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(1) NUMBER OF ESTATES UNDER MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—At the commencement of the year, 51 estates were under management, 31 in Ahmedabad and Kaira by the Tálukdári Settlement Officer and 20 by the Collectors. Of the former, three estates were removed from management during the year, *viz.*, one of Shermia Bapumia of Dholka, the other of Nathubha Devisang of Dholera and the third of minor Bhikhubha Maysingji of Bhadiad. In the case of the first of these three, superintendence under the Court of Wards was substituted, while the latter two estates remain under management under section 28 of the Gujarát Tálukdárs' Act. Of the estates managed by the Collectors one in Kaira, one in the Panch Maháls and one in Broach were released from management during the year. The Kaira estate was released from management as a guardian was appointed by the District Court; the Panch Maháls estate was released with the permission of Government and the Broach estate on account of the minor having attained majority. Five new estates came under management during the year—four in Kaira and one in Broach. Thus the total number under management at the close of the year was 50, the distribution being:—

Under the Tálukdári Settlement Officer	...	...	28
Do. Collector of Ahmedabad	...	...	2
Do. do. Kaira	...	...	7
Do. do. the Panch Maháls	...	...	1
Do. do. Broach	...	...	9
Do. do. Surat	...	...	3
			50

Central Division.—The total number of estates under management at the beginning of the year was eight, *viz.*, two in Ahmednagar, one in West Khándesh, three in Poona and two in Sholápur. Two new estates were added in Násik and two—one in Poona and one in Sholápur—were given up during the year. Thus the total number of estates under management at the close of the year remained the same, *viz.*, eight. Of the two estates released during the year, one, of Mokáshi minor in Poona, had to be surrendered at the close of the year as there was no prospect of the estate ever being freed from debt. The other, of Khatib minor in Sholápur, was returned to him on 11th October 1913 under the orders of the District Judge as he attained majority. As none of these yields an annual gross income of Rs. 10,000 or upwards, the information regarding them is shown in the statements in lump.

In one of the two estates in Ahmednagar there are two minor brothers and they are under the guardianship of their nearest relative Bhau Pandoba. The minor in the other estate is under the care of one Ganu Sadu of Sada. The minor in West Khándesh is under the direct control of the Collector. One of the two minors in Sholápur has been living with his father-in-law since 1st December 1912. The minors in the remaining estates are in charge of their natural mothers.