 | 6 | 3 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $"$ |
| IV. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $"$ | V. |  |

## (Vide column 27 of Appendix L.)

This is an important point and is often lost sight of. The maximum rate is a paper figure. It is not an actual figare.

## Warkas (166,598 acres) and Rabi (521 acres).

For both warkas and rabi the Settlement Officer has proposed an increase of 25 per cent. and $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for the first three and the remaining two groups respectively. The Collector agrees and observes that "Mr. Gordon has throughout his report taken the most moderate estimates in his figures, and wherever there was any doubt has given the benefit of it to the cultivator". The Settlement Commissioner has dealt with the question of these increases in his paragraphs 8 to 11 and proposes an all round increase of 30 per cent. In proposing this he has taken into consideration the prices of nagli and wari current in 1923 to 1925, viz,

| Nagli 37.5 per cent. <br> Wari 36.5 per cent. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Nagli 11.8 per cent. | $\ldots$ | and | | Increase over the price existing during |
| :---: |
| $1892-03$. |

and at the same time admits that the increase since the prewar period is remarkably small considering the fall in purchasing power of the rupee and the rise in cost of living. I cannot quite follow the reasoning of the Settle-; ment Commissioner for an all round increase of 30 per cent. Though such an increase appears to be justifable on the basis of the prices in 1923-25, I consider that this three years' period is far two short for comparison with the prewar and settlement periods. In tiue past there have been instances of assessments fixed in the original settlement having been subsequently reduced on account of decrease in prices, etc. (vide paragraph 1 of Government - Resolution No. $58: 20$ of 1898). In these circumstances the more moderate increase proposed by the Settlement Officer and supported by the Collector (i.e., 25 per cent. for the first 3 groups and $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for the remaining 2) appear to me to be quite appropriate and may be accepted. Rabi is very stoall and warkas can only be cultivated with great labour'nad yields a poor return.

> Garden (41 acres).

The area is very small. The Settlement Officer does not propose any increase and the Collector agrees with him ; but the Settlement Commissioner, for reasons given in paragraphs 15 to 20 of his review on Mandangad report recommends an increase of 33.3 per cent. I am not in favour of any increase of assessment. Everything should be done to encourage gardens. Mr. Gordon's proposal to retain the old rate may be accepted.
14. Petitions of objections.-A petition of objections to the proposed grouping and rating, submitted by the representative occupants of the Government, Khoti-Khichadi and khoti villages in Khed Taluka is enclosed. As pointed out by Mr. Gordon and the Collector the objections raised are either merely "customary" or based on misunderstanding and that they require no detailed comment:' The Settlement Commissioner while forwarding this petition of objections has not made any remarks. Apparently he agrees with the Settlement Officer and the Collector.
15. In paragraph 4 of Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 5820 of 9 th September 1898 Government expressly declared that the classification of this Taluka was not final within the meaning of section 106, Land Revenue Code, and suggested that the question of reclassifying this Taluka or parts of it should be more fully considered. Mr. Gordon has now submitted a supplementary report (herewith enclosed) in which he has dealt with the subject at a considerable length. He proposes that the original groupings (I to XVII) should be restored even at the cost of apparent chaos in the map and that if this is not to be done at least the old groups XI to XVII be allowed to remain separate the others remaining combined, i.e., to have a eight group system instead of five. On this the Settlement Commissioner (Mr. Anderson) remarks:-
"The matter is not urgent because action need not be taken before the next settlement. The undersigned is convinced however that action must be taken in the direction of a reclassification. The medicine which Mr. Gordon ultimately proposes will retain the disease in its old state. It may remove some of the camouflage or incrustations which hide, without remedying it. The adoption of his recommendation will set the next Settlement Officer a task of inconceivable difficulties. The only genuine remedy is to have the courage to denounce the classifications and do them again."
On this proposal the Collector (late Mr. Fox) remarked as under:-
"In this contest of experts on a recondite technical subject any opinion from the undersigned is perhaps uncalled for, but if he may be allowed to venture one, it is that the balance of the argument seems to be in favour of Mr. Anderson's proposals. Whether however it would be practical, or good policy, to oarry them out is a matter for Government to decide."
In forwarding all these papers to me the Settlement Commissioner (Mr. Mackie) has made detailed remarks on this, as he admits, intricate and controversial subject ; he finally agrees with Mr. Anderson that reclassification is practicable. I agree with the Settlement Commissioner.
L. J. MOUNTFORD,

Commissioner, S. D.

## Revision Settlement.

Khed Taluka, district Ratnagiri.
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GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY.

## Refgnue Departmbny.

Resolution No. 6007/24.
Bombay Castle, 7th July 1926.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, S. D., No. S.R.V.-37 dated 1st March 1926Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified below, containing proposals for the revision setilement of the Khed Taluka of the Ratnagiri District together with certain petitions of objections relating thereto.
${ }^{*}$ Letter No. S.T.S.R. 61 without date from Mr. R. G. Gordon, I.C.S., Settlement Officer, Khed.
Letter from the Collector of Ratnagiri No. S.R.V.-9 dated 2nd May 1925.
Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S.T.-418 dated 22nd December 1925.

Resolution.-These papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of. 143 Government and Khoti villages in the Khed Taluka of the Ratnagin District.
2. Proposals for the revision of the existing rates of assessment in this taluka have been succinctly summarised in paragraph 13 of the Commissioner's review of the report. Government concur in the view that the present economic conditions of the taluka justify a substantial increase.
3. Grouping at first sight appears to be a matter of great complexity in view of the past history of this taluka. Mr. Gordon prefers a reversion to the old 17 groups, but he does not actually advocate this course in the present settlement. He points out certain obvious errors in the present five groups and prefers to rectify them in the manner indicated in paragraph 23 of his report. The grouping suggested by Mr. Gordon is approved, subject to the modification that, as reoommended by the Settlement Commissioner, the village of Ghera Rasalgad should be restored to group IV.
4. The rice rates proposed by the Settlement Officer and supported by the other officers are sanctioned.
5. For warkas lands the settlement officer proposes an increase of 25 per cent. in the first three groups and of $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the last two groups. The Settlement Commissioner proposes an all round increase of 30 per cent., while the Commissioner supports the inoreases recommended by the settlement officer. Government consider only a very moderate increase to be desirable in the case of varkas lands in this taluka and they are accordingly pleased to sanction an all round increase of $12 \frac{1}{9}$ per cent. only. Rabi lands should be dealt with in the same way.
6. The garden area is very small and Government ooncur with the Commissioner that gardens should be encouraged. The garden rates should accordingly remsin unchanged as recommended by the Commissioner.
7. The appended statement $\dagger$ shows the rates now sanctioned by Government. The usual Bhiwandi ooncessions should be applied. The revised rates should be introduced during the current revenue year 1925-26, levied from the revenue year 1926-27 and guaranteed for a period of thirty years.
8. The petitions of objections disclose no grounds which would lead Government to modify the orders now passed.
9. Orders will be passed separately on the special report subinitted by Mr. Gordon regarding the reclassification of the Khed Taluka.

> By order of the Governor in Council,
A. S. V. ACOTT,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Govermment
To

The Commissioner, S. D., The Collector of Ratnagiri,
The Commissioner of Settlements,
The Accountant General,

The Finance Department, The-Public Works Department, The Government of India (by letter).

## Accompaniment to Government Resolution, Revenue Department,

 No. 6007/24 dated 7th July 1926.Statement referred to in paragraph 7 of Government Resolution No. 6007/24 dated 7th July 1926


Revision Settiement.
Khed taluka, district Ratnagiri.
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## GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY.

# Refende Department. 

Resolution No. 6007/24.
Bombay Castle, 4th January 1927.
Letter from the Commissioner of Settlements No. S.T.-418 dated 2nd November 1826 :-
"I have the houour of inviting reference to paragraph 22 of Survey Commissioner's letter No. A./2342 dated 27 th June 1900 printed with Government Resolution No. 5711

| 1. | Cbatale. | 9. | Morbwie |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. | Uhinchghar: | 10. | Sanglat. |
| 8. | Dayal. | 11. | Tise. |
| 4. | Deosade. | 12. | Feral. |
| 8. | Eedli. | 18. | Ghanekhunt. |
| 6. | Jamburde, | 14. | Sakhroli. |
| 7. | Kotawli. | 15. | Sherawli, |
| 8. | Iote. | 16. | Sukdas. | dated 12th September 1900 in which the old rice maximum rate of the marginally noted 16 villages out of 19 of Khed taluka in present group 'II was fixed at Rs. 5. This will be made olear if the 16 villa.es are marked off in pencil at pages 104 and 106 of the Revised appendix $Q$ printed with the Khed selection. It should be remembered that this revised appendix Q was prepared in 1898 while the maximum rates were finally sanctioned by Remolution No. 5711 of 1900. Therefore the correct rate of these 16 villages is Rs. 5. How Mr. Gordon took it at Rs. 6 cannot be explained but perhaps by mistake he took the garden rate (which is Re. 6) as the rice rate. Anyhow be proposed an increase of 33 per cent, over the old rate and fixed his new rate at Rs. 8 which was accepted by Government in paragraph 4 of Resolution No. 6007 of 7th July 1926. If the same percentage increase is given to Rs. 5 then the maximum rate would come to Rs. 6-1c-8 or 6-11-0. Accordingly these 16 villages may be brought down to group III and rated at Rs. 6-11-0. This is apparently a clerical or ocular mistake in reading the garden for rice rate. Government did not intend to raise rate more than 33 per cent. and the orders may be revised; reduction entails no legal difficulties.

"2. For the village Shiv Budruk the old maximum rabi rate as given in Appendix $Q$ (serial No. 45 ai page 30) as well as revised Appendix $Q$ (page 106) of Khed selection New Seriss CCCLXXX is shown at Rs. 1-8-0. Mr. Gordon in paragraph 26 of his Second Revision Settlement Report states 'The present maximum rate for these lands is Rs. 1-8-0 in the case of villages in the first group and Re. 1 in that of the rest. Any statements to the contrary in old Appendix $Q$ are in error'. But he has not stated why it was an error. On the contrary as the Superintendent of Land Records, S. D., reports the akarbands show that the old assessment was actually worked out at a maximum rate of Rs. 1-8-0. Government ordered that the old rabi rate shall be increased in all groups by 121 per cent.-paragraph 5 of Resolution No. 6007 of 7th July 1926. If this percentage is taken, then the new maximum rate would come to Rs. 1-11-0 for Shiv Budruk. Actually Res. 1-2-0 has been shown as the new maximum rabi rate for villages in new group IV, vide statement at the end of the Resolution. I propose that Shiv Budruk which is in new group IV should be given a rabi rate of Rs.1-11-0. This will not create any logal difficulties as in announcing the rates the people were informed that the present assessment 'will be increased at 2 annas per rupee'.
"3. For the village of Koregaon (serial No. 17 of Appendix L to Mr. Gordon's Second Revision Settlement Report of Khed) the Settlement Officer has shown Rs. 1-8-0 as the former maximum rabi rate. The akarband showe that it was only Re. 1. Also Appendix $Q$ and Revised Appendix Q (serial No. 19 at pages 28 and 104) in Khed selection No. CCCLXXX show that the former rabi rate was Re. 1. According to Government order to raise this rate by $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. the new maximum rabi rate for this village will come to Rs. 1-2-0 while the statement at the end of the Government Hesolution quoted in paragraph 2 above shows the new rabi rate at Rs. 1-11-0 for all villages of group I. This may be corrected by ordering that the new rabi rate for Koregson should be Rs. 1-2-0.
"4. I request the favour of very early orders. These mis-statements as to the former rates in force could heve been avoided if Assistant Settlement Officer had checked the actual calculation in the old akarbands; they were discovered of necessity when we commenced to calculate the new rates."

Letter from the Commissioner of Settlements No. S.T.- 418 dated 12th November 1926 :-
"I have the honour of inviting reference to paragraph 8 of my No. S.T.- 418 dated 2nd November 1926 in which it has been proposed that the new rabi rate for Koregaon should be Re. 1-2-0. On further consideration I think it will be very puzzling to have a rate of Rs. I-2-0 amongst the villages of Group I rated at Rs. 1-11-0. The rabi area in Koregaon is only 38 acres; and if a rate of Rs 1-11-0 is sanctioned for this village it would not make much difference. I accordingly recommend that the new rabi rate for Koregaon should be Re. 1-11-0."

Government memorandum No. 6007-B./24 dated 20th November 1926 to the Commissioner, S. D.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, S. D., No. S.R.V.- 37 dated 29 th November 1926 :-
" Resubmitted.
"2. Commissioner of Settlements' paragraph 1.-The suggestion may be accepted. The mistake in Mr. Gordon's report in taking the old maximum rice rate for the 16 villages in question at Rs. 6 instead at Rs. 5 was evidently a clerical or ocular one.
"3. Paragraph 2.- As Government have sanctioned a uniform rabi rate of Rs. 1-2-0 for all the villages in groups II to V, the Commissioner considers that this village (Shiv Budruk), in which there are only 5 acres of rabi land, need not be singled out from group IV for the higher rate of Re. 1-11-0.
"4. Paragraph 3.-This calls for no comment as Mr. Anderson has withdrawn the suggestion in his subsequent letter dated 12th November 1926."

Resolution.-In modification of the orders contained in Government Resolution No. 6007/24 dated 7th July 1926, Government are pleased to direct that the sixteen villages mentioned by the Commissioner of Settlements in his letter of 2nd November 1926 should be lowered from Group II to Group III and the maximum rice rate of Rs. 6-11-0 per acre should be fixed in respect of them.
2. Government agree with the Commissioner, Southern Division, that there is no need for a special rabi rate of Rs. 1-11-0 for the village of Shiv Budruk.

By order of the Governor in Council,
A. S. V. ACOTT, Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Collector of Ratnagiri, The Commissioner of Settlements,

The Finance Department, The Public Works Department.

Revision Settlement. Khed Taluka, Ratnagiri District. Second of - .

## GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY.

# Revende Department. <br> Resolution No. 6007/24. 

Bombay Castle, 12th September 1927.
Petition dated 9th May 1927 to the Commissioner, Southern Division, from Gopal Kashinath Joglekar and other khots and dharekaries of the village of Koregaon in the Khed Taluka of the Ratnagiri District-Stating that a notification was published in their village in June 1926 announcing that the increase in the assessment would be Re. 0-5-3 for kharif and Re. 0-2-0 for rabi and varkas; intimating that the botkhat however showed that the increase was Re. 0-8-9 for rice and Re. 0-11-0 for rabi; making remarks; and requesting, in the circamstances stated, that the assessment may be levied according to the terms of the notification published in the village.

Letter from the Collector of Ratnagiri No. D.L.R.S.R. 92 dated 12th July 1927 :-
"In returning herewith the petition sent with your No. A.P.S.R.-2072 dated 27th May 1927, I have the honour to report that the village in question was raised from old group III to the new group I. At the time of preparing the notification under sections 102 and 103, Land Revenue Code, the Superintendent of Land Records appears not to have noticed that the village was not already in the first group, hence in the notification it was declared that the rates of increase per rupee were:-

|  |  |  |  |  |  | Re. | a. p. p. |  |
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| for kbarif | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| $\#$ rabi | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| ", varkas | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 0 | 2 | 0 |

At the time, however, of preparing the botkhat, it was realised that the village had previously been paying a much lower assessment than the rest, and that the actual rates of ingrease per rupee for this village were:-

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| kharif | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 0 | 8 | 9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| rabi | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| varkas | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 0 | 2 | 0 |

The increase in assessment for the whole village under the new settlement has been $48 \cdot 39$ per cent. The former total assessment for the village amounted to Rs. 901.
" 2. I attach the Superintendent of Land Records' report on the mistake.
"3. As far as I can see, the legal effect must be that the new settlement has not yet been introduced into this particular village."

Memorandum from the Commissioner of Settlements, No. S.T.-418 dated 4th August 1927 :-
"Forwarded with compliments to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" 2. The village of Koregaon was formerly in group III. It was promnted to group I with a rate of Rs. $9-5-0$ for rice and Re. 1-11-0 for rabi. In his Appendix $L$ in the Second Revision Settlement Report of Khed Taluka, the Assistant Settlement Officer has put down the former rate of this village at Rs. 7 for rice and Re. 1-8-0 for rabi. When the Akarbands were being prepared it was noticed that this village had been actually rated at Rs, 6 for rice and Re. 1 for rabi. Consequently the increase per rupee of the new rates over the former rates would work out at Re. 0-8.9 for rice and Re. 0-11-0 for rabi. The Superintendent, Land Records, was directed to give effect to these increases in lieu of Re. 0-5-3 increase per rupee for rice and Re, 0-2-0 for rabi notified in the village since it seemed that the Assistant Settlement Officer had concluded that Rs. 9-5-0 and Re. 1-11-0 were the right rates, and that the old rates were not relevant. But I now think that the notification in the village, under section 102, of the amount (in annas per rupee) by which the rates are being increased is binding and conclusive, and Government intimated that the increase will be 33 per cent. for rice and $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for rabi. There does not seem any doubt that Mr. Gordon owing to his mistake of taking the old rates to be Rs. 7 for rice and Re. 1-8-0 for rabi included Koregaon in group I. Had he known that the correct rates were Rs. 6 (rice) and Re. 1 (rabi), he would have put

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Koregaon in group II with new rate of Rs. 8 for rice and according to Government orders the rabi rates would be Re. 1-2-0. Government may accordingly be moved to put this village down to group II into which by its location it quite naturally falls. Then the increase per rupee will be Re. $0-5-4$ for rice and Re, $0-2-0$ for rabi, the same as notified, and so no further notification is needed in the village.
" Very early orders are solicited."
Memorandum from the Commissioner, Southern Division, No. S.R.V.-37 dated 10th August 1927 :-
"Forwarded with compliments with reference to Government Resolution No. 6007/24 dated the 7th July 1926.
"2. In the circumstances reported by the Collector and the Commissioner of Settlements, the Commissioner recommends that the village of Koregaon may be reduced from group I to group II with a maximum rice rate of Rs. 8 and a rabi rate of Re. 1-2-0."

Resolution.-The Commissioner's recommendation that the village of Koregaon may be reduced from group I to group II with a maximum rice rate of Rs. 8 and a rabi rate of Re. 1-2-0 is sanctioned.

By order of the Governor in Council,
R. B. DIVANJI,
for A. E. SERVAI,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.
To
The Commissioner, S. D. (with the The Commissioner of Settlements,
petition),
The Finsnce Department. petition),
The Collector of Ratnagiri,

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Effect of Revision Settlement Proposals on Governmen


## EPPENDIX L

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| 19 | 811 | $\cdots$ | Y 1.561 | 881 | ＊ | 284 | 050 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．＂ | $\cdots$ | 1，815 | 1，277 | $\cdots$ | 88.67 | Salchrolit | 34 |
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| Y 19 | 611 | $\cdots$ | v 893 | 181 | ＊＊ | 187 | 488 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1，019 | 617 | $\cdots$ | \＄3－69 | Ain！ | ${ }^{38}$ |
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| V19 | 011 | ．．． | V 1，006 | 885 | $\cdots$ | 109 | 890 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．＊ | $\cdots$ | 1，197 | 664 | ＊＊ | 4．8is | Awashl | 41 |
| v 10 | 611 | ．．． | V 1，089 | 258 | $\cdots$ | 79 | 839 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 1，176 | 648 | $\ldots$ | 88.87 | Boray | 4 |
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| F 18 | 011 | ．．． | V 1.740 | 880 | ＊＊ | ¢1 | 718 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1，851 | 1，088 | ．． | 85.64 | Kalmani Budrakh | 45 |
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| \％ 19 | 611 | ．．． | V 1，191 | 950 | $\cdots$ | 88 | 285 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{\prime}$ | $\cdots$ | 1.198 | 518 | $\cdots$ | 9890 | Kudoshi | 4 |
| \％ 18 | 611 | 8 | V 1，308 | 508 | ．．． | 184 | 6 | $\cdots$ | 1 | 7 | $\cdots$ | 1，518 | 854 | ＊＊ | 88.4 | Lavel | 48 |
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| 19 | 811 | $\cdots$ | 8.069 | 880 | ＊＊ | 811 | 058 | ．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1，1988 | 1，087 | ＊＊ | 94．94 | Poynaz | BP |
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\hline v 18 \& 58 \& ... \& F 1,486 \& 245 \& $\cdots$ \& 988 \& 684 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ** \& $\cdots$ \& 1,704 \& 808 \& ... \& 86.60 \& Ghera-Palgad $\quad$. \& 68 <br>
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\hline v 19 \& 68 \& ... \& - 1,620 \& 91 \& $\cdots$ \& 41 \& 519 \& .* \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 1,761 \& 803 \& ... \& 1890 \& Kadaoll \& 65 <br>
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\hline \%19 \& 58 \& ... \& v 8.494 \& 48 \& ... \& 801 \& 076 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\ldots$ \& 8,755 \& 1,404 \& ... \& 96.88 \& Bhiotar $\quad$.. \& 67 <br>

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\hline V 18 \& 56 \& ... \& v 888 \& 160 \& ... \& 85 \& 100 \& $\cdots$ \& \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 848 \& 350 \& *- \& 22:81 \& ADede ${ }^{\text {a }}$ \& 69 <br>
\hline \% 19 \& 58 \& ... \& V 8,084 \& 016 \& $\cdots$ \& 408 \& 1,175 \& $\cdots$ \& \& .. \& ..' \& 3,465 \& 1,790 \& ** \& 25.0 \& Bhelsal \& 70 <br>

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\hline 719 \& 88 \& ... \& V 00s \& 906 \& $\cdots$ \& 00 \& 888 \& ... \& \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 074 \& 464 \& ** \& 88.08 \& Mohane \& 74 <br>
\hline -1 \& 88 \& ... \& v 79 \& 148 \& $\cdots$ \& 102 \& 34 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 88 \& 489 \& ". \& 88.08 \& Nilavie \& 75 <br>
\hline \% 12 \& 68 \& ... \& v 300 \& 7 \& ** \& 88 \& 188 \& .. \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 30 \& 2.8 \& ** \& 94.54 \& Bobde \& 78 <br>
\hline Y 18 \& 58 \& ... \& v 2,859 \& 888 \& .." \& \$4 \& 068 \& ... \& "' \& ... \& ... \& 9,948 \& 1,548 \& ... \& 94.94 \& Tale \& 77 <br>
\hline V 12 \& 68 \& ... \& v 848 \& 156 \& ** \& 115 \& 398 \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& ... \& '.' \& 850 \& 554 \& $\cdots$ \& 26.80 \& Uahale Budrakh \& 78 <br>
\hline \% 19 \& 55 \& 6 \& v 841 \& ${ }^{78}$ \& $\cdots$ \& 50 \& 168, \& ... \& 0 \& 040 \& $\cdots$ \& 357 \& 298 \& ... \& $85 \cdot 78$ \& Ddbale Khurd \& 79 <br>
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\hline \% 10 \& 10 \& 6 \& V 118 \& 188 \& ... \& 119 \& 356 \& ... \& 01 \& 080 \& ... \& 835 \& 518 \& ... \& 98.08 \& Borghar ...l \& 81 <br>
\hline \% 19 \& 10 \& 6 \& V 1.400 \& 388 \& $\cdots$ \& $18 \%$ \& 408 \& $\cdots$ \& 0 \& 060 \& $\cdots$ \& 1,585 \& 660 \& ... \& 24:89 \& Chinchaoli \& 80 <br>
\hline \% 19 \& 0 \& ... \& v 367 \& 1 \& $\cdots$ \& b \& 8 \& $\cdots$ \& \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 379 \& \%9 \& - \& 14.6 \& Ghers Sumergad \& 83 <br>

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\hline - 19 \& 40 \& ... \& v 780 \& 148 \& ... \& 108 \& 54 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 871 \& © \& ... \& 95:30 \& Ravie \& 86 <br>
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| V 19 | 4 | $\cdots$ | V $\quad 098$ | 178 | $\cdots$ | 101 | 880 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 1，090 | 468 | $\cdots$ | 2459 | Wave Tart Matu | 98 |
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| V12 | 4 | ．．． | V 1.045 | 286 | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{88}$ | 180 | $\cdots$ | ．． | ．．． | ．． | 1，118 | 376 | － | 28.15 | Diwan Ehapati | 101 |
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| Y 12 | 4 | ．．． | v 818 | 170 | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{8} 8$ | 184 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 808 | 834 | ．．． | 20．40 | Karpal Jaoll | 106 |
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From

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To
The COLLECTOR of RATNAGIRI.
Ratnagiri, 21st April 1923.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit proposals for the Revision Settlement of the Rajapur Taluka in the Ratnagiri District.
II.-Introductory Remares.
2. The Taluka at present consists of 184 villages, the tenures of which are as below:-

| $40 \frac{2}{3}$ | Government villages. |
| :--- | :--- |
| $117 \frac{1}{3}$ | Khoti villages. |
| 92 pure Khoti. |  |
| 10 Dharekari. |  |
| 13 Khichadi. |  |
|  | $2 \frac{1}{3}$ Sharakati. |
| 5 | Surveyed Inam villages. |

3. Two more villages have to be added to this number (1) Math Khurd and (2) Ajivli-both included at present in the Deogad Taluka.

Math Khurd is an unsurveyed Inam village and is one of the villages assigned to the Bavda State in 1851 in exchange for certain Revenue claimable by that State in the Deogad Taluka. The Survey of this village was, however, completed in 1920 and the Superintendent, Land Records, S. D., desired that the rates for it should be settled along with the Revision Settlement of the Deogad Taluka. The villagers and the Khot expressed their wish to have their village transferred to the Rajapur Taluka as Rajapur was only fifteen miles and Deogad 36 miles distant from them.

The inhabitants of Ajivli, four miles to the east of Math Khurd also wished to have their village transferred to the Rajapur Taluka on similar grounds. The Inamdars of the village are, however, against the transfer, for they live at Naringre near Deogad and for them Deogad is more convenient.

The Collector to whom the desire of the villagers of Math Khurd and Ajivli was communicated, approved of the transfer of both these villages to the Rajapur Taluka and of their inclusion in the Settlement Report of that taluka.

The Rajapur Taluka will, therefore, consist of 186 villages from the date of the introduction of the Revision Settlement.
4. The 158 Government and Khoti villages were originally settled as stated below:-

Colonel Godfrey's proposals for the Original Settlement of 124 villages, including. one Inam village, Niveli, belonging to the Taluka proper, contained in his letter No. 1300, dated 29th November 1887, were sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 5091, dated 28th July 1888 and were guaranteed for 30 years. (CCXXIINew series.) In this Resolution Government approved of the suggestions that the 13 lanilets, which made up the village of Adivre should be treated as separate villages and that seven other small villages should be incorporated into the adjoining bigger villages. Thus the number of unalienated villages settled at the Original Settlement was 128.
5. 33 villages of the old Lanja Petha were transferred to the Rajapur Taluka. Of these, one, viz., Vakhed, was an Inam village. The survey rates for the Original
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Settlement of the 32 unalienated villages were approved of in Government Resolutian No. 308, dated 10th January 1875, Revenue Department, but were not sanctioned till 1888. While sanctioning the Original Settlement of these villages along with the villages of the Rajapur taluka proper, Government in Resolution No. 5091 already referred to, accepted the proposal that the three small hamlets of Satavli, viz., Lavgan Satavli, Bunder Satavli and Mahommed Satavli, which were then treated as separate villages, should be combined with the principal village. Satavli. By this amalgamation, the number of unalienated villages of the old Lanja Petha remained at 29.

The Original Settlement of Gaokhadi (formerly an Inam village) was sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 4611, dated 12th May 1909 and was guaranteed up to the expiration of the Original Settlement of the Taluka in (selections 1919-20 No. D-II-New series).

Thus the total number of unalienated villages to be re-settled at this Revision comes to 158.

The Original Settlement of the Inam village Gothane-Devache was introduced by Government Resolution No. 12240, dated 9 th December 1914 and expired with that of the Taluka in 1919-20.

The Inam village, Vakhed was settled by Gövernment Resolution No. 64, dated 4th January 1916 and the Inam villages of Panhale (Tarf Saundal) and Juwati were settled in 1918 by Government Notification No. 6816, dated 26th June 1918. The Original Settlement of these villages also expired with that of the Taluka and they are now due for re-settlement.

The Original Settlement of the Inam village of Ajivli now to be included in Rajapur Taluka, was effected along with the Original Settlement of the Deogad Taluka. The guaranteed period expiring with that of the Deogad Taluka it is due for re-settlement now.

The Inam village of Math Khurd is to be settled for the first time.
Thus this report covers 158 Government and Khoti villages and seven Inam villages, in all of which except in Math Khurd, which is to be settled for the first time, Revision Settlement is to be introduced.

During the last Settlement period $30 \frac{2}{3}$ villages in all lapsed to Government of which $25 \frac{2}{3}$ were Dharekari in which the Khots got no profit, 1 was Khoti Khichdi, 3 pure Khoti and 1 Inam.

No khoti shares except the 2/3rd share in one Dhara village (Bandivde) nor any khoti lands lapsed to Government.

## II.-Position and Physical Features.

6. The Taluka is bounded on the north by the Ratnagiri and Sangmeshwar Talukas, on the east by the Sahyadri Range, beyond which is the Kolhapur State, on the south-east by the Barda State, on the South by the Deogad Taluka from which it is separated by the Vijaydurg creek and on the west by the Arabian Sea.

The Taluka has an average length of ahout 35 miles; the average breadth north and south is 17 miles.
7. The general features of the Taluke are described in the Original Settlement Report as follows :--
"The villages situated to the west, near the cosst, consist of flat-topped laterite hills, intersected by deep ravines; the plateaus are barren in many places for miles; nothing but sheet rock can be seen from Adivre to Kotapur, from Nate to Dhopeshwar and from Madban to Vilhe and Nannar where this laterite formation may be said to be general; the valleys in the intervening deep ravines are generally very rich with good alluvial soil and sufficient water supply. The villageta to the east of these gradually lose the laterite formation of hills which here partake of a more undulating character and have sloping sides with more soil all over them. The hills are, however, rugged, high and difficult of ascent, especially in the vicinity of Rajapur but the hard bare laterite rock is replaced by gravelly hills and a fair amount of soil which produces good crops of Nachni, Wari and Harik. Trees and
brush wood are seen wherever there is no cultivation, and were it not for the persistent and short-sighted practice of lopping trees most unmercifully for Rab purposes, the hills would be well clothed with verdure. There are some good warkas lands north of Rajapur and south of Lanja, but on the other hand south of Rajapur the laterite formation of hills again predominates. The villages to the east of those coloured pink (east of second group) on the accompanying map are rough and hilly, but the hills are productive and become more covered with trees and brush wood as we approach the Ghats and rice cultivation decreases as that of warkas increases."

The portion west of Lanja is rough and hilly. The hills are steep and their slopes are tolerably covered with brush wood. At their base here and there, where water is sufficient, a few cocoanut trees and betel nut plantations are seen, but as a rule this part of the Taluka has a bareand rugged appearance. The middle portion is like a plateau of red earth. The hills are smaller and less steep and there is a considerable extent of open undulating ground between them with no tree growth worth the name. The only village near the Sahyadri hills transferred to this taluka from the old Lanja petha is Prabhanwalli. Here the Sahyadri hills recede into the Sangmeshwar taluka leaving a great extent of open plain with few or no trees on.

## Rivers.

8. The three principal rivers in the taluka are the Muchkundi, the Jaitapur and the Vijaydurg, all of which are tidal.

In the case of the Muchkundi the tide reaches Satavii ten miles up the course. The river is navigable for small sized craft (below ten tons) up to Satavli; and vessels up to twenty tons can ply for the first five miles only. The Jaitapur river was formerly navigable for large sized craft as far as Rajapur but now vessels below ten tons only can go there and that two at high tides. The Vijaydurg river is navigable for large sized craft for the first ten miles and only smaller vessels drawing not more than three feet of water can pass to Kharepatan.

All these rivers are gradually silting up and it is believed that increased hill cultivation is responsible for this, as the surface soils and decomposed vegetable matter are being washed down from the hills into them.

The number of passenger boats plying for hire and fishing boats in the three rivers in as under :-
Jaitapur
Vijaydurg

| Pessenger boata. |  | Fishing boats. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\ldots$ | 75 | 1,560 |
| $\cdots$ | 60 | 2,000 |
| $\cdots$ | 20 | 800 |

## III.-Climate, General condition of the People and Resources.

9. The climate of Rajapur is generally considered to be healthy. Fever is the only illness prevailing in certain seasons of the year. Cholera is hardly known and small-pox is of occasional occurrence. Cold is never excessive. During the rains the excessive moisture produced by heavy falls causes cold and fever. Near the sea coast, the sea breezes are felt throughout the greater part of the year. The more inland parts are subject to greater extremes of heat and cold but the heat of summer is neutralised by soff pleasent breezes which reach most parts of the taluka. The extreme temperatures recorded at Rajapur are $100^{\circ}$ maximum and $64^{\circ}$ minimum.

## Rainfall.

10. Rainfall figures for the last eleven years have been supplied by the Dírector of Agriculture (Appendix A).

The average of these eleven years comes to $126 \cdot 76$. The average fall for the ten years ending 1877 was according to the Gazetteer $113 \cdot 32$ inches at Rajapur and $127 \cdot 25$ at Lanja.

The average fall registered at Rajapur for the five years 1884 to 1888 was according to the Original Settlement Report 131.9 ivches.

The rainfall is generally sufficient for all purposes. Analysing the seasonableness and adequacy of the rain and any unwelcome amount that fell late in the season, it is found that of the past eleven years, five were below the average, one was only fair, two were fairly good and three good.

Cultivation and Crops.
11. The total culturable area consists of the following descriptions of land :-

| Description of land. | 158 villages Government and Khoti). | 6 Insm vill ages (Math Khurd excluded). | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kharit | 16,872 | 1,394 | 18,268 |
| Rabi | 385 | 24 | 409 |
| Warkas | 1,93,437 | 10,490 | 2,03,927 |
| Bagayat (Agri) | 64 |  | 64 |
| Do. Dongri | 361 | 16 | 377 |
| Total | 2,11,119 | 11,824 | 2,23,043 |

The unculturable area is distributed as follows :-

$$
\begin{array}{lllll}
158 \text { villagas (Government and Khoti) } & . & \cdots & \cdots & 1,04,567 \\
6 \text { Inem villages } & \because & \because & \cdots & 6,264 \\
& & & \text { Total } & . . \\
1,10,831
\end{array}
$$

12. As regards the soils of the taluka I quote the following extract from the Original Settlement Report:-
"The soils in general are red, gravelly and of a poor description, and require for warkas cultivation a good many years of fallow and for rice a plentiful supply of rab. If in one case a sufficient number of years' fallow, according to the nature of the soil, can be given, and on the other sufficient rab is supplied, the excellent rainfall they generally have enables the cultivators to get good crops from their sands. The classification of the warkas gives an average of $3 \frac{1}{2}$ annas for the whole district and this shows that taken as a whole, the hill lands of this district are of medium quality. There are, properly speaking, three classes of warkas:-

- The superior which we class as first .. .. .. 4 annas

| The medium | " second | .. | .. | .. | 3 | " |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The inferior | " | " third | . | .. | . | 2 | $"$ |

There are, however lands somewhat better than the first class warkas, with more soil, in good situations, where they might easily be converted into rice, or which if used exchusively for dry crops, require fewer years of fallow or may be cultivated every year. Such lands are classed as Bhatle 6 annas and Bhatle 5 annas; and on the other hand there are some lands worse than inferior warkas, such for instances, as are found on the laterite plateaus intermixed with sheet rocks and land inaccessible to the plough on Sayahdri hills sides and precipitous places. For these lands a special fourth class one anna exists.
"The rice lands of the district are also shown by our classification to be on the whole of the medium quality. The proportion of rice lands of superior, medium and inferior qualities for the whole district of 125 villages is as follows :-

"The rice lands of this district are, therefore, somewhat superior to those of the Sangmeshwar Taluka, lands classed above eight annas being 50.9 per cent. against 40 per cent. below eight annas."
13. The principal crop grown is rice of various kinds of which the chief are Panwel, Warangal, Waksal, Dodki Bhadas and Chimansal. The fined grained 8 'Garwa' rice is grown in good soils with sufficient water supply and is reaped later than the "Halwa 'or coarse rice which is grown as an early crop on the poorer soils, on flat warkas land and in situations where the water supply does not last long. Wherever there is sufficient moisture in kharif lands, the rice is followed by a second crop such as Mug, Kadwa, Udid, Kulith, Pawatas and Chauli. Waigan (rice) and Nachni (Lahvi) are also sown as second crop if there is a sufficient supply of water either from a pat or a well.

In the warkas lands the chief crop is Nachni. Warkas lands are left fallow for several years, ranging from three to over ten, according to situation and soid Besides Nachni, the other crops grown on warkas lands are Kulith, Wari, Harik, Til and Udid.

There is no second crop on warkas land except that in superior warkas, after the first crop of Nachni (Halva Nachni) is taken, hemp is grown in September and is ready for reaping in November. In some places in inferior kharif land, hemp is grown in the rice seed beds a month after the seedlings sown have been transplanted to another place.

Sugar cane is grown in kharif lands which get a sufficient supply of sweet water. The crop is watered by means of a country lift set up on the banks of streams or from wells dug near the beds of creeks.

Rabi lands which are mostly in the second and third groups are generally overflooded in the rains. On Rabi land, which is at a safe distance from the river or creeks rice is grown in the rains. In summer, Nachni is grown on Rabi lands; while by the sides of rivers or creeks are grown vegetables or Kulith, Chavli and Udid after the rains.

The chief produce of Bagayats is coconuts and betelnuts. Agri Bagayat gardens which are all in the first group "are those situated on the alluvial or sandy soils in the vicinity of the creeks or near the sea shore, where coconuts flourish, with little or no care, reach maturity early and yield a large produce. They are superior to Dongri gardens, which are situated inland on the warkas soil, on hill slopes, where the ground is hard, has no moisture, and is more or less gravelly and rocky. In such garden lands, the produce is not only considerably less but is obtainable only after long periods of care, labour ànd irrigation."

In the Dongri Bagayat of this Taluka, there are more betelnut than coconnt palms. In 18201373 palm trees were licensed for tapping. The owner gets Ps. 4 as rent for each tree, let for tapping.
14. The total cropped area exclusive of the Inam villages was in 1920 covered by the following crops :-

| , |  |  |  |  | Acres. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cereals rice | . | -* | .. | $\cdots$ | 26,055 |
| Coarse grains .. | - | .. | . | - | 19,275 |
| Pulses | . | . | . | . | 4,086 |
| Fruit Trees .. | - | . | .. | $\cdots$ | 647 |
| Condiments, spices, etc. | .. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | 146 |
| Oil seeds .. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . | $\cdots$ | 2,140 |
| Grass land | .. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . | 8,136 |
| Sugar cane and plantains | . | $\cdots$ | . | . | 83 |
| Fibres | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,142 |
| Miscellaneous | . | . | .. | . | 319 |
|  |  |  | pped | .. | 63,009 |

It would appear that the area under rice and other crops which cannot be grown on warkas land is much more than the kharif area given in paragraph 11 above. The explanation is that gradually more and more warkas is being turned into new rice land by levelling and terracing it.
15. Abaut 6,407 acres were in the year 1920 cropped a second time after the first crops were taken. The crops grown the second time and the acreage under each were afthown below :-

|  |  |  |  |  |  | mere. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Naohni | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . | . | ${ }^{354}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {Waigani ( }}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | .. | ${ }_{1}^{1,1665}$ |
| Kump | $\because$ | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | ${ }_{\text {1, }}^{1,630}$ |
| Pulaes | . |  |  |  |  | 1,197 |

15. The irrigated area in the year 1920 was 1,233 acres. They were covered by the following crops and to the following extent:-


There are no irrigational tanks and canals and the irrigation of the above area was from wells and pats only.

## Modes of Husbandry.

16. The same systems of cultivating the different kinds of lands that were in vogue 30 years ago, continue to the present day. In the case of superior kharif land, a portion is burnt with cow dung and Rab, and seedlings are sown on it. The seedlings are transplanted after a month, over the area to be sown which is usually three times the area of the seed bed. The inferior rice lands and those surrounded by warkas require to be burnt with Rab. Halva or coarse rice is sown in June and ripens in two to three months. Garva or the finer grain called Mahan is also sawn in June but ripens a month later.

The hill side warkas lands after the period of fallow are burnt, the shrubs and grass standing on them serving as rab. Mahan Nachni is generally sown the first year in such lands.

The flat warkas lands are not burnt. The first year after the period of fallow Kulith is grown on them after the land is ploughed properly. It is said that this is done on purpose in this part as the growing of Kulith the first year is believed tomake the land more productive the next year. Kulith is a leguminous crop and the fact underlying this practice is, perhaps, that bacterial nodulears eformed on the roots and these supply a nitrogenous manure to the soil. The next year Nachni is grown. The third year in some lands Sonfal Rice is grown and in others Harik. In the fourth year, Wari or Til is grown. Then the period of fallow recurs followed by the same rotation of crops.

The Halwa rice and Nachni are cut in September and the Garwa and Nachni in October. The harvesting operations then go on till January.

Hemp is not sown every year, but requires one year's interval at least. In the year in which hemp is not grown rice or Nachni is sown as the case may be. In the case of sugar cane, an interval of two years is required.

No one in the whole Taluka has so far purchased any iron plough or other agricultural appliances of improved or modern patterns.

An experimental agricultural station has been established since 1913 at Shirgaon about three miles from the District Head Quarters. However, it is sad to remark that the cultivators in this Taluka have failed to benefit themselves from this institution. In spite of the publication given to the results arrived at on the experimental farm through the Taluka Agricultural Assaciations and through the holding of Special demonstrations, the cultivator has as a class not adopted any improvement recommended by the Agricultural Department.

## Communications, Roads and Ferries.

17. This Taluka is very hilly and has very few roads. There is only one road maintained by the Public Works Department, viz., the Pali-Phonda-Road, and even that is not a bridged one. It passes through Lanja and Rajapur to Kharepatan and Phonda. It crosses the Muchkundi and the Rajapur rivers on its way, the latter near the Bazar Site of Rajapur; but there are no bridges at either of the crossings. It affords direct communication with Kolhapur and Ratnagiri and with the Sangmeshwar Taluka, via. Lanja and with the Deccan districts through the Phonda Ghat.

The Local Board maintains the following roads none of which are very good; but except the last three, they are sufficiently good for cart traffic.


Tae Anaskura Pass is a bullock track, leading to Malkapur in the Kolhapore State; but it is day by day falling more and more into disrepair.

There are in all 14 post-offices including branch offices in the Taluka. The only telegraph office in the Taluka is at Rajapur ; but another one is to be opened at Jaitapur.

The navigable creeks have been described in paragraph 8 above.
There are the public ferries to cross the creeks near Ansure, Yeshwantgad, Jaitapur, Padwe and Harche. There are no cart roads near the ferry points and therefore no carts are carried across.

The Taluka has a sea board of about twenty miles, with three ports, Purngad (in the Ratnagiri Taluka) at the mouth of the Muchkundi, Jaitapur which is the out-let for the sea traffic of Rajapur and Vijaydurg (in the Deogad Taluka) which is the out-let of all traffic from Khareratan. Steamers call at all these ports and the passenger traffic by them is very large.

The cargo steamers touch at Vijaydurg generally twice a week during the monsoon season (June to August) when the ferry steamers cease to ply owing to stormy weather.

## Markets.

18. The most important trade centre is Rajapur town itself. Before the introduction of the Southern Maratha Railway, Rajapur was considered the greatest emporium of trade in this part of the country. It served as a place of both import and export. Large quantities of piece goods, metals and other articles were imported from Bombay, and coconuts and betelnuts from the Malabar Coast and were disposed of in Rajapur or exported to the Deccan Districts, via, the Phonda Ghat. From the Deccan Districts were received food grains, cotton, molasses, turmeric, chillies, tobacco, clarified butter, sweet oil, oil seeds, Shahapur cloth, country blankets and many other articles, and were either consumed in the local market or exported to Bambay. The average yearly trade for the five years ending 1877-78 was Rs. $25,08,270$ which covered both imports and exports.

In 1920-21 the imports into Rajapur town amounted to Rs. $12,48,953$ in value and exports to Rs. $1,20,669$.

The following table will show in Bengali maunds the imports of some of the more important articles for which figures could be gathered for the years mentioned in column I.

| Yeat | Rive. | Suger. | Khoprs, | Coconut oil. | Guil. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1890 | 13,700 | 30 | 4,603 | 1,440 | 30,788 |
| 1900 | 32,337 | 8,400 | 3,247 | 2,464 | *** |
| 1810 | 26,320 | 748 | 2,195 | 1,056 | 17,625 |
| 1915-16 | 40,672 | 1,002 | 1,906 | 1,344 |  |
| 1920-21 | 76,232 | 5,504 | 4,880 | 4,290 | 7,812 |

Armong the articles imported into Rajapur town in 1920-21, the following were the more important ones:-

|  |  |  |  |  | Ine in Rapoea. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 5,73,210 |
| Jowari | . | . | $\cdots$ |  | 12,950 |
| Gram | $\cdots$ | . |  |  | 30,560 |
| Coerse grains (kaddans) | . | . | $\cdots$ | . | 14,860 |
| Fish | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6,700 |
| Cloth | . | . | .. | - | 1,04,520 |
| Metal .. | . | $\cdots$ | .. | .. | 16,140 |
| Condimenta | .. | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdot$ | 25,796 |
| Coconuts | . | . | .. | . | 33,425 |
| Timber | $\cdots$ | . | $\cdots$ | . | 5,000 |
| Khopra | . | . | . | .. | 34,840 |
| Coconut-oil | $\cdots$ | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 42,820 |
| Sweet-oil | $\cdots$ | . | $\cdots$ | . | 21,600 |
| Gul | $\because$ | . | . | $\cdots$ | 72,500 |
| Tup (Ghee) | . | . | $\cdot$ | . | 6,630 |
| Tobacco | $\because$ | .. | . | - | 46,320 |
| Chillies .. | $\cdots$ | .. | . | - | 55,872 |
| Oil cakes (pandh) | . | . | . | . | 12,260 |
| Sugar | . | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 55,060 |
| Tea | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 9,650 |
| Nachni | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . | . | 9,600 |
| Paddy .. | $\cdots$ | . | . | .. | 4,400 |

19. There are only two other villages in the Taluka, viz.; Beni Budruly and Talavde where a weekly Bazar is held on sundays. The Bazar at Beni is held throughout the fair season and that at Talavde from February to May; each serves about fifty villages. About five hundred people attend the Bazar and every week approximately Rs. 500 worth of articles are sold at Beni Budruk and Rs. 1,500 worth at Talavde. About a hundred bullocks laden with merchandise, besides head loads, come down the Anaskura pass for the Talavde Bazar and the articles they bring consist chiefly of Gul, Chillies, Spices, Gram, Tobacco, Bajri, Salt, other groceries and earthen pots. Fish is the chief article of sale in the Beni Bazar.

Cattle are brought for sale at Talavde in April and May. About thirty cattle worth Rs. 600 are sold weekly.

Formerly Bazars were held at Lanja and Satavli. They are now stopped. There are gracery shops at both the places from which people of surrounding villages get their supplies.

## Imports and Exports.

20. The figures for imports into Rajapur town as gathered from the Notified Area Committee Office have been given in paragraph 18 above. In the Customs Office at Vijaydurg and Jaitapur only one year's figures, viz., for the year 1919-20 were available. The records of previous years are said to have been destroyed. The figures of imports and exports for that year for the Vijaydurg port have been given in the Revision Settlement Report of the Deogad Taluka. Those of Jaitapur for the same year are given below:-

| astriclo. |  |  |  | Value of importa |  | Value of exporth$\mathbf{7 3 , 3 9 7}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | .. | 9,69,443 |  |
| Paddy | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\therefore$ | $\cdots$ | 42,839 | 12,600 |
| Other food grains |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 45,505 | 1,335 |
| Pulses | $\cdots$ | -- | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 26,769 | 488 |
| Sugar | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | - | $\cdots$ | 61,164 | 400 |
| Coconuts | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . | . | 9,392 | 24,709 |
| Cured fish |  | . | - | $\cdots$ | 10,769 | 6,842 |
| Cloth |  | - | $\cdots$ | . | 26,943 | .... |
| Hemp | $\cdots$ | -. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 3,600 | 1,27,311 |
| Kerosene-oin |  |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 9,008 | 1,500 ${ }^{-}$ |
| Coconut-oil | $\cdots$ | . | $\cdots$ | - | 25,028 | 13,371 |
| Sweet-oil | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 2,884 | 1,034 |
| Tea | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . | $\cdots$ | 13,830 | 400 |
| Iron | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | . | $\cdots$ | 4,733. | $\ldots$ |
| Other metals | .. | $\cdots$ | . | - | 4,225 | $\cdots$ |
| Salt | - | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 26,124. |  |
| Mangoes | " | . | $\cdots$ | . | .... | 4,950 |

From the Purngad Bunder Office the following figures of imports and exportshave been obtained:-

| Articlee, |  |  | Value of imports. |  | Value of exporte. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1916-17 | 1919-20 | 1916-17 | 1919-20 |
| Rice |  |  | 1,89,692 | 2,44,757 | 180 | 2,500 |
| Paddy |  | $\cdots$ | 12,652 | 10,804 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$. |
| Food grains | pulses. | $\therefore$ | 59,320 | 9,029 | ..... | $\cdots$ |
| Sugar | .. | $\cdots$ | 11,090 | 14,357 | .... | .... |
| Coconuts | . | . | 1,650 | 683 | $\ldots$ |  |
| Cured fish | .. | . | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | .... | 1,165 |
| Cloth | . | .. | 6,376 | 10,619 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Kerosene oil | . | . | 1,446 | 505 | $\ldots$ | .... |
| Coconut oil | . | $\cdots$ | 1,581 | 1,979 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| Sweet oil | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 2,582 | 3,399 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Tea | .. | . | 1,230 | 1,734 |  |  |
| Hemp | .. | . | . | $\ldots$ | 49,921 | 15,914 |
| Cockle shell | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 2,574 | 2,294 |
| Fire wood | . | . | .... | .... | 1,128 | 1,146 |

## Manufactures and Industries.

21. Appendix E gives the number of shops and other industrial concerns in the tainka.

The 32 cotton looms are worked in the villages of Juwati, Kalsavi, Kharavte, Donivde and Lanja. Chiefly Panchas and Lugdis are prepared on them. About 1,500 pairs of Panchas worth Rs. 2 each and about 2,000 Lugdis worth Rs. 7 each are prepared on them and disposed of in the taluka itself. On the fifteen wool looms mentioned in the appendix which are worked at Lanja and Oni about 300 country blankets called "Kamblis" each worth Rs. 5 are prepared.

There are 26 sugar cane presses of which twenty-four are used for extracting juice for the preparation of Gul. About twenty-six khandis of Gul worth about Rs. 2,000 are prepared every year.

There are nine families of coppersmiths who prepare copper pots some of which are peculiar to Rajapur. Their output is approximately worth Rs. 15,000 a year of which about half finds its way out of the taluka.

Thereare ten families of goldsmiths who prepare about Rs. 30,000 of gold and silver ornaments for local use.

The manufacture of "Gulal ", which has been spoken of as prepared in large quantities at Rajapur in the Original Settlement Report has long since been abandoned.

There are 110 carts plying for hire of passengers in the taluka. The number of such carts in 1905 was 70.
22. There is one fish-curing yard at Jaitapur and one at Gaokhadi. The quantity of salt used and fish cured in 1919-20 were as under :-

|  |  |  | Maunde of salt med. | Maunde of fich ourod. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Jaitapur | .. | .. | 3,305 | 9,907 |
| Gaokhadi | .. | .. | 574 | $\mathbf{1 , 7 2 2}$ |

Fishing is carried on by the Mahomedan Daldis living in villages on the coast and in villages on the sides of creeks some miles away from the sea. There are sbout 3,000 people whu live on fishing.
23. Of the traders and the artisans in the taluka 30 are assessed to Income-tax for a total amount of Rs. 1,608 . In 1915, the number of assessees was 6 with a tax of Rs. 464.
24. There are four Co-operative Societies in the taluka of which one is the Weavers' Society of Kalsavli and Kharavte and three are rural Societies, viz., at Kasheli, Ansure and Jaitapur. The total number of members is 276 and their aggregate capital is Rs. 10,475.

## Population.

25. The population of the taluka according to the census of 1921 was $1,51,987$ of which the agriculturist population was $1,21,753$ or $80-10$ per cent. of the whole. In 1891 the population was $1,40,941$; thus there has been an increase of $7 \cdot 83$ per cent. in the population during the Settlement period.
(The total number of occupants in Government villages is 5,845 . Of them 3,762 have a holding of less than five acres; and 2,694 pay assessment of less than one Rupee. The total number of occupancy tenants in khoti villages is 13,224 .)
26. A large number of people from the taluka are employed in Bombay and other places in industries and in various departments of Government such as military, police, post offices, customs and schools and in railways and other private firms and companies. After retirement they refurn home and settle in their villages. At present there are 200 Civil Pensioners and 180 Military ones drawing an aggregate pension of Rs. 24,373 and 12,440 respectively. During the great war 314 persons from this taluka were recruited for military service.

Many of the able-bodied men and women and grown-up children go to Bombay and other industrial centres, where they earn high wages in mills, factories and dockyards as labourers and coolies. They come home tor certain holidays and also for the cultivating season. After the harvest they return to the towns and to their former work. These people after working in Bombay and other places-and according to the statistics of the shipping companies about 50 per cent. of the agricultural population goes out of the taluka, derive a great deal more of their income from non-agricultural pursuits than from agricultural. They work at agriculture for four months in the year, the rest of the year they are not really epeaking agriculturists.

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## Education.

27. Primary education has progressed during the Settlement period as shown below:-

1890-91.
Number of sehools.-

| Boys | .. | .. | 21 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Girls | .. | . | Nit. |

Number of students.
Boys .. .. 1,195
Girls .. ..

1920-21.
Number of ichools.


Number of students.
Boys .. .. 2,291

There is an English High school at Rajapur teaching up to the VIIth standard. It was started in 1890 and has 226 boys on its rolls. It is a private institution but gets a Proviacial grant of Rs. 3,941 a year.

Recently in 1919 an Anglo-Vermacular school has been started at Jaitapur; it is attended by 25 boys only.

The progress of education can hardly be said to have led to any inprovement in the methods of cultivation or to have produced any marked change in the status of agriculturists. The number of Kulwadi boys receiving instruction is extremely small but some other backward classes such as the Bhandaris and the Marathas are showing themselves keen on getting their children educated.

## Health.

28. During the eleven years ending 1919, there were four deaths from plague -one in 1913 and three in 1918.

During the same period there were four cholera out-breaks and six deathe occurred in 1911, twenty-one in 1912, nineteen in 1918 and one hundred and seventy in 1919.

Small pox is an occasional visitor but during these eleven years there were only 1,534 attacks and 294 deaths. The total number of vaccinations performed during the period was $\mathbf{4 5 , 6 2 3}$.

Rajapur is not a malarial taluka and the malarial cases treated at the Rajapur dispensary were almost all imported from Bombay.

The maximun birth rate per thousand during these eleven years was 38.96 and the minimum 26.36. The maximum death rate for the years $1910-17$ was 24.38 and the minimum 19.99. In 1918 and 1919 the death rate was 50.04 and 27.92 respectively. The influenza epidemics of these years were responsible for the high figures.

## Live and Dead Stock.

29. Appendix $D$ gives details of agricultural and milch cattle and young stock and of agricultural implements in the taluka. The information under this head given in the statistical table number VI at page 18 of the Original Settlement Report is not so exhaustive. Besides the taluka had the addition thereafter of 29 villages of the old Lanja petha for which separate figures under this head are not available, the villages of the petha for the whole of which Mr. Gibsonsubmitted his Settlement Report No. 45, dated 10th February 1873, being distributed between the three talukas of Ratnagiri, Sangmeshwar and Rajapur. There are therefore no figures of previous years for the taluka as a whole for comparison with the present figures. But from a comparison of the figures of 124 vilages given in statistical table No. VI of the Original Report with the figures of the cattle census of 1919-20 for the same 124 villages, it is apparent that the agricultural stock has appreciably increased within the last thirty years.

## Water Supply.

30. Appendix F gives information for the sources of water supply in the 41 Government villages. The statistics of wells and other sources of water are not maintained for Khoti and Inam villages. In the beginning of the Settlement period there were only 10 Government villages. Increasing from time to time they were
$41 \frac{1}{8}$ in 1914 and have remained at that number since then. For these 41 villages statistics of water supply were compiled but once during the last six years. -There are, therefore, no previous figures for comparison with figures in Appendix $\mathbf{F}$. However, roughly spesking, about two-third portion of the taluks gets a sufficient supply of water throughout the year. The remsining one-third portion comprising the fourth and the fifth groups and a portion of the third group are deficient in respect of water supply. In the hot weather especially, the villages towards the Sahyadri hills suffer much for want of water.

There are water works for Rajapur town. An artificial lake has been formed about a mile north of the town by danming the Kodavali stream and about 63,000 gallons of water are distributed every day in the town by means of 102 pipe connections.

## Falue of Land.

31. Appendices G1, G 2, G 3 have been prepared to show the values of land Sale transactions are few in this taluka, especially in the 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th groups. However, 590 sales have been selected for the appendices after excluding all the doubtful ones, such as for instance-sales to close relations, sales partaking of the character of mortgages, sales in liquidation of debt, sales of land by a khot accompanied by some khoti right, sales by tenants in khoti villages, sales of land that included building sites and sales of Inam lands, etc.

The following tables are prepared to show the variations in prices of Kharif and Warkas lands in Government villages during the Settlement period.


In the Inam villages no reliable sale transactions were available. Niveli alone was settled along with the taluks 30 years ago. The other villages were settled within the last few years. : Before their settlement, lands were distinguished by their names only-"Thikans"-and there were no Survey Numbers.
32. The sales are not free from peculiar features which prevent any but the broadest conclusions being based on them. They do show whether the price of land has risen through the taluka; but they cannot be relied upon to show any market rate for particular villages or even for particular groups. It will be seen from the appendices that prices vary considerably and this is so because they are governed by the personal inclinations of the buyer and the seller rather than by any considerations of market value. Land is bought in a great majority of cases solely with the idea of possessing land. The buyer, when he purchases land, as a rule, does not consider what return he would get on his investment. Money is made in Bombsy and elsewhere in trade or in service but when the person returns to his village his money gives him no more status than before. His desire is, therefore, to own land at any cost ; but hefinds in his village that no one is willing
to part with his land. The land owner does not consider what income he is getting from his land and what income he would get, if after selling his land, he invests the proceeds, say, in Governmentsecurities. I know of one instance, where the owner of a piece of land refused to part with it for a consideration of Rs. 150 though it fetched him only 12 annas as rent. There is a great deal of sentinent attached to land and there is much reluctance to part with one's landed property, particularly if it is ancestral. A very great inducement is required to be offered to persuade a land owner to sell his land; some sales that appear incredible are easily explained when we remember that there is such a thing as the pride of landlordism and such a thing as the inherent attachment for landed property.

That personal considerations play no small part in the sale-transactions would appear from the following instance that came to my notice in one of the villages of the Rajapur taluka. A certain land was jointly owned by three persons. On 3rd April 1914 one-third share of this land was purchased by a stranger for Rs. 265. The same person purchased the remaining two shares on 4th March 1919 and 22nd March 1919 for Rs. 325 and Rs. 123-5-4 respectively. As far as I could ascertain there were no encumbrances an any of the shares.

As regards warkas land the statistics would show us that the prices fetched for it are sometimes higher than for kharip. Warkas land is assessed very low and if it is a better sort or if it contains a good tree growth for Tahal or if it contains new rice land, it is more valuable than old rice land on which the assessment is comparatively high. Sales of these valuable warkas lands have not been separated from sales of the ordinary kind of warkas; but as the former are very few and the latter numerous the general conclusions are not affected by mixing them together.

As remarked by. Mr. Webb in his Belgaum report, only a broad conclusion can be drawn from the statistics under this head and it is that the prices show a decided appreciation in the value of land but that they cannot be relied upon as giving the current agricultural value of land.

## Rents.

33. In Khoti villages the usual crop share rent is one-half or one-third in the case of rice lands. In villages where land is given out on lease, crop share rents are as a rule agreed upon and the proportion is the same as in Khoti villages. Leases are very few in this taluka as one would expect from the way in which land has been parcelled out into such small holdings as would barely suffice the holders themselves. Those that are fortunate enough to have holdings bigger than what they could themselves cultivate, generally prefer to engage labour rather than to lease out the land. The leases, one therefore meets with, are generally in the case of land holders who are either absent or who have no one ta supervise the labour.]

Rents in kind have been converted into cash at the rate of Rs. 3 per maund of paddy in villages of the first three groups and at the rate of Rs. 2-8-0 in the other two groups. Nachni and Wari rents have been converted at the uniform rate of Rs. 4 and Rs. 3 respectively per maund. These rates are based on those fixed by the Collector for the year 1921-22.* The Kankavi "Pbad" rate is Rs. 2-8-0 for paddy and it has therefore been taken as the rate for converting rents in kind in villages of groups IV and V of the Deogad taluka. Groups IV and V of the Rajapur taluka are similar to groups IV and V of the Deogad taluka and hence their crop share rents have been converted at the Kankavli-Phad rate.

In compiling the appendices $\mathrm{H} 1, \mathrm{H} 2$, and H 3 leases of a doubtful nature have been omitted, e.g., rents in the guise of interest. Leases of Khajan lands which appeared to be too low have also been omitted. The rents given in the appendices are all gross rents, $i . e_{\text {. }}$, the actual amounts received by the landlord; and include assessment in those very rare cases, when it is paid by the tenant on behalf of the landlord. The rents are all recent-the crop share rents and rents in kind have been converted at the current rates and the cash rents pertain to the year of enquiry or to the preceding three or four years.

[^9]34. Statistics about Kharif, warkas and mixed lands are given in appendices $\mathrm{H}-1, \mathrm{H}-2, \mathrm{H}-3$, respectively. The average rents in the various groups are tabulated below in terms of multiples of assessment-

| Group. |  |  |  | Kharif. | Warkeac | Mixed. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | - | $\cdots$ |  | $3 \cdot 90$ | $3 \cdot 34$ | 3.05 |
| II | $\cdots$ | - | - | $3 \cdot 80$ | $2 \cdot 28$ | $3 \cdot 25$ |
| III | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $3 \cdot 61$ | $2 \cdot 51$ | $2 \cdot 66$ |
| IV | .- | - . | . | $3 \cdot 26$ | $2 \cdot 78$ | 4-16 |
| $V$ | . | $\cdots$ | - | $3 \cdot 31$ |  |  |

Purely Rabi and Bagayat lands are scarcely ever let out for cultivation and no reliable leases of them were found.

Appendix H-4 is added to show the multiple of assessment at which the crop share rents originally paid by tenants in khoti villages have been commuted by the Recording Officer under the amended Khoti Act of 1904. The cash commutation rate is according to the rules to be based on the average of the rents received in the 12 years prior to the passing of the amendment. It will be seen that for all the groups the kharif rent is on an average 2.43 times the assessment and the warkas 2.34.

Rents recorded in Inam villages are summarised below :-

35. Special rents' are agreed on when a warkas piece is let for cultivation after a period of fallow and in preparing Appendix H-2, the periods of fallow have been allowed for. Occasionally, warkas, land is let out for grass alone and some such rents have been included in Appendix H-2 to give us a fair average for warkas on the whole.
36. Reference has been made above (paragraph 34) to the amended Khoti Settlement Act and to the system of fixing cash commutation rates. It would, therefore, be of interest to inquire here into the relationship between the khots and their tenants under this new system as compared with that under the old or crop share rent system. CUnder the twtter/system, the khot had a certain hold on his tenants ; if they were well-disposed to wards him, he could belenient in appraising the crops ; atherwise, he could make the appraisement as exorbitantas he strictly could. There are still a few villages-and in these, the khotirights are divided but littlewhere the khot is a kind of a pater-familias and is on excellent terms with his tenantry and the latter have no desire to depart from the old system. But in many of the villages where rents have not yet been commuted khoti shares are small and numerous and there is no presonal attachment between the khots and the tenants. The relations between them are strained in suoh cases. The khot tries to get the utmast out of the tenants; the tenant has no heart in his work, for, he finds that he does not get the full benefit of his labor in the field or of any improvements he might effect on the land in his possession. He therefore leaves the land fallow unnecessarily or neglects it, finding his Bombay occupation more profitable. I
[Inder the new system, the tenant feels himself independent of the khot. He takes personal interest in the land which he regards more as his own, than the khots'. He makes improvements on his land and allows very little of it to lie fallow; thus there is an increase in the intensive and the extensive cultivation of land. His -zeal to extend the cultivation is, however, having some harmful consequences, e.g., the warkas lands not getting a sufficiently long period of fallows is gradually deteriorating; thehill sides covered with tree growth being ruthlessly cleared for purposes of cultivation, the supply of rab and fuel is diminishing. The khot does not like the introduction of the cash rents in his villages. When he received rents in kind, he could sell a certain quantity of paddy, nagli, etc., after keeping enough for his own
requirements. With every increase in prices his income naturally increased. Now with the cash rents, he finds, he does not get any benefit from the increase in prices and has on the contrary to purchase food stuffs for his own use at enhanced prices.

In many villages of both kinds, therefore, the relations between the khots and tenants are generally not harmonious, the result being that the collection of the former's dues from the latter is a matter of some difficulty. In some villages, the khot has frequently to ask for assistance or to go to the civil court for the recovery of a large portion of his rents; in others, the khots relinquish management and the villages come under attachment. During the last five years assistancesuits were received from 89 villages and 30 villages or parts oi villages had come under attachment. The tenants' object is to make the villages lapse to Government so that they would only have to pay the survey assessment. During the last Settlement period as many as $30 \frac{2}{3}$ villages lapsed to Government-vide paragraph 5 above. The khots on the other hand are tenacious of their privileges. Some how they manage to pay off the Japti (attachment) expenses and get the villages restored to themselves. Thus the khots and the tenants being often at cross purposes do not at all get on well together. 3

## Crop experiments.

37. Crop experiments have been discontinued since $1900-01$ and it is not therefore necessary to make any remarks, here under this head.

## Prices.

38. Appendix I gives the history of prices in this Taluka during the last thirty years. It will be seen that the prices of all the principal commodities have considerably risen during that period: The following table has been prepared to show the average rates per rupee for rice in husk (paddy), cleaned rice and Nachni during each of the quinquennia from 1890-91:-


The rise in the case of cleaned rice is smaller than in the case of paddy; this is due to the large import of cleaned rice from outside especially from the Kolaba and Thana Districts and from Burman

The prices of cocoanuts in 1890 was Rs. $2-13-8$ a hundred; in 1900, it was Rs. 3 a hundred; in 1910, it was Rs. 5-12-8 a hundred; in 1920, it was Rs. 9-11-4. Large quantities of cocoanuts are imported into the Taluka from the Malabar coast.

A graph is appended to show the variation in the prices of rice, Nachni and paddy from the year 1889. The sharp downward tendency of the price curve during the last three years is to be noted. There has already been a drop of 25 per cent. since 1920.

## Wages.

39. There has been a rise in the agricultural wages during recent years. This has been due partly to an increased demand for lahor in Bombay and other indnstrial centres and partly top a rise in prices. During the settlement period the rate has increased from 2 annas six pies to six annas a day. The increase in the rate of wages has not been attended by any increase in efficiency.

## IV.-Revenue History.

Variations in occupied area.
40. In the beginning of the Settlement period, the occupied area was $2,03,577$ acres. It is now $2,07,023$ acres, showing an increase of 3,446 acres. Qf this increase 1,519 acres were given out for cultivation on payment of price. The

Inam village of Gaokhadi having lapsed to Government; its area; viz., 1,971 acres, was an addition to the occupied area of the taluks. These two figures give a total increase of 3,490 , i.e., 44 acres in excess of the net increase. But there have heen sundry decreases involving small areas, the only item worth any mention among them being a total decrease of 23 acres due to diluvion.

## Variations in Revenue.

41. After the introduction of the Original Settlement by Government Resolution No. 5091 dated 28th July 1888 the only im-

## 1. Dhundare 4. Beni Khurd

2. Kheravahe 5. Agge
3. Kalambe 6. Kuwe, 7. Lanja. portant variation in Revenue that was effected was the reduction of the warkas rates in the marginally noted villages of the old Lanja Petha, four of which had a maximum rate of $1 \frac{3}{4}$ times the classification value and the remaining three had a rate of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ the classification value. By Government Resolution No. 8877 of 17 th September 1906 the maximum rates of all these villages were reduced to $1 \frac{1}{4}$ classification value which resulted in a reduction of Rs. 1,045 in Revenue for all the 7 villages together. This reduction was found necessary as the lands affected were flat open grounds and had a great scarcity of Rab.

One minor variation in Revenue was that ordered in Government Resolution No. 6852 dated 8th September 1904. Government directed that the assessment on all lands held free of assessment from the khots for temple or charitable purposes or for rendering any village service should be remitted. Such amounts are calculated and remitted every year.

## Remissions.

- 42. Remissions shown in Appendix K prior to 1905-06 were few and were generally of small amounts. What they were about, cannot be stated now.

Remission Statements being destroyed every five years, individiual remissions previous to 1914-15 cannat be ascertained. But most of them during the period from 1905-06 to 1914-15 were due to Government ordering the remission of assessment on lands either held by individuals free of rent for village service, such as Mahars, or set apart for temple, or charitable purposes (Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 6852 reierred to above).

The remissions within the last five years were also on the same account, except that in 1918-19, land Revenue on land held by soldiers on military service was remitted and included in the remissions of that year.

The amounts shown as "outstandings authorised " were due mostly to expenses ol attachment of khoti villages when they were under attachment. Such expenses were recovered from the khots when they resumed management. But if the villages lapsed to Government by the failure of the khot to resume the management within the prescribed time of twelve years, the expenses of attachment in respect of these villages were written off. In 1905-06 a portion of the revenue in the taluka is said to bave been suspended. From 1910-16, the amounts shown under this head were all of expenses of attachment of khoti villages. Unauthorised outstandings were few and most of them were small amounts. What they nere for, cannot be stated now as they pertained to the period perior to 1913-14.

## Collections.

43. From Appendix K, it would appear that practically the whole of the land revenue due has been recovered during the Settlement period. Whenever the relations between the khots and the tensnts are strained the tenants withhold payment year after year, taking care not to suffer their holdings to lapse to the khot by occasionally paying a portion of the sum due from them. In such cases, the khot leaves management and the village comes under attachment. It was for some such reason that the village of Kelavali where a managing khot was murdered some years ago, was under attachment for fourteen years in all during the Settlement period and much difficulty was experienced in collecting the Land Revenue due from the village. The khots of Kelavli eventually got a partition effected of their village and demanded the restoration at the end of 1911-12. When they had to pay to Covernment Rs. 2,482 as arrears and expenses of attachment due from it. Similar was the case of the neighbouring village Jambavli which was
also under attachment for fourteen years and at the time cf the restoration of the village the khots had to pay Rs. 1,091 as arrears due from it. Yet on the whole, it would appear from Appendix $K$ that land Revenue is duly recovered in the Taluka. There were no cases of attachment and sale of immovable property or of forfeiture of land due to failure to pay land revenue.

Coercive measures for recorery of Land Revenue.
44. During the settlement period, there were in all 3,573 notices issued under section 152 of the Land Revenue Code. Movable property was attached under section 154 in 641 cases for recovery of Rs. 16,635 and ultimately sold in 65 cases for Rs. 558. In 402 cases, fine under section 148 was levied and Rs. 1,525 were recovered thereby. But fines, as a rule, indicate unpunctuality and not inability to pay.

## Present Settlemeni-Groups.

45. At present there are five groups as below :-

Group I. -42 villages of the taluka proper (including the Inam villige Niveli) with a maximum kharif rate of Rs. 8.
Eleven villages of the old Ianja Petha with a maximuna rate of Rs. 7.
Group II. 43 villages of the taluka proper (including the Inam villages of Juwati and Panhle traf Saundal) with a maximum rate of Rs. 7. Eighteen villages of the old Lanja Petha (including the Inam village of Waked) with a maximum rate of Rs. 6.
Group III.-32 villages of the taluka proper with a maximum rate of Rs. 6 Group IV. -8 villages of the taluka proper with a maximum rate of Rs. 5 . One village of the old Lanja Petha with a maximum rate of Rs. 4. Group V.-8 villages of the taluka proper with a maximum rate of Rs. 4.

Rates.
The existing rates are shown in the following table :-
Taluka proper.

| Group | Khariz | Rabi | Warkas. | Bagayat, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Dongri. | Agri. |  |
| Rs: | Rs. | Rs. a. | Rs. $\mathbf{a}$ | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| 1 | 8 | 20 | 14 | 9 | 12 |  |
| 2 | 7 | 20 | 18 | 7 | .. |  |
| 3 | 6 | 20 | 14 | 6 | .- |  |
| 4 | 5 | 18 | 14 | 6 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 5 | 4 | 18 | 10 | 5 | .. |  |
|  |  | Old L | Petha. |  |  |  |
| 1 | 7 | 20 | $\left.\begin{array}{cc}1 & 12 \\ 1 & 8 \\ 1 & 4\end{array}\right\}$ | 7 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 2 | 6 | 20 | $\left.\begin{array}{ll}1 & 4 \\ 1 & 8\end{array}\right\}$ | 6 | * |  |
| 4 | 4 | -••• | 14 | 4 | . |  |

Proposals-(a) General Considerations.
46. Before I proceed to state my proposals, it would be pertinent to enquire how far the Taluka has progressed during the currency of the present Settlement. The curcent rates have not pressed heavily and there has been no complaint against
them. Land Reveaue has been collected with ease and the number of cases in which coercive measures had to be resorted to, has been small. There has been no contraction in the cropped area and the demand for land is great.

There is no doubt that there has been a material advance in the general prosferity of the taluka. No longer is the very poor cultivator driven to eke out his subsistence for a part of the year on the ronts of the wild plantain and various species of bulbs which are found in the jungle. There is such a keen demand for labor everywhere that even the poorest cultivator is in a position to supplement his income from land by wages earned as a labourer; and the wages have risen considerably though the benefit to him from the rise is tu some extent offset by the rise in prices. Population has increased but a proportionately larger increase in noticeable in the imports. There has been s distinct rise in the standard of comfort as cen be seen from the large increase in the import of commodities which cannot be considered as necessaries. Through constant touch with theindustrial centres the cultivator has acquired the habits of the town and he now spends more on clothing and lighting than he did before. An instance of the rise in the standard of comfort may be seen in the large number of tea shops spread all over the taluka. Epidemics have been unknown-except that of influenza in 1918-; the physique of the people is poor and though the Kulwadis and Mahars bave generally the appearance of being ill fed and mal-nourished yet their health is good and illness is not common among them. There has been a considerable increase in the livestock and in the number af carts.

But the increase in prosperity has been due not so much to an increase in the agricultural profits as to the large amount in the shape of wages, pensions, etc., which men serving outside bring into the taluka. The rise in the prices of all agricultural products has not benefited the cultivator in this taluka for the simple reason that he has, as a rule no surplus with him for sale or export. The food-stuffs produced locally are not sufficient to meet the local wants of the taluka, which has consequently to depend largely on imports from outside and for these the people have to pay at a much higher rate than before owing to the rise in prices. Besides, this taluka, like the rest of the district is notorious for the numerous sub-divisions into which land has been divided and for the very small size of its holdings; so that the average individual holding is not big enough to enable the cultivator to have a surplus after meeting his own wants. The following table prepared for 32 Khalsa villages will illustrate the truth of my remarks :-

| Ocoupanta. |  |  | Number. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Paying an assessment of Rs. 5 or under | . | - | 2,996 |
| Paying over Rs. 5 but under Rs. 15 | . | $\cdots$ | 617 |
| Paying over Rs. 15 but under Rr. 25 | - | - | 183 |
| Paying over Rs. 25 but under Res 50 | . | . | 162 |
| Paying over Rs. 50 but under Rs. 100 | . | . | 49 |
| Prying above Res. 100 | * | - | 19 |
|  |  | $\cdots$ | 4,026 |

47. The rise in prices cannot, however, be altogether ignored on the ground that it does not benefit the agriculturist in a food-importing taluka. The rupee has considerably depreciated in value and if assessments are to bave the same relation to produce as they did at the beginning of the Settlement, they should be raised by the full 33 per cent. permissible for a group, as prices have risen by a great deal over 33 per cent. But in a taluka where there are three tchoti villages to every Government village, we are prevented by the provisions of the Khoti Settlement Act from enhancing the rates to the full extent that the rise in prices might otherwise demand. In 71 khoti villages out of 117, rents which used to be paid to the khot in kind have been commuted into cash on the basis of "Multiples of assessment". These commutation rates vary from a minimum of $1 \frac{1}{8}$ in one village to a maximum of three times the assessment in 13 villages. If therefore the commuted value payable to a khot is not to exceed the ordinary rental of free leases, the assessment would have to be restricted to 33 per cent. of the lease value (the maximum commutation rate in the taluka being three times the assessment) and even this limit cannot be reached very closely without the grave risk of driving land out uf cultivation. Let us suppose that the gross rental value is 100 on all the khotil land. This is a rental value fixed by general competition and up to this amount tenants can pay rent without any encroachment
upon the standard fair return to the cultivator for his labor and expenses. If we decide to take 40 as assessment, the tenant will then be required to pay 120 to the khot (the multiple fixed being three) which is ex-bypothesi impossible, because he will starve and the land must go out of cultivation if the khot takes more than 100 and the khot will certainly refuse to surrender his right of taking three multiples.

It has been suggested in some quarters that khoti villages should be excluded altogether from an enhancement in rates, on the ground that for every increase in the assessment, the rents of the tenants, who have got them commuted into cash .will be increased in proportion to the multiple fixed ; eg., if the multiple fixed is three and if the assessment is increased by one rupee, the rent will be increased by three rupees. It is true that the khoti tenants are comparatively poor and form a class, who deserve sympathy, yet an enhancement in rates for khoti villages is perfectly justifiable. The commuted rent merely represents the average value of the crop share, which the tenant used to pay before. This average is found out from an examination of the crop appraisement Registers for twelve successive years and of the receipts given to tenants. The value of the crop and therefore of the rent in kind which is to be commuted into cash, is based upon the prices prevailing during those twelve years. If there has been a rise in prices subsequently, the commuted rent will not represent the value of the crop share rent, which the tenant would have paid under the old system. Now, an increase in the maximum rates for a group depends mainly on a rise in prices; and therefore an enhancement in of assessment due to this cause and the consequent increase in the commuted rent wunld not be unjustifiable so long as it is not more than proportional to the rise in prices since the period on the average prices of which, the commutation was based.

Besides the rise in prices, the ather factors to be taken into account in proposing rates in a Revision Settlement are (i) the sales of land and (ii) rents.

Sales of land are only important in so far as they show a general increase in the price of land ; bevond that, we cannot draw any reliable conclusion from them. It is only true in theory that sale value capitalises the profit from land less the assessment; in actual practice, the buyer never considers what the return on his investment would be. The personal considerations determinimg the value of the land have already been discussed in paragraph 32. Rents on the other hand give us the correct information regarding profits from land and are therefore of some inportance in giving a basis for new proposals.

## (b) Groups.

48. The 1st, 2nd and 4th groups of the old Lanja Petha correspond respectively with the 2nd, 3rd and 5th groups of the taluka proper in respect of maximum rice rates, as also in respect of maximum rates on lands of other descriptions, with a few exceptions. The groups may therefore be arranged according to the maximum rice rates and they will comprise villages as under:-

I-42 villages including two Inam villsges-Niveli and Dewache-Gothne.
II-54 villages including two Inam villages, Juwati and Panhle tarf Saundal.
III- 50 villages iucluding the Inam village of Vakhed.
Iv-8 villages.
$\mathrm{V}-9$ villages.
After making this nominal change or rather a re-adjustment of villages into their proper groups, I do not think it necessary to make any other change into the existing groups. Groups are generally based on climate, rainfall, fertility of soil and market communications. I consider that fertility of soil should strictly be dealt within classing and that market communications ought not to be taken inte account, in determining the groups of this taluka, for, there is no surplus corn to be sent to a market ; not only is the whole produce consumed in the village, but a certain further quantity is required to be imported to make up for the needs. It is true. therefore, that the division of the taluka into groups has been rather overdone and that villages having the same rainfall and climate ought not to have been formed into different groups on the ground of accessibility to a market. It has been suggested therefore that the first two groups should be merged into one as they have the same climate and rainfall. I am not, however, in favour of accepting the suggestion as the change cannot be effected except by proposing a very low new
rate for the first group and thus losing revenue which is properly due, or by proposing too high a rate fur the second group and thus exceeding the 33 per cent. rise permissible for a group.
49. Ajiuli, which is proposed to be transferred to this taluka belongs at present to the fourth group of the Deogad Taluka, the new maximum rice rate for which will be Rs. 4-4-0. I recommend that this village may be placed in the fifth group of the Rajapur Taluka, which has the same maximum rice rate.

Math Khurd, resembles the villages in the third group in respect of physical features, climate, rainfall and accessibility. It is only a mile distant from Kelavli, a village in the third group and should therefore be placed in that group.
(c) Rates.
50. The following table gives the extent of the various descriptions of land in the several groups of the taluks as per Appendix $L$ :-

|  | Groap. | No. of villages. | Kharif. | Rabi. | Warkes. | Bagayat. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Agri | Dongri. |
|  |  |  | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. |
| I | -• | 42 | 6,147 | 11 | 26,110 | . 64 | 164 |
| II | $\cdots$ | 54 | 5,835 | 153 | 60,934 | . . | 173 |
| III | . | 50 | 4,933 | 210 | 77,202 | . . | 40 |
| IV |  | 8 | 609 | 11 | 15,091 | . . | $\cdots$ |
| V | $\cdots$ | 10 | 742 | 24 | 24,590 | . . | . |

Note,- -djivlh is inoluded in group $V$ and Math Khurd is excluded altogother as itis to be pettied for the frrte time.
51. Kharif.-I propose to raise the rice rates to Rs. $10-0-0 ; 8-8-0 ; 7-0-0$; 5-4-0 and 4-4-0 for the five groups. The ratio of rents (as ascertained in Appendix Hi) to assessment according to the proposed rates will be as follows:-

| Group. |  |  |  | of rent to aesessment | Ratio of rent to propesed assessamant. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | .. | . | - | $3 \cdot 90$ | 3.12 |
| II |  |  |  | $3 \cdot 80$ | $3 \cdot 13$ |
| III |  |  |  | $3 \cdot 61$ | $3 \cdot 09$ |
| IV |  |  |  | $3 \cdot 26$ | $3 \cdot 10$ |
| V |  |  |  | $3 \cdot 31$ | $3 \cdot 11$ |

It will be seen that the rents justify the proposed increases in the maximum rates. In terms of annas per rupee, the increases are 4 annas in the first group, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ annas in the second, $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas in the third and 1 anna in the fourth and fifth groups.

In the case of the Ratnagiri Taluka, Revision Settlement of which touk place in 1012, the increase in price of paddy between 1889 and 1912 was. 71.50 per cent. (it can be presumed that price of paddy in 1881, when the old settlement period commenced, was lower than in 1889) Mr. Madan proposed and Government sanctioned an average increase of $9 \cdot 63$ per cent. in the maximum ricerates. In the case of the Rajapur Taluka, the increase in price has been 96.45 per cent. and the average increase in the maximum rice rates proposed hy me works out at 14.87 per cent. Except the rise in prices and consequently the rise in wages there has been no improvernent in the agricultural conditions of the two talukss since 1912. Thus if comparison is made between the sanctioned revision rates for rice in the Ratoagiri Taluka and the proposed rice rates for the Rajapur Taluka and between the rise in prices in the two talukas, it cannot be said that my proposed rates are low.

## Rabi."

52. The Rabi land is situated near creeks or rivers and is generally flooded in the monscon. The villages in the first three groups suffer much from the floods and have had some of their lands rendered useless or less valuable for cultivation, as they are lower down the course and get deposits of sand and shingle owing to the increased hill side cultivation in villages further up. I propose an increase of 2 annas in the rupee for these three groups. Rabi land in the last two groups
in this taluke seem to have been assessed too low. In the adjoining taluka of Deogad, the rabi rate in the last two groups is Rs. 2 and this should bave been the rate in the Rajapur groups also which are similarly situated. Besides, I do not see any justification for having different rates in each group for this class of land. I propose to raise the maximum rabi rate to Rs. 2-4-0 in the fourth and fifth groups which is the same as in the first three groups.

## Warkas.

53. I do not propose any increase in the rates now in force. This land is of a poor quality and is getting less fertile on account of the denudation of all treegrowth thereon. The land is also deteriorating gradually as a sufficiently long period of fallow is not allowed. The greater portion of it is held by the poorer classes and the coarse grains grown on itform theirstaple food. The cost of cultivating these lands too, has increased in recent years owing to the rise in the price of fish manure which is generally used for growing the first crop of Nachni. Besides, as the Revision Settlement Officer, Malwan; remarked in his report "any ise in the warkas rates would combine the minimum to gain to Government with the maximum of hardships te the cultivator".
Bagayat (Agri).
54. The price of cocoanuts has risen from Rs. 2-13-8 in 1890 to Rs. 9-11-4 per hundred in 1920, though now (1923) it would appear that the price has a downward tendency. A single cocoanut costs-at present 15 to 18 pies whereas, it cost only 12 pies at the time Mr. Madan made his proposals for the Ratnagiri Taluka in 1915. I propose, therefore, a rate of Rs. 15 per acre which is more than the Ratnagiri rate by 12 annas. Agri Bagayat is all in the first group except about 12 gunthas in one village in the second group. I do not see any necessity of having a lower rate for the second group.

> Bagayat (Dongri).

The Dongri Bagayat does not flourish so well as the Agri-Bagayat and in spite of much care and labor, the yield is small. The present rates for villages belonging to the old Lanja Petha are lower than the rates in the Taluka proper. I do not see any good cause for this differentiation-I propose the following uniform rates :-

Rs. 10-8-0 ; Rs. 9-4-0 ; Rs. 8-0-0 ; Rs. 7-0-0 and Rs. 5-12-0 tor the five groups. This is an increase of about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas in the rupee in the case of villages of the Taluka proper.

## Pardi lands.

55. There are Pardi lands in three villages, but those exceeding 5 gunthas in area are found in two of them only. I propose that the assessments on them should be calculated at the same maximum rates as bave been proposed for the various descriptions of land in those villages.

## VL.-Estimated result of the proposed rates.

56. The sbove proposals, if sanctioned, will give the following maximum rates for the different groups in the taluka :-

57. The proposed rates will yield the following revenue -

| Group | Number of villagos. | Kharif. | Rabi. | Warkae | Bagayet. |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Agii. | Dongri. |  |
|  |  | R. | Re, | Hts. | Rs. | Res. | Rs. |
| 1 | 40 | 22,525 | 24 | 6,046 | 710 | 1,253 | 29,558 |
| II | 52 | 23,757 | 323 | 12,712 | ... | 1,333 | 38,125 |
| III | 48 | 15.693 | 326 | 18,606 | $\ldots$ | 209 | 34,834 |
| IV | 8 | 1,490 | 15 | 3,099 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4,804 |
| $v$ | 9 | 887 | 1 | 3,322 | ..., | $\ldots$ | 4,310 |
| Total | 158 | 64,452 | 689 | 42,785 | 710 | 2,705 | 1,11,431 |
|  |  |  | Inam villages. |  |  |  |  |
| I | 2 | 2,599 | .... | 598 | $\cdots$ | 87 | 3,282 |
| II | 2 | 1,453 | . | 930 | $\cdots$ | ...* | 2,383 |
| $\mathrm{III}_{\mathbf{V}}$ | $\cdots$ | 312 | 1 | 618 | . | 5 | 1,336 |
| $V$ | 1 | 258 | 38 | 882 | $\cdots$ | .... | 1,156 |
| Total | $\ldots$ | 6,020 | 39 | 3,006 | $\ldots$ | 02 | 8,135 |
| Grand total | . | 69,472 | 728 | '45,791 | 710 | 2,887 | 1,19,588 |

58. The effect of these proposals will be approximately as below :-

59. A separate Appendix L has been prepared for Math Khurd, which is to be newly settled. It is placed in the third group and with the rates proposed for that group, the average assessment per acre in this village comes to Rs. 7-10, while that for the third group is As. 6-11. The total revenue which the State will obtain under my proposals will be Rs. 214 as against Rs. 160 now obtained by it. From a rough calculation, the gross yield of the village is about Rs. 1,200 and as one-sixth of the gross vield is generally supposed to be the due share of the State, the Revenue that will be obtnined by the State under the new proposals appears to be adequate.
60. The proposed rates may be sanctioned for a period of 30 years.

Your most obedient servant,

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APPENDIX A.
Rainfall recorded at Rajapur, District Ratnagiri.

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## APPENDIX $B$ ．

Details of oultivation and crops in the nillages of the Rajapur Taluka of the Ratnagivi Collectorate．


| Number of villigees； | Crops（Detalls of Col．2）． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1．－Careali and IL．－Pikee． |  |  |  |  |  |  | oh seeda． |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 号 |  |  |  | 号 |  |  |  |
|  | 5idy | 寅 | 圖 | 长 | 長 | 誊 | 皆 |  | F |  |  | 皆 | 県 |
|  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 10 | 20 | 21 | 22 | \＄3 | 24 | 25 | 28 | 27 |
| 158．Average tor four yeate oullit 1910.90 | ${ }^{\text {Acras }}$ | $\stackrel{\text { Acres．}}{ }$ | $\underset{\substack{\text { a } \\ \text { A } 1308}}{ }$ | Acres． | Acres | ${ }_{13,384}^{\text {Acres．}}$ | ${ }_{48,}^{\text {Acreas }}$ ． | Acres． $\because$ |  | $\stackrel{\text { Acres }}{ }$ | ${ }_{12}{ }_{12}$ | $\stackrel{\text { Acres．}}{ }$ | $\underset{\substack{\text { Acres．} \\ \text { z，} 5 \text { \％}}}{ }$ |
| 158．Average of per－ cenemige or ara your уетгs | ．． |  | 18 |  | ．． | $18 \cdot 9$ |  | $\because$ | $3 \cdot 05$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdot 01$ | ．． | ．． |


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APPENDIX C .
Details of population according to ocoupation as per census of 1921.

| Agricultural population. |  |  |  | Non-agricultural population. <br> 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having interest in land. |  |  |  |  |
| Tenants and aubeharers. | Other landholders. | Labourers. | Total. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |
| 114,452 | 3,506 | 3,795 | 121,763 | 30,234 |

APPENDIX D.
Agricultural Stock of the 158 Government villages in the Rajapur Taluka during the year 1919.

. Note--Animals are reckoned as calves up to the time they commence work, if mate, or are mature for breeding, if temale.
Agricultural stock of the 124 Government villages of the proper Rajapur Taluka exciusive of the villages of the old Lanja Petha as given in Table No. VI of the Original Report and its comparison with the figures for 1919-20 are given in the accompanying statement.

Statistical Table No. VI of the Original Setlement Report.


APPENDIX E.
Shops, industries, etc., in the villages of the Rajapur Taluka.

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## APPENDIX F.

[Form V. F. 16.]
Wells, Bhudkis, Tanks and other Sources of Water Supply in the 41 Government Villages of the Rajapur Taluka for the year 1914-15.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow{3}{*}{Group.} \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
sumber of Vilagis. \\
2
\end{tabular}} \& \multicolumn{10}{|c|}{Walls, Bhodkis and the like.} \& \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Tanlic.} \\
\hline \& \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Yor Imprtion.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{For drinting supply of buman beinga lut not for irrigation.} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{For cattle and washing and other purpoess but ant for Irrigation or frinimp suppy of human teings.} \& \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{\[
\stackrel{\text { In }}{\text { disusat. }}
\]} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\[
\underset{\text { Irrigation. }}{\text { Par }}
\]} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{For drinking supply of hanan teings solaly.} \\
\hline \& \& Pakra, \({ }^{\text {P }}\) \& Kıcha. \& Paika. \& Kacha. \& Prakka. \& | \(\begin{array}{r}\text { Xac } \\ 8\end{array}\) \& \& \& a 10. \& Other
canses. \& Paika
11 \& Kacha
12 \& Palka.
18 \& Kacha
14 \\
\hline \(\begin{array}{rr}\text { I } \& \cdot \\ \text { II } \& \cdot \\ \text { III } \& \cdot\end{array}\) \& 22
16
4 \& \begin{tabular}{|c}
50 \\
11 \\
..
\end{tabular} \& 186
6
. \& \begin{tabular}{l}
240 \\
08 \\
\hline..
\end{tabular} \& 407
157
120 \& \& 1
1
8 \& 497 \& \& 29
8 \& 98
9
8 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
\(\bullet\) \\
\(\cdots\) \\
\(\cdots\) \\
\\
\hline
\end{tabular} \& \(*\)
\(\cdots\)
\(\cdots\) \& 12
22
4 \& 1
2 \\
\hline Total . \& \& 70 \& 141 \& 20 \& 084 \& \& 8 \& 44 \& \& 637 \& 116 \& \(\cdots\) \& \(\cdots\) \& 38 \& 3 \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|c|}{'Sanks.} \& \multicolumn{11}{|c|}{Other Sources.} \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Group.} \& \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{For zrigution.} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{For drinking. suppiy of humen boing solely.} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{For cattle and whahing and other purposes but not for lrrigalton or drinking supply of hunam bolage.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\[
\operatorname{In}_{\text {In }}
\]} \&  \\
\hline \& Pakta. \& Kacha.
16. \&  \& Onher
cansor.
18. \& \(\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { Pakka, } \\ 10\end{gathered}\right.\) \& Kacha.
20 \& Pakka.
21 \& KaC
22 \& ha. \& Patk
28 \& a. \(\begin{array}{r}\text { Enc } \\ 24\end{array}\) \& a. \& Hen in
fads-
palr.
26 \& Other
causes,

28 \& $2:$ <br>
\hline  \& 95
5
1 \& 21 \& 3
9 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 16
27 \& . \& \& 1
8
3 \& -
$\cdots$
.
. \& \& 18
18
2 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& <br>
\hline Total \& 31 \& 22 \& 5 \& 8 \& \& 42 \& 8 \& \& $\bigcirc$ \& \& \& 80 \& 30 \& \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

ABSTRACT OF APPENDIX F.

| District. | Detaila | Wolls, Bhudkis and the like. |  | Tanks. |  | Other Soarees. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  | Pakka. 3 | Kacha. <br> 4 | Pakka. <br> $\sigma$ | Kacha. 6 | Pakka. 7 | Kacha. 8 |
| Ratanagiri Thatua Rajapur | For irrigation <br> For drinking supply of human beings but not for irrigation. For cattle and washiny and other purponee, atc. <br> Ia disuse | $\begin{array}{r} 704 \\ 304 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{684}^{141}$ | 38 | $\cdots$ | - 8 | ${ }_{8}^{42}$ |
|  |  | 38 | 446 | 31 | 22 |  | 30 |
|  |  | 37 | 116 | 5 | 3 | .. | .. |
|  | Total . | 448 | 1,386 | 74 | 28 | 6 | 81 |
|  | Totals recorded at the previons settlements. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## APPENDIX G.

Setting value of Kharif lands in the villages of the Rajapur Taluka.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Serial Nuaber in Appondix L. \& Name of village.
2 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Area of land sold. \\
3
\end{tabular} \& Assessment. \& Sale price -

5 \& | Number of times the assessment represented by price. |
| :--- |
| 6 | \& Remarks.

7 <br>
\hline \& Goversment. \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& Group 1. \& \& R.s. a. p. \& Rs s. p \& \& <br>
\hline 1 \& Kasheli \& 0 23] \& 300 \& 6750 \& 225 \& <br>
\hline 2 \& Rajawadi .. \& 089 \& 1120 \& - 50000 \& . $285 \cdot 71$ \& <br>
\hline 8 \& Wadi Khuxd \& 1254 \& 840 \& 6350 \& 76.87 \& <br>
\hline 11 \& Wada Rundhe \& $3{ }^{3}$ \& 14130 \& 4980 \& $33 \cdot 62$ \& <br>
\hline 13 \& Kondsar Khurd .. \& 13 64 \& $\bigcirc 80$ \& 1,000 00 \& 153.85 \& <br>
\hline 14 \& Kondsar Budrak .. \& $116 \frac{1}{2}$ \& 580 \& 1,000 0 O \& 181.82 \& <br>

\hline 15 \& Kalkadevi .. \& 139 \& | 11 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- |
|  |  |
| 18 |  | \& 600 O 0 \& $52 \cdot 32$ \& <br>

\hline 16 \& Nate \& 4283 \& 32.26 \& 1,558 00 \& 48.38 \& <br>
\hline 19 \& Jaitapur \& 1114 \& 65311 \& 5,540.0 0 \& $84 \cdot 91$ \& <br>

\hline 21 \& Hoti \& ${ }_{1}^{0} 889$ \& | 0 | 8 |
| :---: | :---: | \& 8000 \& 180 \& <br>

\hline 25 \& Mithgavne \& 1129 \& 40 8. 0 \& $4,583.80$ \& 113.17 \& <br>
\hline 26 \& Madban $\quad$. \& 224 \& 2 '5 6 \& 1,01200 \& 431.79 \& <br>
\hline 29 \& Ansure \& 6344 \& $20 \cdot 103$ \& 2,76500 \& 133.96 \& <br>
\hline 40 \& Gawkhadi \& 2243 \& 878 \& 2,194 00 \& 258-59 \& <br>
\hline \& Total .. \& 62 71 \& 22125 \& 22,03880 \& \& <br>
\hline \& Average per acre .. \& .... \& 3810 \& $364 \quad 07$ \& 102.36 \& <br>
\hline \& Beni Budruk \& \& 100 \& 6980 \& 69-50 \& <br>
\hline 52 \& Bhalavil \& 1 12 \& 680 \& ${ }_{525}^{525} 00$ \& ${ }^{80 \cdot 77}$ \& <br>
\hline 76 \& ${ }_{\text {Bhen }}^{\text {Bhun }}$ \& ${ }^{3} 12{ }^{\frac{3}{1}}$ \& 10106 \& 1,425 00 \& 133.72 \& <br>
\hline 78 \& Vilye $\quad \because$ \& $4{ }^{0} 122$ \& 1900 \& 4100 \& 21.58 \& <br>
\hline \multirow{5}{*}{83} \& Total \& 98 \& 38128 \& 2,629 80 \& \& <br>
\hline \& Average per acre . \& $\ldots$ \& 485 \& 27614 \& 67.8 \& <br>
\hline \& Lanja \& $235 \frac{1}{2}$ \& 4120 \& 85500 \& 180.00 \& <br>
\hline \& Total \& $235 \frac{1}{2}$ \& 4120 \& 85500 \& $180 \cdot 00$ \& <br>
\hline \& Average per mere .. \& \& 1104 \& 29618 \& 180.00 \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

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APPENIDX G-1.
Selling value of kharif lands in the villages of the Rajapur Taluka.


## APPENDIX G-2.

Selling value of Warkas lands in the villayes of the Rajapur Taluka.


APPENDIX $G$.
Selling value of Warkas lands in the villages of the Rajapur Taluka.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Strisl No. in Appendix \(L\). \& Name of village. \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Area of land sold. \\
\(3 *\)
\end{tabular} \& Ascesament.

4 \& Sale price.

5 \& | Number of times the esecesment represented by price. |
| :--- |
| $\boldsymbol{6}$ | \& Remarks.

7 <br>

\hline \multirow[t]{8}{*}{\[
$$
\begin{aligned}
& 57 \\
& 61 \\
& 64 \\
& 69 \\
& 70 \\
& 83 \\
& 91
\end{aligned}
$$

\]} \& \multirow[t]{7}{*}{| $K$ hoti. |
| :--- |
| Grotp No. II. |
| Kotapur |
| Barsu |
| Panhale, Tarf Rajapur |
| Gothne Donivdo |
| Shil |
| Kondye |
| Taral |} \& \multirow[t]{7}{*}{} \& Rs. a. p. \& \& , \& <br>

\hline \& \& \& $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 14 & 0\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{rrr}172 & 0 & 0 \\ 70 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ \& $34 \cdot 40$
$84 \cdot 00$ \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& 1126 \& 19900 \& \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& 0120 \& 4000 \& 53.33 \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& 02.0 \& 10000 \& .... \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& 113 \& 20000 \& \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& 080 \& 5000 \& 100. \& <br>
\hline \& Total \& 5413 \& 1019 \& 83100 \& $\cdots$ \& <br>

\hline \multirow{4}{*}{$$
\begin{aligned}
& 199 \\
& 124
\end{aligned}
$$} \& Average per acre \& . \& 030 \& 1549 \& 82.20 \& <br>

\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{| Watal |
| :--- |
| Oni |} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{$\begin{array}{rr}17 & 10 \\ 3 & 80\end{array}$} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{$\begin{array}{lll}4 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 5 & 3\end{array}$} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[

$$
\begin{array}{rrr}
250 & 0 & 0 \\
64 & 0 & 0
\end{array}
$$

\]} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 59 \cdot 04 \\
& 48 \cdot 18
\end{aligned}
$$
\]} \& <br>

\hline \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& Total \& 210 \& 590 \& 31400 \& 56.44 \& <br>
\hline \multirow{3}{*}{147} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Avarage par acte Group No. IV. Farule} \& $\cdots \cdot$ \& 043 \& 14153 \& $56 \cdot 44$ \& <br>
\hline \& \& - 1020 \& 1150 \& 9900 \& 61.10 \& <br>
\hline \& Average per acre \& $\ldots$ \& 0211 \& 938 \& 51.08 \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

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APPENDIX G1.
Selling value of mixed Kharif and Warkas lands in the villages of the Rajapur Taluka.

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APPENDIX $\mathbf{G}^{2}$.
Selling value of mised lands in the khoti villages of the Rajapur Taluta.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
Berial No. in Appen dix \(L\) \\
1
\end{tabular} \& Name of vilage.
2 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Area of land cold. \\
3
\end{tabular} \& Amesesment.

4 \& Sale price.

5 \& | Number of times the asceasment repremented by price. |
| :--- |
| 6 | \& Remarks

7 <br>

\hline \multirow[t]{9}{*}{$$
\begin{aligned}
& 10 \\
& 17 \\
& 20 \\
& 27 \\
& 28 \\
& 32 \\
& 34
\end{aligned}
$$} \& Group No. I. \& A. g. \& Res. a. p. \& Rs. a. p. \& \& <br>

\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Wade Peth} \& 34 \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{$\begin{array}{rrrr}0 & 9 & 11 \\ 79 & 13 & 10\end{array}$} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{117
6,252
8} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{188.77} \& <br>
\hline \& \& 123 11! \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Dale} \& 238 \& 226 \& 16500 \& $76 \cdot 62$ \& <br>
\hline \& \& 34364 \& 481010 \& 4,000 00 \& 88.17 \& <br>
\hline \& Janshi \& 2733 t \& 2888 \& 4,00000 \& $140 \cdot 20$ \& <br>
\hline \& Chavanwedi
Gothiyre \& 107368 \& $\begin{array}{rrr}1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3510 & 1\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{rrrr}175 & 0 & 0 \\ 3,300 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ \& $175 \cdot 00$
98.62 \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& Total \& 290 288 \& 19678 \& 18,009 80 \& $\cdots$ \& <br>
\hline \& Average per acrs \& $\ldots$ \& 1100 \& 6017 \& $91 \cdot 85$ \& <br>
\hline \& Group No. 11. \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 45 \& Ran \& 2725 \& 1212 \& 1,055 00 \& 87.39 \& <br>
\hline 48 \& Imavil \& 3312 \& 913 \& 39500 \& $43 \cdot 51$ \& <br>
\hline 47 \& Khanazli \& 16234 \& $10{ }^{10} 3$ \& 20000 \& 19-29 \& <br>
\hline 48 \& Panore \& 4384 \& 28148 \& 6790 \& $25 \cdot 24$ \& <br>

\hline 49 \& Bapere \& | 30 | 321 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 34 |  |
| 1 |  | \& | 12 |
| :--- |
| 45 |
| 45 |
| 12 | \& $\begin{array}{r}165 \\ 33590 \\ \hline 100\end{array}$ \& 13.50 \& <br>

\hline 51 \& Satavi \& $\begin{array}{lll}34 & 23 \\ 29 & 128 \\ & \end{array}$ \& 45129
1409 \& $\begin{array}{llll}3,359 & 0 & 0 \\ 1,045 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ \& $73 \cdot 35$
$74 \cdot 39$ \& <br>
\hline 57 \& Kotapur \& $\begin{array}{cc}29 & 121 \\ 0 & 33\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{rrr}140 \\ 110 & 9\end{array}$ \& 1,045
175
175 \& $74 \cdot 39$
106.33 \& <br>
\hline 62 \& Gowal \& 15384 \& 400 \& 5780 \& 144.50 \& <br>
\hline 83 \& Shivne Khurd \& 19 71 \& 36140 \& 1,075 00 \& 63.53 \& <br>
\hline 64 \& Panhale, Taff Rajapur \& 637 \& 786 \& 8000 \& 106.22 \& <br>
\hline 68 \& Hardi \& 27 \& 710 \& 50400 \& 71.36 \& <br>
\hline 88 \& Kodavil \& 8 \% 4 \& $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 11 & 4 \\ 6 & 6\end{array}$ \& 200 \& 35-4 \& <br>
\hline 70 \& Shil \& 1 2t \& 66 \& 97 0 0 \& 298.77 \& <br>
\hline 72 \& Unhasle \& 27834 \& $\begin{array}{llll}19 & 9 & 5\end{array}$ \& 2,27800 \& $116 \cdot 29$ \& <br>
\hline 78 \& Whedhe \& 2430 \& 127129 \& 3,80000 \& 29.73 \& <br>
\hline 78 \& Donger \& 14 \& $\begin{array}{lll}2 & 9 & 0 \\ 18 & 5\end{array}$ \& 1750 \& 68.29 \& <br>
\hline 83 \& Kondye \& 4429 \& \& 9990 \& 54.41 \& <br>

\hline 84 \& Talgaion \& 29154 \& $\begin{array}{rrr}25 & 7 \\ 4 & 6 \\ 4\end{array}$ \& | 709 |
| :--- |
| 175 |
| 0 | \& 27.84

$42 \cdot 05$ \& <br>
\hline 88 \& Gunjarne \& - 9312 \& $\begin{array}{r}4 \\ 17 \\ \hline 17\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{ll}175 & 0 \\ 395 & 0\end{array}$ \& 42.05 \& <br>
\hline 86
87 \& Wedyen
Bandivde \& - 7828 \& $\begin{array}{lll}17 & 7 & 0 \\ 92 & 7 & 0\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{rrr}335 & 0 & 0 \\ 5,435 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ \& $19 \cdot 21$
$58 \cdot 80$ \& <br>
\hline 91 \& Teral \& $65 \quad 251$ \& $\begin{array}{llll}54 & 0 & 6\end{array}$ \& 2,30000 \& 42.57 \& <br>
\hline \& Total \& 753203 \& 65571 \& 27,43300 \& .... \& <br>
\hline \& Averaga per acre \& $\cdots$ \& 3680 \& 0118 \& 49-38 \& <br>
\hline 97 \& Araye \& 84394 \& 42103 \& 2.89900 \& 67.98 \& <br>
\hline .99 \& Kuwo \& 7688 \& 43810 \& 1,477 00 \& 34.02 \& <br>
\hline 100 \& Kelambe \& 12 164 \& 670 \& 8000 \& 93. 20 \& <br>
\hline 102 \& Khnwdi \& 4021 \& 1710 \& 75700 \& 44.31 \& <br>
\hline 104 \& Panhale, Tarf Lanje \& 2730 \& 8106 \& ${ }^{300} 00$ \& $6 \div 31$ \& <br>
\hline 105 \& Beni Khurd \& 63 881 \& 21143 \& 3,399 00 \& 63.1 \& <br>
\hline 107 \& Majal \& 19 6 \& $\begin{array}{lll}6 & 9 & 0 \\ 5 & 2\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{lll}296 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ \& $4 \mathrm{4} \cdot 10$ \& <br>
\hline 108 \& Wiwl \& 2038 t \& 520 \& 29900 \& 8x. 24 \& <br>
\hline 110 \& Hasol. Waded \& 14112 \& 11110 \& 1,200 00 \& $102 \cdot 4$ \& <br>
\hline 111 \& Stime Budruk \& 15 261 \& 16113 \& 779 0-0 \& 4-53 \& <br>
\hline 118 \& Manrul \& $1{ }^{1} 151$ \& 0100 \& ${ }_{60} 00$ \& 4 cos \& <br>
\hline 118 \& Watul \& 20814 \& 171210 \& 44000 \& 24.72 \& <br>
\hline 142 \& Ozar \& 7304 \& 996 \& ${ }^{-400} 00$ \& 41.6 \& <br>
\hline 104 \& Oni \& 24 36t \& 1856 \& 54000 \& 3514 \& <br>
\hline 125 \& Chikhatgnon \& 46351 \& 37.56 \& ${ }^{600} 00$ \& 1616 \& <br>

\hline 127 \& Soundai \& ${ }_{80}^{27} 5$ \& $\begin{array}{lll}2712 & 3 \\ 27 & 15 & 0\end{array}$ \& | 2.459 |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 725 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 |  |  | \& Nx 42 \& <br>

\hline 127
120 \& Kulvan.Khadi

Raipataa \& $\begin{array}{rrr}60 & 323 \\ 131 & 297\end{array}$ \& | 27 | 15 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 715 | 0 |
| 7 | 7 | \& 725

$\mathbf{3 , 3 3 5}$ 000 \& 9.45 \& <br>
\hline 112 \& Partavil \& 54 \& $\begin{array}{llll}6 & 8 & 3\end{array}$ \& 3000 \& 50, 63 \& <br>
\hline 133 \& Thikan-kond \& $21{ }^{23}$ \& 14.3 \& 30000 \& $2 \mathrm{C} \cdot 63$ \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{4}{*}{141} \& Adavii \& 4119 \& 1166 \& 51300 \& 31.83 \& <br>
\hline \& Kelawh \& 30 113 \& 1270 \& 57000 \& f: 3 \& <br>
\hline \& Total \& 7965 \& 438108 \& 22.5780 \& \& <br>
\hline \& Average per acse \& .. \& 0 \$ 10 \& 2859 \& 9145 \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

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APPENDIX H.
Leases of Kharif lands in the villages of the Rajapur Taluka.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Serial No. in Appen dix L. \& Name of village
2 \& Area of land leased. \& Assessment.

4 \& Renta.

5 \& | Number of times the asesesment represented by rent. |
| :--- |
| 0 | \& Remarks.

7 <br>
\hline \& Oroup No. \& A, g. \& Re. a. $p$ \& Res. a. p. \& \& <br>
\hline 1 \& Kasheli \& 129 \& 5130 \& $\begin{array}{llll}26 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ \& 4.54 \& <br>

\hline 2 \& Raiwadi \& | 0 | 33 |
| :--- | :--- |
|  |  | \& 740 \& 24120 \& $3 \cdot 40$ \& <br>

\hline 3 \& Wadi Mogro \& 210 \& $\begin{array}{lll}2 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ \& 1380 \& 8.00 \& <br>
\hline 8 \& Wadi Bhario \& $\begin{array}{ll}0 & 33 \\ 1 & 194 \\ \\ 1\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 4 & 0 \\ 8 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{llll}14 & 0 & 0 \\ 39 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ \& 4.29
4.58 \& <br>
\hline 8
12 \& Wadi Khard \& $\begin{array}{ll}1 & 194 \\ 0 & 172\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{llll}8 & 8 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 9\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{llll}39 & 0 & 0 \\ 19 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ \& 4.58
6.68 \& <br>
\hline 12 \& Wade Nayedar \& ${ }_{5}^{0} 5171$ \& 31109
9 \& 19
219 \& 6.68
6.80 \& <br>
\hline 14 \& Kondear Budruk \& $114 t$ \& 11140 \& 3600 \& $3 \cdot 03$ \& <br>
\hline 15 \& Wada Kalkayadi \& 030 \& 500 \& 1680 \& 3. 30 \& <br>
\hline 16 \& Nate \& 13 \& 733 \& 2400 \& 3. 32 \& <br>
\hline 19 \& Jaitapur \& $816 \pm$ \& 4580 \& 1901210 \& 4.20 \& <br>
\hline 21 \& Holi \& 1391 \& 1440 \& 4500 \& $3 \cdot 15$ \& <br>
\hline 22 \& Kuvesbi \& 0371 \& 700 \& 2400 \& 3.42 \& <br>
\hline 25 \& Mithgevoé \& 218 \& 1200 \& 3585 \& 2.79 \& <br>
\hline 26 \& Madban \& 028 \& 340 \& 1500 \& 4.62 \& <br>
\hline 35 \& Sagwe \& 2283 \& 1800 \& 6900 \& 3.82 \& <br>
\hline 40 \& Gawkhedi \& 214 \& 1760 \& 0240 \& $5 \cdot 10$ \& <br>
\hline \& Khoti \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 9 \& Wadi Peth \& 1321 \& 880 \& 1600 \& $2 \cdot 46$ \& <br>
\hline 17 \& Dhaulwali \& 221 \& 840 \& 22120 \& 2.74 \& <br>
\hline 90 \& Dale \& $\begin{array}{ll}0 & 324\end{array}$ \& 500 \& 2400 \& $4 \cdot 8$ \& <br>
\hline 24 \& Weda Waghran \& 2138 \& 9480 \& 318
35
80 \& $3 \cdot 37$ \& <br>
\hline 27
28 \& Bakaie \& $\begin{array}{ll}2 & 251 \\ 3 & 24\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{lll}10 & 8 \\ 22 & 0 \\ 0\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{lll}35 & 8 & 0 \\ 72 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ \& $3 \cdot 38$
$3 \cdot 26$ \& <br>
\hline 30 \& Janshi
Hursa \& $\begin{array}{ll}3 & 2 \\ \\ 0\end{array}$ \& \& $\begin{array}{rrrr}72 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ \& 3.26
3.00 \& <br>
\hline 38 \& Namar \& ${ }_{2}{ }_{2} 12$ \& 240 \& 1200 \& $8 \cdot 32$ \& <br>
\hline \& Total \& $70 \quad 144$ \& 360119 \& 1,409 II 3 \& 8.90 \& <br>
\hline \& Atoraga per agre \& $\cdots$ \& 520 \& $20 \quad 0 \quad 7$ \& 3.00 \& <br>
\hline \& Orowp No. II. \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 41 \& Golawhi \& \& 4120 \& 1880 \& $4 \cdot 10$ \& <br>
\hline 42 \& Beni Budruk \& 715 \& 34120 \& 11700 \& $3 \cdot 37$ \& <br>
\hline 43 \& Harche \& \& 1310 \& 4680 \& $3 \cdot 65$ \& <br>
\hline 52 \& Blanlavil \& 1232 \& 6815 \& 326108 \& $7 \cdot 74$ \& <br>
\hline $\stackrel{86}{59}$ \& Bbun \& 12371 \& 43126 \& 21259 \& 4.74 \& <br>
\hline 78 \& Khingini ${ }^{\text {a }}$ \& 5381 \& 3000 \& 8700 \& $2 \cdot 90$ \& <br>

\hline 77 \& Baga Abdsi Kadir \& 15 \& $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 8 \\ 6 & 0 \\ 0\end{array}$ \& | 24 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 81 |  |
| 81 | 0 | \& ${ }_{3}^{4 \cdot 32}$ \& <br>

\hline 78 \& Vilye \& ${ }_{5}{ }_{5}$ \& 24138 \& 1345 \& $5 \cdot 41$ \& <br>
\hline 87 \& Baudivde \& 122 \& 1000 \& 35122 \& 3.60 \& <br>
\hline 88 \& Pirdavie \& 4388 \& 28109 \& 7465 \& 2. 69 \& <br>
\hline 81 \& Upale \& 828 \& 8588 \& 10900 \& 3. 63 \& <br>
\hline \& Khoti. \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 44 \& Majte Juve \& \& \& 11232 \& $3 \cdot 57$ \& <br>
\hline 45 \& Run \& 2171 \& 510 \& 2340 \& $4 \cdot 59$ \& <br>
\hline 47 \& Khaneoli \& \& 020 \& 0120 \& $6 \cdot 00$ \& <br>
\hline 48 \& Bepere \& 1293 \& 800 \& 2700 \& $3 \cdot 37$ \& <br>
\hline 50 \& Reori \& 423 \& 14130 \& 68120 \& $4 \cdot 64$ \& <br>
\hline ${ }_{85}^{81}$ \& Satavli \& 3332 \& 13150 \& 5180 \& $3 \cdot 69$ \& <br>
\hline 58 \& Chithaio \& 6131 \& 14.0 \& 58105 \& 4.17 \& <br>
\hline 67 \& Kotapur \& 2391 \& 1880 \& 3580 \& $2 \cdot 95$ \& <br>
\hline 68 \& Hardi \& 1.85 \& 700 \& 1400 \& $2 \cdot 0$ \& <br>

\hline 78 \& Unhate \& | 4 | 234 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 344 | \& $\begin{array}{rrrr}10 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \\ \end{array}$ \& 4600 \& 4.48

3.63 \& <br>
\hline 79 \& Dongar \& 88 \& $\begin{array}{lll}48 & 6 & 6 \\ 38 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ \& 1510
128

80 \& | 3.63 |
| :--- | \& <br>

\hline 80 \& Mavlangs \& $116{ }^{1}$ \& 220 \& 1388
13 \& $6 \cdot 58$ \& <br>
\hline 88 \& Hativlo \& 213 \& 1200 \& 3500 \& $2 \cdot 91$ \& <br>
\hline 84 \& Talsan \& 815 \& 31100 \& 10380 \& 3-27 \& <br>
\hline \& Total \& 12130 \& 533146 \& 2,030 138 \& .... \& <br>
\hline \& Average per ame \& .... \& 467 \& $1812 \quad 5$ \& $8 \cdot 80$ \& <br>
\hline
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APPENDIX H-contd.
Leases of mixed lands in the villages of the Rajapur Taluka.


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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Gerial number in Appen. dix L. 1 \&  \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Aree of land leased. \\
3
\end{tabular} \& Ansesament. \& Pents.

5 \& | Number of times the asceesment represented by rent. |
| :--- |
| 6 | \& Pemarks.

7 <br>
\hline \& Group No. 111-montd. Khoti-contd. \& A. g . \& Res. a. p. \& Rs. a. p. \& \& <br>
\hline 130 \& Reypatan .. \& $5 \quad 17$ \& 65 \& 1408. \& 2.13 \& <br>
\hline 134 \& Adavli \& 1374 \& 606 \& 1280 \& $2 \cdot 09$ \& <br>
\hline 135 \& Phupere .. \& 0 19 \& 060 \& 2148 \& $9 \cdot 33$ \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{4}{*}{141} \& Kelavil .. \& 1281 \& 0116 \& 2114 \& $7 \cdot 88$ \& <br>
\hline \& Total . . \& 216 22t \& 107510 \& 8240 \& ...* \& * <br>
\hline \& Average per aors ... \& .... \& 0147 \& 209 \& $2 \cdot 06$ \& <br>
\hline \& Qroup No. IV. \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{149} \& Waghangan Pachal \& $\begin{array}{ll}1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{rrr}1 & 6 & 6 \\ 3 & 12 & 6\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{rrr}5 & 3 & 4 \\ 18 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ \& $3 \cdot 70$
4.33 \& <br>
\hline \& Total .. \& 341 \& 626 \& 2174 \& $\cdots$ \& <br>
\hline \& Average per aore . . \& $\cdots$ \& $1107^{*}$ \& 6146 \& $4 \cdot 16$ \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

APPENDIX H-4.
Crop share and cash commutation rents of the Khoti villages in the Rajapur Taluka.


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APPENDIX 1.
Prices prevalent in the Rajapur Taluka from 1888-89 to 1923 (as plotted in the accompanying diagram).


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- APPENDIX K.

Collection of assessment of Government land in the villages of the Rajapur Taluka.

of One Inam Villare lapged to Goverament on 6th Novemher 1004 ant settled in 1909-10, we per Goveramens Resolution, Revenue Department, No. $\mathbf{*} 611$, dated $12 t h$ Ifay 1909.


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Effect of settlement proposals in one Inam village not



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previously setlled in Rajapur Taluka, Ratnagini District.

| Occopled Land. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage increas siecreaze of absesk on occupied land. <br> 29 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rami. |  |  | Warkas, |  |  | Total. |  |  | Unoccupfod amsesed waste. |  |  |  |
| Area. 17 | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { A } \mathrm{c} \text { cossment. } \\ 18 \end{array}$ | A Avaragre. | Area. | Aseasimut. | ( Average. | Area. |  | Average. | Aras. | Assessmont. | Averago. |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll} \text { t. } \\ 1 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } \\ 1 & 14 & 1 \\ 1 & 14 & \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r}\text { A. } \\ \text { 4. } \\ \text { 43 } \\ \hline\end{array}$ | Re. a. p.   <br> 135 0 8 <br>    | Re. a. p.   <br> 0 5 2 | A. <br> 438 | Re. a. p. |  | A. g. Nat. |  | Rs. F <br> Nu. | 3409 |
| to emb. <br> 14 mande of rice. <br> 12 mands of wart. <br> 4 mande of Nagh. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

APPENDIX M.
Population and area showing village unoccupied assessed cultivable Government land, Rajapur Taluka, Ratnagiri District.

| Merial Nomber in appendix L . | Fame of vilage. |  | Popuiation. |  | Unocenpied assesed cuttrable Government lavd. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | a |  | nea. |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { At the } \\ & \text { beginuting } \\ & \text { of the } \\ & \text { expiring } \\ & \text { settionsent } \end{aligned}$ |  | 1000-01. | 1010-11. | At the ond ot the expting eetelement 1020-21. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | A. E. |
| 1 | Kashell | - | 2,181 | 2,076 | ** | -• | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 2 | Rajwadi .. | - | 369 | 886 | * | * | -• | $\cdots$ |
| 8 | Wodamogre ** | .. | 552 | 871 | - | - | \% | - |
| 4 | Wads Panere . | . | 89 | 65 | -* | . | - | - |
| 5 | Wads Bharnde .. | . | 117 | 126 | $\cdots$ | - | . | - |
| 0 | Faid Wetyb $\quad \therefore$ |  | 870 | 336 | 20 | 20 | -. | -• |
| 7 | Wede Tive - |  | 414 | 303 | 22 | 22 | : | 22-7 |
| 8 | Waid Khurd - |  | 97 | 110 | - | * | " | $\cdots$ |
| 0 | Wadakombhe s, | ' | 144 | 171 | . | * | ** | . |
| 10 | Waid Peth :- | . | 806 | 788 | ** | - | - | - |
| 11 | Wada Rundhe .- | . ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 863 | 871 | 1 | * | -• | -* |
| 12 | Wada Namedar .. | . | 888 | 509 | 12 | 12 | . | - |
| 18 | Wada Kondsar Khuid | -• | 859 | 838 | 14 | 14 | 14 | .. |
| 14 | Wada Kondear Budnul | . | 796 | 741 | 22 | 6 | 2 | $0-10$ |
| 15 | Wada Kalksiev1 . | -* | 272 | 813 | -. |  | . | *- |
| 16 | Nate -. | -• | 4,430 | 4,297 | 48 | B | 6 | 8-16\% |
| 17 | Dhaulwall $\quad$ - | - | 2,118 | 2,278 | 2 |  | - | .. |
| 18 | Ghara Yeabwantged | . | 852 | 268 | 8 | , 6 | 0 | $5-251$ |
| 18 | Jattapur - | . | 2,194 | 2,08s | 89 | 81 | 74 | 71-192 |
| 20 | Dale * | - | 480 | 510 |  | .. | -* | - |
| 21 | Eoli $\quad$. | - | 823 | 356 | 4 | 4 | . | .. |
| 22 | Kuweahi . . | - | 1,195 | 1,258 | 26 | - | -* | - |
| 23 | Sakharl .. |  | 185 | 207 | -* | ** | - | - |
| 24 | Wadiwaghran .. | . | 140 | 121 | * | ** | - | * |
| 25 | Mitgnwant .. | . | 1,538 | 1,570 | 60 | 135 | 43 | 42-874 |
| 26 | Madban .. | . | 096 | 1,057 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 15-20 |
| 27 | Balralb | .. | 908 | 208 | 8 | 8 | . | .. |
| 28 | Janshi | -• | 902 | 290 | * | . | " | * |
| 20 | Anature ... | . | 2,013 | 2,270 | 280 | 100 | 100 | 174-8 |
| 80 | Harse .. | . | 120 | 128 | -• | . | . | . |
| 81 | Karrel .. | .. | 142 | 160 | - | - | . | ** |
| 82 | Ohavanwad - | . | 211 | 286 | -• | - | - | -. |
| 88 | Sakhat .. | . | 1,251 | . 1,301 | - | -• | ** | - |
| 34 | Cothlive | - | 415 | 860 | -* | -* | - | - |
| 36 | Sagre $\quad$ - | . | 8,791 | 8,767 | 6 | 6 | 00 | 68-.88 |
| 80 | Tada-Palye .. | . | 218 | 292 |  | -* | - | ** |
| 37 | Khajan Tad-Nanar | -• | * | $\cdots$ | ** | ** | - | -* |
| 38 | Wade-Chwarl .. | . | 138 | 120 | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| 80 | Nasar .. | . | \$05 | 1,045 | 44 | 16 | * | ** |
| 40 | Gwozhadi .. | $\cdots$ | 2,788 | 2,670 |  | .* | 25 | 10-194 |
| , |  |  | 84,815 | 84,759 | 680 | 548 | 445 | 429-324 |
|  | Group 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | Golavil | * | 076 | 638 | - | -* | - | * |
| 42 | Bent Budruk .. | . | 888 | 856 | $\cdots$ | ** | ** | * |
| '48 | Earche .. | - | 1,400 | 1,297 | - | * | $\cdots$ | * |
| 44 | Wauge juwa .. | $\cdots$ | - | - | - | *.. | - | - |
| 48 | Hun . . |  | 1,061 | 000 | ** | * | ** | - |
| 46 | Inavll ${ }^{\text {- }}$ |  | 864 | 747 | 4 |  | * | ** |

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Fionting population 247/161,86:.
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## APPENDIX N.

## Rajapur Taluka, Ratnagini District.

Colonel Godfrey's Original Settlement Report of the 124 villages of Rajapur Taluka proper 'together with the correspondence thereon as also Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 5091, dated 28th July 1888 issued on the same is printed as selection No. CCXXII-New series.

Mr. J. Gibson's Original Settlement Report No. 45, dated 10th January 1878, on the villages of the old Lanja Petha, of which subsequently 33 villages named below were transferred to the Rajapur Taluka were approved in the Government Resolution No. 308, Revenue Department, dated 19th January 1875, and were finally sanctioned and guaranteed for the period of the Original Settlement of the Taluka proper aforesaid Goverament Resolution.

1 Golavshi, 2 Beni Budruk, 3 Harche, 4 Majrejuwe, 5 Run, 6 Isawli, 7 Khanaoli, 8 Panore, 9 Bapere, 10 Rawri, 11 Satawli, 12 Wadi Lavgan-Satavali, 13 Wadi Bunder-Satawli, 14 Wadi Mahamad Satawli, 15 Lanja, 16 Kheravshe, 17 Dhundare, 18 Borthade, 19 Asage, 20 Indawati, 21 Kuwe, 22 Kelambe, 23 Kondhye, 24 Khswadi, 25 Padavan, 26 Panhale, 27 Beni Khurd, 28 Niwoshi, 29 Manjal, 30 Vivali, 31 Vangule, 32 Prabhanwalli and 33 Waked.
The Original Settlement of the village of Gaokhadi which lapsed to Government in 1904 is printed as a selection No. DII-New series.

The Original Settlement of the Inam village Gothane Dewache was sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 12240, dated 9th December 1914.

The Original Settlement of the Inam village of Vaked was sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 64 of 4th Jenuary 1916.

The Original Settlement of the Inam villages Panhale Tarf Saundal and Juwati were sanctioned in Government Notification No. 6816, dated 26th June 1918.

The Inam village of Ajivli was settled along with the Original Settlement of Deogad Taluks of which the report is printed as selection No. CCLIII-New series.

The reduction of maximum warkas rates of the noted below villages of the old Lanja Peths was sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 8877, dated 17th September 1906.

1 Dhundare, 2 Kheravshe, 3 Kelambe, 4 Beni Khurd, 5 Asage, 6 Kuwe and 7 Lanja.
In Government Resolution No. 6852, dated 8th September 1904, Government directs that the assessment on lands in khoti villages which are held free of assessment for religious or charitable purposes is for services rendered.
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## Copy of Mr. Fox's remarks on an advance copy of the report of Revision Settlement of the Rajapur Taluka.

No. S.R.V.-3.

15 th March 1923.

## Submitted.

2. After only four months' experience of the district I feel some diffidence in submitting an opinion on setthement proposals which have been in my hands only a fortnight. Moreover supplementary information wbich I found it necessary to have collected and on which, in my opinion, a good deal turns, has only just reached me. I have accordingly not had all the time that I should have wished, to study Mr. Vaidya's report and other materials. However, as I am going on leave and my successor has had no previous experience of the district, the only course is to submit my opinion on the proposals at once.
3. I would like to clear the ground bf offering some remarks on the Khoti Settlement Act as it may be supposed to affect a Revision Settlement. During the last four months I have concentrated my attention on this matter and read a good deal of the official literature on the subject.

- It appears to me that there is a considerable amount of misconception afloat as to the extent to which the Khoti Settlement Act actually affects Revision Settlement proceedings, and also as to the way in which the provisions of Rule $V$ of section 33 of the Act have been worked in actual practice.

C4. As the result of my enquiries I feel justified in laying down the following propositions:-
(i) that the crop-sbare system in khoti villages is now comparatively rare. Appraisement of crops is generally now not carried out, the rent is generally not a share of tbe crop, nor is it generally paid in kind; where there is neither makta (fixed rent in cash or kind) nor commuted rent, the rent is generally a cash one, not varying from year to year but fixed by annual agreement and much below the value of the crop-share customary in the village. This is undoubtedly the result of the tenants' dominant position, arising from the fact that he can at any time throw up his land and find remunerative employment in Bombay. The cropshare system is now practically a thing of the past.
(ii) that, contrary apparently to the generally received official opinion, as I find it expressed in much of the literature on the subject, commuted rents are comparatively rare. $\beth$
They have in fact been applied, in Rajapur Taluka (and I have no reason to suppose that, if the figures were taken out they would be found any different in any other taluka) to only about 8 per cent. of the kbarif and 12 per cent. of the warkas, lands of the khoti villages.

This fact calls for some detailed explanation as I believe it to be of material importance, and to be rather a new, but well-substantiated, view of the subject.

I was struck by the fact that whereas personal enquiries in half a dozen representative khoti villages indicated that commuted rents were rather the exception than the rule, the official literature suggested an assumption that the contrary was the case. Detailed information was then collected for all khoti villages of the taluka, and the results are shown in the following table :-

| Total No of kul khate. ders (perananout tenanta). | Kul khatedars who heve had part of their sents ct commutod " (Sic.) | Total area of kharif land in acrea. | Ares of kharif land of which rent had been" commuted " (Sic.) | Total area of warkes land in - acras. | Area of warks of which rent has been ${ }^{54}$ commutod " (Sio.) in acres. | Area of kharif land for which there is makte (fixed rent in cask or grain) in sores. | Area of warkes land for which here is mokta, in acres. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | E | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 13,208 | 2.617 | 11,103 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1,639 or } 15 \\ & \text { per vent. } \\ & \text { of tatal. } \end{aligned}$ | 159,467 | 40,073 or 25 per oent of total. | 3.346 | 2,743 |

A commutation applies of course to the whole of a holding except that portion for which a makta has been previously fixed. The balance of the kharif and warkas lands is mostly subject, nominally to the payment of crop-share, but in practice to a rent fixed by mutual agreement renewed annually.

I must now draw attention to a point of very considerable importance. Section 33 of the Act has not, in practice, been worked as its frameiss seem to bave intended.

From an examination of the Recording Officer's proceedings under section 33 in 26 Rajapur villages taken at random, I find that though in all the 26 cases the rents recorded by him have been considered as "commuted "rents, they were in fact true legal commutations in only ten cases, in two cases I find it a little difficult to determine what they were, and in the remaining 14 cases they were in my opinion, not commutations under rule $V$ at all, but entries of "amounts fixed by agreement of the parties" under rule II (1) (b), and indeed the Recording Officer has stated specifically in many of these cases that his order is made under rule II (1) (b). Buthe has, in my opinion, in these cases under rule II (1)(b), invariably made a very curious and material mistake, for the rent he has entered, is not a "fixed amount " at all, but a multiple of the assessment, and I am informed that in these cases in other talukas when a Revision Settlement has peen introduced all these rents recorded under rule II (1) (b) have been revised under rule V (3) as if they had been in fact rents commuted under rule V. I am loath to believe tbat an error of this magnitude can really have been committed and remained so long undetected, but it is perhaps understandable in Ratnagiri, and no other conclusion seems open to me.

These orders of the Recording Officer (which, as in the case of true "commutation "orders, are uniform for the whole village for which they are made, for all the permanent tenants who agreed to have them applied to them) cannot, it seems to me, be considered by any stretch of the imagination, $\varepsilon s$ having been made under rule V , even if we ignore the fact that the Recording Officer distinctly states, in many cases, that his order is made under rule II (1) (b). Rule V distinctly shows that if the average money-value of the crop-share payable can be reliably ascertained it should be entered, and if it cannot be so ascertained, a rent should be entered which is a certain multiple of the assessment, bearing a proportion definitely fixed by the rule, to the customary crop-share of the village.

Now in these orders of the Recording Officer under rule II (1) (b) which have hitherto been considered as establishing "commuted" rents. we find invariably that the multiple of the assessment, ordered by the Recording Officer to be entered as the rent does not bear to the crop-sbare of the village the proportion laid down in rule $V$ (2). Moreover in several of these cases there was satisfactory evidence of the actual value of the crop-share paid, and if the Recording Officer had been acting under rule $V$ he must have entered that value and nothing else, but as that would have been rather a beavy rent what he actually did was to arrange a compromise between the Khot and the tenants and enter, as by agreement (but unfortunately, in terms of the assessment which the law never contemplated) a rent which was something less than the actual value of the crop-share, but something more than the multiple of the assessment that would bave been permissible under rule $V(2)$ if the value of the crop-share had not been really ascertainable. (This appears to have resulted from the assessment being a low one.) For example the gist of the order for the village Hardi is : "Abbavnis (crop appraisement records) for nine years are satisfactory and show the rent paid to be equal to $3 \frac{1}{2}$ multiples of the assessment. The customary crop-share of the village is $1 / 3 \mathrm{rd}$. This would mean a rent of two multiples if the abbavnis were not satisfactory. Being near Rajapur and good for rabi crops, I think 23 multiples would be a fair rent. This is agreed to by both parties and I order it to be entered under rule II (b)." It is impossible to consider a case of this sort as a "commuted rent" under rule V. At the same time it is not a correct order under rule II (b), which contemplates only the entering of an " a mount fixed "[defined in rule I (a)], i.e., a " makta" which is fixed for ever and has nothing to do with the survey assessment. Its revision when a Revision Settlement was introduced was never contemplated, and the carrying out of such revision in talubas recently "revision settled " was, in my opinion, totally wrong.

Out of the 116 khoti villages there are no commutations (regular or irregular) in 41. Out of the remaining 75, in 38 the multiple of the assessment ordered to be entered as rent does not bear to the crop-share of the village the proportion laid down in rule $V$ (2). This confirms the result arrived at from my scrutiny of the Recording Officer's orders in 26 cases, viz., that in about 50 per cent. of these cases he did not order the entry of a real commuted rent at all, but that of a fixed amount (makta), which he wrongly expressed in terms of the then assessment.

Hence, in my opinion, the true area of kharif land of which the rent bas been commuted, can only be about $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. (not 15 per cent.) of the whole, and that of the warkas land about $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. (not 25 per cent.) of the whole, whilst the number of permanent tenants the rent of whose holdings (apart from the lands on which there were previously 'maktas') bas been commuted is only about 10 per cent. (not 20 per cent.).

The final conclusion then is that the area of land with commuted rent is so insignificant that we need not bother tor a moment as to the possible special effects, in a khoti village, of a material increase in the assessment rates, the point has been given in past official literature (vide the Ratnagiri Revision Settlement Report) an importance to which it is not at all entitled, and the special table of "Multiple of the assessment inkboti villages" attached to this and previous reports is uncalled for and misleading. If any specially bard cases were to come to light they might, if necessary, be dealt with by special orders of remission, but the assessment rates should be fixed regardless of any distinction between khoti and Government villages. In my opinion however the possibility of land being thrown up by the tenant, who could get better remuneration in Bombay, will certainly in any such " bard cases" prevent the khot from extracting too high a rent from his tenant. This is proved by the low range of the rents now annually agreed upon in place of the customary crop-share.
5. There is one other matter in which I think there has been some confusion in the past when settlements have come up for revision in this district. This is the question of pressure of population, and the ewigration to Bombay for employment. I have seen it stated (and it is repeated in this report) that apparently about 50 per cent. of the population find employment, for part of the year at least, outside the district, returning periodically to their homes. This I believe to be a fallacy. The actual annual number of passages taken by steamer in the district is 864,000 . Enquiry bowever shows that it is likely that the great majority of these Bombay worker, return home three times in the year, viz., for the marriage season, Holi, cultivation season, and perhaps Divali.

There is of course also a large passenger traffic simply between ports o? the district. It appears likely therefore that the actual number of Ratnagiri people who find employment outside the district is about $864,000 \div 3$, i.e., 288,000 , it may be somewhat less but I do not think it can be much more ; the actual population of Bombay forbids the latter supposition. The census was taken a week before Holi and it appears, from enquiries made, that about 30 per cent. of these "Bombaywalas" were then at their homes and included in the Ratnagiri figures. The total population of the district, therefore, including those who find employment outside it is about one and a half millions, and the number who get employment outside (together with the dependents they take with them) are about 20 per cent. of this total.
6. It has been argued that holdings in the district are so small that any material increase of assessment is to be deprecated because, owing to this smallness of the average holding, the occupant's margin from which any such increase must be paid, is already insignificant. It the percentage of emigration were so formidable as 50 per cent. or if Bombay's capacity for absorption of labour were more limited than it is, there might be something to be said for this argument, but on the facts as they stand I do not think any weight need be attached to it. Were this argument admitted we must logically proceed to remit almost all taxation in the district, and yet, after a few years for adjustment, the pressure of popultion would be just the same. Nor need it be considered that by our land assessment we are taxing the Bombay earnings of the people, if they choose not to emigrate sufficiently but to go on cultivating holdings which are smaller than a man could cultivate conveniently.
7. I am therefore of opinion that in fixing our assessment rates we can with safety practically ignore these two special circumstances of the district, viz., the khoti tenure, and the pressure of the population with its accompanying emigration for employment. We should be guided, in fixing our rates, by the same factors* as when conducting similar operations in other districts, viz., prices, communications, and other market facilities, and recorded rents and sale-values
8. Now prices have admittedly risen at least 100 per cent., rents and sale-values are high, and communiostions have certainly not deteriorated since the original settlement was introduced. I am sceptical about the supposed deterioration of warkas lands remarked on by Mr. Vaidya. The answer I got in one village when I asked why they did not convert more warkas into kharif (much has been so converted) was "It would be useless labour to make more rice land than we have rab for." I am also sceptical as to the labour not having become more efficient. Schools and the free intercourse with Bombay must have their indirect effect on labour. I do not believe that the cultivator is such a fool as seriously to deplete his supply of rab or exhaust his land.
9. The increases proposed by Mr. Vaidya would leave the rentals at a level of about three times the assessment, and he has proposed no increase in warkas rates.

The following table shows the orginal kharif and warkas rates, those which my predecessor Mr. Brendon favoured, and those proposed by Mr. Vaidya :-

| Groap |  |  | Original. | Mr. Breadon. | 3f. Vaidya. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | Kharif <br> Warkas <br> Kharif |  | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. 8. p- |
|  |  | $\ldots$ | 800 | 8120 | $10 \quad 0 \quad 0$ |
|  |  | - | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| II |  | $\cdots$ | $7 \quad 00$ | 8120 | 880 |
|  |  |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 4 & 0\end{array}\right.$ | $\int \begin{array}{lll}1 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ | $\int \begin{array}{lll}1 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ |
|  | Warkas | $\cdots$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 8 & 0\end{array}\right.$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 8 & 0\end{array}\right.$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 8 & 0\end{array}\right.$ |
|  |  |  | $\left(\begin{array}{lll}1 & 12 & 0\end{array}\right.$ | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 12\end{array}$ | $\left(\begin{array}{lll}1 & 12 & 0\end{array}\right.$ |
| III | Kharif | $\cdots$ | 600 | 700 | 700 |
|  |  |  | $\begin{cases}1 & 4\end{cases}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 4 & 0\end{array}\right.$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 4 & 0\end{array}\right.$ |
|  | Warkss | - | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 8 & 0\end{array}\right.$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{rrr}1 & 8 & 0 \\ 1 & 12 & 0\end{array}\right.$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 8 & 0\end{array}\right.$ |
| IV | Kharif | - | 500 | $\begin{array}{rrrr}1 & 12 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ | 540 |
|  | Warkas | . | 1.40 | 1.40 | 140 |
| V | Kharif | . . | 400 | 400 | 400 |
|  | Warkas |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right.$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right.$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right.$ |
|  | Warkas | -• | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 4 & 0\end{array}\right.$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 4 & 0\end{array}\right.$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1 & 4 & 0\end{array}\right.$ |

Mr. Brendon has left nothing on record as to his reasons for favouring so small an increase, and I cannot help fancying that perhaps be followed the line of least resistance.

Personally, in view of the rise of prices, I can see no valid reason why all the rates in all the groups for all classes of land should not be raised 33 per cent. The present rents would then be from 2.4 to 2.9 times the proposed assessment, and such an amount cannot be considered an exiguous rental. The 33 per cent. rule forbids any consideration of the level to which the rates might be raised above this amount, but I think they may safely be increased to this limit.
10. I may remark that Mr. Vaidya's figures of rents have been obtained (in part) by conversion of grain into money at rates (the "phad" rates) which are, in the case of rice, about 14 per cent. below the true market prices.
11. Mr. Vaidya's other proposals may be accepted.

15th March 1923.

## H. L. FOX Collector of Ratnagiri.

## Below Ratnagiri Collector's No. S. R. V. -3 of 30 th A pril 1923.

> No. S. T.-257.

Poona, 20th February 1924.
Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, S. D.
2. Mr. Vaidya has made a good report and has supplied us with facts even when we cannot agree with all his inferences. I do not propose to review the whole of it in detail; but I agree entirely with the Collector that no ground has been shown why we should take less than the recognised increase of 33 per cent. Population has increased, health is good, except in the influenza year: births always exceed deaths. Rainfall is better than in 1868-77. It is proved and admitted that prices and wages and rents have risen far more than 33 per cent. and that if we increase the assessment by 33 per cent. we shall not even come within sight of the limit of half the unearned rent or the net assets. Mr. Vaidya has got his eye too much upon the settlements which were made in 1912 and thereabouts. They have no relevancy in 1923. What would be the use of going to buy cotton cloth in the market and arguing with the vendor about the prices we used to pay in 1912? The whole situation has been revolutionized. The following table shows the relation of existing' assessments to sale and rental values :-

| Group. | Kharif |  |  |  | Warkse |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Renta. |  | Sale Multiplea. |  | Rente. |  | Sale Multiples. |  |
|  | Multiples of assessment. | Raised 15 par cent. to adjust low commutation values. | Khalgan | Khoti. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Multíples } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { ossessment. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Raised } \\ 20 \\ \text { per eent. } \end{gathered}$ | Khalas, | Khoti. |
| 1 | $3 \cdot 9$ | $4 \cdot 5$ | $102 \cdot 3$ | $148 \cdot 4$ | 3.34 | $4 \cdot 0$ | 432 | .. |
| II | 3.8 | $4 \cdot 37$ | 67.8 | (48'7) | $2 \cdot 28$ | 2.7 | 143 | 82 |
| III | 3-6 | $4 \cdot 14$ | (180) | ( $31 \cdot 2)$ | $2 \cdot 61$ | $3 \cdot 0$ | 97 | 56.4 |
| IV | $3 \cdot 26$ $3 \cdot 31$ | 3.75 3.8 | .. | - | $2 \cdot 78$ | $3 \cdot 3$ | - | $51 \cdot 0$ |
| v | $3 \cdot 31$ | $3 \cdot 8$ | . | - | - | . | . | .. |

3. Upon the existing maximum rates of Rs. 8, 7, $6,5,4$, we might take Rs. $10 \frac{2}{3}, 9 \frac{1}{3}, 8,6 \frac{2}{3}$ and $5 \frac{1}{3}$. I concur with the Collector that we should have an approximate increase of 33 per cent. all round; but in rounding off the awkward fractions which occur I would put the actual rates at Rs. $10,9,8,6 \frac{3}{4}$ and $5 \frac{1}{2}$. This is taking a minute fraction more than 33 per cent. from Groups IV and V and I would set that right by lowering a few villages from Groups III to IV, and a few from IV to V. Those which should go down from III to IV are in my opinion the following eight:-

| 1. | Panhale | (104) | 5. | Tivre | (123) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. | Kolwan | (117) | 6. | Valui | (119) |
| 3. | Manrul | (118) | 7. | Shirvali | (121) |
| 4. | Velavde | (120) | 8. | Ozare | (122) |

From Groups IV to V, in order to avoid the slight infraction of the 33 per cent. rule, I would reduce 3 villages -

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Parule (147) } \\
& \text { Whela (144) } \\
& \text { Kudevadi (143). }
\end{aligned}
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If, however, this re-arrangement in the groups is not made, and Government also ineist upon the strict observance of the 33 per cent. rule in these two groups, then the rate should be Rs. 6-10-0 and Rs. 5-4-0 instead of Rs. 6-12-0 and Rs. 5-8-0. As we are not taking quite 33 per cent. increase in Groups I and II, the rates of Rs. $6 \frac{3}{3}$ and Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$ which I propose for IV and $V$ would result in almost exactly 33 per cent. being taken from the whole taluka which is what the Collector recommends.
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4. Rabi and Warkas.-The reasons which Mr. Vaidya gives for making no increase are-
(1) land is of a poor quality;
(2) it is growing less fertile by denudation;
(3) also because sufficient time is not allowed for fallow ;
(4) it is mostly held by the poorer classes;
(5) the grain grown is their staple food;
(6) the cost of cultivation, especially fish manure, is high ; and
(7) "any rise in rates would combine the minimum gain to Government with the maximum hardship to the cultivators" (a tag quoted from Mr. Hardy's Malvan Report).
Of these reasons I am sceptical about (4). Statistics in other parts of Ratnagiri indicate that a good deal more than half the land is not beld by cultivators at all but by landlords and therefore in fixing our assessment we are not to think of the cultivator whose rents are in no way influenced by our assessments but of the landlord. The reasons (1) and (4) are probably true, so far es they are true, of all warkas in India. Reasons (2) and (3) the Collector does not believe. Reason (5) I cannot understand. If the grain it grew were unfit for food altogether, it might be some argament. As to (6) there is of course no doubt ; but it must be weighed against the parallel fact that the price for which the produce sells has equally or even more enhanced. As to reason (7) the total warkas assessment is Rs. 42,785, an increase ot 25 per cent. exceeds Rs. 10,700 which upon the population and warkas acreage of the taluka means about I anna per head and about 9 pies per acre. But these are not the only things we have to consider. There is the fact that the prices of produce have gone up very beavily. Also we have the sale prices of pure warkas land. This pure warkas would not command so good a sale as warkas in combination with rice land, and yet the lowest single instance in the whole taluka (in a khoti village) is a sale of a warkas land for $34 \cdot 4$ times the assessment. Now even this rate would justify an increase of 100 per cent. in the assessment, and there is no other field in the whole of the taluka which has sold for so little.
5. The rents have been set out in the table already given. These rentsare paid after all expenses of cultivation are first met, and moreover these rents are substantially below the truth. Mr. Vaidya tells us that he has got them by commuting nagli at Rs. 4 a maund; but in fact nagli sells for Rs. 5 and more than Rs. 5. They therefore should all be raised fully 20 per cent. to give us their true pitch. This I have shown in the table.

In Ratnagiri the classification was declared final before Government had dealt with the question of position class warkas, which has exercised us so much in Karjat and Thana District generally. No assessment for position class was imposed nor did welevy anything on the converted rice land. No doubt this seems very wrong, but there is the fact; and the crop figures show that between 6,000 and 10,000 acres of the warkas in Rajapur have been converted into rice, and are not paying one anna increased assessment on that account. This no doubt has in some measure helped to raise the rents on the average, since some of the warkas land must be 'converted 'land. There is one small error in Mr. Vaidys's presentation of rents. When land is cultivated for 3 years at a rent of 1 , and then left fallow for 7 years, he takes 10 years as the total period and divides the rent of 3 years by 10 putting $\cdot 3$ for the average rent of each year and so compiles Appendix H. But in those 7 years of fallow there is grazing and rab material (which otherwise would have to be paid for) taken from the fallow land, and therefore the actual income of the 10 years is probably fully 10 per cent. greater than the tabulated rents indicate. However,-we have not any need of regarding the rents as understated. Taking them as they actually are given, we find that there is only one instance in the whole of Rajapur Taluka of a plot of warkas land which is rented below twice the assessment. That therefore is the only plot upon which it can possibly be said that the present assessment takes a trifle more than the standard assessment. One plot in the whole taluka! There are only 10 instances of plots which are leased below 3 multiples of the assessment; whereas we have 28 instances of leases of pure warkas in which the rents run above three times the assessment. The sale figures are of course staggering. The lowest sale multiple recorded (for
khoti villages in Group IV) is $51 \cdot 09$ multiples of the assessment. For all other classes of villages in all other groups the multiples are much higher, reaching in Group I to the extraordinary figure of $432 \cdot 4$ times the assessment. In face of all these facts Mr. Vaidya recommends that no increase should be levied on warkas or rabi. I agree with the Collector that something like 33 per cent. increment should be levied. However, we have no desire to shear this warkas too closely. The present general rate is Rs. 1-4-0. An increase of 33 per cent. upon this would take us to Rs. 1-10-8. There is one village rated at Rs. 1-12-0. I do not think it worth while maintaining a separate rate for a single village. It came about because it was a village originaliy in Lanja peta. There are also a few villages in Groups II and III already rated at Rs. 1-8-0. I would leave that rate ; and in all the villages below Group I where we have the uniform rate of Rs. $1-4-0$, I would raise it to Rs. 1-8-0. For Group I which shows far superior sale and rental figures, we should take Rs. 1-10-0. The effect of this would be to levy roughly about Rs. 8,000 more than Mr. Vaidya recommends.
6. Bagayat.-As there is none in Groups IV and $V$ it is quite superfluous to record rates for those groups. There, are only 440 acres in the whole taluka. Very little is Agri and this should be raised certainly from Rs. 12 to Rs. 15 as recommended both by Mr. Vaidya and the Collector. The existing Dongri rates are Rs $9,8,7,6$, and should be reised to Rs. 12, 101, 9 and 8 , which is a fraction less than 33 per cent. in Groups II and III. The Collector also recommends 33 per cent. increase throughout, instead of Mr. Vaidya's 16 per cent. If warkas and rice land is raised about 33 per cent. there is no doubt that bagayat ought not to be let off more leniently, because the increase in the value of bagayat products (mainly coconuts) has been far greater than that of any other kind of produce. It may be true as Mr. Vaidya says that the gardens are not "so flourishing". I did not see them 30 years ago and cannot judge. But it is quite certain that a 33 per cent. enhancement will take less of the produce than was taken 33 years ago and so is actually an intrinsic reduction. These rates will leave the cultivator every inducement to work at the bagayat cultivation as much as possible. If these gardens have deteriorated it can-be due only to laziness, want of energy and labour. There is no shortage of rain and all the other conditions of bagayat cultivation are artificial. Gardens are kept up by hard work and constant attention, and the profits are now so great that there is no reason to reduce the penalties upon neglect by low assessments.
7. There is so little rabi land that we may accept Mr. Vaidya's proposal : Pardi land should have the same rate as other lands in the village.
8. One matter specially deserves mention and has been discussed by the Collector. In these talukas as in the rest of Ratnagini, the food grown is not sufficient to feed the population. Imports largely exceed exports. The population is able to live because large numbers work in Bombay. It is probable that the population in the monsoon is considerably greater than that shown in the census, and they return from their mill and other employments with wages to spend. A substantial amount also comes into the taluka on account of Government pensions, and there must also be private earnings. This condition is exceedingly usual in the Koukan. It is very marked, for instance, in Goa, where the land system is entirely different. We find the same condition in the United Kingdom where the population is far larger than could ever be supported by the arable land. Grain is imported and paid for by industrial earnings. The population is 152,000 : the cropped ares is about. 52,500 : about 1 acre to 3 persons. This would feed them only if each acre yielded 1,800 lbs. : in rice land this is probably below the true yield. Butin warkasit is much above. Hence the deficit. For Ratnagiri the mills are actually in the Bombay Island. But do not let this accident confuse our thinking. Let us suppose that each group of villages had its own mill. For five months of the year the population is agricultural, growing rice ; for seven months they become mill-hands. If a wall were built between their two functions, and the man who for five months grew rice was compelled at the end of five months to clear up his agricultural accounts completely and sell off any grain he had not eaten, and then pass into the next compartment, where for seven months asa millhand he would have to buy his grain from the shops, we shall then see the economic position more clearly. If during the five months he did not grow enough to feed himself and had no surplus to pay as rent (or if he owns the land then to pocket
as normal rent after meeting all his expenses), why should he not abandon agriculture and become a landlord letting the land to others; while for those five months also he went to work in the mill where his earnings would be higher? If we see it in this light we can easily convince ourselves that the return of population at considerable expense to their villages to cultivate in monsoon proves that cultivation is profitable while it lasts; in fact more profitable than mill work. The theory that agriculture is unprofitable and that the assessment and rents are paid out of the earnings in the mill, and that agriculture is undertaken as a pastime in obedience to tradition during the cold, wet, monsoon months at heavy loss, is a fantastic delusion. In an importing area the grain which the cultivator grows and eats during the five months he is cultivator and which he sells to his dual personality, the mill-hand, during the seven months, must be reckoned as worth the market price of exported grain in each village, and so is worth to the grower more as it is more and more remote from the markets. Hence we get the explanation of the phenomenon that in these remote talukas the higher values and lighter incidence of assessment are often found in the more remote parts distant from the coast and the ports ; in fact the old theory that nearness of market enhances rents is almost reversed, and if it were not for other considerations which also operate we might say that distance from markets enhances the rents. The only way in which we can arrive at a true conclusion is not by theorising one way or the other but taking the actual rents which we do know and standing firm upon them.

## F. G. H. ANDERSON,

Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

# Below Setllement Commissioner's No. S.T.-257, dated 20th February 1924 with accompaniments. 

No. S.R.V.-18.

Office of the Commissioner, S. D.
Camp via Belgaum, 14th May 1924.

## Submitted to Government in the Revenue Department.

2. The current (original) settlement of the taluka was introduced in 1888-89 by G. R. No. 5091 of $28 t h$ July 1888 and the period of guarantee expired in 1919-20. In G. R. No. 2446 of 17th August 1920 Mr. S. S. Deshpande was appointed Assistant Settlement Officer for a period of six months for submitting proposals for the revision settlement of Rajapur and Deogad talukas. His reports were rejected by Government and in G. R. No. 3937 of 12 tb July 1922 Mr. S. B. Vaidya was appointed Assistant Settlement Officer for a period of three months in addition to his own duties to submit fresh proposals for both the talukas.
3. The Assistant Settlement Officer has submitted proposals for 165 villages, the tenures of which are as under:-

| $40 \frac{2}{3}$ | Government villages. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 92 | Pure khoti villages. |
| 23 | Dharekari and Khichadi villages. |
| $2 \frac{1}{3}$ | Sharakati villages. |
| 5 | Inam villages (first revision). |
| 2 | Inam villages (Mathkhurd and Ajivli of which Mathkhurd which |
| $\quad$ was surveyed in 1920 is to be settled for the first time). |  |

Total 165
The two inam villages were formerly included in Deogad taluka: Math Khurd is at a distance of 36 miles from Deogad while it is only 16 miles from Rajapur. The khot and the villagers having expressed their desire to have the village included in Rajapur the Collector has approved of its transfer to that taluka. The villagers of Ajivle which is only four miles to the east of Math Khurd, also wished to have the village transferred to Rajapur Taluka but the Inamdars of the village who reside near Deogad are against the transfer. The Collector, however, acceded to the wishes of the villagers and approved of the transfer of that village also to Rajapur Taluka. The Commissioner recommends that the Collector's action be sanctioned.
4. Agricultural condition.-The agricultural condition of the taluka has been on the whole good. The occupied area in 1920-21 showed an increase of 3,446 acres over that at the beginning of the current settlement and the unoccupied area showed a decrease from 1,781 acres to 626 acres during the same period. These figures will show that practically all the cultivable area is occupied and testify to the demand for land and the pressure of population.

The cropped area is 64,145 acres and fallow 146,267 acres, the proportion being 30 per cent. and 70 per cent. respectively. The large proportion of fallow is due to inferior warkas lands (which is 91 per cent. of the total cultivable area) which according to the Assistant Settlement Officer are left fallow for several years ranging from 3 to over 10 according to situation and soil.
5. Live and dead stock.-Statistics for the 158 Government and khoti villages are contained in Appendix D. There are no figures of previous years for the taluka as a whole for comparison with the present figures. But from a comparison of the ligures of 124 villages given in Table No. VI of the original settlement report with the figures of cattle census of $1919-20$ for the same 124 villages, it is apparent
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that the agricultural stock has appreciably increased within the last 30 years, viz:

Ploughs from 8,256 to 13,790 ,
Plough cattle from 15,957 to 21,924 , Milch cattle from 28,429 to $\mathbf{3 6 , 3 0 8}$.
6. Prices.-Rice ( 26,428 acres) and nachni ( 9,139 acres) are the principal crops. Appendix C of the original settlement report gives the price of rice and nachni for twenty years ending 1884-85. The average quantities of rice and nachni sold per rupee during that period were 184 seers and $17 \frac{1}{4}$ seers respectively. The average for the seven years ending 1917 (prewar prices) was-
> rice 8 seers, $3 / 7$ chataks,
> pachni 11 seers, 12 chataks,

which gives an increase in the price of rice of 128 per cent, and of nachni of 46 per cent. The high prices of $1918-20$ have been omitted from calculation.

The price of cocoanuts was in 1890 Rs. 2-13-8 per hundred: in 1900 it rose to Rs. 3, in 1910 to Rs. 5-12-8 and in 1920 to Rs. 9-11-4. This indicates that a cocoanut garden yields a substantial profit to the owner.
7. Wages.-During the settlement period the rate of agricultural wages has increased from $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas to 6 annas a day. This is attributed partly to increased demand for labour in Bombay and partly to a rise in prices: I consider annas 6 a day is underestimated.
8. Cultivation of crops.-Rice is the principal crop taking up 38 per cent. of the cropped area, while fodder, cereals and pulses and nachni come next in order taking up 23 per cent., 19 per cent. and 13 per cent. of the cropped area respectively. Nachni is the chief crop in the warkas lands. There is no other crop worth mention.
9. Rainfall.-The average rainfall for the last eleven years is $126^{\circ} 76$ inches as compared with 113.32 inches for the ten years ending 1877 and $131 \cdot 9$ inches for the five years ending 1888. 'The rainfall is generally sufficient for all purposes.
10. Population and Health.-The subjoined table shows that during the twenty years ending 1911 the population increased by about 10 per cent. and during the ten years ending 1921 it decreased by 2 per cent. :-

| 1881. | 1891. | 1801. | 1911. | 1921. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 127,999 | 140,941 | 153,808 | 155,227 | $151,987^{*}$ |

(* 80 per cent. or 121,753 of the population of 1921 representa agricultaral population.)
The decrease since the census of 1911 is due mainly to deaths from influenza. In many places this epidemic destroyed 10 per cont. of the population. On the whole the health of the taluka is good. A large number of the people go to Bombay for work in the Mills, Docks and companies.- After retirement they return home and settle in their villages. They contribute also very largely to the Bombay police force as well as to our Mahratta Regiments. The Assistant Settlement Officer's remarks :-
"Many of the able-bodied men and women and grown up children go to Bombay and other industrial centres where they earn high wages in mills, factories and dockyards as labourers and coolies. They come home for certain holidays and also for the cultivating season. After harvest they return to the towns and to their former work. These people after working in Bombay and other places and according to the statistics of the shipping companies about 50 per cent. of the agricultural population goes out of the taluka derive a great deal more of their income from non-agricultural pursuits than from agricultural. They work at agriculture for four months in the year, the rest of the year they are not really speaking agriculturists."
The Collector has shown in paragraph 5 of his endorsement that the often repeated theory that 50 per cent. of the Ratnagiri population find employment outside the district is fallacious. He puts down the figure at 20 per cent., and the Commissioner thinks this is nearer the mark. The shipping Company calculates
on the number carried, but most millhands travel backwards and forwards several times.
11. Value of land.-Sale transactions are reported to be very few. The Assistant Settlement Officer has, however, selected 590 sales for appendices G-1 to G-3, after excluding all doubtful transactions. The results are summarised below:-


The original settlement report does not contain statistics of sales for the pre-settlement period. The Assistant Settlement Officer has given figures to show the value of land in the Government villages Groups I and II during the 20 years ending 1920 :-

| Graupa | No. of timea the assesament paid as price during |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1901-10. |  | 1911-15. |  | 1916-20. |  |
|  | Kharif. | Warkas. | Kharif. | Warkas. | Sharif. | Warkes. |
| II $\quad \because$ | $59 \cdot 22$ $266-68$ | 179.34 108.03 | $109 \cdot 12$ $64 \cdot 03$ | $418 \cdot 83$ 88.31 | 122.20 98.82 | $\begin{aligned} & 177 \cdot 18 \\ & 187 \cdot 22 \end{aligned}$ |

But the Assistant Settlement Officer says that these statistics cannot be relied upon as giving the true agricultural value of the land and remarks:-
"It will be seen from the appendices that prices vary considerably and this is so because they are governed by the personal inclinations of the buyer and seller rather than by any considerations of market value. Land is bought in a great majority of cases solely with the idea of possessing land. The buyer, when he purchases land, as a rule, does not consider what return he would get on his investment. Money is made in Bombay and elsewhere in trade or in service but when the person returns to his village his money gives him no more status than before. His desire is therefore to own land at any cost; but he finds in his village that no one is willing to part with his land. The land-owner does not consider what income he is getting from his land and what income he would get, if after selling his land, he invests the proceeds, say, in Government securities. . ................ A very great inducement is required to be offered to persuade a land-owner to sell his land, some sales that appear incredible are easily explained when we remember that there is such a thing as the pride of land-lordism and such a thing as the inherent attachment for landed property."
However this may be, we must assume actual sales that take place denotes the value the public sets upon the land which is the market value.
12. Rents.-Leases are very few in this taluka as one would expect where land has been parcelled out into unoconomic holdings. The leases are generally in the
zase of absentee land-holders or of those who cannot arrange to supervise the cultivation.

In khoti villages and also in Government villages, where land is given out on lease, the usual cropshare rent in the case of rice lands is reported to be one-half or one-third. . Statistics of rent in respect of kharif, warkas and mixed lands are given in appendices $\mathrm{H}-1$ to $\mathrm{H}-3$. The average rents per acre in multiples of assessment are given below :-

| Group. |  | Kharif. | Warkas. | Mixed. |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| I | $\ldots$ | 3.90 | 3.34 | 3.05 |
| II | $\ldots$ | 3.80 | 2.28 | 3.25 |
| III | $\ldots$ | 3.61 | 2.51 | 2.66 |
| IV | $\ldots$ | 3.26 | 2.78 | 4.16 |
| V | $\ldots$ | 3.31 | $\ldots .$. | $\ldots .$. |

The details of these rents are recent : the cropshare rent and rents in kind have been converted into money value at current prices and the cash rents pertain to the year of inquiry, or to the preceding 3 or 4 years. On this the Collector remarks:-
"Mr. Vaidya's figures of rents have been obtained (in part) by conversion of grain into money at rates (the 'phad' rates) which are, in the case of rice 14 per cent. below the true market prices."
The Settlement Commissioner also thinks that Mr. Vaidya has under-estimated the value of rents in respect of khaxif and warkas crops and agreeing with the Collector he considers that an increase of 15 per cent. in the case of former and 20 per cent. in the case of the latter will give the current rate of rent.

Appendix $\mathrm{H}-4$ shows the multiples of assessment at which the cropshare rents originally paid by the tenants in khoti villages have been commuted by the Recording Officer under the amended Khoti Act of 1904. According to this appendix the kharif and warkas rents are on an average 2.43 and 2.34 times the assessment respectively. As regards the revision of rates on the basis of rents in khoti villages where cropshare rents have been commuted into cash value, the Assistant Settlement Officer remarks:-
"It has been suggested in some quarters that khoti villages should be excluded altogether from an enhancement in rates on the ground that for every increase in the assessment the rents of the tenants who have got them commuted into cash will be increased in proportion to the multiple fixed; e.g., if the multiple fixed is 3 and if the assessment is increased by 1 rupee, the rent will be increased by 3 rupees. It is true that khoti tenants are comparatively poor and form a class deserving of sympathy, yet an enhancement in rates for khoti villages is perfectly justifiable. The commuted rent merely represents the average value of the cropshare which the tenant used to pay before. This average is found out from an examination of the crop appraisement registers for 12 successive years and of the receipts given to the tenaints. The value of the crop and therefore of the rent in kind which is to be commuted into cash is based upon the prices prevailing during those 12 years. If there has been a rise in prices subsequently the commuted rent will not represent the value of the cropshare rent which the tenant would have paid under the old system. Now, an increase in the maximum rates for a group depends mainly on a rise in prices; and therefore an enhancement of assessment due to this cause and the consequent increase in the commuted rent would not be unjustifiable. so long as it is not more than proportional to the rise in prices since the period on the average prices of which the commutation was based."
The Collector has discussed this subject at great length in paragraph 4 of his remarks and lays down the following propositions:-
(i) that the cropshare system is now practically a thing of the past and where there is neither makta nor commuted rent, the rent is generally a cash one fixed by annual agreement and much below the customary. cropshare;
(ii) that commuted rents have been applied to only 8 per cent. of the kharif and 12 per cent. of warkas lands of khoti villages;
(iii) that in most cases the rents recorded by the Recording Officer as "commuted" rents are not in fact true legal commutations under Rule V of section 33, Khoti Settlement Act, but represents " amounts fixed by agreements of the parties" under rule II (b), but in multiples of assessment.
He considers that rent fixed under Rule II (b) should be a "fixed amount" but not a multiple of assessment, and its revision at each revision settlement is never contemplated. But it is to be noted that the rule allows fixation of the amount for a period with the consent of the prorties. And if fixation of the rents in multiples of assessment as agreed upon by the parties is disallowed, the parties would naturally only agree to have it fixed in a lump sum for the period of the settlement or for shorter periods. This cannot be legally refused, and at the subsequent revision settlement, or at the expiry of the period for which the rent is fixed, if the parties agree to have it fixed again for a further period of years it should be so fixed. As the law allows fixation of the rent for a period, its revision after expiry of the period with the consent of the parties is also legal. Multiples of assessment are easier to deal with and when the mutual agreement of the parties is recorded whether the Recording Officer has strictly acted in accordance with rule II (b) or not is hardly a matter of much importance. So long as the parties agree and their mutual agreement is recorded, the spirit and effect of the Khoti Settlement Act have been observed.
14. Grouping and Rates.-The general consideration on the basis of which the Assistant Settlement Officer has framed his proposals are explained in paragraphs $46-47$ of his report. He admits that the current rates have not pressed heavily, that the demand for land is great, that there has been a material advance in the general prosperity of the taluka and that there has been a distinct rise in the standard of comfort. He attributes all this not so much to an increase in agricultural profits as to the large amount in the shape of wages, pensions, etc., which men serving outside bring into the taluka.

The villages are at present classified into 5 groups as shown below :-
Group I. 42 villages of the taluka proper (including 1 inam village) with a maximum kharif rate of Ra. 8.
11 villages of the old Lanja Petha with a maximum rate of Rs. 7.
Group II. 43 villages of taluka proper (including 2 inam villages) with maximum rate of Rs. 7.
18 villages of the old Lanja Petha (including 1 inam village), with a maximum rate of Rs. 6 .
Group III. 32 villages of taluka proper with a maximum rate of Rs. 6.
Group IV. 8 villages of taluka proper with a maximum rate of Rs. 5.
1 village of the old Lanja Petha with a maximum rate of Rs. 4.
Group V. 8 villages of the taluka proper with a maximum rate of Rs. 4. The Assistant Settlement Officel retains the five groups, but proposes to transfer the villages of the old Lanja Petha to their appropriate groups according to the maximum rice rates as under:-

Group I. 42 villages (including 2 inam villages Niveli and Devache Gothne).
Group II. 54 villages ( 43 taluks proper villages and 11 villages of old Lanja Petho now in Group I).
Group III. 50 villages ( 32 taluka proper villages plus 18 villages of old Lanja Petha now in Group II).
Group IV. 8 villages (taluka proper villages).
Group V. 9 villages (8 taluka proper villages plus 1 village of old Lanja Petha now in Group IV).
Of the two inam villages to be transferred from Devgad to this taluka, Ajivli has been placed in Group $V$ and Math-khurd in Group III. The Collector and the Settlement Commissioner agree to this grouping and this may be sanctioned.

Rates.-The existing rates and the rates proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer are compared below :-


The effect of the Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals will be approximately as below :-


As regards kharif, i. e., rice ( 18,266 acres).-In order to prove that the rates proposed by him for kharif are not low, the Assistant Settlement Officer has compared the percentage of prices prevalent in Ratnagiri taluka in 1912 (i. e. 71.5 per cent.) with the percentage ( $9 \cdot 63$ ) of average maximum kharif rates sanctioned for that taluka and remarks that except the rise in prices and consequently in wages there has been no improvement in agricultural conditions in the two talukas since 1912. The Collector however thinks that the rates can be increased by 33 per cent. in all the groups and for all classes of land: The Settlement Commissioner agrees with the Collector and puts kharif rates at.Rupees $10,9,8,6-12$ and 5-8 respectively for the five groups. But to maintain the enhancement within the 33 per cent. limit he proposes either ( $a$ ) the transfer of eight villages from group III to IV and three villages from group IV to V or (b) a slight reduction of the maximum rates for groups IV and V from Rs. 6-12-0 to Rs. 6-10-0 and from Rs. 5-8-0 to $5-4-0$ respectively. I accept the Settlement Commissioner's proposals except that I would put group IV at Rs. 6-8-0 and group V at Rs. 5-4-0. The poorer classes cannot bear much increase and I would propose to treat them leniently.

Rabi ( 409 acres).-The area is very small. The Assistant Settlement Officer thinks that lands in the first three groups are not favourably situated and are less valuable for cultivation while the existing rates for the other two groups are low and therefore proposes a uniform rate of Rs. 2-4-0 for all the five groups. The Collector proposes to raise these rates also by 33 per cent. ; but the Settlement Commissioner, in view of the small area involved, supports the Assistant Settlement Officer's rates and they may be approved.

Warkas (203,927 acres).-The Assistant Settlement Officer proposes no increase in the present rates and remarks:-
"This land is of poor quality and is getting less fertile on account of the denudation of all tree growth thereon. The land is also deteriorating gradually as a sufficiently long period of fallow is not allowed. The greater portion of it is held by the poorer classes and the coarse grains grown on it form their staple food. The cost of cultivating these lands too has increased in recent years owing to the rise in the price of fish manure which is generally used for
growing the first crop (nachni). Besides, as the Revision Settlement Officer, Malvan, remarked in his report ' any rise in the warkas rates would combine the minimum gain to Government with the maximum of hardship to the cultivator".

Both the Collector and the Settlement Commissioner disagree with this view and suggest that the rates should be raised by 33 per cent. The Commissioner agrees with much the Assistant Settlement Officer has said. The quality of warkas is pretty well the same all over the taluka and a rate of Re. 1-8-0 should be imposed, except where a rate of 1-12-0 already exists. The cultivators of warkas land are poor and the crops are similar. But for the pressure of population these lands would not be cultivated at all. The Collector states that cultivators do not denude their warkas lands of rab. The Commissioner contents himself with the remark that he has seen such denudation everywhere in the Konkan and that the reckless cutting of trees and denundation in the past have destroyed the wooded lands that formerly existed on the bare Ratnagiri hills. This reckless cutting in the Konkan has been for years the subject of discussion by Government and various tahal compaigns have been inaugurated. Rayats have been extraordinarily improvident in the past over their rab.

Sales of warkas land must be received with caution. Rice requires warkas for rab and a rice cultivator will pay a good price for warkas just to secure his rab, without any intention to cultivate. It is also useful for grazing. Any sales would have to be carefully scrutinised to ascertain whether it was arable land that was sold, viz., land producing nachni and wari or grass and scrub land required for rab.

An all round rate of Rs. 1-8-0 is therefore proposed.
As regards Mr. Anderson's concluding remarks at the end of his review, the Commissioner cannot quite agree. The Settlement Commissioner sufficiently estimate the affection people have for their homes. They do not return to cultivate because as he says it pays them better than Mill labour. It does not. They can earn more by Mill labour than by cultivation. When they have earned a certain amount they come back to their homes to see their friends and spend it and when it is time to cultivate they come back and cultivate their land. They will never cease to cultivate although it pays less than Mill labour. In many cases the actual produce on this small holding only serves to keep the cultivator and his family for half the year, so he works in Bombay the other half and remits money home. An example of this also exists in the case of certain hill villages in the Satara District where the cultivator actually goes to Karachi to work for half the year. There is no fantastic delusion that agriculture is unprofitable. There is an absolute fact that it is unprofitable from the point of view that land is not enough, the holdings are small and the population is too large. But the rise in assessment per acre is justified. Even if there were no assessment at all these uneconomic holdings could not support the cultivator. As Mr. Anderson himself agrees the produce 52,500 acres of which much is warkas cannot feed $1,52,000$ people. The real food producing areas are the rice lands, which are only 18,266 acres. If the Ratnagiri District had extensive rice lands and less of these vast rocky plateaux it could support its population and we should not find our Mills, Police and Docks filled with Ratnagiri men.

Bagayai ( 441 acres).-There are two classes of bagayat lands agri bagayat and dongri bagayat. All agri bagayat lands are in group 1 only, except 12 gunthas in group II. In view of the rise in price of cocoanut and the correspnading revised rate fixed for Ratnagiri the Assistant Settlement Officer proposes to raise the rate for Agri bagayat from Rs. 12 to Rs. 15 and the Settlement Commissioner agrees. This may be approved. Any deterioration of gardens is the fault of the occupant. It is true expenses have increased, but the prices obtained have increased in a far larger proportion.

For dongri bagayat the Assistant Settlement Officer proposes Rs. 10-8-0, 9-4-0, 8-0-0, 7-0-0 and $5-12-0$ respectively for the five groups. There are however no bagayat lands in groups IV and V and the Settlement Commissioner considers it unnecessary to fix rates for those groups. For the first three groups the Settlement Commissioner proposes rates of Rs. 12 for group I, Rs. $10 \frac{1}{2}$ and 9 for group II and Rs. 9 and 8 for group III. This may be approved.

Pardi lands.-They are only in three villages and the Settlement Commissioner accepts the Assistant Settlement Officer's proposal to fix the same rates as those for various descriptions of land in those villages. This may be approved.
14. Inam villages.-These villages (including Math-Khurd in which settlement is to be introduced for the first time) present no difficulty as regards grouping and rates. They will take the same rates as Govèrnment villages which are included with them in the same groups.
15. If Government approve of the rates as above proposed, then these revised proposals will need fresh publication and the net effect of the increase in the assessment will have to be worked out village by village for different groups before the final sanction of Government is accorded.
L. J. MOUNTFORD,

Commissioner, S. D.

Revision Settlement.
Rajapur Taluka, Ratnagiri District. Second - of,

## GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY.

## Revenue Department.

Resolution No. 3937 (A).

Bombay Castle, 6th July 1926.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, S. D., No. S. R. V.-18 dated 14 th May $1924-$ Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified below,* containing propossls for the second revision settlement of the Rajapur Taluka of the Ratnagiri District, together with certain petitions of objections relating thereto.
*Letter from Mr. S. B. Vaidya, Assistant Settlement Officer, Rajapur and Devgad Talukas, No. X. R. W.-3 dated 21 st April 1923.
Memorandum from the Collector of Ratnagiri No. S. R. V.-3 dated 15th March 1923.
Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S. T.-257 dated 20th February 1924.

Resolution.-These papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of 158 Government and khoti villages of the Rajapur Taluka of the Ratnagiri District. Proposals are also submitted for the revision settlement of six inam villages and original settlement of one inam village of the taluka. These seven inam villages include the villages of Ajivli and Math Khurd which the Collector has transferred from the Devgad Taluka to the Rajapur Taluka. Orders will be passed separately on the Commissioner's recommendation for confirmation of the Collector's action. The inam villages now to be considered are therefore five and not seven.
2. The settlement officer proposes for the Rajapur Taluka an increase of 11.89 per cent., which the Collector, Settlement Commissioner and Commissioner, Southern Division, consider too low. That a fairly substantial enhancement is justified is satisfactorily indicated by the general improvement in the economic conditions of the taluka, the ease with which revenue has been collected and the high rental values which show that the rents are from $2 \cdot 28$ to $4 \cdot 16$ multiples of the assessment.
3. The grouping proposed by the settlement officer and supported by the other officers is approved.
4. The rates for the various classes of lands recommended by the Commissioner, Southern Division, are sanctioned, subject to the modification that the maximum rate for warkas lands for group $V$ should be Rs. 1-4 and not Rs. 1-8 as recommended by the Commissioner. The following statement shows the rates now sanctioned. The usual Bhiwndi concessions should be applied :-

|  |  | Group |  | Kharit | Rabi | Warkas | Begayat |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Agri | Dongri |
|  |  |  |  | Rs, ${ }_{\text {a }}$ | Rs. $\frac{1}{4}$ | Re. a. | Re. n. | Re. \%. |
| 1 | ** | - | ** | 100 | 24 | 18 | 150 | 120 |
| II | * | ** | * | 0 0 | 24 | 18 | -* | $\left(\begin{array}{rr}10 & 8 \\ 9 & 0\end{array}\right.$ |
| III | * | $\cdots$ | ** | 80 | 24 | 18 | $\cdots$ | $\begin{cases}8 & 0 \\ 8 & 0\end{cases}$ |
| 1\% | ** | -• | ** | 68 | 24 | 18 | -• | -•** |
| V | ** | - | - | 54 | 24 | 14 | -• | - $\cdot \cdots$ |

5. The settlement officer's proposals for Pardi lands are approved.
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6. The proposals for the grouping of the inam villages, except Ajivli and Math Khurd, are approved. The maximum rates should be those sanctioned forthe groups of the Government villages in which they are placed.
7. The revised rates should be introduced during the current revenue year 1925-1926, levied from the revenue year 1926-1927 and guaranteed for a period of thirty years.
8. The petitions of objections disclose no grounds which would lead Government to modify the orders now passed.

By order of the Governor in Council,

A. S. V. ACOTT,<br>Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

## The Commissioner, S. D., <br> The Collector of Ratnagiri, <br> The Commissioner of Settlements, <br> The Accountant General,

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## APPENDIX L

Land in Rajapur taluka of Ratnagiri District.

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| $\begin{cases}\mathrm{V}_{1} & 8 \\ \mathrm{n}_{2} & \end{cases}$ | 8 | 80 |  | 081 |  | 384 | 868 |  | D 10 |  | － | 3，863 | 1，829 | ．． | － $25 \cdot 98$ | Lanjs ．． | 03 |
| $\begin{cases}\mathrm{V} & 8 \\ \mathrm{n} 2 & 8\end{cases}$ | 8 | 80 | 1，786 | 540 | ．． | 18 | 188 |  | 100 0 | 1 | －． | 1，784 | 882 | ．． | $22 \cdot 44$ | Khersam | 04 |
| $\begin{cases}\mathrm{V}_{1} & 8 \\ \mathrm{R}_{2} & 4\end{cases}$ | 8 | 80 | 1，019 |  |  | 16 | 40 | ．． | ． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1，064 | 402 | ．． | $21 \cdot 45$ | Dhundare | 95 |
| $\begin{cases}\mathrm{V} & 1 \\ \mathrm{R} 2 & 4\end{cases}$ |  | 50 | $\begin{cases}1 & 020 \\ 8 & 0-9\end{cases}$ |  |  | 81 | 108 |  | D 008 | 1 | ．． | 651 | 208 | ．$\cdot$ | 14．20 | Borthade ． | 00 |
| $\begin{cases}\mathrm{R} \varepsilon & 6\end{cases}$ |  | 80 | 1，749 |  |  | 96 | 303 |  | D 10 | 6 | ．． | 1，846 | 812 | ．． | $21 \cdot 73$ | Anage ．． | 97 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{V} 1 \\ 112 \end{array}\right.$ |  | 80 |  | 101 | －• | 108 | 417 | ．． | D 10 | 8 | ．． | 878 | 580 | ．． | 29.88 | Indapatl | 88 |
| $\begin{cases}\mathrm{V} 1 & \mathrm{~g} \\ \mathrm{ne}\end{cases}$ | 8 | 80 | 2，281 | 638 | $\because$ | 180 | 728 | ．． | d so | 10 | ．． | 2，470 | 1，878 | ．． | $26 \cdot 88$ | Kuve | 09 |
| $\begin{cases}\mathrm{V} 1 & 8 \\ \mathrm{ni} 2\end{cases}$ |  | 80 | 1，026 |  |  | $s 8$ | 101 |  | D 01 | 0－4－0 | ．． | 1，067 | 420 | ．． | $22 \cdot 77$ | Kelambe，Tart Lanje． | 100 |
| $\begin{cases}\mathrm{V} 1 & 8 \\ \mathrm{BI} & 8\end{cases}$ |  | $80$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{lr}V & 1,880 \\ \mathrm{~B} & 1\end{array}\right.$ |  | $\}$. | 80 | 347 |  | D 017 | 8 | － | 1，526 | 688 | ． | 14.67 | Kondye，Tari Lanje． | 101 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { V } 1 \\ \text { R. } 2 \end{array}\right.$ | \} 8 | $80$ | 1，564 |  |  | 129 | 417 | －． | D 018 | 1 | ．． | 1，608 | 770 | ．． | 16－62 | Ehaval！． | 102 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { V1 } \\ \text { Rg } \end{array}\right.$ |  | $80$ |  |  |  | 4 | 184 | ．． | D 10 | 1 | ．． | 028 | 304 | ．． | $-2 \cdot 28$ | Padavan | 103 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { V1 } \\ \text { n2 } \end{array}\right.$ |  | $80$ | 1，720 |  | ．． | 117 | 848 | ．． | D 017 |  | ．． | 1，883 | 725 | ．． | 12－18 | Panhale，Tart Lanje： | 104 |
| $\begin{cases}\nabla_{1} & 8 \\ R_{2} & 8\end{cases}$ | － | $80$ | 1，464 |  | ＊＊ | 87 | 115 | ． |  | ． | $\cdots$ | 1，501 | 660 | －• | 22.63 | Bent Ebard ．．． | 105 |
| $\begin{cases}\text { VI } & 8 \\ \text { R2 } & 6\end{cases}$ |  | $\& 0$ | 805 |  |  | 24 | 108 | ．． | D 10 | 7 | $\cdots$ | 420 | 104 | $\cdots$ | 16．87 | Nivoshi | 108 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{V} 1 \\ \mathrm{Eq} \end{array}\right.$ |  | $80$ | 1，687 | 42 |  | 72 | 200 | ．． | D 04 | 1 | $\cdots$ | 2，869 | 022 | $\cdots$ | $9 \cdot 31$ | Manjal $\quad . \sim$ | 107 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { D1 } \\ \text { R2 } \end{array}\right.$ |  | $80$ | 1，468 |  |  | 48 | 14 | －• | D 038 | 8 | － | 1，01 | 401 | $\cdots$ | 28．68 | vival | 103 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l} v_{2} \\ \mathrm{x}: \end{array}\right.$ | $\} 8$ | $80$ | 1，600 |  | －＊ | 88 | 301 |  | 1580 | 20 | － | 1，007 | 671 | $\cdots$ | $18 \cdot 02$ | Wangule ．． | $10 \%$ |
| $18$ |  | $0 \cdot$ | $\begin{cases}7 & 1,880 \\ \mathrm{~B} & 7\end{cases}$ | 17. | $\}$ | 195 | 651 | ＂＊ | D 10 |  | － | 2，008 | 1，113 | － | 17．68 | Hecolvaind ．． | 116 |



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To
The COLLECTOR of RATNAGIRI.
Rainagiri, 3rd May 1923.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit proposals for the Revision Settlement of the Deogad Taluka. The guaranteed period of the Original Settlement ends with the revenue year 1921-22 (vide paragraph 6 of Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 8816, dated 21st December 1891).

## I.-Introductory Remarks.

2. The Taluka at present consists of 129 villages as follows :-

41 Government villages.
82 Khoti villages.
3 Surveyed Inam villages, namely Kasarde, Ajivi and Kamte.
1 The village of Math Khurd given as Inam to Bavda State, and lately surveyed.
2 Unserveyed Inam villages, viz., Kinjavde and Salshi.
3. The village of Math Khurd is notincluded in the Original Settlement Report of Colonel Godfrey (CCLIII-New series) and eis not shown on the Taluka map. It is one of the 13 villages assigned to the Bavda State in exchange for certain revenue claimable by that State in the Deogad Taluka (the other 12 being included in the Rajapur Taluka). The Survey of this village being, however, completed in 1920, the Superintendent of Land Records, Southern Division, desired that the rates for it should be settled along with the Revision Settlement of the Deogad Taluka. The villagers and the khot expressed their wisb to have their village transferred to the Rajapur Taluka, as Rajapur was only fifteen miles, and Deogad 36 miles, distant from them.

The inhabitants of Ajivli, four miles to the east of Math Khurd, also wished to have their village transferred to the Rajapur Taluka on similar grounds. The Inamdars of the village are, however, against the transfer, for they live at Naringre near Deogad and for them Deogad is more convenient.

The Collector to whom the desire of the villagers of Math Khurd and Ajivii was communicated, approved of the transfer of both these villages to the Rajapur Taluka and of their inclusion in the Settlement Report of that Taluka.

Math Khurd and Ajivli are, therefore, proposed to be omitted from this report.
The Original Survey Settlement of Kasarde was effected along with the rest of the Taluka in 1891-92. Its Revision Settlement, therefore, falls due with the rest of the Taluka.

The Original Settlement of the Inam village, Kamte, was sanctioned in Government.Order No. 13111 of lst November 1917 and was guaranteed only for the period ending with the expiry of the existing settlement of the Taluka. Consequently this village also is to be resettled along with the Revision Settlement of the Taluka.

The 82 khoti villages consist of :-


During the Settlement period 15 purely khoti villagea and 3 Sharakati (Dhara) villages, but no Inam villages lapsed to Government.
4. I propose to include Kille Vijaydurg in Ghera Vijaydurg and the other 8 villages noted in the following statement in Girye :-


These villages are very small and only two of them are inhabited. The existence of these separate small villages causes administrative inconvenience, e.g., it renders it necessary to keep separate records and registers for each village. The Khatedars have no objection and the necessary sanction of Government is now solicited.
5. If the above arrangements are approved of, the number of villages to be re-settled at this Revision is reduced to 116, the tenures of which are as below:-

32 Government villages.
82 Khoti villages.
Inem villages (Kssarde and Kamte).

## II.-Position and Physical Featcres.

6. The Deogad Taluka is bounded on the north by the Vijaydurg creek with the Rajapur Taluks on the opposite bank for a distance of about 25 miles, on the east by the Bavda State up to the Sahyadri Ghats, and thence by the Kolhapur State, the Ghat ridge forming the boundary. On the south by the Gad river with the Savantvadi State on the southern bank, and thence by the Malwan Taluka and the Achre River and creek. On the west by the sea.

The average length east and west of the taluka is 28 to 29 miles and the average breadth north and south is 16 to 17 miles, the sea board being about 25 miles. The Taluka is formed by a strip of low land lying between the Sahyadri Ghats and the Indian Ocean. It is very irregular in shape, as will be seen from the accompanying map. The coast line is bold and rocky, rising abruptly from the sea to heights varying from 50 to 100 feet. Along this line of coast there are numerous creeks, inlets and coves, but no sandy beach to speak of even at low tide. From the coast the country stretches out eastwards for a distance of ten miles or so in a series of flat-topped laterite hills intersected by deep ravines ; these plateaux of laterite are generally barren, with no soil on them and nothing but sheet rock can be seen except here and there small patches of low stunted brush wood intermixed with cactus bush. The valleys in the intervening ravines, gradually opening out as they approach the sea or the creeks, are generally rich and end in picturesque inlets and estuaries thickly clothed on each side with coconut palms, mango and undni trees with good rich rice fields in between. Proceeding further east the country becomes more undulating the hills although still partaking of the laterite formation are more covered with soil, which is in many places cultivated, and where it is not, the hill sides are well wooded. Still further inland, the country becomes gradually less undulating and the warkas lands decidedly superior in quality and depth of soil. Roughly speaking, all warkas land lying to the east of a line drawn north and soutb across the map through Kharepatan is remarkably good. This excellent warkas equal to the jirait lands of above ghats, continues in one long stretch up to the very foot of the Ghats, between the spurs of which are found broad fertile valleys producing excellent crops. On the extreme eastern boundary of the district the Sahyadri Ghats rise sheer up like a gigantic wall from the level and rich plains below.

## Rivers and Creeks.

7. The Deogad Taluka is rich in rivers and streams; they are as follows :-
(1) The Vijaydurg river ending in the creek of Vijaydurg, takes its source in the Sahyadri hills, near the Kajirde pass, in the Bavda State, from whence it is not much more than a mountain stream of small volume until it approaches Kharepatan where it gradually broadens out until at Vaghotan it becomes from 250 to 300 yards in breadth and eventually reaches the sea at Vijaydurg where on the headland stands the celebrated old Maratha fortress of that name. The tidal flow extends up to Kharepatan about 22 miles inland and forms a natural highway into the interior. The Vijaydurg harbour is considered one of the best on the western cosst. Vessels drawing from 6 to 8 feet of water can ascend the river as far as Vaghotan at high tide; beyond that, the river has silted up considerably and only small craft drawing 3 feet of water or less, can ascend at high tide as far as Kharepatan, which was formerly an inland port, up to which even large Machwas used to go many years ago.
(2). About nine miles south of Vijaydurg, a small stream rising in a deep ravine in the villages Mond and Nadan, known as the Pural river, flows into the sea. It is not, however, navigable, as after the monsoon a high bank or drift sand forms at the mouth of the river and shuts out the sea water, but in consequence of the salt water being neutralized by the constant flow of fresh water from the upper reaches, the river water is used for irrigational purposes. This, however, is only one of the minor streams.
(3) About $3 \frac{1}{2}$ miles further south we come to the estuary of the Deogad river which is next in importance to the Vijaydurg river. It has its source in the Sahyadri Ghats in the Bavda State near the Sivgad pass, a few miles north of Phonda Ghat, and after a tortuous course of about 35 miles empties its water into the sea at the fort of Deogad, forming there a harbour, which is also considered very safe and good. The river is navigable for small craft as far as the village Tamhane about ten miles inland.
(4) About a mile south of the Deogad Fort, is the Mitmumbri creek formed. by a small river about 8 miles in length, rising in the village of Wareri ; it has a tidal up-flow of three mlies, as far as the western boundary of the village Dabhol, to which point it is navigable for small craft at high tide.
(5) Further about six miles lower down the coast from Mitmumbri creek is the Hindale river about 18 miles in length. This river, merely a torrent for the greater part of its length, rises in a deep ravine separating the village of Shirgaon from the inam village of Salshi and is affected by the tidal wave for about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ miles, but it is not navigable even for small canoes.
(6) South of the Hindle river 5 or 6 miles, there is the Achre creek and river, which for about 9 miles of its length from the coast forms the boundary between the Deogad and Malwan Talukas. This river has its source in the village Dombre below the Ghat near Phonda and flows a course of about 28 miles. Small crafts can ascend this river for four or five miles, the limit of the tidal flow.
(7) The Kalaoli river rises in the Nardave gorge of the Sahyadri Ghats near the boundary of the Deogad Taluka and the Savantwadi State. Forthe first 24 miles of its course it forms the southern boundary of the Taluka. Twelve miles from its source it receives the waters of a tributary known as the Malhar river and again ten miles further down those of its larger tributary the Gad River and about two miles below this point, the river turns south-west into the Malwan Taluka.

Besides the abovementioned rivers there are numerous streams. The water system of the Taluka is composed of a regular net-work of streams, many of which serve the purpose of irrigation.

## III.-Climate.

8. The climate though rather enervating is temperate on the coast and for about half the length of the Taluka towards the east, the extreme heat and cold of summer and winter being tempered by sea-breezes. The country further up to the foot of Sahyadri experiences wide extremes of heat. and cold. The extreme limits of temperature recorded at Deogad are maximum $90^{\circ}$ and minimum $76^{\circ}$.

## Rainfall.

9. The rainfall is registered unfortunately only at one place, Deogad on the coast and cannot therefore be taken as a fair record of rainfall in a Taluka extending thence to the foot of the Sahyadri hills where the rainfall is undoubtedly greater than on the coast. The rainfall registered at Deogad has been supplied by the Director of Agriculture for the 11 years from 1910 to 1920 and is shown in detail in Appendix A. (It will be seen from this that the average rainfall is 87.15 inches.But to obtain a fair estimate of rainfall throughout the Taluka I propose taking the rainfall registered at Rajapur as being equivalent to what is obtained at Kharepatan and that is 123.63 inches for the same eleven years. Further I take the rainfall registered at Deorukh in the Sangmeshwar Taluka to correspond fairly with the rainfall at Phonda and the below ghat villages and that is on an average of the eleven years from 1910 to $1920,139 \cdot 50$ inches. Thus taking the sum of the above, I obtain an average rainfall for the whole Taluka of 11676 inches which is very near the exact amount. This is less than the average arrived at in the original report and it appears that as in the rest of the District the rainfall in this Taluka has diminished of recent years. But the rainfall is ample if it is seasonable. Analysing the seasonableness and adequacy of the rain it is found that out of the last 11 years 5 were below the average, two fair, two fairly good and two good.

Cultivation and Crops.
10. Excluding the 2 unsurveyed Inam villages, the total area of the Taluka is as shown below:-

|  |  |  | Cultivable. | Uncultivable. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 114 | Government and Khoti villages . . |  | 220,214 | 99,603 |
| 2 | Inam villages |  | 12,882 | 4,933 |

The cultivable area is made up of the following descriptions of land :-

| Deacription. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 114 villages Government and Khoti). | 2 villages (lnam). | Total area. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rive | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | - | *. |  | 27,747. | 1,376 | 29,123 |
| Rabi | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | . | $\cdots$ |  | 1,470 |  | 1,544 |
| Warkas | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $*$ | .. | . |  | 190,262 | 11,418 | 201,480 |
| Bagaynt- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (i) Agri | $\because$ | $\because$ |  | $\because$ | $\because$ |  | 297 438 | 14 | $\left.{ }_{452}^{297}\right\}^{4} 748$ |
| (ii) Dongri. | - | $\cdots$ |  | . | * |  |  | 14 | $452{ }^{2}$ |

11. The soil classification of rice lands in the Taluka is in the original Settlement Report shown as under:-

| Class | above 12 annas. |  |  | . | $10 \cdot 6$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| " | , 8 to 12 | . | - | $\cdots$ | $53 \cdot 8$ |
| " | , 4 to 8 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $33 \cdot 0$ |
| " | below 4 annas | . | , | .. | $2 \cdot 6$ |

Though certain Khajan lands and some lands in the village of Lore underwent re-classification since the last settlement, the results do not involve any appreciable. change in the above classification.

From the above it will be seen that the rice land though forming only about $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the tofal cultivable area of the Taluka, is on the whole good, 64 per cent. being classed as above 8 annas.

The average classification rate of warkas for the whole district is 3 annas, the good soils on the eastern portion being classed higher and those on the western side mixed up with laterite rocks considerably lower. Warkas lands called Bhatle, which are found mainly in the eastern portion, are classed at six anuas. They are level warkas lands, with more aoil, in good situations, where they might easily be converted into rice or which, if used exclusively for dry crops, require fewer years of fallow or may be cultivated every year.

In the whole Taluka there are only I,544 acres of Rabi land and 749 of Bagayat, i.e., 09 per cent. of the whole cultivable area.

The principal crops are:-
(1) Rice
(2) Nachni
(3) Wari
(4) Harik
(5) Kulith
(6) Til.

The chief varieties of rice \{ire :-(1) Patni, (2) Wargal, (3) Walye, (4) Bele (5) Bhadas, (6) Panwel and (7) Sonphal.

After rice is taken, wherever there is good moisture, Kulith is grown in many places as summer crop on rice lands.

The superior kind of warkas is left fallow for 3 to 5 years and the inferior for $10-12$ years. After the period of fallow the lands are cultivated with Nachni the first year, Wari the next year, Harik the third year, and Til the fourth year, afterwards the period of fallow recurs.

Hemp is cultivated in superior warkas lands in the monsoon, mostly in the villages along the Kharepatan and Deogad creeks. The average area under it during the last five years was 8,358 acres.
[Rabi lapds are those, which are in the vicinity of rivers and streams, and get their moisture from floods or by watering from wells dug in or near the streams. The crops usually grown on them are Nachai in the rains, if they are not overflooded and kulith, chillies and vegetables after the first crop is taken. Many rabilands are as a matter of fact overflooded during the rains and remain unculti-. vated then.

The chief product of the Agri and Dongri Bagayat is coconut] A few palm trees (Mad) are licensed for tapping toddy and the owner gets Rs. 4 as rent for each such tree. Last year only 90 trees were licensed for tapping as the number of toddy shops and tree-foot-booths in the taluka is very small.

Betelnut occupies only an insignificant area and there are no separate gardens of it.
13. The total cropped area exclusive of the Inam villages was last year covered by the following crops:-

14. About $\mathbf{3 , 4 7 5}$ acres were last year cropped a second time after the first -crops were taken. The crops grown the second time and the acreage under each was as shown below:-

| Naohni |  |  |  | Aorea. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Waigani | $\because$ | .. | . | 553 |
| Kulith | $\because$ | .. | . | 850 |
| Hemp | .. | .. | . | 445 |

15. The irrigated area last year was 742 acres, and was covered by the following crops to the following extent :-

|  |  |  |  | Aores. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice | * | - | - | 187 |
| Nachni and other cereals | ** | ** | . | 387 |
| Pulses | . | . | . | 45 |
| Sugarcane | . | . | - | 340 |
| Chillies, vegetables, etce | - | ** | ** | 91 |
|  |  |  |  | 748 |

The irrigation was by wells and pats; there are no irrigational tanks or canals.

## Modes of Husbandry.

16. The methods of cultivation and of raising and reaping the crops have undergone no change within the last thirty years and the cultivators have not adopted any improved methods recommended by the Agricultural Department. For the better sort of Kharif lands a seed-bed is prepared at the outbreak of the monsoon, after first burning the plot with brush-wood mixed with cow-dung. About a month after the seed-bed is sown, the seedlings are transplanted to an area about thrice as large as the seed-bed. Inferior rice lands near or surrounded by warkas lands are all generally burnt with rab and ploughed and seeds are then thrown broadcast over them. The Halwa or early crop which is said to be ready in from 60 to 90 days, ripens about the end of September. Garwa or Mahan takes a month more to ripen. The harvesting of the former takes place in October and that of the latter in November and December, but sometimes continues till the end of January.

Halwa rice is also grown as a second crop in the hot weather on lands, which can be watered by a pat from the hills or by a well or a stream near by. It is reaped and harvested in April and May. This is popularly called Waigani crop. In some places, where supply of water is not sufficient, but water can be obtained at intervals, and in places where there is sufficient moisture, Kulith is grown as a second orop.

The same process of manuring is followed for cultivation in warkas lands. But rab burning is required for the Nachni crop only.

In some rice lands, sugarcane is grown after one or two years of rice. This practice is much followed in villages within five miles from the coast. The sugarcanes are watered by wells or from pools of water in the rivers by means of a country water lift.

## Communications.

17. The taluka is abundantly supplied with roads and waterways.

The four principal metalled roads maintained by the Public Works Department are :-

1. Deogad-Nipani Rasd, passing through the Phonda Ghat and having a length of 40 miles in the Deogad Taluka.
2. The Phonda-Kharepatan Road about 18 miles in length.
3. The Phonda-Kankavli Roed, 10 miles long and leading to Malwan.
4. The Kasarde-Vaghotan Road, 19 miles in length.

The more important of the Local Board Roads and their lengths are :-

1. The Vijaydurg-Vaghotan Road .. .. .. 15 miles.
2. The Kasarde-Janavli Road . .. .. .. 11 "
3. The Kankavi-Gothne Road .. .. .. 6 "
4. The Tembarli-Poyre Road . .. .. .. 15 "
5. The Vaghotan-Mond Road .. .. .. 4 "

These roads are in a fair condition and connect different parts of the taluka with the main roads.
18. The navigable creeks have already been described in paragraph 7 above. They are gradually silting up.

The taluka is well supplied with ferries at all the important points on the creeks.

The taluka has a sea-board of 25 miles and has two important ports, Deogad and Vijaydurg. During the fair season, the steamers of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company call at both these ports, while those of the Indian Co-operative Steam Navigation Company call at them four times a week. The former Company has a bi-weekly cargo steamer service to Vijaydurg during the rainy season.

## Morkete and favis

19. Weotuls bevary axe held regularly as shown below :-


The articles brought for sale at these bazars are principally :-Rice, pulses, spices, chillies, coconuts, oils, dried fish, salt and earthen-pots.

Kharepatan is a great trade centre and the daily trade there is enormous, although since the extension of the Madras and Southern Maratha Railway to Kolhapore it has dwindled down to one-third of what it was before. Whereas formerly about 150 carts used to arrive daily at Kharepatan partly to empty themselves there and partly to pass on to Rajapur, now hardly 50 carts come down. Roughly speaking, goods worth Rs $3,00,000$ are annually received from the Phonda Ghat and disposed of at Kharepatan, about half of them being sold locally and the rest exported to Bombay. Besides, goods worth Rs. 12 lacs are received from Bombay by sea and creek out of which Rs. 9 lacs worth are sold at Kharepatan and the rest sent out to the up-ghat districts.
20. The only important fair in the taluka is held in connection with the old temple at Kunkeshwar on the Shivratri holiday and is attended by about 5,000 people; a temporary bazar is held there on a small scale for two or three days.

## Imports and Exports.

21. The taluka imports large quantities of food-stufls and other necessaries of life; and exports such articles as hemp; sugarcane, salted fish, mangoes, myrabolams and alluminium trinkets. The imports through the Phonda Ghat are about Rs. 3 lacs in value and consist of jaggery, chillies, tobacco, oil-cakes, onions, cotton seeds, Shahapur cloth and country blankets. The imports by sea are roughly valued at Rs. 16 lacs and chiefly consist of kesosene oil, sweet oil, coconut oil, rice, pulses, sugar, coconuts, cloth and tea. Kankavli gets its supply of rice, cloth, oil, salt and salted fish, etc., from Malwan, it being nearer than Deogad or Vijaydurg. The principalimports through Vijaydurg and Deogad as communicated by the Customs Department were in 1919-20 as below:-

| Article. |  |  |  |  | Total velue. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Husked rice | .. | -* | . | . | 12,59,642 |
| Paddy | - | . | . | . | 8,027 |
| Other food grains | $\cdots$ | . | . | . | 36,203 |
| Pulses | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . | 17,894 |
| Sugar | .. | . | $\cdots$ | - | 49,660 |
| Cloth | - | . | - | $\cdots$ | 38,151 |
| Coconuts | $\cdots$ | . | . | . | 11,172 |
| Coconut oil | $\cdots$ | .. | . | .. | 49,184 |
| Kerosene oil | .. | .. | . | .. | 1,53,687 |
| Sweet oil | . | - | - | - | 15,106 |
| Tea | . | . | .. | $\cdots$ | 9,236 |
| Salted fish | - | . | . | . | 30,441 |

The chief exports by sea for the same year were as below:-

| Artiole. |  |  |  |  | Total valce Rs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sugarcane | - | .. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 18,26s |
| Hemp | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | - | $\cdots$ | 1,60,022 |
| Salted fish |  |  | $\cdots$ |  | 25,905 |
| Aluminium manufactures |  |  |  |  | 36,500 |
| Mangoes | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | . | 24,715 |
| Myrabolams | $\cdots$ | . | $\cdots$ | . | 47,189 |

## Manufactures and Industries.

22. Appendix E gives the number of shops and other industrial concerns in the taluka.

The 148 cotton looms are principally worked in the villages of Kharepatan, Kankayli, Kalmath, and Waravde. They turn out mostly coarse lugadis about 15,000 every' year for which yarn is obtained from Bombay. 'The average price of a lugde is Rs. 6 so that roughly speaking about Rs. 90,000 worth of these coarse fabrics are produced in the taluka in the year. They are all disposed of in the market places of the taluks at the average price of Rs. 6 each.

The oil presses extract sesamum oil and oil of undi fruit.
Eighty-four of the sugarcane presses are used for extracting juice for the preparation of gul, the outturn of which is estimated at Rs. 7,550.

There are six factories worked with oil engines at Vijaydurg, where alluminium bangles and trinkets are prepared for use by women and children of the poorer classes. About Rs. 36,500 worth of such articles are turned out every year and sent to Bombay for sale, some being disposed of locally. There are 87 persons working in these factories.

There is one artisan at Tirlot, who prepares brass locks and emall brass utensils, especially small brass articles used in, the worship of household idols. His annual output is worth about Rs. 2,000 .

There are black=miths at Wada, Pural, Walavde and Kharepatan, who prepare penknives, nut-crackers, etc.

In several villages potters manufacture coanse earthern vessels, tiles, etc., to meet the local wants.

On the sea-coast and in some villages on the Vijaydurg and Deogad creeks not far from their mouths, fishing is carried on by the Gabits and Daldis. There are 3,511 fishing boats in the taluka of the aggregate tonnage of 6,684 and about 8,000 persons maintain themselves on this trade.

There are three fishcuring yards in the taluka and in 1919-1920, 10,479 maunds of fish were cured in them. A large quantity of this fish is exported to such distant talukas as Chiplun and Khed and a part finds its way even to Bombay.

The number of carts in the taluka is 936 as against 217 at the beginning of the expiring settlement period.
23. Of the traders, money-lenders and artisans in the taluka, 40 are assessed to income-tax, the total assessment amounting to Rs. 4,380. In 1905-06 there were nine assessees with a tax of Rs. 608.

There are 16 Co-operative Societies, three of which are Weavers Societies. The total number of members is 1,100, and the total working capital is Rs. 75,335.

## Population.

25. The population of the taluka according to the census of 1921 was $1,44,106$ of which the agricultural population was 118,311 or $82 \cdot 09$ per cent. of the whole, In 1891 the population was 121,886 thus there has been an increase of 18.23 per cent. in the population during the settlement period.

The total number of occupants in Government villages is 6,681 of them 4,548 have a holding of less than 5 acres and 3,042 pay assessment less than one rupee.
'26. A large number of people from the taluka are employed' in Bombay and other places in industries and in various departments of Government such as Military, Police, Post Office, Customs and Schools and in Railways and other
private firms and companies. After retirement they return home and settle in their villages. At present there are 333 civil pensioners and 376 military ones drawing an aggregate pension of Rs. 34,320 and Rs. 26,632 respectively. During the last war, this taluka supplied 1,219 recruits for the Army.

Many of the able-bodied men and women and grown-up children go to Bombay and other industrial centres, where they earn high wages in mills, factories and dockyards as labourers and coolies. They come home for certain holidays and also for the cultivating season. After the harvest they return to the towns and to their former work. These people working in Bombay and other places-and according to the statistics of the shipping companies about 50 per cent. of the agricultural population goes out of the taluka-derive a great deal more of their income from non-agricultural pursuits than from agricultural. They work at agriculture for four months in the year, the rest of the year, they axe not really speaking agriculturists.

## Education

27. Primary education has progressed during the settlement period as shown below:-

| 1890-91. |  | 1920-21. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of schools- |  | Number of schools- |  |
| Boy's | 20 | Boy's | 90 |
| Girl's | Nil. | Gilr's | 4 |
| Number of students- |  | Number of students- |  |
| Boys | 1,383 | Boys | . 4,602 |
| Girls | 57 | Girls | - 458 |

There are four Anglo-Vernacular schools started within the last seven or eight years and supported by fees and public subscriptions. They are at Deogad Kankavli, Mitbav and Naringre and the aggregate attendance at them is 150.

The progress of education can hardly be said to have led to any improvement in the methods of cultivation or to have produced any marked change in the status of agriculturists. The number of Kulwadi boys receiving instruction is extremely small but some other backward classes such as the Bhandaris and the Marathas are showing themselves keen on getting their children educated.

## Health.

28. Out of the 11 years ending 1921, seven years were free from plague and cholera. During the other four years, there were 18 deaths from plague and 113 from cholera. Small-pox is an occasional visitor and during the 11 years ending 1919, there, were only 317 deaths from it. Vaccination is popular except in two or three villages where the Mahomedans have a prejudice against it. Deogad is not a malarial taluka, but there are some imported cases from Bombay and the Savantwadi State.

The maximum birth-rate per thousand during these 11 years was 38.84 and the minimum 27.08 . The maximum death-rate for the years $1910-17$ was $23 \cdot 82$ and the minimum $20^{\circ} 49$ per thousand. In 1918, the year of the Influenza epidemic, the death-rate had gone up to $45 \cdot 31$ per thousand.

## Live and Dead Stock.

Appendix D gives details under this head for the taluka as a whole. Comparing it with the statistical table No. 6 at page 27 of the Original Settlement Report it is seen that the number of carts has increased from 217 to 936 . During the settlement pariod, ploughs have increased by 4,295 ; and oxen and he-buffaloes for ploughs and other purposes (columns 2, 3, 6 and 7 of Appendix D) by 11,765. Cows have increased by 3,394 and she-buffaloes by 2,350 . There is an increase of 4,990 in the number of goats. Thus there has been a considerable increase of cattle, ploughs, and carts during the last 30 years.

## Water Supply.

Appendix F gives details of water-supply in the Government villages only as no statistics have been maintained for the khoti and inam villages. There are numerous wells in most of the villages and water is tapped within a few feet from the surface without much trouble or expense ; besides, some villagea situsted on the slopes
cas-3
of hills obtain their drinking water from perennial springs. On the whole there is no lack of water-supply for human beings or for cattle except in a few villages near the Sahyadri hills where it is scanty during summer. The water is sweet and wholesome everywhere except in some villages near the sea coast or by the side of creeks where it is brackish.

## Value of land.

31. Appendices G1, G2 and G3 have been prepared to show the values of land.

Sale transactions are more numerous in this taluka than in the adjacent taluka of Rajapur. However in the 3rd, 4th and 5th groups they are few. 784 sales have been selected for the appendices after excluding all the doubtful ones such as for instance, sales to close relations, sales partaking of the character of the mortgages, sales in liquidation of a debt; Sales of land by a khot accompanied by some khoti right, sales by tenants in khoti villages, sales of land that included building sites, sales of Inam lands, etc.

The following tables are prepared to show the variations in prices of kharif and warkas lands in Government villages during the settlement period.

| Group. | 1891-1000. |  |  | 1001-1910. |  |  | 1911-1915. |  |  | 1910-1020. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text { A soeafment } \\ \text { of land } \\ \text { sold. } \end{array}\right.$ | Sale price. | 3indtiples of assess. ment. | Assessment of the Innd sold. | Sale puice. | Mattipite 0t assessment. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ansegnonent } \\ & \text { of land } \\ & \text { cold. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Mutiples <br> of assensment. | Assessment of the land sold. | Sale price. | Multiplens <br> 101 $x$ asest ment. |
| Enarif. | Br. A, P. <br> c. | Re.$255$ | $40^{\circ}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ \text { co } & 4 & 4 \end{array}$ |  |  | Re. a. p. <br> 87 | Ee.$4,710$ | 128.94 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bs. a. p. } \\ & 47 \text { 14 } 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { K8. } \\ & 7,105 \end{aligned}$ | 148.38 |
| 1 |  |  |  |  | 4,977 | 82.54 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\cdots$ | -• | 2 is 0 | 290 | 88. | $\begin{array}{llll}27 & 5 & 8\end{array}$ | 1,785 | 65'25 | 88110 | 4,725 | 68.79 |
|  | $\cdots$ | - | * | - | $\cdots$ | - | * | * | - | . | - | $\cdots$ |
|  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | - | $\cdots$ | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 'i | $\cdots$ | ** | - | - |
|  | ** | ** |  | -• | ** | - | 883 | \$90 | 90. 58 | 8120 | 1,740 | $188 \cdot 85$ |
| Warkat. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | $\begin{array}{lll}2 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 450 \\ 50 \end{array}$ | 209.88 | 842 | 2,081 | 240.58 | 1122 | 2,859 | 228.80 | 82 5 | 7,2482 | 228-22 |
| II. |  |  | 200 | 086 | 180 | 857.64 | 100 | 410 | 410 | 552 | 2,116 | 595.28 |
| III \& IV. |  | . |  | * | - | - | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | -• | ** | - | $\rightarrow$ |
|  |  |  | - | * | - | * | 0410 | 40 | 182:41 | 100 | 75 | 54-34 |

In the inam village of Kasarde, kharif lands measuring $35 \frac{1}{4}$ gunthas in area and assessed at rupees two were sold for Rs. 227 which comes to 113 times the asses:ment; warkas lands measuring $2 \frac{1}{2}$ acres and assessed at Re. 0-7-11 were sold for Rs. 58, which comes to 117 . times the assessment ; and mixed lands assessed at Rs. 14-15-2 were sold for Rs. 807 which comes to 54 times the assessment.
32. The sales are not free from peculiar features which prevent any but the broadest conclusions being based on them. They do show whether the price of land has risen through the taluka, but they cannot be relied upon to show any market rate for particular villages or even for particular groups. It will be seen from the Appendices that prices vary considerably and this is so because they are governed by the personal inclinations of the buyer and the seller rather than by any considerations of market value. Land is bought in a great majority of cases solely with the idea of possessing land. The buyer when he purchases land, as a rule, does not consider what return he would get on his investment. Money is made in Bombay and elsewhere in trade or in service but when the person returns to his village his money gives him no more status than before. His desire is therefore to own land at any cost; but he finds in his village that no one is willing to part with bis land. The land owner does not consider what income be is getting from his land and what income he would get if after selling his land, he invests the proceeds, say in Government securities. I know of one instance, where the owner of a piece of land refused to part with it for a consideration of Rs. 150 though it fetched him only 12 annas as rent. There is a great deal of sentiment attached to land and there is much reluctance to part with one's landed property, particularly if $j t$ is ancestral. A very great inducement is required to be offered to persuade a land-owner to sell his land. Some sales that appear incredible are easily explained when we remember that there is such a thing as the pride of landlordism and such a thing as the inberent attachment for landed property.

That personal considerations play no small part in the sale transactions, would appear from the following instance that came to my notice in one of the villages in the Rajapur Taluka. A certain land was jointly owned by three persons. On 3rd April 1914 one-third share of his land was purchased by a stranger for Rs. 265. The same person purchased the remaining two shares on 4th Marcb 1919 and 22nd March 1919 for Rs. 325 and Rs. 123-5-4 respectively. As far as I could ascertain there were no encumbrances on any of the shares.

As regards warkas land the statistics would show us that the prices fetched for it are sometimes higher than fore kharif. Warkas land is assessed very low and if it is a better sort or if it contains a good tree-growth for Tahal or if it contains new rice land (Nau-kird), it is more valuable than old rice land on which the assessment is comparatively high. Sales of these valuable warkas land have not been separated from sales of the ordinary kind of warkas; but as the former are very few and the latter numerous, the general conclusions are not affected by mixing them together.

As remarked by Mr. Webb in his Belgaum report only a broad conclusion can be drawn from the statistics under this head and it is that the prices show a decided appreciation in the value of land but that they cannot be relied upon as giving the current agricultural value of land.

## Rents.

33. In khoti villages the usual crop share rent is one-half or one-third in the case of rice lands, and one-third in the case of warkas. In Government villages where land is given out on lease crop share rents are as a rule agreed upon and the proportion is the same as in khoti villages. Leases areavery few in this taluks as one would expect from the way in which land has been parcelled out into such small holdings as would barely suffice the holders themselves. Those that are fortunate enough to have holdings bigger than what they could themselves cultivate, generally prefer to engage labour rather than to lease out the land. The leases one therefore meets with, are generally in the case of land holders, who are either absent or who have no one to supervise the labour.)

Rents in kind have been converted into cash at the rate of Rs. 3 per maund of paddy in villages of the first three groups and at the rate of Rs. 2-8-0 in the other two groups. Nachni and wari rents have been converted at the uniform rate of Rs. 4 and Rs. 3 respectively, per maund. These rates are based on those fixed by the Collector for the year 1921-22. The Kankavli "Fad" rate is Rs. 2-8-0 for paddy and it has therefore been taken as the rate for converting rents in kind in the villages of groups IV and V.*

In compiling the Appendices $\mathrm{H} 1, \mathrm{H} 2$ and H 3 leases of a doubtful nature have been omitted, e.g., rents in the guise of interest. Leases of Khajan lands which appeared to be too low have also been omitted. The rents given in the appendices are all gross rents, i.e., the actual amounts recaived by the landlord and inchudes assessment in those very rare cases when it is paid by the tenant on behalf of the landlord. The rents are all recent-the crop sharé rents and rents in kind have been converted at the current rates and the cash rents pertain to the year of enquiry or to the preceding three or four years.
34. Statistics about kharif, warkas and mixed lands are given in Appendices H1, H2 and H3 respectively. The average rents in the various groups are tabulated below in terms of multiples of assessment:-

| Group |  |  | Kharif. | Warkes. | Mixed. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | . | * | $\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{Rs} . \\ 3 \cdot 68 \end{array}$ | Rs. $3 \cdot 10$ | Rs, $3 \cdot 65$ |
| II | . | . | $3 \cdot 94$ | $2 \cdot 85$ | $3 \cdot 50$ |
| III | . | $\cdots$ | $3 \cdot 89$ | $3 \cdot 05$ | 2.76 |
| IV |  | .. | $4 \cdot 04$ | $3 \cdot 42$ | $4 \cdot 72$ |
| V | $\cdots$ | . | $4 \cdot 07$ | 3.66 | $4 \cdot 58$ |

[^10]35. Leases of purely Bagayat land are rare; they are generally mixed with those of rice lands. The average rents of such mixed lands as recorded at Naringre, Mitbav and Hindle were $5 \cdot 16,5 \cdot 06$ and 3.41 times the assessment.

Appendix H4 is added to show the multiple of assessment, at which the crop share rents originally paid by the tenants in khoti villages have been commuted by the Recording Officer under the amended Khoti Act of 1904. The casb commutation rate is according to rules to be based on the average of the rents received in the 12 years prior to the passing of the amendment. It will be seen that for all the groups the kharif rent is on an average two times the assessment and the warkas a little less than two.

In the inam villages of Kamte and Kasarde kharif rents were on an average 3.52 and 4.20 times the assessment respectively.

Special rents are agreed on when a warkas piece is let out for cultivation after a period of fallow and in preparing Appendix H 2 , the periods of fallow have been allowed for. Occasionally warkas land is let out for grass alone and some such rents have been included in Appendix H2 to give us a fair average for warkas on the whole.
36. Reference has been made above (paragraph 35) to the Amended Khoti Settlement Act and to the system of fixing cash commutation rates. It would therefore be of interest to enquire here into the relationship between the khots and their tenants under this new system as compared with that under the old or the crop share rent system. Under the latter system the khot had a certain hold on his tenants: if they were well disposed towards him he could be lenient in appraising the crops; otherwise he could make the appraisement as exorbitant as he strictly could. There are still a few villages-and in these the khoti rights are divided but little-where the khot is a kind of a pater familuas and is on excellent terms with his tenantry and the latter have no desire to depart from the old system. But in many of the villages where rents have not yet been commuted khoti shares are small and numerous and there is no personal attachment between the khots and the tenants; the relations between them are strained in such cases. The khot tries to get the utmost out of the tenants; the tenant has no heart in his work for hefinds that hedoes not get the full benefit of his labor in the field or of any improvements he might effect on the land in his possession. He therefore leaves the land fallow unnecessarily or neglects it, finding his Bombay occupation more profitable.

Under the new system the tenant feels himself independent of the khot. He takes personal interest in the land which he regards more as his own than the khot's. He makes improvements on his land and allows very little of it to lie fallow. Thus there is an increase in the intensive and the extensive cultivation of land. His zeal to extend the cultivation is, however, having some harmful consequences, e.g., the warkas lands not getting a sufficiently long period of fallows is gradually deteriorating; the hill sides covered with tree-growth being ruthlessly cleared for purposes of cultivation, the supply of rabs and fuel is diminishing. The khot does not like the introduction of the cash reuts in his villages. When he received rents in kind, he could sell a certain quantity of paddy, nagli, etc., after keeping enough for his own requirements. With every increase in prices his income naturally increased. Now with the cash rents; he finds, he does not get any benefit from the increase in prices and has on the contrary to purchase foodstuffs for his own use at enhanced prices.

In a large number of villages, therefore, the relations between the khots and tenants are generally not harmonious, the result being the collection of the former's dues from the latter is a matter of some difficulty. In some villages, the khot has frequently to ask for assistance or to go to the civil court for the recovery of a large portion of his rents; in others, the khots relinquish management and the villages come under attachment.* The tenants object is to make the villages lapse to Government so that they would only have to pay the survey assessment. $\dagger$ The khots on the other hand are tenacious of their privileges. Somehow they manage to pay off. the Japti (attachment) expenses and get the villages restored to themselves. Thus the khots and the tenants being often at cross purposes do not get on well together.

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## Crop experiments.

37. Crop experiments have been discontinued since 1900-01 and it is not therefore necessary to make any remarks here under this head.

## Prices.

38. Appendix I gives the history of prices in this Taluka during the last thirty years. It will be seen that the prices of all the principal commodities have considerably risen during that period. The following table has been prepared to show the average rates per Rupee for rice in husk (paddy), cleaned rice and Nachni during each of the quinquennia from 1890-91. It is also to be remarked from appendix I that since 1921, prices have been gradually falling to an appreciable extent.


The rise in the case of cleaned rice is smaller than in the case of paddy; this is due to the large import of cleaned rice from out-side specially from the Kolaba and Thana Districts and from Burma.

The price of coconuts in 1890 was Rs. 2-13-8 a hundred; in 1900, it was Rs. 3 a hundred ; in 1910, it was Rs. 5-12-8 a hundred; in 1920, it was Rs. 9-11-4. Large quantities of coconuts are imported into the Taluka from the Malabar coast.

A graph is appended to show the variations in the prices of rice, Nachni and paddy from the year 1888-89.

## Wages.

39. There has been a rise in agricultural wages during recent years. This has been due partly to an increased demand for labour in Bombay and other industrial centres and partly to a rise in prices. The rate was $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas at the beginning of the settlement period and rose to four snnas in 1905 and is now eight annas. The increase in the rate of wages has not been attended by any increase in efficiency.

## IV.-Revenue History. <br> Variations in occupied area.

40. During the present settlement period the occupied ares incressed by 5,546 acres, of which 5,474 acres were warkas and 51 acres kharif. This increase was due in all cases to waste lands being given out for cultivation on demand. During the same peliod 2,178 acres are shown as decrease in occupied area, of which 8 acres of kharif, one of rabi and 37 of warkas were those relinquished by their owners. The rest of the area shown as decrease is partly due to Inam and waste land being included in occupied area in the Original Settelment Report but subsequently excluded, and partly to several minor causes of no importance.

## Variations in Revenue.

68. The Original Settlement of the Taluka comprising 123 Government and Khoti villages and two Inam villages (Kasarde and Ajivli) was sanctioned in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 8816, dated 21st December 1891. The rates sanctioned were levied in the year 1892-93 and were guaranteed for 30 years.

The assessment of the Taluks excluding the Inam villages before the Introduction of this Settlement was Rs. 81,906 . It was raised to Rs. $1,41,329$, thus causing an increase of Rs. 59,423 over the Mamul assessment. As the increase exceeded the prescribed limit, Government ordered the new assessments to be recovered by gradual increases, i.e., by an increase of 25 per cent, over the mamul assessment during the first two years, of 50 per cent. during the next two years, and of 75 per cent. during the 5th and 6th years. The excess over these percentages was
oa 8 -4
remitted in these years and the full assessment was levied from the years 1898-99 whatever the excess over the 75 per cent. might be (paragraph 6 of Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 8816 of 21st December 1891). But the consequence was that the grester portion of the increase fell upon the khoti villages and many of the khots not being willing to undertake the management of their villages under a loss chose to abandon it, whereby many of the khoti villages had to remain under attachment and be managed by Japtidars. The management of the villages was unprofitable to the khots not only on account of the heavy increase in the assessment but also on account of the khoti sottlement made by the Settlement. Officer under the Khoti Settlement Act. This state of things attracted the attention of Government who caused detailed enquiries to be made regarding the clamour of high assesiment in khoti villages. As a result of the enquiry, the maximum rates for the villages in groups II, III, IV and V were revised causing a reduction of Rs. 30,000 in the revenue. The maximum rates for the villages comprised in group I remained the same as there was no increase over the mamul assessment in that group as a whole. (Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 8396 of 29th November 1902). These rates came into force in $1902-03$ (Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 42 of 6th January 1903). To afford still further relief, the Igatpuri concessions weze made applicable to the Taluka with orders that the remissions should not stop in the 7th year but should continue until the maximum assessment was reached; and retrospective effect was given to these concessions from the year 1898-99, i.e., from the year in which the full assessment was recovered under the orders of 1891. The excess collections made from 1898-99 were refunded (Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 3718 of 2nd January 1902).

The villages which were benefited by this reduction and these concessions have by now come up to the full assessment leviable on them, except Lore.

Further, with a view to induce the khots to resume the management of their villages which had come under attachment and to encourage others to take up the management when their turn arrived, Government under the authority of the amended Khoti Act of 1904, fixed 25 per cent. over the assessment as the Khot's minimum profit and ordered that during the current settlement whatever fell short of this minimum profit should be paid by Government after raising to the limit of the assessment on their lands, the rents payable by the tenants if they were less than the assersment. This principle was applied with retrospective effect and the khots who had relinquished management of their villages as an alternative to bearing losses received compensation for the past periods (Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 6852 of 8 th September 1904).

Government also directed that the cost of management should not be recovered from the khats on the restoration of the village. (Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 522 of 23rd January 1904).

After all the reduction as indicated above was effected, there still remained a loud complaint to be redressed in the Taluka and that was about what are called Khajan Lands or reclaimed lands. After much correspondence Government ordered that these lands, which were originally classed as sweet rice lands should be re-classed and the assessment of the group applied according to the capability of the lands. The re-classification in 26 villages, 24 in the first group and 2 in the second group resulted in the reduction of a sum of Rs. 3,888 in the total assessment (Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 7322, dated 7th August 1914).

## Remissions.

42. Appendix $K$ gives figures of remissions for each of the years of the expiring settlement. As the remission statements are destroyed every five years each individual remission cannot be explained but most of the amounts shown under remission were those due to the application of the Igatpuri system in the matter of the collection of Land Revenue after the rates were revised in 1902-03 as explained in the preceding paragraph. The amounts shown under column "Outstanding authorised "were mostly due to expenses of attachment of khoti village under attachment during the settlement period. It is said that a portion of Land Revenue was suspended in 1905-06. During the last two years, there were a few instances of Land Revenue remaining as unauthorised outstandings
at the end of the year; the amounts being due from persons serving in the army, were after ascertaining their names and exact holdings, remitted in the following year.

## Collections.

43. From Appendix K it would appear that there are no unauthorised outstandings at the end of any year to be collected subsequently and that practically the whole of the land revenue due has been collected.

## Coercive measures for recovery of Land Revenue.

44. From the foregoing history of the Land Revenue Settlement of the Taluka, it would appear that probably considerable difficulty was felt in the collection of Land Revenue during the first ten or twelve years. But information under this head is not available in the Mamlatdar's office up to the year 1904-05. From that year to the end of 1919-20 (i.e., in sixteen years) there were in all 397 notices issued under section 152 of the Land Revenue Code. Movable property was attached in 946 cases for recovery of Rs. 11,712 but was sold only in 37 cases for Rs. 1,252 . In 741 cases, fine under section 148 of the Land Revenue Code was levied and amounted to Rs. 826.

Present Settlement.
Groups.-The present groups sre :-
(1) 32 villages with a maximum rate of Ras 8 for kharif.
(3) 18 villages (including the Inam village Kamte) with a maximum rate of Re. 6-8-0.
(3) 15 villages with a miaximum rate of Rs. 4.
(4) 45 villages (including the Inam village Kasarde) with a maximum rate of Rs. 3.
(5) 6 villages with a maximum rate of Rs. 2-8-0.

Rates.--The following table gives the existing rates :-

|  | Group. | Kherit. | Rabi. | Warkas. | Eagayat. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rs. n. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |  | d. |
| I | $\cdots$ | 800 | 200 | 140 | 12 | 9 |
| II | . | 680 | 200 | 140 | 12 | 8 |
| III | . | 400 | 200 | 140 | 0 | 7 |
| IV | .. | 200 | 2.00 | 100 | 0 | 6 |
| V |  | 280 | 200 | 0120 | 0 | 5 |

Before proceeding to discuss the new proposals the two sets of printed applications, the one submitted by the villagers of the first group and the other by the villagers of the other groups may be dealt with here.

The points raised in these applications briefly are as below :-

1. As Government altered the rates in groups II to V in 1902-03, the period of the current settlement should be considered to have run from that year.
2. Government should have refunded the excess collections made from 1892-93 to 1901-02 being the difference between the assessments settled in 1892-93 and those revised in 1902-03.
3. In respect of khajan lands Government should have refunded all the excess collections made from 1892-93 to 1914-15 when the assessment on these land was reduced; or in the alternative the settlement of khajan lands should be considered as having commenced from 1914-15.
4. That no consideration was shown to villages in Group I, when the rates for other groups were reduced in 1902-1903; that as the maximum rate is already too burdensome to bear, Government should now show some consideration towards this group as a recompense for their failure to do any justice to it 1902-03.
5. The maximum rates in groups II-V are already so high that though Government is writing off the remainder of the assessment fixed for the villages after levying the triennial increment of 33 per cent., the maximum has not yet been reached in several villages; therefore, there should be a reduction in the assessments or at least, they should be allowed to remain the same.

As regards the first point, though the rates were revised in 1902-03 retrospective effect was given to them. The guaranteed period was not altered when relief was given in 1902-03.

As regards the second point, Government Resolution No. 3718 of 2nd June 1902 had clearly laid down that any collection made in excess of the prescribed scale from $1898-99$ should be refunded. It is not clear what the applicants mean, when they say that the excess collections made from 1892-93 to 1901-02 should be refunded.

With regard to the 3rd point, as the guaranteed period was not altered when the rates were modified in 1914-15, the settlement of the kbajan lands cannot be considered to have begun from 1914-15. Regarding the demand for the refund of excess collections it is out side the scope of the present enquiry to settle the claims of the occupants as against the Government.

The complaint contained in points Nos. 4 and 5 is of a general nature' and apt to be made at every Revision Settlement. If the rise in prices since the original Settlement together with the values and rents of land in the various groups is to be taken into account, it would appear that the complaint of high assessment is groundless.

## Proposals.

## (a) General Considerations.

47. Before I proceed to state my proposals, it would be pertinent to enquire how far the Taluka has progressed, during the currency of the present settlement. The current rates have not pressed heavily and there has been no complaint against them. Land Revenue has been collected with ease and the number of cases in which coercive measures had to be resorted to, has been small. There has been no contraction in the cropped area and the demand for land is great.

There is no doubt that there has been a material advance in the general prosperity of the Taluka. No longer is the very poor cultivator driven to eke out his subsistence for a part of the year on the roots of the wild plantain and various species of bulb which are found in the jungle. There is such a keen demand for labour everywhere that even the poorest cultivator is in a position to supplement his income from land by wages eamed as labourer and the wages have risen considerably though the benefit to him from the rise is to some extent offset by tne rise in prices. Population has increased but a proportionately larger increase is noticeable in the imports. There has been a distinct tise in the standard of comfort as can be seen from the large increase in the import of commodities which cannot be considered as necessaries. Through constant touch with the industrial centres, the cultivator has acquired the habits of the town and he now spends more on clothing and lighting than he did before. An instance of the rise in the standard of comfort may be seen in the large number of tea shops spread all over the Taluka. Epidemics have been unknown except that of influenza in 1918; the physique of the people is poor and though the kulwadis and mahars have generalily the appearance of being ill-fed and mal-nourished yet their health is good and illness is not common among them. There has been a considerable increase in the live stock and in the number of carts.

But the increase in prosperity has been due not so much to an increase in agricultural profits as to the large amount in the shape of wages, pensions, etc., which men serving outside bring into the Taluka. In 1920 "Postal money orders alone brought in 8 lakhs of Rupees. The rise in the prices of all agricultural products has, not benefitted the cultivator in this Taluka for the simple reason that he has, as a rule no surplus with him for sale or export. The food-stuffs produced locally are not sufficient to meet the local wants of the Taluka which has consequently to depend largely on imports from outside and for these the people have to pay at a much higher rate than before owing to the rise in prices. Besides, this taluka like the rest of the district is notorious for the numerous sub-divisions into which
land has been divided and for the very small size of its holdings so that the average individual holding is not big enough to enable the cultivator to have a surplus after meeting his own wants. The following table prepared for 20 khalsa villages will illustrate the truth of my remark :-

48. The rise in prices cannot, however, be altogether ignored on the ground that it does not benefit the agriculturist in a food-importing taluka. The rupee has considerably depreciated in value and if assessments are to have the same relation to produce as they did at the beginning of the settlement, they should be raised by the full 33 per cent. permissible for a group, as prices have risen by a great deal over 33 per cent. But in a taluka, where there are three khoti villages to every Government village, we are prevented by the provisions of the Khoti Settlement Act from enhancing the rates to the fullextent that the rise in prices might otherwise demand. In 37 khoti villages out of 82 rents which used to be paid to the khot in kind have been commuted into cash on the basis of " multiples of assessment." These commutation rates for kharif lands vary from a minimum of 2 in 7 villages to a maximum ofthree times the assessment in one village. If, therefore, the commuted value payable to a khot is not to exceed the ordinary rental of free leases, the assessment would have to be restricted to 40 per cent. of the lease value (the general range of multiples being $2 \frac{1}{2}$ ) ; and even this limit cannot be reached very closely without the grave risk of driving land out of cultivation. Let us suppose that the gross rental value is 100 on all the khoti land. This is a rental value fixed by generai competition and up to this amount tenants can pay rent without any encroachment upon the standard fair return to the cultivator for his labour and expenses. If Government decide to take 40 as assessment, the tenant will then be required to pay 120 to the khot (the multiple fixed being say three) which is ex-hypothesi impossible, because he will starve and the land must go out of cultivation if the khot takes more than 100 and the khot will certainly refuse to surrender his right of taking three multiples.

It has been suggested in some quarters that khoti villages should be axcluded altogether from an enhancement in rates, on the ground that for every increase in the assessment, the rents of the tenants who have got them commuted into cash will be increased in proportion to the multiple fixed; e.g., if the multiple fixed is three and if the assessment is increased by one rupee the rent will be increased by three rupees. It is true that the khoti tenants are comparatively poor and form a class who deserve sympathy, yet an enhancement in rates for khoti villages is perfectly justifiable. The commuted rents merely represent the average value of the crop share which the tenants used to pay before. This average is found out from an examination of the crop appraisement registers for 12 successive years and of the receipts given to tenants. The value of the crop and therefore of the rent in kind which is to be commuted into cash, is based upon the prices prevailing during those 12 years. If there has been a rise in prices subsequently, the commuted rent will not represent the value of the crop share rent which the tenant would have paid under the old system. Now, an increase in the maximum rates for a group depends mainly on a rise in prices, and therefore an enhancement of assessment due to this cause and the consequent increase in the commuted rent would not be unjustifisble so long as it is not more than proportional to the rise in prices since the period on the average prices of which the commutation was based.
49. Besides the rise in prices, the other factors to be taken into account in proposing rates in a Revision Settlement are (i). The sales of land and (ii) rents. Sales of land are only important in so far as they show a general increase in the price of land; beyond that we cannot draw any reliable conclusion from them. It
is only true in theory that sale value capitalises the profit from. land less the assessment; in actual practice the buyer never considers what the return on his investment would be. The personal considerations determining the values of land have already been discussed in paragraph 32. Rents on the other hand give us the correct information regarding profits from land and are therefore of some importance in giving a basis for new proposals.

> (b) Groups:
50. I do not propose to make any change in the existing groups except for one village-Manche which I propose to transfer from the first to the second group. This village is situated on the Vijaydurg creek and in such a way that the monsoon floods damage the lands to a considerable extent, every year and render them difficult of protection. Rents and values of kharif land in Manche are very low compared to other creek side villages of the first group. In four sale transactions that I came across the total sale value was 64.46 times the assessment. No reliable rents could be ascertained in the village, but one mixed holding of $28 \frac{1}{2}$ gunthas assessed at Re. 3-9-0 was found to have been leased out for Rs. 4 only. I think the necessary relief can be given by reducing the village from the first to the second group.

## (c) Rates.

51. The following table exhibits the extent of the various descriptions of land in the taluke:-

|  | Group. |  |  | $\underset{\substack{\text { Number } \\ \text { of }}}{ }$ villages. | Kharis | Rabi | Warkas. | Bageyat. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | A. D |  |
| 1 | $\cdots$ | * | $\cdots$ | 21 | 6,040 | 26 | 38,190 | 295 |  |
| II | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 19 | 2,816 | 456 | 20.933 | 2 | 40 |
| 111 | $\cdots$ | - | . | 15 | 1,553 | 185 | 26,949 | 0 |  |
| IV | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 45 | 13,449 | 722 | 87,735 | 0 | 26 |
| V | - | . | $\cdots$ | 8 | ,4,665 | 155 | 21,853 |  | 1 |

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Kharif.
52. I propose to raise the maximum rice ratesto Rs. $10,8-8-0,5-8-0,4-4-0$ and 3-6-0. ; i.e., the increases will be 4 annasin the rupee for the first group, about 5 annas for the second; six annas for the third; $6 \frac{1}{2}$ annas for the fourth and $5 \frac{1}{2}$ for the last. The ratio of rents to assessment according to the proposed rates will be :-


It will be seen that the proposed increases are justified by the rents received in the several groups. The proposed rates for the first and second groups are the same as those proposed for the same groups of Rajapur. The cash commutation rates in the Deogad Taluka in the last three groups are generally $2-2-\frac{1}{2}$ times the assessment except for one village in group $V$, where it is 3 multiples. The proposed increases do not exceed the limit referred to in paragraph 48 above.

## Rabi.

53. The rabi land is situated near creeks or rivers and is generally flooded in the monsoon. An increase of 2 annas in the rupee is proposed for each group.

## Warkas.

54. I do not propose any increase in the existing rates except in groups IV and V. In the first three groups, rents are about 3 times the assessment (vide paragraph 34). Warkas land is generally getting less fertile on account of the denudation of all tree growth on them and on account of an insufficient period of fallow being allowed. Besides, the greater portion of warkas land is held by the poorer classes and the coarse grains grown thereon form their staple food ; a rise in warkas rates would therefore generally combine the minimum gain to Government with the maximum bardship to the cultivator. In the last two groups, however, these considerations do not apply with such force as in the first three groups. Tree growth is still preserved. It does not pay to cut the trees for purposes of export as fueland warkas lands get a sufficiently long period of fallow. I propose a moderate increase of two annas in both the groups thus raising the warkas rate for the fourth group to Rs. 1-2-0 and that for the fifth group to annas 14 (the rents in these groups according to present rates are 3.42 and $; 3.66$ times the assessment respectively, while according to proposed rates they will be 3.04 and 3.12 times the asseasment, i.e., about the same as in the first three groups).

Bagayat.
(Agri.)
55. The price of coconuts has risen from Rs. 2-13-8 in 1890 to Rs. 11-4-0 in 1920 per 100, though now (1923) it would appear that the price has a downward tendency. A single coconut costs at present about 15 to 18 pies whereas it cost only 12 pies at the time Mr. Madsn made his proposals for the Ratnagiri Taluka 1915. I propose therefore, a rate of Rs. 15 per acre which is more than the Ratnagiri rate by 12 annas. Agri Bagayat is all in the first group, except about 2 acres in two villages in the second group. I do not see any necessity of having a lower rate for the second group.

## Dongri.

The Dongri Bagayat does not flowrish so well as the Agri Bagayat and in spite of much care and labour the yield is : mall. I propose the following uniform rates:-

Rs. $10-8-0 ; 9-4-0 ; 8 ; 7$ and $5-12$ for the five groups. This is an increase of about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas in the rupee.

## Pardi Lands.

56. Pardi lands of more than 5 gunthas each are to be found in thirteen villages only; their total area is 70 acres $12 \frac{1}{4}$ gunthas out of which 1-12-1 are kharif and the rest warkas. I propose that the assessments on them should be calculated at the same maximum rates as bave been proposed for similar lands in those villages.

## VI-Efrect of Revision Proposals.

57. The above proposals if sanctioned will give the following maximum rates:-

58. The proposed rates will yield the following Revenue.

| Group* | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { villageq, } \end{aligned}$ | Kbarif. | Rabi. | Wartas. | Bagayat. |  | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 31 | 28,855 | 60 | 7,483 | A. ${ }_{\text {A. }}$ | $\underset{\text { 2,880 }}{\text { D. }}$ | 42,467 |
| II | 18 | 10,779 | 1.246 | 4,461 | 15 | 168 | 16,889 |
| III | 15 | 3,972 | 422 | 4,967 | .... | 67 | 9,428 |
| IV | 44 | 30,640 | 1,265 | 18,984 | .... | 106 | 50,885 |
| V | 6 | 8,552 | 248 | 3,586 | .... | 4 | 12,368 |
| Total | 114 | 82,698 | 3,229 | 39,471 | 3,194 | 3,225 | 1,31,817 |
| Inam Fillages. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| II | 1 | 2,648 |  | 983 | ... | 97 | 3,729 |
|  |  | 1,772 | -157 | 2,153 | .... | 2 | 4,084 |
|  | 2 | 4,420 | 158 | 3,136 | .... | 99 | 7,813 |
| Grand Total .. | 118 | 87,118 | 3,287 | 42,607 | 3,194 | 3,324 | 1,39,830 |

59. The effect of these proposals will be approximately as below :-

|  | Group. | Present assessment. | Proposed sasessment. | Increase. | Increase per cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | - | 35,645 | 48,467 | 6,822 | $19 \cdot 13$ |
| II |  | 17,365 | 20,398 | 3,033 | 17.46 |
| III |  | 8,290 | 9,428 | 1,138 | $13 \cdot 73$ |
| IV |  | 42,946 | 54,969 | 12,023 | 27.99 |
| V |  | 9,615 | 12,368 | 2,753 | 28'64 |
|  |  | 1,13,861 | 1,39,630 | 25,769 | $22 \cdot 63$ |

60. I recommend that the new rates be guaranteed for a period of thirty years.

Your most obedient servant,
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Assistant Settlement Officer, Rajapur and Deogad Talukas.

## Rainfall recorded at Deogad, District Ratnagiri.



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## APPENDIX B．

Detarls of Cultivation and Crops in the Villages of the Deogad Taluka of the Ratnagiri Collectorate．

|  | Cuitivated and Onoultivated Ares， |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 自 <br> 병 <br>  | or Net asaensed cropped area. |  |  | 青吕数豆 <br>  | Not avaifatle for cultivasion． |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 萲 | 号号 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 6 |  |  | 0 | 10 |  |
|  | Acres． | $\Delta$ ares， | Acres． | Atrem． | Acres， | Acres． | Acres． | Acres． | Acrea， | Acres． |
| $1{ }_{123}$ | 00,208 | 78001 | ＊＊＊ | 92，042 | 123，446 | $\therefore 210,488$ | 948 | 11 | 85，275 | 311，722 |
| Lowrage of per tentags of area yondar each erop for the $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { juse } \\ \text { joars } \\ \text { ending }\end{array}\right)$ 1910－20． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ＊＊＊ | ＊＊＊ | ＊＊ | ＊＊＊ | $\cdots$ | ＊＊＊ | ＊ | ＊．．． | ．．．． | ＊＊＊ | ＊＊＊ |

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APPENDIX 0.
Details of population according to occupation as per census of 1921 for Deogad Taluka.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Agricultaral popalation,} \& \multirow[b]{4}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Non-agricul. taral population. \\
5
\end{tabular}} \& \multirow[b]{4}{*}{Total.

6} <br>

\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Having interest in land.} \& \multirow[b]{3}{*}{| Labourers. |
| :--- |
| 3 |} \& \multirow[b]{3}{*}{Total.} \& \& <br>

\hline Tenanta and Sub-sharera \& Other land. bolders. \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 1 \& 2 \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 1,04,964 \& 4,076 \& 0,271 \& 1,18,311 \& 26,795 \& 1,44,106 <br>

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| ettlement | \& Deogad <br>

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\end{tabular}

APPENDEX $D$.
Agriculural Stock of the 129 Government villages in the Deogad Taluka during the year 1919-1920.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow{3}{*}{Namber of villages.} \& \multicolumn{11}{|c|}{Cattle.} <br>
\hline \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{For plough.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{For breeding.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{For other purposes.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Milch cattle.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Toung stook *} \& \multirow[b]{3}{*}{Total.

12} <br>
\hline \& Oxen. \& He Buffa. loes. \& Bulla. \& Bull
Buffa-
ines. \& Oxen. \&  \& Cowe. \& She
Buffe.
loes. \& Calves. \& Buffalos cal ver, \& <br>
\hline 1 \& 2 \& 3 \& 4 \& 5 \& $B$ \& 7 \& 8 \& 0 \& 10 \& 11 \& <br>
\hline 129 \& 35,151 \& .4,103 \& 28 \& 3 \& 50 \& 11 \& 15,462 \& 6,109 \& 16,287 \& 5,257 \& 82,481 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number. } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { villageses. } \end{aligned}$ | Horsee and Ponies (inoluding foals). | Sheop. | Glates. | Plougb. |  | Carts. |  | Cropped land per pair of dattle. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Small. | Large <br> (i.e., of over 2 cattie). | For Pamsengers. | For pro. duce and goods. |  |
| $i$ | 18 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 10 | 20 |
| 129 | 29 | $\cdots$ | 8,532 | 19,058 | $\cdots$ | 8 | 928 | 11 |

*Note-Animale ars reckoned as calven up to the timo they commence work, if male, or are matare of breeding, if femalo.
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APPENDIX E．
Shops，industries，etc．，in the Fillages of the Deogad Taluka．

| Shops． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Liquor } \\ & \text { shops. } \end{aligned}$ | Hand Industries． |  |  |  |  |  | Mechanical Power． |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Oil Pressee． | Cotton Looms． | Woolen Looms． | Silk <br> racome． | Gins． | Sugar－ cane Presees． | Gins． | Rice Husking Ma－ chines， | Cotton Presses． | Steam <br> Pumps． |  |
| $431 \quad(34$ <br> cloth and 397 grain and othar）． | 11 | 388 | 148 | ． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 150 | ．．＇ | $\cdots$ | － | ＊ | 2 |

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APPENDIX F ．
［Form V．F．16．］
Wells Bhudkis，Tanks and other Sources of Water Supply in the 32 Government Villages of the Taluka Deogad for the year 1914－15．

| Group． | $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Filifages. } \end{gathered}$ | Fells，Bhudifif and the lite． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tanks． |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underset{\text { Imgation. }}{\text { Por }}$ |  | For drtaking smpply of human belnga bat Dot iorirrtgation． － |  | For cattle and washing and other purposes irrigntion or drink－ fog supply of homan biing． |  | In dimae． |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { For } \\ \text { Irrigation. } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Yor drinking } \\ \text { uppply of } \\ \text { haman beings } \\ \text { gotely. } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 1 | 2 |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 热 } \\ \text { 亲 } \\ 5 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 免 } \\ \text { 邑 } \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 霛 } \\ \text { 7 } \end{gathered}$ | \％ |  |  |  |  |  | \％ \％ ¢ 14 |
|  | 3 3 | 105 2 . | 1,052 108 .. | 478 08 82 | 180 118 10 | $\cdots 8$ | 331 164 2 | 137 7 7 | 85 8 | ${ }^{11}$ | .$^{2}$ | 18 | ${ }^{5}$ |
| Total | ss | 107 | 1，155 | 008 | 765 | 11 | 497 | 148 | 71 | 11 | 2 | 25 | 5 |



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ABSTRACT OF APPENDIX F.

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## APPENDIX G(1).

Selling value of Kharif lands in the villages of the Deogad Taluka, Ratnagiri District.

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## APPENDIX G( ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$ ).

Selling value of Warkas lands in the villages of the Deogad Taluka, Ratnagiri District.


APPENDIX G( ${ }^{2}$-continued.

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APPENDIX G (3).
Selling value of mixed lands in the villages of the Deogad Taluka, Ratnagiri District (Kharif and Warkas).


APPENDIX G ( ${ }^{3}$ ) contd.

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APPENDIX H (1).
Leases of Kharif lands in the villages of the Deogad Taluka.


APPENDIX H ( ${ }^{1}$ )-contd.

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## APPENDIX H ( ${ }^{2}$ ).

Leases of Warkas lands in the villages of the Deogad Taukka.


APPENDIX H ( ${ }^{2}$-concld.

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APPENDIX H ${ }^{(8)}$.
Leases of mixed (Kharif and Warkas) lands in the villages of the Deogad Taluka.


APPENDIX H $\left(^{(3)}\right.$-continued.

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APPENDIX H (4).
Crop share anil cash commutation rents of the Khoti villages in the Deogad Taiuka.

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APPENDIX 1.
Prices preacalent in the Deogad Taluka from 1888-1889 to 1923 (as plotted in the accompanying diagram.)

|  | Years | Seers of 80 Tolas par Rupee. |  |  |  |  | Price per mand of 3200 Tolas. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Paddy. | Riob, cleaned. | Kodrs. | Nachni. | Kulith. | Dry grass. | Rice atraw. |
|  |  | S. Ch. | 8. Ch. | s. Cl. | S. Ch. | S. Ch | Re. B. p- | Ra. a. p. |
| 1888.89 | . |  | $12 \quad 4$ | 347 | 184 | 207 | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 310\end{array}$ | 044 |
| 1889.90 | .. | 21.6 | 115 | 34 0 | 170 | $20 \quad 0$ | 0 ¢ 57 | 065 |
| 149091 | .. | 2115 | 1110 | 350 | 17 5 | 1912 | 0510 | 056 |
| 1801-82 | .. | 218 | 110 | $34 \cdot 14$ | 1715 | 221 | 0104 | 086 |
|  | Total | 6413 | 463 | 1385 | 688 | 824 | 197 | 179 |
|  |  | 2110 | 119 | 348 | 172 | 208 | 085 | 0811 |
| 1892-93 | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{lr}20 & 2 \\ 18 & 15\end{array}$ | 10 I | 3215 | 17.12 | 20 6 | 0122 | 089 |
| 1883.94 | . |  | 10.0 | 3213 | 168 | $18 \quad 8$ | 01110 | 086 |
| 1894.86 | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{lr}20 \\ 21 & 9 \\ 218\end{array}$ | 119 | 278 | 1014 | $18 \quad 13$ | 1011 | 0103 |
| 1895 | $\because$ |  | 1110 | 2611 | 1712 | 1911 | 087 | 0811 |
| 1896 |  | $\begin{array}{rr}21 & 13 \\ 21\end{array}$ | 113 | 3014 | 1612 | $19 \quad 2$ | 0811 | 073 |
| 1887 | $\ldots$ | 159 | 812 | 241 | 129 | $12 \quad 2$ | 01210 | 0106 |
| 1898 | $\cdots$ | 178 | 109 | 2712 | $15 \quad 2$ | 175 | 052 | 0710 |
| 1809 | $\because$ | 1711 | $10 \quad 9$ | 19 11 | 1414 | 151 | 038 | 0 - 5 |
| 1900 | $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{ll}17 & 10 \\ 17 & 15\end{array}$ | 913 | .. |  | 115 | 041 | 055 |
|  |  |  | 115 | $\cdots$ | 1314 | 106 | 042 | 058 |
|  | Total | 189 0 | 1057 | 2220 | 1431 | 16311 | 584 | 4134 |
|  | Average | 1814 | 109 | 2712 | $15 \quad 13$ | 16 B | 0810 | 079 |
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| 1905 | . | 198 | 110 | . | .. | 168 | $0 \begin{array}{lll}0 & 4 & 9\end{array}$ | 0610 |
| 1906 | .. | 150 | 94 | $\cdots$ | . | .. | 052 | 079 |
| 1007 | . | 14 | ${ }_{-} 8$ | $\cdots$ | .. | . | 055 | 082 |
| 1008 | . | $14 \quad 0$ | 712 | .. | . | . | 0.55 |  |
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| 1910 | $\cdots$ | 14 | $\begin{array}{ll} 9 & 4 \\ 8 & 12 \end{array}$ | $\because$ | . | $\because$ | -0 0506 | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 8 & 2 \\ 0 & 8 & 2\end{array}$ |
|  | Total | 18214 | 9611 | . | 1511 | 55.5 | 328 | 4120 |
|  | Average | 16 | 911 | - | 1511 | 1313 | 051 | 077 |
| 1912 | $\cdots$ |  |  | -• | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $0 \begin{array}{lll}5 & 5\end{array}$ | 082 |
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APPENDIX K.
Collection of assessment on Government land in the villages of the Deogad Taluka.


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## APPENDIX M.

Population and area showing village unoccupied assessed cultivable Government land, Deogad Taluka, Ratragiri District.


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## APPENDIX N.

## Deogad Taluka.

## Rainagiri Distrut.

The Original Settlement Report is printed as selection in No. CCLIII-New Saries.
Government Resolution No. 8396, dated 29th November 1902, revising the original settlement in groups II to V.

Government Resolution No. 7322, dated 7th August 1914, by which the assessments on certain khajan lands were reduced.

Government Order No. 13111 (Revenue Department), dated 1st November 1917, sanctioning the original settlement in the Inam village of Kamte.
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Assistant Settlement Officer, Deogad.

## (Below Devgad Revision Settlement Report.)

## No. S. R. V. 3.

Submitted.
2. In my note on the Rajapur Revision Settlement proposals I have given at length my reasons for holding that in carrying out these operations we may with safety practically ignore the two special conditions of the Ratnagiri District, viz., the Khoti tenure, and the pressure of population which causes about 20 per cent. of the people (including dependents) to seek employment outside the district. There is no need to repeat here the arguments, which apply as fully to Devgad as to Rajapur.
3. Devgad Taluka has a peculiar settlement history. The Original Settlement was introduced in 1891, with rates similar to or identical with those of Rajapur, but in 1902 they were substantially reduced in all groups but the first. The reasons for this are to be found in the papers underlying Government Resolution No. 8396, Revenue Department, dated 29th November 1902.
4. The original rates, the rates as reduced by Government in 1902, those which my predecessor Mr. Brendon was inclined to favour (without however recording any of the grounds for his opinion), and those proposed now by Mr. Vaidya are as follows:-

| Group. |  | Original rates. | Reduced rates. | Mr. Brendon's opinion. | Mr. Vaidya's proporals. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I |  | Rs, a. p. | Rs, a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |
|  | Kharip | 800 | ${ }^{8} 800$ | 8120 | 1000 |
|  | Warkas | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| II | Kharip | 700 | 688 | 8120 | 8880 |
|  | Warkas | 180 | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| III | Kharip | 600 | 400 | 700 | 580 |
|  | Warkas | 180 | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| IV | Kharip | 500 | 3 O | $5{ }_{5}^{5} 40$ | 440 |
|  | Warkas | 180 | 100 | 120 | 120 |
| V | Kharip | 400 | 280 | 400 | 360 |
|  | Warkas | 100 | 0120 | 0140 | 0140 |

5. The rates suggested by Mr. Brendon for groups III, IV and V would violate the 33 per cent. rule and there seems to be no reason why Government should lose revenue by the amalgamation of groups I and II.
6. Mr. Vaidya's proposals provide for a total increase of about 25 per cent. in the revenue. As regards warkas rates he has proposed an increase (of 2 annas) in each of the groups IV and $V$ only.
7. The original settlement rates were the same as in the neighbouring taluka, Rajapur, and in view of the subsequent rise of prices the reduction of the rates in 1902 seems to have been unfortunate. There is no real difference between the lands and communications of Devgad and those of Rajapur to the detriment of the former ; as a matter of fact the warkas lands of groups III and IV of Devgad are superior to those of the corresponding groups of Rajapur, and the former taluka has also the advantage in the matter of communications.
8. In view of the enormous rise of prices in recent years, and the high value of land, I consider that all classes of cultivation in all groups can easily bear an increase of 33 per cent. in their maximum rates. The limitations imposed by the 33 per cent. rule alone prevent a more substantial increase which, in my opinion, groups III, IV and V might otherwise have safely borne. An all-round increase of 33 per cent. in the rates (rounded off to a manageable figure in each case) will leave the present rental figures at a level of from $2^{\prime} 7$ to 3 times the assessment, which I consider substantial.

In view of the very material reduction of the rates in all groups but the first, which was made by Government in 1902, the increases now proposed by Mr. Vaidya appear to me to be too moderate. He seems to me not to have given sufficient weight to an all-important factor, viz., the enormous rise of prices in recent years.

His figures of rentals, where converted from grain rents, are calculated in the case of rice at a rate substantially below the market rate.
9. His other proposals may be accepted.
H. L. FOX,

15th March 1923.
Collector of Ratnagiri.

Below No. S.R.V. 3 of 9th May 1923 from the Acting Collector of Ratnagiri.
No. S. T. -445.
Poona, 23rd February 1924.
Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, S. D.
2. This whole settlement is overshadowed by the discussion which took place in 1902 leading to a reduction of the assessment which had been imposed in 1891, ten years before. Statements were presented to Government which showed that many khots were refusing to continue the management of their villages, and even where they did not so refuse still they were actually put to a loss. We have these statements before us in the Appendix to R. 8396-02 and I take some illustrations out of those statements. On two holdings assessed at Rs. 39-5-6 and Rs. $93-7-8$ it was admitted by the enquiring officer (Deputy Collector) that the normal proper rent would have been Rs. 77 and Rs. 192 respectively. The assessments were therefore approximately half the net rental value not unfairly calculated. But in actual fact these lands were paying to the khot a "makta" or fixed rent of Rs. 8 in the first place and Rs. 15-14-6 in the second place, say Rs. 24 against a total assessment of Rs. 133, and a total rent of Rs. 269. In the aggregate it was shown that for a considerable number of the khoti villages the rent fixed by the khots did not enable them to pay the assessment. Upon this representation the assessments were reduced.
3. But it does not seem to have been realized that what we had here to deal with was not at all a case of market rents lower than the assessment. When land is assessed at Rs. 40 and would reasonably let in the open market for Rs. 80, but is actually let by the landlord at a rent of Rs. 8 , this is simply an alienation or grant by the landlord, precisely similar to the alienations by talukdars which have in Gujarat given us so much trouble. A talukdar holds a village assessed at Rs. 2,000; he makes grants to all his friends and relations on very low rental or perhaps no rent at all, so that the total revenue he derives from his estate is (let us suppose) Rs. 500. Then Government prefers a demand for jama of Rs. 1,200 at 60 per cent. on the assessment. To this he rejoins: "how can I pay Rs. 1,200 when I am in receipt of a miserable rent of Rs. 500 myself?" Of course this matter had to be dealt with in the case of talukdars. Certain of the past alienations had to be acknowledged : others were cancelled : and for the future at least the power of making such alienations was taken away or severely restricted. In any case no one ever suggested that because the talukdar, having alienated his own revenue, was not able to pay the full jama the assessment should be revised and reduced, and maximum rates for the village should be sanctioned totally out of harmony with what could be proved to be just in the case of adjacent villages. The curious thing is that in Devgad not only were the assessments reduced in the khoti villages, but their Khalsa neighbours shared the reductions which, to meet these alienations, were conceded to the khoti villages!
4. I was curious to know what are the present rents rendered to the khot by the holders of these very lands which figured in the schedule of 1902. I have got a statment (hereto appended) covering 27 of these holdings spread over 7 villages of the taluka. They are of two kinds, some in which the land is held by tenants who hold a sort of position which in the Deccan we should call " mirasi", or perhaps the position of alienee or "jadid inamdar" under the khot. The khot had given him this land many years ago on terms of concession or alienation. This of course was very far bevond any right which the khot had. The khot is a gentleman appointed by Government as a farmer to collect its revenue, just as the Collector of Income-tax is appointed to collet income-tax. But if the Cellector of of Income-tax were to give a written agreement to some firm under his jurisdiction
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agreeing that in no circumstances should their income-tax exceed a certain figure, I can scarcely imagine Government recognising such a contract. Suppose the rates of income-tax were raised, and then upon their proved income this firm was liable to twice as much as the Collector had contracted they should pay: suppose that instead of repudiating this arrangement Goverument signed and regretted that they were bound to respect it, and therefore decided, not that the particular firm should pay the contract rate of income-tax as an individual case, but that the rate of income-tax over the whole country must be reduced so that the demand from this firm should not exceed what some unauthorised Income-tax Collector had improperly agreed to accept! It would be difficult to imagine a reduction to greater absurdity of such a fiscal arrangement. Yet in my opinion the view hitherto taken of these privileged rents in Devgad, etc., is precisely and exactly parallel to the tale I have told. The khot in no view of his history has ever had greater authority to alienate Government revenue than has the Collector of Income-tax.
5. Some of the persons to whom he has so alienated the Government demand are just his old tenants or retainers, but another class is still more amusing : his friends and relations to whom he has alienated the revenue and pledged himself never to collect more than the most moderate demand! For both kinds of holdings we now have the figures showing what the tenants are to-day paying, and we find that in all the cases of "kuls" or tenants they are now actually paying the whole of the assessment and local fund, but the khot is receiving from Government a rebate of 25 per cent. of the assessment in order to secure to him his faida, even in respect of the land where he himself committed a breach of trust in respect of the Government revenue. (The Income-tax Collector receiving percentage commission on the income-tax demand he had manoeuvred to compel Government to abandon!) Some of his (khot's) relatives and sharers are similarly paying him just the assessment and local fund, but some others are still paying him a fixed hereditary rent in kind. Converted at the current market rates this rent in kind is considerably in excess of the assessment, even adding 25 per cent. for the khot's faida. The position to-day then is that the bogey of 1902 is dead. There are no holdings in which the dues of the khot do not permit him to pay the Government revenue.
6. My own view therefore is that for these holdings the khots should now be told that they must pay the Government assessment and Local Fund and if these do not yield them an adequate faida then it is their own fault for having entered into these improper agreements of the nature of alienation. We were threatened in 1902 that if we did this the khots would throw up their villages and we should be obliged to take up the management, in other words, abolish the khotki and make them khalsa. That threat will carry very little terror to-day! We are quite prepared to take the management and abolish the khotki of every khoti village in the Konkan. Mr. Vaidya informs me that he has found in his rental enquiries in Rajapur that many khots entitled to receive one maund of paddy as rent agree to conmmute it into cash not at the rate of Rs. 4 or more which has prevailed, but at a special concession rate of Rs. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ or less. That they can afford to do this proves that the assessments in turn do not pinch them heavily : but it does not justify us in regarding the rent of such a plot as below Rs. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ : it is actually above Rs. 4.
7. The next serious question before us is that raised by the Khoti Settlement Amendment Act of 1904. My arguments in the case of Ratnagiri taluka have been fully discussed and over-ruled in R. 4934-16. My argument there was that the intention of Rule V (3) under section 33 of that amended Act was that on a revision settlement the recording officer could, while maintaining the practice and principle of recording the rent as a multiple of the assessment, alter the multiple to suit the new relation between the new assessment and the just rent as determined by economic conditions. However this view was not accepted by Government, and as a consequence it was decided that the maximum rates to be imposed in Ratnagiri and Sangameshwar must be controlled by this condition; and that therefore Government must sacrifice a certain proportion of the revenue otherwise justly leviable. There are villages (the instances come, it is true, from Rajapur) as shown by Mr. Vaidya in his crop share schedule, e.g., Violi No. 108 where still Brahmins and Marathas pay $1 \frac{1}{2}$ multiple: Vauis pay 2 and "other" castes

2 for warkas and 3 for kharif. This intercaste unfairness must therefore be perpetuated.
8. But the khoti villages form a part of the taluka. The rest are khalsa villages in which no such argument has any application Amongst the khoti villages there are three kinds of holdings:
(1) the dharekari lands, and those which are called quasi-dharekari which are on the same footing ;-
(2) the occupancy or privileged tenants' lands; and
(3) the khoti khasgi land which the khot lets to his tenants-at-will without any privilege and protection.
Now the multiple fixed under Rule V (3) applies to only one of these three types of land (the privileged tenants); therefore it does not affect the total area of the khoti villages. Moreover even for the occupancy or privileged tenants the fixing of rent as a multiple of the assessment was only resorted to in certain circumstances. 7 The Collector informs me he is sending a report on this matter ; it seems the Khoti Rent Settlement Officer recorded "assessment multiples", as commuted rents in a number of cases. Certainly by no means all of that land has been so treated. Unfortunately we have not got statistics of the proportionate area of (1) Dharekari, (2) privileged, and (3) Khasgi land; nor amongst the privileged tenancies any statistics of the area held under the various possible forms of rent of which a fixed multiple of assessment is one form only. But I do not think I should be far wrong when I say that the area of land in Ratnagiri, which is legally held under rent fixed in multiples of assessment under the aforesaid Rule $V$ (3) is not more than one-eight'l of the total khoti area. [The Collector Mr. Fox, I.C.S. (in Rajapur), puts the "rent multiple area" between one-fourth and one-eighth of the khoti village area, which is about two-thirds of the taluka.] Ut therefore follows that because there is a legal difficulty in respect of say, one-eighth we pitch the maximum rates for the remaining seven-eighths abnormally low, and let off some of the most valuable land (See Dr. Mann's exhaustive Review of the Economic progress of Bombay 1910-1922) in the Presidency from paying its proper revenue, on the principle that the tail has the right to wag the dog.
9. The proper course in my opinion is to assess the taluka at just the maximum rates without the slightest regard to their effect upon these relatively small areas of land held under the privileged conditions. What we should look to in assessing and fixing the maximum rates are the things which the statistics prove; that is to say the value of land and the profits of agriculture. Having determined that the proper maximum rate, let us assume for argument, is Rs. 5 ; we should then apply that, and then when we come to a holding under some khot for which the recording officer has put down say three multiples of the assessment whereby the rent under the revised rate will be Rs. 15, and where it is shown that that rent is impossibly high, either the tenant or the khot can apply (not for a revision of the multiple, which has been declared sacrosanct, but) for a reduction of the assessment on that holding. Let us suppose that it be established conclusively that the full rent which that holding could bear is not more than Rs. 11-10-0; then instead of demanding from that khot Rs. 5 as the assessment on that holding let us be content with Rs. 3-14-0, thereby sacrificing Rs. $1-2-0$ of assessment on the altar of what I still subunit is an illogical interpretation of the Khoti Settlement Act. If we have to make a concession of a rupee or two per acre over about one-eighth of the land that will be far less serious to the general public and far less unjust than reducing the maximum rate, say from Rs. 5 to Rs. 4, and so surrendering one rupee per acre over eight times as large an area; because if the trouble is the bad wording of Rule V (3), then attribute the sacrifice of legitimate revenue that we have to make to its true cause, and debit them as remissions under that rule. Perhaps it is relevent to point out that this is precisely the course which was taken by Government when this Act was introduced. CWherever in any case it was found that the total rent which the khot could derive from a holding was less than 14 times the assessment Government did not adopt the very foolish expedient of saying that in order to meet this situation we must reduce the assessment on every acre of land in the Ratnagiri District; but they said that in all cases where such shortage could be. established they themselves would pay as a refund out of the general revenue; to
the khot enough to make the rent upto $1 \frac{1}{4}$ times the assessment. This was a sor of "Khot Khatpati Allowance" or remuneration for the Khot's services in collecting the revenue. The course which I have recommended therefore has the fullest support of precedent and usage Trusting this view will commend itsel to Government I now feel myself able to discuss the settlement of Devgad taluk as though this bogey of the fixed multiples did not stand in the way. We ari free from the fetters: we can turn to the facts of land values, rents and sale: and profits, and find out the proper maximum rates for the taluka. Mr. Fox (in Rajapur) comes to the same conclusions and shown $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. kharif and $18 \frac{1}{2}$ pe: cent. warkas held on these terms and that in many cases land reported as so kelc is not, the " multiples" having been illegally applied.
10. There is one matter to which I find no reference in the report. That is the matter which has so gravely exercised us in the districts north of Ratnagiri, that is the question of the conversion of warkas land into rice. In the 114 Government and khoti villages there are 27,744 acres classed as rice land, but the quantity of rice actually grown was 32,919 acres in these same villages. Now it is not possible to suppose that every acre of the classed rice land was actually under rice, thongt no doubt the percentage that is left fallow is small : at least we can say with complete certainty that there cannot be less than 6,000 acres out of the warkas land which has actually been converted into rice and is paying warkas assessment ana growing rice crops. These improvements are made by the landlords or owners, but as has been well established in the case of Kolaba and Thana there must usually be some original virtue in the land, chiefly in its position, which enabled this conversion to be advantageously made and we ought not to exempt this conversion from taxation, but should charge a moderate rate in respect of the facility for conversion which did exist. The fact however is that the lands in Ratnagiri are not classed for what is known elsewhere as "position class" [because the classification of Ratnagiri was finished and declared "Final" before the position class discussion and orders in Kolaba District (1894)]. Therefore if an acre of warkas is turned into rice in Ratnagiri however great was the facility for conversion nothing whatever is charged in perpetuity on that account on this acre. It is very unfair to the landholders of the rest of the Konkan. When therefore Mr. Vaidya gives us figures of the sale of kharif land it is clear that in some cases this kharif is converted warkas. For instance I find one plot 1 acre 33 gunthas assessed at Re. 1-9-3, that is 13 annas 7 pies per acre. This land cannot be old kharif, and has every appearance of being warkas or "rabi" land converted into rice and therefore when we find that it sells for 445 times its assessment, we know that the sale price is not a fair sample of the value of unimproved land but it includes three things:
(1) the value of the land in its unimproved condition;
(2) the remuneration to the owner of the expenditure upon conversion; and
(3) the capitalized value of the fact that through neglect to impose the position class or examine land to find out new rice conversion Government have surrendered to the owner a further substantial part of the legitimate assessment, which makes the land a sort of inam holding.
Now the natural value of rice land is about 80 to 100 times the assessment. It is probable that the under assessment of this land amounts to between 1 and ${ }^{\circ} 2$ assessments.
11. Mr. Vaidya in discussing sales lays stress on the vagaries of the personal element. He instances three proporties of (equal) value selling for Rs. 265, Rs. 325 and Rs. $123 \frac{1}{3}$. Now the average of these three is Rs. 238 and if the properties were really of exact equality in intrinsic value it means that the purchaser got the first share at nearly its fair price; paid a little more for the second; and a good deal less for the third; and so, on the average, paid what was very near to a fair price. For this reason we always do take averages and not individual transactions as our basis. The larger the mass of the figures from which our averages are deduced the more the variations and vagaries of individual fancy and sentiment are flattened out and obliterated and we get down to the solid foundations of prudent judgment.
12. Mr. Vaidya has been very successful in finding quite a good body of statistics of sale and rents. It could not of course be so large a volume as in an ordinary taluka, but in view of the khoti tenure it is quite satisfactory. He points out that almost every inch of land which can possibly be called cultivable has long ago been taken up in Devgad. The figures are:-


This area is almost entirely situated in 8 villages and it seems to be still unoccupied chiefly because it is incapable of cultivation. It is salt marshy land probably spoiled by the irruption of sea-water. At any rate Mr. Vaidya points out that there is absolutely no land, practically speaking, in the market and the demand continues to rise and has pushed the selling price of land up beyond all reason, which of course means that those cultivators who have long been paying our assessments have in many cases been able to sell their lands at a profit beyond the dreams of avarice; or perhaps more soberly speaking for about 4 times what they ever expected to get. The following table shows the sale values of rice and mixed rice and warkas land in the five groups, and then against them the rental values as discovered by Mr. Vaidya.


Figures bracketed are exnggerated and not to be stressed.
I have then worked out the yield upon the capital cost of purchasing one acre taking as a sale value something intermediate between the recorded values of the kharif and 'mixed' areas (because in Ratnagiri nearly all sales would be 'mixed'). In group III and IV the rates are on too slender a foundation; even in Group $V$ there is one sale at a very high rate which upsets the average. The net result however is that a purchase of land at the current price in Ratnagiri will not yield more than from 34 upto 5 per cent. in face of the general return on gilt-edged securities of $5 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. This shows the keenness with which land is sought, and the fact that people give up about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the return which they might get for their money in the soundest investments is no doubt accounted for by the status and dignity which is purchased with the land. I do not believe in the long run such a sentiment will make itself felt in economics, but the admission of the sentiment is certainly at present the only way of bridging the gap between the very high sale values and the more moderate rental values in Ratnagiri. Another explanation of course would be that the cash and "commuted grain rents" are taken too low: and at least the ownercultivator can get a much better return. Therefore I do not take the sales as a proper basis for the assessment. They are like those packets of tea which are sold with a prize ticket. You get something more than the tea: and so a man who pays a hundred rupees for land gets the land plus the dignity of a landholder and so is content with a poorer yield. But it is quite clear from the collected rents that as matters now are the taluka is very lightly assessed, since no competitive rent is anything like so low as four multiples of the assessment, and

[^12]that the groups are more lightly assessed as we proceed from 1st to 5th : but this difference is slight. We may say that on the whole the gradation from 4.25 to 4.7 multiples is moderate and indicates that all the rates can be doubled without infringing the half net asset standard. This being so we find that the 33 per cent. rule bars us in practice from considering anything so drastic as a doubling of the assessment.

If we cannot double, but must be content with taking 33 per cent. more then there is nothing left to argue about. That all groups can bear this increase and could bear it 2 or 3 times over is perfectly clear. Devgad stands out as far better able to stand the increase even than Rajapur. The Settlement Officer and the Collector are in complete agreement. But Mr. Vaidya has actually proposed a larger increase than 33 per cent. in groups III and IV, and rather less than 33 per cent. in groups I and II. If we are to be guided by the rentals then an increase of a trifle less in the first two groups is justifiable; but we cannot (unless the anachronistic pledge of the 33 per cent. limit is abandoned) take more than 33 per cent. in groups III and IV, and Mr. Brendon's proposals as well as Mr. Vaidya's will have to be ruled out on that ground.
13. As to the grouping : if we change any villages from one group to another it will interfere with the application of the 33 per cent. rule. We should be able to put a far larger increase on the villages raised to a higher group, and to compensate that we shall have to put a much less increase on the villages whose groups are not changed. There does not seem to be any ground for this unfairness. The sales and rental figures show that there is a rather unusual accuracy in the Devgad grouping: if anything it is the lower groups which are lightly assessed. I therefore support the Collector's proposal, and propose no alterations in the grouping.
14. Rabi and Warkas: This subject I have fully discussed in dealing with Rajapur. The cases are so closely parallel, and supported almost verbatim by the same arguments that I need not go over the ground a second time. I certainly do not agree that in this favoured taluka of Devgad we should take such a very small increment in case of rabi and none from warkas land. We must remember that quite a lot of both the rabi and warkas is now growing rice exactly as though it were fully developed old rice land. It may be that the area so converted is not very great in comparison with the large area of hill-side warkas, but the relative value of the converted parts is great, and $I$ should not. be in the least surprised to find that the whole of the warkas assessment in the taluka could be paid easily twice over out of the unearned income accruing on the converted rice land alone. I agree with the Collector that the increase on the warkas land should be 33 per cent. without altering the existing groups, and on the rabi land the same. The existing rabi rate is Rs. $2-4-0$ : that would make the new rate Rs. 3. In warkas the first three groups are at Rs. 1-4-0. 33 per cent. over this would be Rs. 1-10-8, a somewhat inconvenient fraction. I will be content with pressing for Rs. 1-10-0 as for the first group of Rajapur. In group IV (Rs. 1-2-0) the rate should be Rs. $1=8-0$ and in Group V Rs. 1-2-0.
15. Bagayat. Although coconuts did reach the high value of about Rs. 10 per hundred in the boom after the war, the price to-day is only about Rs. $6 \frac{1}{2}$. Even this gives an extraordinary return per acre on good garden land. Our maximum rate of course applies to the land of the best quality. Such land would easily yield well over 4,000 nuts per year and therefore give a produce fit for the market of well over Rs. 250 per acre per annum. There are gardens which yield. even substantially more than this. To take as the State share something like Rs. 12 or 15 is so very far off the half net assets standard, and so very far below the existing rents that there can be no question of the justice of at least raising our rates by the amount permitted by the 33 per cent. fetish. I have lately been looking at the facts in Sawantwadi and I have no doubt whatever that the neighbouring taluka of Devgad can bear at least the rates which are considered to be the minimum for Agri and Dongri bagayat in that State. The agri rate should be fixed at Rs. 15. The area is quite small. The present Dongri rates are Rs. 9, 8, 7, 6, and 5. Mr. Vaidya proposes Rs. $10 \frac{1}{2}, 9 \frac{1}{4}, 8$, 7, and $5 \frac{3}{3}$. He chooses the magic rate of increase of annas $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per rupee. I suppose the chief reason is something like this; since we have to choose between nothing and the maximum of 33 per.cent. the intermediate safe course, least likely to be
criticised, will be to take just half or 16.6 per cent. that is annas 2 and pies 8 in the rupee, and round this down to $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas. He gives no reason whatever why he takes $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas. It might as well have been $1 \frac{1}{2}$ anna or $3 \frac{1}{2}$ annas or 13 annas in the rupee. My reason for asking for 33 per cent. is that that is the limit which Government have laid down in orders not yet withdrawn. I am quite sure that the garden lands could bear even more, and that being so I therefore have no hesitation in asking for the full 33 per cent.or such round figure as approximates thereto. I therefore recommend Rs. 12, 101, 9 and 8 (as in Rajapur) and for the last group of Devgad, which has no parallel in Rajapur and is now rated at Rs. 5, I recommènd Rs. $6 \frac{1}{2}$.
16. If the proposals of the Collector which I support are accepted there will then be a substantial increase under the head of warkas and bagayat. I have not worked these out in detail: If Government concur that there is a good case for the general principle of an increase up to their self imposed maximum of 33 per cent. then these revised proposals will need fresh publication and the net effect of the increase in rupees can be worked out village by village before the final sanction of Government is accorded.

F. G. H. ANDERSON,

Settlement Commissioner and
Director of Land Records.

Statement shoving the amount of rent actually paid to the Managing Khot by the holders of 27 holdings in the Statement referred to in the note printed as an accompaniment to G. R., R. D., No. 8396 of 29 th November 1902.

TALUKA DEVGAD.

F. G. H. ANDERSON,

Settlement Commissicner and
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# (Below Settlement Commissioner's No. S.T.-445, dated 23rd February 1924, with accompaniments.) 

No. S. R. V.-i8.

## Jffice of the Commissioner, S. D.

Camp via Belgaum, 16th May 1924.

## Submitted to Government in the Revenue Department.

2. The original settlement of the taluka was introduced in 1891-92 by Government Resolution No. 8816 of 21 st December 1891 and the period of guarantee ended with the revefiue year 1921-22. But in 1902 the maximum rates for rice and warkas lands were substantially reduced in all groups except the first on the ground that the assessment fixed in khoti villages exceeded the rent received by the khots (vide Government Resolution No. 8396 of 29th November 1902).

In Government Resolution No. 2446 gf 17th August 1920 Mr. S. S. Deshpande was appointed Assistant Settlement Officer for a period of six months for submitting proposals for the revision settlement of Deogad and Rajapur talukas. His reports were rejected by Government and in Government Resolution No. 3937 of 12 th July 1922 Mr. S. B. Vaidya was appointed Assistant Settlement Officer for a period of three months in addition to his own duties, for both the talukas.
3. The taluka at present consists of 129 villages of which 123 are Government (41 rayatwari and 82 khoti), 4 surveyed and 2 unsurveyed inam villages. Two of the four surveyed inam villages, viz., Ajivli and Math-khurd have been proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer for transfer to the Rajapur Taluka and this has been recommended in the revision settlement proposals for that taluka (separately submitted). So these two villages have been excluded from this report.

Of the remaining 127 villages, 9 villages have been proposed by the Assistent Settlement Officer for being amalgamated with 2 otbers. Thus excluding the 2 unsurveyed inam villages the present proposals relate to only 116 villages the tenures of which are as follows:-

32 Government villeges.
82 Khoti villages (74 pure khoti, 2 Khichadi, 6 Shamkati. of which 3 are dhara).
2 Insth villages.
Total .. 116
All the 9 .villages proposed for amalgamation are very small in size with areas ranging from $1 \frac{1}{2}$ acres to 115 scres and 7 of them are uninbabited. The Commissioner therefore recommends that the proposed amalgamation be sanctioned.
4. Agricultural condition.-The agricultural condition of the taluka has improved during the late settlement. The unoccupied cultivable area at the beginning of the settlement was 1,238 acres and at the end is 401 acres and this ares is said to be incapable of cultivation. This testifies to the fact that every inch of land which can possibly be called cultivable has been taken up and that the pressure of assessment on the land is not such as to deter land from being taken up for agricultural purposes.

The net area cropped is 02,042 acres and fallow 123,446 acres, the proportion being 42 per cent. and 58 por cent. respectively: The large proportion of fallow is due to warkas lands (which is 80 per cent. of the total cultivable area) which according to the Assistant Settlement Officer are left fallow for three to five years in the case of superior warkas and for 10 to 12 years in the case of inferior warkas.
5. Live and deadstock.-Statistics for the 129 villsges as given in Appendix D compared with the figures given in Table No. YF of the Original Settlement os 8-17

Report show that the agricultural stock has considerably increased during the last 30 years. :-

Carts from 271 to 936 , ploughs from 14,763 to 19,058 . milch cattle from 32,179 to 43,115 , goats and sheep from 3,740 to 8,532 .
6. Prices. - Rice ( 31,319 acres) and Nachni ( 20,403 acres) are the principal crops, Up to date figures for nachni are not supplied in Appendix I. For rice, figures for only three years of pre-settlement period are available. The average quantity of rice sold per rupee during that period was 11 seers 12 chataks. The average for the seven years ending 1917 (pre-war prices) was $7-8 \frac{1}{2}$ which gives an increase' in the price of rice of 56 per cent. The high prices of 1918-20 have been omitted from calculation.

The price of cocoanuts was in 1890, Rs. 2-13-8 per hundred : in 1900 it rose to Rs. 3, in 1910 to Rs. ©-12-8 and in 1920 to Rs. 9-11-4. This indicates that a cocoanut garden yields a substantial profit to the owner.
7. Wages.-The rate of agricultural wages per day rose from 21 annas at the beginning of the settlement period to 4 annas in 1905. The current rate is 8 annas a day. This is due to shortage of labour on account of influenza which cannot meet the demands of Bombay.
8. Cultivation.-Rice is the principal crop taking up 32 per cent. of the cropped area, while cereals and pulses and nachni come next in order taking up 31 per cent. and 20 per cent. of the cropped area respectively. Nachni is the chief crop in the warkas lands.
9. Rainfall.-The average rainfall recorded at Deogad for the 11 years 1910 to 1920 is 87.15 inches as compared with 91.78 inches for the 11 years ending 1890. Deogad town is on the coast and the rain recorded there cannot be taken as a fair record of the taluka which extends up to the foot of the Syhadri hills where rainfall is greater. In order to obtain a fairer estimate of rainfall throughout the taluks the Assistant Settlement Officer has taken into consideration the rainfall registered at Rajepur and Sangmeshwar (which are nearer Syhadri hills) for the years 1910-20 and from this calculates the average rainfall of the Deogad taluka. at 116.76 inches. The rainfell, according to the figures recorded at Deogad, has no doubt decreased in rezent years but the dearease can easily be spared.
10. Population.-The subjoined table shows that during the 20 years ending 1911 the population increased by about 21 per cent. and during the subsequent 10 years ending 1921 it decreased by 3 per cent.

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\begin{array}{ccccc}
1881 . & 1891 . & 1901 . & 1911 . & 1921 . \\
117,899 & 121,886 & 143,750 & 148,497 & 144,106^{*}
\end{array}
$$

The decrease since the census of 1911 is chiefly due to deaths from influenza: The health of the taluka is on the whole good. A large number of people from the taluka are employed in Bombay and other industrial centres in Government service and in private firms and companies and after retirement they return home and settle in their villages. As in the case of Rajapur the Assistant Settlement Officer remarks :-
"Many of the able-bodied men and women and grown up children go to Bombay and other industrial centres where they earn high wages in mills, factories and dock yards as labourers and coolies. They come home for certain holidays and also for the cilltivating season. After the harvest they return to the town and to their former work. These people working in Bombay and other places-and according to the statistics of the Shipping Companies about 50 per eent. of the agricultural population goes out of the taluka-derive a great deal more of their income from non-agricultural pursuits* than from agriculture. They' work at agriculture for four months in the year, the rest of the year they are not really speaking agriculturists."
The Commissloner does not accept these remarks literally although they are true in a general way. A large number of the agricultural population leave their rice fields after the-harvest and find work in Bombay, returning to prepare their field:s in May. They also return at intervals from Bombay to visit their homes in the off season. It would be difficult to say what the actual percentage is as the same persons make several journeys.

Value of land.-Sale transactions are reported to be numerous in Groups I and II of the taluka: The Assistant Settlement Officer has selected 784 sales in Government and Khoti villages for Appendices G-1 to G-3 after excluding all doubtful transactions. The results are summarised below:-

| Groups | For kharit land. |  | For warlate lend. |  | For mited tharif and warksa |  |
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| 1 | 50 | ${ }^{3} 119 \cdot 78$ | 2100 | 251-68 | 0131 | 98.28 |
| 11 | 4.8 | 71.19 | 030 | 360'86 | 0711 | 82.84 |
| III |  |  | 039 | 149.06 | 0711 | 38.43 |
| IV | 167 | 170.90 | 032 | 156-31 | 0101 | $72 \cdot 41$ |
| V | 1111 | 122.59 | $02{ }^{\prime} 9$ | 68-32 | 073 | 75.02 |

The original settlement report does not contain statistics of sales for the presettlement period. In'the present report the Assistant Settlement Officer has given figures to show variations in prices of kharif and warkas lands in Government villiges during the settlex.ent period and they are summarised below :-


These statistics clearly show that value of land has risen considerably throughout the taluka but the Assistant Settlement Officer states that they cannot be relied upon as giving the market rate for particular villages or for particular groups or as giving the current agricultural value. As in the case of Rajapur the Assistant Settlement Officer remarks:-
"It will be seen from the appendices that prices vary considerably and this is so because they are governed by the personal inclinations of the buyer and the seller rather than by any considerations of market value. Land is bought in a great majority of cases solely with the idea of possessing land. The buyer, when he purchases land, as a rule, does not consider what return he would get on his investment. Money is made in Bombay and elsowhere in trade or in service but when the person returns to his village his money gives him no more status than before. His desire is therefore to own land at any cost : but he finds in his village that no one is willing to part with his land. The landowner does not consider what income he is getting from his land and what income be would get, if after selling his land, he invests the proceeds, say, in Government securities. . . . There is a great deal of sentiment attached to land and there is much reluctance to part with one's. landed property, particularly if it is ancestral. A very great inducement is required to be offered to persuade a landowner to sell his land, some sales that appear incredible are easily explained when we remember that there is such a thing as the pride of landlordism and such a thing as the inherent attachment for landed property:."
With regard to these remarks the Settlement Commissioner says :-
"The larger the mass of figures from which our averages sre deduced the more the variations of vagaries of individual fancy and sentiment are
flattened out and obliterated and we get down to solid foundation of prudent judgment."
In spite of the vagaries pointed out by the Assistant Settlement Officer the fact remains that land value has been rapidly increasing.
12. Rents.-In Government villages the crop-share rents are as a rule agreed upon and the proportion is the same as in khoti villages. The Assistant Settlement Officer remarks:-
"Leases are very few in this taluka as one would expect from the way in which land has been parcelled out into such small holdings as would barely suffice the holders themselves. Those that are fortunate enough to have holdings bigger than what they could themselves cultivate, generally prefer to engage labour rather than to lease out the land. The leases, one therefore meets with, are generally in the case of landholders who are either absent or who have no one to supervise the labour."
In kboti villages the usual crop-share rent in the case of rice lands is reported to be one-half or one-third and in the case of warkas one-third. Appendices H-1 to $\mathrm{H}-3$ show the average rents per acre in multiples of assessment in respect of kharif, warkas and mixed lands and they are summarised in the subjoined table':-

| Group. |  |  | Kharii. | Warkas. | Mixed, |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 3.68 | 3.17 | 3.65 |
| II | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 3.94 | 2.85. | 3.50 |
| III | $\cdots$ | . | 3.89 | 3.05 | 2.76 |
| IV | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.04 | 3.42 | 4.72 |
| V | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.07 | 3.66 | 4.58 |

These rents are all recent: the crop-share rent and rents in kind have been converted into money value at current rates and the cash rents pertain to the year of inquiry or to the preceding tbree or four years. The Collector says that the rentals in respect of rice have been calculated by the Assistant Settlement Officer at a rate substantially below the market rate. The Settlement Commissioner considers that the Assistant Settlement Officer in commuting his rents at Rs. 3 Fer maund of paddy, has pitched them all 14.6 per cent too low and therefore adds 15 per cent. to the rentals arrived at by the Assistant Settlement Officer. The Settlement Commissioner further observes that even these corrected figures are substantially below the rentals of the last five years.

Appendix H-4 shows the multiples of assessment at which the crop-share rents originally paid by the tenants in khoti villages have been commuted by the Recording Officer under the amended Khoti Settlement Act of 1904. According to this appendix the kharif rent is on an average twice the assessment and the warkas rent is a little less than 2.

The relation of rents to enhancement of assessment in the khoti villages is discussed in the next paragraph.
13. Grouping and rates.-The general considerations on the basis of which the Assistant Settlement Officer has formulated his proposals are explained in paragraphs 47-49 of his report in which he has shown that the current rates have not pressed heavily, that the demand for land is great, that there has been a material advance in the general prosperity of the taluka, that there is so much demand for labour that even the poorest cultivator is in a position to supplement his income from land by wages earned as a labourer and that there has been a ${ }^{*}$ distinct rise in the standard of comfort as indicated by large increase in the import of commodities which cannot be considered as necessaries. But he attributes all this not so much to an increase in agricultural profits as to the large amount in the shape of wages, pensions, etc., which men serving outside bring into the taluka. He adduces reasons by giving a table for 20 villages to show that the average individual holding is not big enough to enable the cultivator to have a surplus after meeting his own wants :-


As regards enhancement of rates in khoti villages the Assistant Settlement Officer remarks:-
"The rise in prices cannot, however, be altogether ignored on the ground that it does not benefit the agriculturist in a food-importing taluka. The rupee has cousiderably depreciated in value and if assessments are to have the same relation to produce as they did at the begining of the settlement, they should be raised by the full 33 per cent. permissible for a group, as prices have risen by a great deal over 33 per cest. But in a taluka where there are two khoti villages to every Governmient village, we are prevented by the provisions of the Khoti Settlement Act from enhancing the rates to the full extent that the rise in prices might otherwise demand. . $1 .$. . If therefore the commuted value payable to a khot is not to exceed the ordinary rental of free leases, the assessment would have to be restricted to 40 per cent. of the lease value (the general range of multiple being $2 \frac{1}{2}$ ) and even this limit cannot be approached very closely without the grave risk of driving land out of cultivation."
In the case of khoti villages where crop-share rent has been commuted he says:-
"* * * an enhancement in rates for khoti villages is perfectly justifiable. The commuted rents merely represent the average value of the crop share which the tenants used to pay before. This average is found out from an examination of the crop appraisement registers for twelve successive years and of the receipts given to tenants. The value of the crop and therefore of the rent in kind which is. to be commuted into cash is based upon the prices prevailing during those twelve years. If there has been a rise in prices subsequently, the communted rent will not represent the value of the crop share rent which the tenant would have paid under the old system. Now an increase in the maximum rates for a group depends mainly on a rise in prices, and therefore an enhancement of assessment due to this cause and the consequent increase in the commuted rent would not be unjustifiable so long as it is not more than proportional to the rise in prices since the period on the average prices of which the commutation was based."
The Collector says:-
"The original settlement rates were the same as in the neighbouring taluka Rajapur, and in view of the subsequent rise of prices the reduction of the rates in 1902 seems to have been unfortunate. There is no real difference between the lands and communications of Deogad and those of Rajapur ...... and the former taluka has also the advantage in the matter of communications."
"In view of the enormous rise of prices in recent years and the high value of land, I consider that all classes of cultivation in all groups can easily bear an increase of 33 per cent. in their maximum rates. The limitations imposed by the 33 per cent. rule alone prevent a more substantial increase which, in my opinion, groups III, IV and V might otherwise have safely borne."
The Settlement Commissioner has dealt with the question of khoti villages in his paragraphs 2 to 8 . He has shown that the reductions of rates sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 8396 of 1902 were unnecessary because the khot who is a farmer appointed to collect Government revenue had no business to alienate some portion of the rents by entering into an agreement with the tenants and for this fault of his Government should not have sanctioned a rebate of 25 per cent. of the assessment in order to secure to the khot his 'faida'. Even supposing that the khot was at a disadvantageous position in 1902, the Settlement Commissioner asserts that the position is now changed, and that there are no holdings in which the dues of the khot do not permit him to pay Government revenue. He further sums up his views as under:-
" My own view therefore is that for these holdings the khots ahould now be told they must pay the Government assessment and Local Funds and and if.these do not yield them an adequate faida then it is their own fault for having entered ipto these improper agreements of the nature of alienation. We were threatened in 1902 that if we did this the khots would throw up their villages and we should be obliged to take up the manggement, in other words, abolish'the khoti" pnd make them khalsa. That threat will carry very little. 00 8-18 *
terror today: we are quite prepared to take the management and abolish the khotki of every khoti village in Konkan."
The Commissioner agrees with the Settlement Commissioner. The question of khoti villages where the crop-share rent has been commuted into cash rent under section 33, Rule V of the Khoti Act, 1904, has been discussed by the Settlement Commissioner in his paragraphs 7 and 8. He appears to think that the Government orders passed in 1916 (in the case of Ratnagiri Revision Settlement-vide Government Resolution No. 4934 of Ilth May 1916) approving the Commissioner's view to regulate the enhancement of rates with due regard to the commuted rents are wrong and considering the small ( $1 / 8 t \mathrm{~h}$ ) area of land to which this condition applies he proposes that we should not " let off some of the most valuable land in the Presidency from paying its proper revenue ". Finally he sums up his conclusion in the following terms:-
"The proper course in my opinion is to assess the taluka at just the maximum rates without the slightest regard to their effect on these relatively small areas of land held under the privileged conditions. What we should look to in assessing and fixing the maximum rates are the things which the - statistics prove; that is to say the value of land and the profits of agriculture." The Commissioner cannot agree with the Settlement Commissioner that the order in Government Resolution No. 4934 of 1916 are wrong, but he considers that in view of the rise in prices an enhancement of the rates up to full permissible limit is perfectly justified.

## Groups:

The Assistant Settlement Officer makes no change in the existing grouping except in the case of one village (Mache) which he proposes to transfer from group I to II. The Settlement Commissioner considers that any change in the grouping would interefere with the 33 per cent. Rule and proposes no alteration in the existing grouping which he says are unusually accurate. The Settlement Commissioner's views may be accepted.

## Rates.

The existing rates as modified in 1902 and the rates proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer are compared below:-


The èfiect of the Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals will be approximately as below :-

|  | Group. |  | Present assessment. | Proposed assessment. | frorease. | Increase per cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\checkmark$ |  |  | Rs. | Re. | Ra. | Rs. |
| I | " | * | 35,645******* | 42,467 | 6,822 | 19.13 |
| II | $\because$ | ** | 17,365 | 20,398 | 3,033 | $17 \cdot 46$ |
| III | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | 8;290 | -0,428 | 1,138 | $13 \cdot 73$ |
| IV | . | $\cdots$ | 42,946 | 64,969 | 12,023 | $27 \cdot 99$ |
| $V$ | .. | $\ldots$ | 0.615 | 12,368 | 2,753 | 28.64 |
|  |  | Total | 1,13, 861 | 1,39,830 | 25,789 | 22-63 |

Kharif (29,123 acres) : The rates proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer for kharif in groups I and II are below 33 per cent. while those for the other groups are
above that limit. He thinks that these rates are justified by the rents received in the several groups. The Collector proposes an all round increase of 33 per cent. in all the groups and for all classes of lands which he considers will leave the present rental figures at a level of 2.7 to 3 times the assessment and remarks that Mr. Vaidya has not given sufficient weight to an all important factor, viz., the enormous rise of prices in recent years. The Stettement Commissioner agrees with the Collector. If this proposal is accepted the rates for kharif would be as under eliminating pies:-

| Group I | -. | .. | . | 10 | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| " II | . | . | $\cdots$ | 8 | 10 |
| " III | . | $\cdots$ | . | 5 | 5 |
| " IV | .. | $\cdots$ | . | 4 | 0 |
| V |  |  |  | 3 |  |

The Commissioner does not, however think that it would be reasonable to increase the 1st group to Rs. 10-10. The Settlement Commissioner proposes to raise Rajapur from Rs. 8 to Rs. 10 and Deogad is an exact replica of Rajapur. To raise Deogad to Rs. 10-10 would therefore give rise not only to considerable criticism which would be hard to meet, but would give real cause for complaint. The lst groups in Rajapur and Deogad should be exactly the same in quality. The trade centre, viz., Kharepatan is situated between both talukas and the lands of the two talukas which the Commissioner has visited, the physical, geographical and climatic conditions are the same. The Commissioner therefore prefers that group I should stand at Rs. 10. Group II is raised to Rs. 8-10 and not to Rs. 9 as in Rajapur as that is the limit permitted eliminating pies. Why the 2nd group of Deogad was fixed in the last settlement at Rs. 6-8-0 instead of Rs. $7-0-0$ as in Rajapur cannot be understood, especially as it is a small group compared with group II of Rajapur.

Rabi ( 1,544 acres)-The Assistant Settlement Officer says that the rabi lands being situated near creeks and rivers are generally flooded. He therefore proposes only a 2 anna increase in the rupee for all the groups, i.e., Rs. 2-4-0. The Collector and the Settlement Commissioner propose an increase of 33 per cent. In giving the actual rates the Settlement Commissioner wrongly takes the existing rates at 2-4-0 (instead of $2-0-0$ ) and puts the 33 per cent. higher rate at $3-0-0$ (instead of $2-10-8$ ). The Commissioner considers an all round increase by 33 per cent. be approved and the rate fixed at Rs. 2-10-0.

Warkas (201,680 acres).-The Assistant Settlement Officer does rot propose any increase except for groups IV and $V$ for which he proposes an increase of 2 annas, i.e., from Re. 1 and 0-12-0 to Re. 1-2-0 and 0-14-0 respectively. He remarks :-
"Warkas land is generally getting less fertile on account of the denudation of all tree growth on them and on account of an insufficient period of fallow being allowed. Besides, the greater portion of warkas land is held by the poorer classes and the coarse grains grown thereon form their staple food; a rise in warkas rates would therefore generally combine the minimum gain to Government with the maximum hardship to the cultivator. In the last 2 groups however these considerations do not apply with such force as in the first three groups. Tree growth is still preserved. It does not pay to cut the trees for purposes of export as fuel-and warkas lands get a sufficiently long period of fallow."
This is correct, but warkas land increases enormously in value as rice cultivation increases in value, as the warkas is mostly used as a store house to supply rab for rice cultivation.

The Collector says that the warkas lands in groups III and IV are superior to those of Rajapur taluka and proposes an all round increase of 33 per cent. The Settlement Commissioner in supporting the Collector proposes the actual rates as under:-

Rs. 1-10-0 for groups I to III.
Rs. 1-8-0 for group IV.
Re. 1-2-0 for group $V$.
The Settlement Commissioner has wrongly taken the existing rates for groups IV and $V$ at Re. 1-2-0 and 0-14-0 instead of Re. 1 and $0-12-0$ respectively. So
the revised rates for those groups should be Rs. I-5-0 (eliminating pies) and Re. 1 respectively. With this modification the rates proposed by the Settlement Commissioner may be approved.

Bagayat ( 297 acres agri $\dot{p} l u s 452$ acres dongri).-All agri bagayat lands are in group I only except 2 acres in group II. In view of the rise in prices of cocoanut and the corresponding revised rates fixed for Ratnagiri the Assistant Settlement Officer proposes to raise the rate for agri bagayat from Rs. 12 to Rs. 15. The Collector proposes a 33 per cent. increase but the Settlement Commissioner, in view of the small area involved, accepts the Assistant Settlement Officer's rate. This may be approved.

For dongri bagayat the Assistant Settlement Officer proposes an increase of about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas in the rupee for all groups. The Collector proposes a 33 per cent. increase. The Settlement Commissioner considers that these garden lands could bear even more than 33 per cent. increase but accepts the standard limit of 33 per cent. and proposes the following actual rates, viz., $12-0,10-8,9-0,8-0$ and $6-8$ respectively, These rates may be accepted.

Pardi Lands ( 70 acres)-They are only in 13 villages and the Assistant Settlement Officer proposal to fix the same rates as those for various descriptions of land in those sillages may be approved. .
14. Inam villages.-These villages will have the same rates as Government villages which are included with them in the same groups.
15. If Government approve the rates proposed above then, the revised proposals will have to be notified afresh and the net effect of the increase in the assessment will have to be worked qut village by village for different groups -before the final sanction of Government is accorded.
L. J. MOUNTFORD,

Commissioner, S. D.

## Revision Sellement.

Devgad Taluka, Ratnagiri District.

## GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

Revenue Department.
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Resolution No. 3937.
Bombay Castle, 5th Juty 1926:
Memorandum from the Commosioner, S. D., No. S.R.J.-18 dated i6th May 1924-Submitting with his remarks, the $=$ papers specified below*, containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Devgad Tajuka of the Ratnagivi District together with certain petitions of objections relating thereto :-
*Letter from Mr. S. B. Vaidya; Assistant Settlement Officer', Rajapur and Devgad taluką, No. S.R.V.-3 dated 3rd. May 1923.
Memorandum from the Collector of Ratnagiri No. S.R.Y.-3 dated 15th March 1923. .
Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S.T. 445 dated 23rd February 1924

Resolution. -These papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of 114 Government and khoti villages and two inam villages of the Devgad Taluka of the Ratnagiri District. Effect has been given separately to the proposal made by the settlement officer in paragraph'4 of his report for the amalgamation of the nine villages therein mentioned with the two villages of Ghera Vijyadurg and Girye.
2. The settlement officer proposes for tbe Devgad Taluka an increase of 22.63 per cent., while the Collector, Settlement Commissioner and Commissioner, ${ }^{\text {, }}$. 'D., recommend a still' higher enhancement in the existing rates. The reasons for the enhancement are summarised by the Commissioner in paragraph 13 of his review, to which might be added the still more cogent reasons afforded by thę rise in prices, and the increase in the sale and rental values.
3. The proposals regarding the grouping made by the settlement officer are approved, subject to the medification that the village of Manche should remain in -group I as recommended by the Settlement Commissioner and Commissioner.
4. After careful consideration, thẹ Governor in Council is pleased to sanetion the rates fou the zarious classes of land recommended by the Commissioner. The following statement shows the rates now sanctioned. The usual Bhiwndiconcessions sboụld be applied :-

5. The settlement officer's proposals for Pardi lands are approved.
6. The maximum rates for the two inam villages should be those sanctioned for the groups of the Government villages in which they are placed.
$\because 7$. The revised rates should be introduced during the current revenue year 1925-26, levied from the revenue year 1926-27 and guaranteed for a period of thirty years.
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8. The petitions of objections disclose no grounds which would lead Government to modify the orders now passed.

By order of the Governor in Council,

A. S. V. ACOTT,<br>Acting Deputy Secretary to- Government.

To

The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Collector of Ratnagiri,
The Commissioner of Settlements,

The Accountent General,
The Finance Department,
The Government of India.

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K. S. YARDI,

Acting Surperintendent, Land Records, S. I


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[^1]:    Garden Lands: Agribagayat.

[^2]:    G. S. HARDY,

    Assistant Settlement Officer, Ratnagiri.

[^3]:    - Not printed
    $\dagger$ Printed on page 46.

[^4]:    - 1. Chaphot, 8. Punas 8. Uple, \% Kot, 5. Waghrat, 6. Wadi Nivabochi, 7. Lomgan Khanawís B. Bba le, 9. Jawde, 10. Kante, 11. Koldbe, 12. Jhapde, 18. Gapraue, 14. Kurnei, 15. Werah,

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