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GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES
JAIL DEPARTMENT

Nagpur, the 3rd September 1936.

READ—

The annual report on the jails of the Central Provinces and Berar for the year 1935.

READ ALSO—

The district reports.

RESOLUTION

The cumulative effect of bad seasons and low prices was reflected in a considerable increase in the number of admissions 8,077 (6,990). The daily average jail population rose to 5,162 (4,793). Greater activity in checking railway tickets accounted for a large increase in the admissions of persons sentenced to less than one month. The Governor in Council is glad to notice that there has been a decrease in the percentage, 56 (62) of those sentenced to between one and six months to the total admissions. He considers, however, that there is still room for further improvement and for more use of section 562, Criminal Procedure Code.

2. 122 (83) adolescents were dealt with under the Borstal Act and 28 (18) juveniles under the Reformatory Act. The Governor in Council observes with satisfaction that greater use is being made of these Acts. He hopes that the newly enacted Probation of Offenders Act will be used liberally in dealing with youthful offenders.

3. The Borstal Institute at Narsinghpur was full throughout the year, and it is clear that the present accommodation is insufficient for the needs of the Province. The Governor in Council is pleased to note that satisfactory arrangements have been made in the Akola and Raipur jails to separate the short term youthful offenders who cannot now be accommodated in the Borstal Institute.

4. The expenditure incurred in guarding and maintaining prisoners was Rs. 6.69 (Rs. 6.32) lakhs but the average cost per head was lower at Rs. 130-4-6 (Rs. 132-0-4). The cash profits from jail industries increased to Rs. 1.63 (Rs. 1.40) lakhs. These figures show

that the jail administration has been conducted with due regard to economy and to the satisfactory employment of prisoners.

5. It is evident that the standard of discipline in jails continues to be high. Although the daily average population increased, the number of punishments awarded to prisoners was practically the same. The Governor in Council is pleased to note that the general health of prisoners remained satisfactory. He is glad to note the progress of the jail schools and the activities of several non-official ladies and gentlemen who give their valuable time to the welfare of prisoners in jails.

6. The Governor in Council takes this opportunity to record his appreciation of the efficient management of the department by Lt.-Col. N. S. Jatar, D.S.O., I.M.S., who was in charge throughout the year. He is pleased to note the names of the officers who have been specially mentioned in the report.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Government of India in the Home Department and that a copy be forwarded to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Central Provinces, for information and also that it be published in the *Central Provinces Gazette*.

By order of the Governor in Council,

A. L. BINNEY,

*Chief Secretary to Government,
Central Provinces.*

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