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POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Nagpur, the 21st September 1936.*

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Report on the Police Administration of the Central Provinces and Berar for the year 1935.

RESOLUTION

1. There was no improvement in economic conditions during the year under review. In other respects conditions were normal. Politically the year was a quiet one. There were occasional signs of communal tension, but no serious disturbances. There were several labour disputes but none led to breaches of the peace. Relations with the magistracy continued to be excellent. The Governor in Council notes with pleasure the Inspector-General of Police's observations regarding the growing good feeling between the police and the public.

2. The continued economic depression has resulted in an increase in crime, omitting petty cases, to 42,692 (37,849) cases. There was an increase in every class, but particularly in crime against property. Among the 391 murders were eight cases due to belief in witchcraft. There were 24 dacoities, the lowest on record, and police action in the more serious cases was successful. The public spirit and initiative shown by the malguzarin of Raipur district is worthy of note. Burglaries increased to 9,049 (8,118). In spite of this the record of convictions to investigation has improved to 17.9 (16.9) per cent. It is hoped that the advice to station-house officers given in this portion of the report will be continuously borne in mind, and that every effort will be made to improve detection in "professional" cases. Minor property offences also increased by 16 per cent.

3. The district police took action in 1,180 (1,125) preventive cases. The railway police were particularly active in this part of their duty and co-operated fully with the district police. The prevention of crime should always be considered the most important part of a Police officer's duties.

4. Discipline and the general conduct of the force has been very good. Dismissals and resignations were again very low. The Governor in Council agrees with the Inspector-General in his remarks on touring by police officers and hopes that every effort will be made to tour across country on horse-back.

5. Ten major works costing about two lakhs were commenced during the year and nearly a lakh was sanctioned for minor works. There is a considerable programme to be completed before it can be said that the police are properly and comfortably housed—a matter essential to their efficiency and to the attraction of recruits of the desired quality.

6. The Governor in Council desires to record his appreciation of the good work done by Sir Charles Chitham, Kt., C.I.E., and the officers and men of the police force. He has read with pleasure the record of a year during which the high standard of the Central Provinces police has been well maintained.

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ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the resolution be submitted to the Government of India, Home Department, and a copy be forwarded to the Registrar, High Court of Judicature, Nagpur, for information of the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, and the Inspector-General of Police, Central Provinces, for information and guidance; also that it be published in Part I of the *Central Provinces Gazette*.

By order of the Governor in Council,

A. L. BINNEY,

*Chief Secretary to Government,  
Central Provinces.*

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FROM

SIR C. C. CHITHAM, Kt., C.I.E.,  
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,  
*Central Provinces,*

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,  
POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
*Central Provinces.*

*Nagpur, the 10th July 1936.*

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Report on the Police Administration of this province for the year 1935, together with the prescribed statements.

I have the honour to be,

SIR

Your most obedient servant,

C. C. CHITHAM,  
*Inspector-General of Police,*  
*Central Provinces.*

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