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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nagpur, the 6th October 1941.

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Report on the Police Administration of the Central Provinces and Berar for the year 1940.

RESOLUTION

The improvement in economic conditions, particularly in the Nagpur and Berar divisions, is reflected in the decline of the number of offences registered from 57,627 to 51,870, the fall being practically confined to crimes against property. The Provincial Government is glad to note that the control of crime has improved. In spite of the partial failure of crops in the Chhattisgarh division, the police in that division were able to keep down crime to reasonable proportions, the increase being only 14 per cent. Reporting of crime continued to be satisfactory, and the percentage of convictions to investigations rose from 25 to 27. In house-breaking cases, the percentage fell slightly from 18.6 to 18.2. Satisfactory as these figures are, the Provincial Government considers that there is scope for better results and has no doubt that the Inspector-General of Police will take all possible measures in the matter. Government is fully aware of the heavy strain on magistrates consequent upon the abolition of the honorary magistrates and general increase in work. It was inevitable that this should lead to a prolongation of the duration of trials to which the Inspector-General of Police refers in paragraph 5 of his report. Steps have been taken, however, to strengthen the cadre of Extra Assistant Commissioners and Naib-Tahsildars, though owing to financial stringency it has not unfortunately been possible to give the full relief required. The Provincial Government has now decided to appoint a limited number of honorary magistrates and it is to be hoped that the cumulative effect of these measures will be to shorten delays in the disposal of criminal work.

2. The year was not an easy one; political, communal and labour troubles kept the police busy in several districts. Government wishes to place on record its appreciation of the tact and firmness with which the magistracy and the police handled the awkward situations which arose in connection with labour strikes, communal tension and the satyagraha campaign. The fact that the good relations between the public and the police have remained largely unaffected bears testimony to the efficient manner in which the latter have carried out the policy of Government.

3. Government notes with satisfaction the improvement in police action under the preventive sections, and agrees with the Inspector-General of Police regarding the necessity for the maintenance of a constant lookout for wandering criminals and an efficient watch on the movements of known criminals.

4. The Provincial Government fully realises the importance of adequate housing accommodation for the police. Much progress was made in this matter during the past few years, particularly during the years immediately preceding the introduction of Provincial Autonomy. But, owing to acute financial stringency, it has been possible to allot funds for only one major work during 1939-40, 1940-41 and 1941-42. The needs of the department will receive full consideration during the ensuing financial year.

5. Government recognises that a high standard of efficiency in the enforcement of the new Motor Vehicles Act and traffic control cannot be expected with the existing police strength. The question of the establishment of special mobile police is under examination.

6. Mr. D. A. Smyth, who held the post of the Inspector-General of Police since April 1938, proceeded on leave preparatory to retirement shortly after the close of the year. Government takes this opportunity of acknowledging warmly his invaluable services; in particular, the efficiency and wisdom with which he administered the Police Department during three years of unusual difficulty.

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

By order of the Governor, C. P. & Berar,
C. M. TRIVEDI,
Secy. to Govt., C. P. & Berar, Police Department.

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FROM

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INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR,
POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Nagpur, the 19th June 1941.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Report on the Police Administration of this province for the year 1940, together with the prescribed statements.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

A. G. SCOTT,

*Inspector-General of Police,
Central Provinces and Berar.*

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