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Administration in the
Central Provinces & Berar
(Civil)
for the year 1927

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REPORT

ON THE

Administration of Civil Justice in the Central Provinces and Berar during the year 1927.

A.—TRIBUNAL.

The Fourth Additional Judicial Commissioner appointed temporarily from the 1st May 1926 continued to work throughout the year.

2. The staff of the department, excluding the Judicial Commissioner's Court, increased by one Small Cause Court Judge and two Subordinate Judges, 2nd Class, while there was a decrease of one Subordinate Judge, 1st Class, in the year as compared with 1926. Mr. K. B. L. Seth, I.C.S., who was deputed to this department for training was temporarily transferred to the Executive Department on the 3rd March. The Additional Court of the Subordinate Judge, 1st Class, at Jubbulpore, presided over by Mr. K. T. Mangalmurti, I.C.S., under training was closed on the 26th May when he was transferred to the Executive Department. He was again transferred to this department and posted to Khandwa as Subordinate Judge, 1st Class, with effect from the 12th November. The Court of the Subordinate Judge, 2nd Class, at Hatta, was abolished with effect from the 1st December.

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3. Owing to abnormally heavy institutions in the Court of the Small Causes at Akola and the consequent congestion of files, the Subordinate Judge of the 1st Class, spared from Kamptee, was posted to Akola as an Additional Judge to that Court for a period of one year from the 16th June. New Courts of Subordinate Judges of the 2nd-Class were opened at Mahasamund and Murtizapur from the 2nd January and the 16th June, respectively. The Court of the 2nd Subordinate Judge, 1st Class, Hoshangabad, which had been kept vacant, was permanently abolished from the 16th November and a Court of Subordinate Judge, 2nd Class, was substituted. The Judge of the 1st Class spared from Hoshangabad worked throughout the year in the Additional Court of the Subordinate Judge, 1st Class, at Akola. Experience shows the necessity of retaining this Court permanently at Akola. Its continuance for the present has, however, been sanctioned up to the end of

February 1929 only. A temporary Court of the Subordinate Judge, 1st Class, was opened at Burhanpur for a period of six months from the 1st September mainly for the trial of three important communal suits. Heavy institutions during the year which caused congestion of files resulted in the posting of Additional Judges, at the following places :—

Yeotmal ...	Subordinate Judge, 1st Class ...	Six months.
Daryapur ...	Subordinate Judge, 2nd Class...	Six months,
Buldana ...	Subordinate Judge, 2nd Class...	Six months.
Malkapur ...	Subordinate Judge, 2nd Class...	Six months.
Khamgaon...	Subordinate Judge, 2nd Class...	Eight months.

The Additional Tahsildar of Dharni was appointed an Additional Judge to the Court of the Subordinate Judge, 2nd Class, Ellichpur, for the trial of Small Cause suits up to Rs. 500. This obviates the necessity of litigants from the Dharni tract having to travel to Chikalda for the disposal of such petty cases. The question of dividing the unwieldy district of West Berar into two Civil Districts is under consideration.

4. The linked court system between Murwara and Sehora and between Saugor and Banda was discontinued from the beginning of the year and individual Judges were appointed at each place. The linked Courts of Betul and Multai as well as of Kelapur and Wun were continued throughout the year. The Kelapur-Wun Court is only a tentative measure and the conditions suggest that a whole-time Judge may have to be posted at Wun. The leave reserve for the Central Provinces Civil Service (Judicial) has proved totally insufficient during the year and on various occasions Courts of Subordinate Judges, 2nd Class, have had perforce to remain vacant. At the end of the year there were as many as seven Courts without Judges. The Judicial Commissioner has had regretfully in many cases to refuse leave otherwise than on medical certificate to many officers. Proposals for remedying this anomalous state of affairs have been submitted to Government.

5. Kumar Choksingh, brother of the Feudatory Thakur of Sheogarh in the Malwa Agency, was under training for three months in the Nimar district. Thakur Lal Bahadursingh, the Zamindar of Phuljhar, continued to exercise civil powers throughout the year. The second Court of the Honorary Subordinate Judge

presided over by his Diwan, Rai Sahib Raghunath Prasad, retired Extra-Assistant Commissioner, ceased to exist during the year. 60 Tahsildars and 15 Naib-Tahsildars exercised civil powers as against 60 and 25, respectively, in the previous year.

6. A special Court under section 7 of the Waste Lands Claims Act (XXIII of 1863) was constituted by the Local Government at Bilaspur, consisting of the Additional District Judge, the Deputy Commissioner and Rai Sahib Radha Ballabh Mitra, Pleader, Bilaspur. A Parsi District Matrimonial Court was established at Jubbulpore for the trial of suits arising from the Saugor, Damoh, Mandla, Seoni, Narsinghpur, Hoshangabad, Betul, Chhindwara and Nimar districts.

7. In addition to the 33 Panchayat Courts established last year, under the Village Panchayat Act, 1920, 61 others were constituted during the year. The new Courts are numerous in Berar but in many Central Provinces districts desirable progress is being made in this connection.

B.—ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

8. Institutions under three main heads in 1926 and 1927 are compared below :—

	1926	1927
<i>Central Provinces.</i>		
1. Suits for money and movable property.	57,917	70,010
2. Suits under the Rent Law...	10,784	13,068
3. Title and other suits ...	7,875	8,261
Total ...	76,576	91,339
<i>Berar.</i>		
1. Suits for money and movable property.	31,838	44,902
2. Suits under the Rent Law...	144	197
3. Title and other suits ...	4,667	5,991
Total ...	36,649	51,090
GRAND TOTAL ...	113,225	142,429

Institutions have further increased by 29,204 suits. This marked increase averaging 25·8 per cent has been shared in by the Central Provinces and Berar alike.

9. The abnormal increase in litigation is attributed to the prospect of favourable crops in the year after successive failures of crops in the past years and the

consequent withholding of litigation. In some districts, the repeal of the Court-fees Amending Act of 1923 and the abolition of two systems of linked Courts have also had their effect. Even so the abnormal rise of over 25 per cent—a rise specially marked in suits not over Rs. 500 in value—is not easily explicable.

10. 2,877 suits were instituted in Village Panchayat Courts during the year as against 1,408 in 1926 but, of the former number, no less than 1,218 arose in Mandla—an interesting phenomenon showing the comparative popularity of the system in a backward tract. Mr. Findlay can only express the hope that the more forward tracts will follow the example of Mandla. The system, properly worked, is a boon to the poor litigant, be he plaintiff or defendant, particularly in places remote from the Civil Courts.

11. Valuation of Suits.—The total value of suits increased from Rs. 4,09,97,702 in 1926, which figure included one suit of the value of Rs. 15,00,000, to Rs. 4,73,28,223. The average value of a suit however decreased from Rs. 362 to 332 partly because there was no suit of such a high value as mentioned above, and partly because the rise in institutions was mainly confined to suits below Rs. 500 in value.

12. Small Cause Courts.—Of the total number of suits for money and movable property, 93,326 or 81·2 per cent were instituted in Small Cause Courts as against 72,971 or 81·3 per cent in the preceding year. The total value of suits so instituted rose from Rs. 87,18,410 to Rs. 1,10,27,466 on account of the rise in institutions but the average value was practically the same, being 119 as against 118. 86,186 suits were tried by summary procedure as against 69,899 in 1926. Of suits disposed of, 16·6 were contested as against 18·4.

13. The Court of the Subordinate Judge, 2nd Class, Baihar, was invested with Small Cause Court powers up to Rs. 50 during the year.

14. Distribution of suits.—The percentage of suits disposed of by each class of Courts in 1926 and 1927 was—

	1926	1927
District Judge	... 0·3	0·3
Subordinate Judge, 1st Class	... 5·4	4·6
Subordinate Judge, 2nd Class	... 31·0	30·9
Small Cause Courts	... 63·3	64·2

The closure of the Court of the Additional Subordinate Judge, 1st Class, at Jubbulpore, probably accounts for the decrease of '8 in suits disposed of by Subordinate Judges, 1st Class. Of the suits disposed of 21.0 were contested as against 23.3 in 1926.

15. Durations.—The average durations in 1926 and 1927 are compared below :— Statement No. 29.

—	Central Provinces.		Berar.	
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
1	2	3	4	5
1926 ...	98.4	Small causes. 79.5	132.5	95.1
1927 ...	113.6	92.8	136.6	100.9
1926 ...	209.4	Others. 97.1	265.1	122.7
1927 ...	213.3	93.4	256.9	125.9
1926 ...	152.3	Total. 85.8	204.1	102.3
1927 ...	161.8	93.0	203.1	107.7

The average duration of both contested and uncontested suits has increased in the Central Provinces. In Berar the duration of contested suits remained practically the same but that of uncontested suits slightly increased. In view of the abnormal increase in institutions, Mr. Findlay is only surprised that the figures are not more unfavourable and he considers that they reflect credit on the Judges for the manner in which they have coped with a difficult situation. Another cause which has had added to the difficulties of the year has been unavoidable delay in appointment of candidates, particularly in the first half of the year. The provisions of Civil Circular 1—5 as regards adjournment and conduct of trials are generally followed and, at every inspection of Courts, attention of the Judges is generally drawn by District Judges to the necessity of being very strict in the matter of granting adjournments and dealing with defaulting witnesses.

16. Owing to the heavy institutions during the year the present staff of the judiciary has proved insufficient

and calls for an immediate increase. The pressure on the individual Judges of many courts has been far too heavy and in some instances almost intolerable. Much improvement in duration cannot be expected until the permanent staff is materially strengthened. Proposals for increasing the number of Judges have already been submitted to Government since the close of the year. Where temporary relief is needed, it is also imperative that this should be afforded promptly. The increase in institutions certainly does not suggest that the Civil Courts have lost the confidence of the public and on the other hand the litigant public are entitled, in return for the charges they have to pay, to prompt and efficient service on the part of the Civil Courts. There is also another point of view as regards the inadequate staff of the judiciary. It is anti-economic and intrinsically undesirable that the Judicial Commissioner should have, as he has often to do at present, to refuse leave to officers well deserving of a respite from work unless their physical state has declined to such an extent as permits of their going on leave on medical certificate. With the increase in the cadre and in the leave reserve he has applied for, Mr. Findlay has every hope that the present undesirable situation would come to an end.

17. Pending files.—Owing to the considerable rise in institutions the pending file has further increased from 36,700 to 48,023, *i.e.*, by 11,323, and the number of long pending suits from 11,393 to 13,847, *i.e.*, by 2,454. The increase is shared by all the districts except Jubbulpore and Saugor. In Berar it is most marked. The number of pending suits there has increased from 13,674 to 20,201 and the number of long pending suits from 4,106 to 5,370. This is in spite of a large increase in disposals amounting to 23,762 suits as compared with 1926. Certain Courts remained without Judges for some time during the year and this also accounts to a certain extent for increase in the pending files.

18. Executions.—The number of applications for execution before the Courts in 1927 was 173,687 as against 151,678 in the previous year, thus showing an increase by 22,009. 125,910 applications were disposed of as against 113,149 in 1926. Owing to the rise in institutions, the

pending file has increased from 38,529 to 47,777. The number of long pending cases also rose from 11,696 to 12,199. The percentage of cases in which satisfaction was obtained in full was 16·8 as against 17·7 and that of application struck off as wholly infructuous was 59·6 as against 60·7. In Nimar, only in 10·2 of the cases the creditors' claims were fully satisfied.

19. **Insolvency.**—Insolvency petitions presented during the year by debtors again show a rise from 2,528 to 3,008, and those by creditors, from 381 to 615. The increase is shared by all districts except Wardha and Saugor. The rise in petitions by creditors was most marked in Berar. 2,007 petitions were disposed of by orders of adjudication. 1,302 were dismissed and 54 were withdrawn. 481 insolvents were discharged absolutely and 113 conditionally. Orders of adjudication of 619 insolvents were annulled and 2 undischarged insolvents died during the year. Insolvency work tends to increase steadily as is clear from the following figures:—

Year.	No. of applications.
1923	1,711
1924	1,954
1925	2,506
1926	2,909
1927	3,623

The petitions which are not summarily dealt with are generally contested and require almost as much time and energy of the Court as contested suits. Mr. Findlay thinks that the question of having independent Insolvency Courts in the more important towns will soon necessarily arise.

C.—APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

20. **Judicial Commissioner's Court.**—The table below compares the figures for Civil Appellate work in the years 1926 and 1927:—

Statements
Nos. 31 and
32.

	1926			1927		
	Institu- tions.	Dis- posals.	Pend- ing.	Institu- tions.	Dis- posals.	Pend- ing.
First appeals	204	190	289	237	227	299
Second appeals	1,080	1,005	1,137	1,151	1,185	1,102
Miscellaneous appeals	94	96	67	102	119	50
Total	1,378	1,291	1,493	1,490	1,531	1,451

764 civil revisions and 157 miscellaneous petitions were also disposed of as against 671 and 164, respectively, in 1926. Institutions and disposals have increased but the pending file remains practically the same. The Court of the Fourth Additional Judicial Commissioner worked throughout practically the whole year. There can now be no question but that the temporary post of Fourth Additional Judicial Commissioner must be made permanent.

21. District Judges' Courts.—In the Central Provinces 2,609 appeals were instituted, 2,585 were disposed of and 979 remained pending at the close of the year as against 2,589, 2,440 and 955 respectively in 1926. Institutions in Berar fell from 1,190 to 1,068 but disposals have slightly increased from 1,145 to 1,162, and the pending file was 448 as against 542 at the close of 1926. The average duration of regular appeals has increased in the Central Provinces from 123·8 to 137·2 and in Berar from 154 to 179·9. The increase is particularly noticeable in Nagpur, Wardha, and East Berar. The increase in the Nagpur district was due to heavy Criminal work. The congestion of files in the Courts of the Additional District Judge, Wardha and Yeotmal, accounts for the large increase. 473 miscellaneous appeals were disposed of during the year as against 414 in 1926.

D.—MISCELLANEOUS.

22. The Bar.—The total strength of the Bar increased from 1,152 to 1,201. The relations between the Bench and the Bar continued to be cordial. The proceedings for unprofessional conduct against three pleaders in the Nimar district mentioned in the last year's report resulted in their acquittal. A complaint against the opposite party has been filed under section 476, Criminal Procedure Code.

23. Guardian and Wards Act.—872 estates were under management under the Act during the year as against 804 in 1926. Management was relinquished in 67 estates as against 41 in 1926. Cases under the Act show a further increase and difficulty still continues to be experienced in securing suitable guardians and in enforcing rendition of accounts correctly and punctually. An inspecting agency with power to make local inspections and examinations seems necessary in this connection. The District Judge, Saugor, reports that guardians other than

those appointed on remuneration are as a class supine and indifferent to their wards' interests, although action taken against them under section 45 of the Act has produced in many cases a more prompt submission of accounts and reports.

24. Copying Branch.—The heavy institutions of 1927 brought in their train an influx of applications for copies at Akola, the number of applications presented during that year being 17,125 as against 14,115 of the preceding year. The copying branch there had thus to work under a heavy strain. Section-writers were employed as far as possible. In Jubbulpore and Saugor also there was an increase in the number of applications for copies. The system of employment of section-writers with a view to the ultimate reduction of the permanent copying staff is still in process of trial. A dearth of competent section-writers is generally complained of.

25. Records and Record-rooms.—Extra accommodation in the record-rooms at Hoshangabad and Raipur is urgently required as noted in the report of 1926. Serious inconvenience continues to be experienced for want of space for storing records and registers at these places. The extension of the Record-room at Saugor is also necessary and will be taken up this year. A temporary expedient costing little money is being adopted to meet the difficulty at Hoshangabad. As regards Raipur, the work of extension of the Civil Court building at that place with a view to provide more space for records is still pending for want of funds. In all other districts, the accommodation in the record-rooms is sufficient for the present. Elimination of records was up to date.

26. Ministerial service.—The question of equalization of the scales of pay of clerks, moharrirs and copyists in District and Sessions Judges' offices is already under the consideration of Government.

27. Working of the Nazarat.—The system introduced in 1924 of employing sale-amins to check, while on their tours, the work of process-servers is gradually proving effective. Its results have not, so far, been satisfactory at Nagpur, Hoshangabad and East Berar. It is hoped that the orders regarding direct recruitment to the posts of sale-amins instead of from the ranks of

process-servers which some of the District Judges have been unable so far to give effect to, will in due course yield better results.

28. The percentage of personal service of processes ranged from 65 to 81. The necessity of improving the low percentage is being impressed on the District Judges concerned. The District Judges, Jubbulpore, Saugor, Chhindwara, Hoshangabad and Nimar, have, respectively, kept 12, 11, 19, 7 and 25 posts of process-servers vacant as an experimental measure with a view to the reduction of the pensionable staff as enjoined by the Circulars. The work of these posts is being carried through by temporary process-servers employed under the 30 per cent rule.

29. District Judges, Jubbulpore, Saugor, Nimar, Raipur and East Berar, report 93 cases of obstruction to service and 14 of escape from custody of process-servers, in 49 of which complaints were lodged with the result that conviction was secured in 16, 8 were discharged and 25 remained pending at the close of the year. The number of these cases go to support the imperative necessity of providing uniform for process-servers—a petty, but in Mr. Findlay's opinion, an urgently required reform.

30. Cases of misappropriation of diet-money or decretal amount increased from 4 in 1926 to 8 in 1927. These occurred in the Bhandara, Jubbulpore, Hoshangabad, Raipur, East Berar and West Berar Civil districts. In 3 of these conviction was secured, in one the process-server having absconded proceedings under section 512, Criminal Procedure Code, were started and in the rest dismissal from service was ordered as sufficient grounds for securing conviction could not be found. In all the cases the money embezzled was recovered from the process-servers' sureties or their security deposits.

31. Official Receiver in Berar.—At Akola there was a big embezzlement by the Official Receiver the late Khan Bahadur Abdul Rahman, of the money entrusted to his care under the Provincial Insolvency Act, Guardian and Wards Act and the Civil Procedure Code. Mr. S. M. Parande, Subordinate Judge (Select post), was appointed as an officer on special duty to investigate the matter. The orders of Government on the report of Mr. Parande have now been received and the Judicial Commissioner has under consideration the question of amendment of the rules applicable.

32. Trial of tenancy suits by Revenue officers in the Central Provinces.—The District Judges, Nimar, Chhindwara and Raipur, speak of improvement in the procedure of Revenue officers in the trial of tenancy suits; generally speaking, the procedure of these Judges can only be termed indifferent. As Tahsildars are now required to pass the Departmental Examination in Civil Law and Procedure by the lower standard before they are confirmed, a better quality of work can now be expected from this class of officers.

33. Buildings.—The extension of the Civil Court buildings at Warora, Saugor, Rehli, and Raipur, although administratively sanctioned, could not be taken up during the year 1927 also for want of funds. The Civil Court buildings at Gondia, Brahmपुरi, Harda and Multai, also require extension, and a new Civil Court building is to be constructed at Chandur but these works cannot be taken up until funds are available. Funds for the extension of the Civil Court building at Saugor and for the new Civil Court at Chandur are being allotted in 1928-29. Proposals for providing suitable accommodation for the third Civil Court at Khamgaon have been sanctioned since the close of the year and funds for this work are also being allotted in 1928-29.

34. Furniture and Libraries.—Courts and offices are reported to have been generally sufficiently furnished. The District Judges, Hoshangabad and Wardha, report that on account of the reduction of their allotment the purchase of necessary furniture had to be postponed. Allotments for the purchase of books continued to be insufficient for providing up to date editions of law books to Courts.

35. Inspections.—The Judicial Commissioner conducted detailed inspections of the Civil Courts at Chanda, Balaghat, Saugor, Mandla and Buldana, and visited various other districts for administrative reasons. All the Civil Courts were inspected by the District Judges during the year except those at Sironcha and Jalgaon and the Court of the Small Causes, Akola. The Judicial Record-room at Akola was also not inspected. The Court at Sironcha could not be inspected by the District Judge, Wardha, owing to pressure of work. The other 2 Courts and the Judicial Record-room could not be inspected by the District Judge, Akola, for want of time.

This officer has at present an unduly heavy burden of work to bear and cannot be blamed in this connection.

36. The department suffered the loss of three officers by the untimely death of Messrs. B. N. Ghosh, Subordinate Judge, 1st Class, N. G. Shrikhande, Subordinate Judge, 2nd Class, and D. K. Khanzode, officiating Subordinate Judge, 2nd Class. The death of Mr. Ghosh deprived the department of a particularly conscientious and painstaking officer with a long record of meritorious service. Mr. V. M. Khare, Subordinate Judge, Select post, and Messrs. M. A. Vaidya and K. K. Garde, Subordinate Judges, 2nd Class, retired from service during the year. The title of Rai Bahadur was conferred on Mr. Kunj Behari Lal Misra, District and Sessions Judge, Hoshangabad, at the commencement of the year under report.

37. Messrs. C. S. Findlay, I.C.S., Judicial Commissioner, and H. F. Hallifax, I.C.S., Additional Judicial Commissioner, were on duty throughout the year. Mr. F. W. A. Prideaux, Additional Judicial Commissioner, proceeded on combined leave for eight months from the 18th January, and in his place Mr. R. H. Macnair, I.C.S., District and Sessions Judge, officiated as Additional Judicial Commissioner. Mr. P. S. Kotval, Additional Judicial Commissioner, also proceeded on leave preparatory to retirement from the 11th October and in his place Rao Bahadur M. B. Kinkhede, B.A., B.L., temporary Additional Judicial Commissioner, was appointed to officiate as Additional Judicial Commissioner. Khan Bahadur Ghulam Mohiuddin, M.A., LL.B., Barrister-at-Law, Public Prosecutor, Raipur, was appointed to the temporary post of the Fourth Additional Judicial Commissioner with effect from the 20th October.

38. Rao Sahib G. R. Pendse, Superintendent of this Court, retired with effect from the 1st November after 30 years of meritorious service. His retirement was a great loss to the office of the Judicial Commissioner.

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Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court,
Central Provinces.

NAGPUR :
The 25th April 1928.

PRESCRIBED STATEMENTS

(CIVIL)

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1927

STATEMENT NO. 25.—*Showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the Central Provinces and Berar on the*

Name of Province.	Number of Divisions for Courts under Chief Courts but superior to Chief Courts of districts.	Number of districts.	Number of sub-districts.	Number of Officers exer	
				Judges of Chief Courts of Province.	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief District Courts.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Central Provinces (including Berar).	...	11	82	5	...

STATEMENT NO. 26.—*Showing the number of Civil cases decided in, and for the*

Name of Province.	Number of cases		
	Original.		Appel
	Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.
1	2	3	4
Central Provinces (including Berar)...	134,305	17,441	5,159

NOTE.—The figures in columns 6 and 7 relate to the receipts and charges

the number of officers exercising Appellate or Original Civil Jurisdiction in 31st December 1927.—(Paragraphs 1—5.)

cising Original or Appellate jurisdiction.

Judges of Chief Courts of districts.	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other Subordinate Courts.	Remarks.		
7	8	9	10		
32	40	143	Grades of Judicial Officers.		
				Euro- peans.	In- dians.
			Judicial Commissioner ...	1	...
			Additional Judicial Commissioners ...	2	2
			District Judges ...	6	5
			Additional District Judges ...	...	28
			Subordinate Judges, First Class ...	...	16
			Additional Judges to Courts of Subordi- nate Judges, First Class. ...	...	18
			Judges, Small Cause Courts ...	...	6
			Registrar, Small Cause Courts ...	...	1
			Subordinate Judges, Second Class ...	...	67
			Extra-Subordinate Judges, Second Class ...	...	16
			Additional Judges to Courts of Subordi- nate Judges, Second Class. ...	...	59
			Total ...	9	218

the receipts and charges of the Courts in the Central Provinces and Berar year 1927.

decided.			
late.	Total receipts of the Courts.	Total charges of the Courts.	Remarks.
Miscellaneous.			
5	6	7	8
592	53,33,726	50,13,416	

of Civil, Criminal and Revenue Courts combined in one total.

STATEMENT No. 27.—*Showing the number and description of Civil Suits for the*

Class of Tribunal.	Suits for money or movable property.	Suits under the		
		Arrears of rent with or without ejectment.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	For ejectment or recovery of possession alone.
1	2	3	4	5
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.				
Unpaid Tribunals ...	52	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	18,403	13,063	4	37
Small Cause Courts ..	93,326	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts.	3,038	144	...	1
Chief Courts of districts ...	93	...	...	...
Total ...	1,14,912	13,207	4	38

STATEMENT No. 28.—*Showing the number and value of Suits for the*

Class of Tribunal.	Number of suits			
	Value not exceeding Rs. 10.	Value Rs. 10 to Rs. 50.	Value Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.	Value Rs. 100 to Rs. 500.
1	2	3	4	5
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR				
Unpaid Tribunals ...	3	21	17	14
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ..	3,069	9,859	5,529	14,870
Small Cause Courts ...	2,525	27,194	25,757	36,526
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts.	115	304	208	563
Chief Courts of districts ...	...	...	...	14
Total ..	5,712	37,378	31,511	51,987

instituted in the Civil Courts in the Central Provinces and Berar year 1927.—(Paragraphs 8 and 9.)

Rent Law.		Title and other suits.						Grand Total.
All other suits under the Rent Law.	Total.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for specific relief.	Mortgage suits.	Other suits not falling under any of the preceding heads.	Total.		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
...	...	2	..	...	1	3	55
11	13,115	5,695	1,316	3,541	321	10,873	42,391	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93,326
5	150	871	355	1,805	77	3,108	6,296	
...	...	43	41	128	56	268	561	
16	13,265	6,611	1,712	5,474	455	14,252	1,42,429	

instituted in the Civil Courts in the Central Provinces and Berar year 1927.—(Paragraph 11.)

instituted in the different courts.

Value Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000.	Value Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 5,000.	Value above Rs. 5,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total number of suits instituted.	Total value of suits.
6	7	8	9	10	11
...	...	...	...	55	4,980
6,186	2,878	...	...	42,391	1,39,87,966
1,324	...	...	...	93,326	1,10,27,466
924	3,533	649	...	6,296	1,36,93,417
3	5	339	...	361	86,14,394
8,437	6,416	988	...	142,429	4,73,28,223

STATEMENT No. 29.—*Showing the General Results of the Trial of Civil cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Central Provinces and Berar for the year 1927.*

CIVIL SUITS.—(Paragraphs 15—17.)

Class of Tribunal.	Number of suits before the Courts.	Number of suits disposed of excluding transfers.					On reference to Arbitration.	Pending at the close of the year.
		Without trial.	Without contest.	With contest.				
				Judgment for plaintiff.	Judgment for defendant.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.								
Unpaid Tribunals ...	65	11	30	10	3	...	11	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	57,706	6,464	23,812	8,907	2,263	45	16,215	
Small Cause Courts ...	114,335	12,124	59,728	12,515	1,802	17	28,149	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts.	9,357	783	2,867	2,026	447	11	3,223	
Chief Courts of districts ...	765	42	114	144	37	3	425	
Total ...	182,228	19,424	86,551	23,602	4,552	76	48,023	

STATEMENT No. 30.—*Showing General Results of the Trial of Civil cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Central Provinces and Berar for the year 1927.*

MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

Class of Tribunal.	Number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of excluding transfers.					On reference to Arbitration.	Pending at the close of the year.
		Without trial.	Without contest.	With contest.				
				Judgment for plaintiff.	Judgment for defendant.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.								
Unpaid Tribunals ...	3	1	...	...	1	...	1
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	10,268	3,940	1,763	1,453	1,161	...	1,951	
Small Cause Courts ...	5,635	2,472	945	748	451	...	1,019	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts.	3,841	1,468	684	524	294	...	871	
Chief Courts of districts ...	1,796	846	228	154	182	..	386	
Chief Court of the Province ...	196	86	2	23	15	...	70	
Total ...	21,739	8,813	3,622	2,902	2,104	...	4,298	

NOTE.—(a) No cases of contempt of Court under Chapter XXXV of the Code of Criminal Procedure were disposed of by Civil Courts during the year.

(b) Insolvency petitions are not taken into account for purposes of this statement.

STATEMENT NO. 31.—Showing the Business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Central Provinces and Berar for the year 1927.

APPEALS FROM DECREES.—(Paragraphs 20 and 21.)

Class of Tribunal.	Appeals from Decrees.							
	Number of Appeals before the Courts.	Appeals disposed of (excluding transfers).					Pending at the close of the year.	
		Dismissed or not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.								
Chief Appellate Courts of districts.	5,174	230	2,068	580	608	261	1,427	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.								
Chief Court of Province.	{ Appeals from original decrees.	526	21	125	34	32	15	299
	{ Appeals from appellate decrees.	2,287	61	832	49	149	94	1,102
Total ...	2,813	82	957	83	181	109	1,401	
GRAND TOTAL ...	7,987	312	3,025	663	789	370	2,828	

NOTE.—There were no references under section 27 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.

STATEMENT NO. 32.—*Showing the Business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Central Provinces and Berar for the year 1927.*

MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

Class of Tribunal.	Number of Appeals before the Courts.	Appeals disposed of (excluding transfers).					Pending at the close of the year.	
		Dismissed or not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.								
Chief Appellate Courts of districts.	635	54	275	9	88	47	162	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.								
Chief Court of Province.	Appeals from original decrees.	(a) 111	10	51	(b) 3	11	8	28
	Appeals from appellate decrees.	58	1	27	...	5	3	22
Total ...	(a) 159	11	78	(b) 3	16	11	50	
GRAND TOTAL ...	(a) 804	65	353	(b) 12	104	58	212	

(a) Includes one appeal under section 30 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.

(b) Includes one appeal under section 30 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

[Giving statistics of Civil Cases only, and showing
totals for each district.]

STATEMENT
Statement showing the Business of the Civil Appellate Courts in
PART I.—APPEALS

Districts.				For disposal.		
				Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Instituted, readmitted and received by transfer from other Provinces.	Total for disposal.
1				2	3	4
Judicial Court.	Commissioner's	{ Appeals from original decrees. Appeals from appellate decrees.	289	237	526	
			(a) 1,136	1,151	2,287	
	Total	{ 1927 { 1926	(a) 1,425 1,337	1,388 1,284	2,813 2,621	
Nagpur	...	...	149	321	470
Wardha	...	...	140	321	461
Bhandara	...	...	81	217	298
Jubbulpore	...	...	82	271	353
Saugor	...	...	68	274	342
Hoshangabad	...	...	130	268	398
Nimar	...	...	49	162	211
Chhindwara	...	...	68	187	255
Raipur	...	...	188	588	776
Total Central Provinces for 1927	...	{ Districts ... { All Courts ...	955 (a) 2,380	2,609 3,997	3,564 6,377	
Total Central Provinces for 1926	...	{ Districts ... { All Courts ...	806 2,143	2,589 3,873	3,395 6,016	
East Berar	..	...	259	451	710
West Berar	...	...	283	617	900
Total Berar for 1927	...	{ Districts ... { All Courts ...	542 542	1,068 1,068	1,610 1,610	
Total Berar for 1926	...	{ Districts ... { All Courts ...	497 497	1,190 1,190	1,687 1,687	
GRAND TOTAL CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR FOR 1927.		{ Districts ... { All Courts ...	1,497 (a) 2,922	3,677 5,065	5,174 7,987	
GRAND TOTAL CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR FOR 1926.		{ Districts ... { All Courts ...	1,303 3,640	3,779 5,063	5,082 7,703	

(a, One second appeal of 1926 was cancelled during the year 1927 and hence the number of

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FROM DECREES.

Disposed of

Transferred to other Provinces.	Decisions confirmed under Rule 11 (1), Order XLI, Act V of 1908.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard <i>ex parte</i> .			
			Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	
					Without remand.	And remanded under Rule 23, Order XLI, Act V of 1908.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
..	17	21	1	...	...	...
...	338	61	13	2	2	2
...	355	82	14	2	2	2
...	350	55	2	1	...	4
...	1	18	4	...	...	4
...	...	19	16	9	5	2
...	5	11	4	2	2	2
...	3	19	...	...	...	...
...	5	9	1	3	...	...
...	7	16	...	...	1	6
...	8	5	1	...	1	...
...	15	15	3	...	...	...
...	...	50	4	1	3	...
...	44	162	33	15	12	14
...	399	244	47	17	14	16
...	61	165	35	22	17	6
...	411	220	57	23	17	10
...	1	36	10	3	2	1
...	14	32	6	...	2	1
...	15	68	16	3	4	2
...	15	68	16	3	4	2
...	4	46	12	3	3	2
...	4	46	12	3	3	2
...	59	230	49	18 ^a	16	16
...	414	312	63	20	18	18
...	65	211	47	25	20	8
...	415	266	49	26	20	12

second appeals pending at the close of the previous year has been reduced by one.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the Business of the Civil Appellate Courts in

PART I.—APPEALS

Districts.		Contested.				Total.	
		Con- firmed.	Modi- fied.	Reversed.			
				With- out re- mand.	And reman- ded under Rule 23, Order XLI, Act V of 1908.		
I		12	13	14	15	16	
Judicial Court.	Commissioner's	{ Appeals from original decrees.	107	34	32	15	227
		{ Appeals from appellate decrees.	481	47	147	92	1,185
	Total	{ 1927	588	81	179	107	1,412
		{ 1926	511	56	129	87	1,195
Nagpur	...	...	189	36	36	9	297
Wardha	...	...	145	57	47	23	323
Bhandara	...	...	113	37	29	11	218
Jubbulpore	...	...	136	45	49	18	270
Saugor	...	...	169	41	24	13	265
Hoshangabad	...	...	103	46	57	34	276
Nimar	...	...	73	15	23	6	132
Chhindwara	...	...	97	44	37	8	219
Raipur	...	...	305	77	128	17	585
Total Central Provinces for 1927	{ Districts	...	1,336	398	430	141	2,585
	{ All Courts	...	1,924	479	609	248	3,997
Total Central Provinces for 1926	{ Districts	...	1,274	301	411	148	2,440
	{ All Courts	...	1,785	357	540	235	3,635
East Berar	...	...	259	78	78	36	504
West Berar	...	...	305	86	84	68	658
Total Berar for 1927	{ Districts	...	624	164	162	104	1,162
	{ All Courts	...	624	164	162	104	1,162
Total Berar for 1926	{ Districts	...	717	142	151	65	1,145
	{ All Courts	...	717	142	151	65	1,145
GRAND TOTAL CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR FOR 1927.	{ Districts	...	1,960	562	592	245	3,747
	{ All Courts	...	2,548	643	771	352	5,159
GRAND TOTAL CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR FOR 1926.	{ Districts	...	1,991	443	562	213	3,585
	{ All Courts	...	2,502	499	691	300	4,780

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the Districts of the Central Provinces and Berar during the year 1927.

FROM DECREES.

Pending.		Number of cases in which objections under Rule 22, Order XLI, Act V of 1908, were		Average duration of each appeal tried.
Total.	Over 3 months.	Preferred.	Allowed because successfully maintained.	
17	18	19	20	21
299	223	10	7	440'2
1,102	786	10	3	363'0
1,401	1,009	20	10	375'4
1,426	1,127	21	7	401'0
173	82	7	1	159'2
138	73	12	3	168'4
80	28	11	3	152'8
83	12	3	3	121'5
77	21	32	11	93'2
122	57	16	4	162'2
79	22	11	3	107'0
36	2	6	3	100'8
191	47	20	7	138'9
979	344	118	38	137'2
2,380	1,353	138	48	231'4
955	355	114	25	123'8
2,381	1,482	135	32	215'0
206	89	7	...	189'2
242	95	3	...	172'7
448	184	10	...	179'9
448	184	10	...	179'9
542	273	12	3	154'0
542	273	12	3	154'0
1,427	528	128	38	150'4
2,828	1,537	148	48	212'0
1,497	628	126	28	133'5
2,923	1,755	143	35	200'4

STATEMENT

Statement showing the Business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the

PART 2.—MISCELLANEOUS

Districts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Decisions confirmed under Rule 11 (i), Order XXI, Act V of 1908.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard			
					Re-jected.	Modi-fied.	De-creed or grant-ed.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Judicial Commissioner's Court.	{ Appeals from original decrees.	111	...	28	10	1	...	...
	{ Appeals from appellate decrees.	58	...	16	1	...	...	...
Total ...	{ 1927 ...	169	...	44	11	1	...	...
	{ 1926 ...	163	...	27	9	3	...	...
Nagpur	...	54	...	...	7	1	...	3
Wardha	...	50	...	1	5	12	...	...
Bhandara	...	25	...	1	2	1	...	...
Jubbulpore	...	36	...	4	6	...	...	1
Saugor	...	31	...	3	2	1	...	...
Hoshangabad	...	44	...	3	7	...	...	1
Nimar	...	33	...	6	...	3	...	...
Chhindwara	...	27	...	4	1	4	1	...
Raipur	...	55	...	1	4	...	...	...
Total Central Provinces for 1927.	{ Districts ...	355	...	23	34	22	1	5
	{ All Courts ...	524	...	67	45	23	1	5
Total Central Provinces for 1926.	{ Districts ...	325	...	21	34	14	1	5
	{ All Courts ...	488	...	48	43	17	1	5
East Berar	...	139	...	...	5	18	1	1
West Berar	...	141	...	4	15	...	...	...
Total Berar for 1927 ...	{ Districts ...	280	...	4	20	18	1	1
	{ All Courts ...	280	...	4	20	18	1	1
Total Berar for 1926 ...	{ Districts ...	210	...	8	11	6	1	3
	{ All Courts ...	210	...	8	11	6	1	3
GRAND TOTAL CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR FOR 1927.	{ Districts ...	635	...	27	54	40	2	6
	{ All Courts ...	804	...	71	65	41	2	6
GRAND TOTAL CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR FOR 1926.	{ Districts ...	535	...	29	45	20	2	8
	{ All Courts ...	698	...	56	54	23	2	8

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Districts of the Central Provinces and Berar during the year 1927.

APPEALS--(JUDICIAL).

<i>x parte.</i>		Contested.			Pending.			Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Rule 22, Order XLI, Act V of 1908.
Remanded.	Rejected.	Modified.	Decreed or granted.	Remanded.	Total.	Over 3 months.			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
...	22	3	11	8	28	15	226'4	...	
1	11	...	5	2	22	11	241'7	...	
1	33	3	16	10	50	26	231'0	...	
1	36	1	14	5	67	37	263'6	...	
1	11	...	7	1	23	8	112'7	1	
...	8	...	6	1	17	3	82'6	...	
...	8	1	5	...	7	...	95'7	...	
...	3	2	4	6	10	1	84'	...	
...	13	...	7	...	5	...	69'4	...	
1	14	...	7	4	7	2	110'9	...	
...	12	1	5	1	5	...	101'8	...	
...	12	...	3	1	1	...	74'5	...	
...	23	2	10	6	9	2	125'3	3	
2	104	6	54	20	84	16	98'1	4	
3	137	9	70	30	134	42	138'7	4	
4	89	4	31	54	68	17	91'8	1	
5	125	5	45	59	135	54	141'4	...	
...	41	...	14	13	46	14	101'2	...	
...	63	1	14	12	33	6	129'5	...	
...	104	1	28	25	78	20	116'5	...	
...	104	1	28	25	78	20	116'5	...	
1	83	3	29	12	53	28	120'4	...	
1	83	3	29	12	53	28	120'4	...	
2	208	7	82	45	162	36	106'0	4	
3	241	10	98	55	212	62	131'1	4	
5	172	7	60	66	121	45	102'7	1	
6	208	8	74	71	188	82	132'9	...	

STATEMENT

Statement showing the Result of Proceedings on Applications for Execution of
during the

Districts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications		
		By transfer.		
		To Civil Courts.	To Collector under Section 68 of Act V of 1908.	To a Revenue Officer under Section 85 of the Tenancy Act.
1	2	3	4	5
Nagpur ...	16,329	27	59	264
Wardha ...	15,832	7	9	148
Bhandara ...	15,232	14	1	135
Jubbulpore ...	12,564	...	39	244
Saugor ...	15,419	66	85	447
Hoshangabad ...	13,323	69	111	354
Nimar ...	13,516	46	...	34
Chhindwara ...	7,967	1	11	426
Rajpur ...	11,453	23	...	56
Total Central Provinces ...	122,635	253	315	2,138
... { 1927 ...	111,755	459	246	1,618
... { 1926 ...	...	...	...	...
East Berar ...	22,493	11	1,854	1
West Berar ...	28,559	...	1,438	...
Total Berar ...	51,052	11	3,292	1
... { 1927 ...	39,923	4	...	...
... { 1926 ...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL CENTRAL PROV- INCES AND BERAR. ...	173,687	264	3,607	2,139
... { 1927 ...	151,678	463	246	1,618
... { 1926 ...	...	...	...	...

Decrees of Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces and Berar year 1927.

disposed of			Pending.		
Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly, infructuous.	Total.	Over 3 months.	Amount realized.
6	7	8	9	10	11
					Rs.
1,750	2,554	7,127	4,548	1,467	5,49,627
2,067	2,811	6,851	4,939	1,030	5,64,132
1,499	2,124	7,195	4,764	1,164	3,16,402
1,802	2,238	5,462	2,779	666	3,95,444
1,514	2,358	7,158	3,491	979	3,58,884
1,327	1,710	6,689	5,033	972	4,27,353
957	1,397	6,975	4,107	748	3,79,104
1,003	1,244	3,452	1,820	417	3,07,223
1,810	1,545	5,003	3,015	578	5,01,872
14,029	17,982	55,922	31,996	8,071	38,00,041
13,627	17,375	51,975	26,455	7,691	43,20,317
3,143	2,643	8,111	6,730	1,856	4,89,935
3,999	3,955	11,016	9,051	2,272	10,03,005
7,142	5,658	19,127	15,781	4,128	14,92,940
6,365	4,796	16,684	12,074	4,005	14,29,104
21,171	23,620	75,049	47,777	12,199	52,92,981
19,992	22,171	68,659	58,559	11,656	57,49,421

STATEMENT

*Statement showing the Result of Proceedings on Applications for Execution of
during the*

Districts.		Number of			
		On which judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property	
				Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.
1	2	3	4	5	
Nagpur	9	120	130	579	
Wardha	9	184	372	1,042	
Bhandara	1	97	146	998	
Jubbulpore	...	160	65	812	
Saugor	9	209	203	924	
Hoshangabad	2	87	115	846	
Nimar	7	219	79	517	
Chhindwara	10	140	140	565	
Raipur	10	151	221	1,620	
Total Central Provinces	57	1,567	1,471	7,283	
	58	1,270	1,359	6,720	
East Berar	21	189	220	254	
West Berar	7	75	231	223	
Total Berar	28	264	451	477	
	30	210	280	367	
GRAND TOTAL CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR.	85	1,831	1,922	7,760	
	88	1,480	1,639	7,087	

Decrees of Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces and Berar year 1927.

applications.

On which immovable property			On which possession was given.		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns.	Re- marks.
Was sold.	Was dealt with under Rule 83, Order XXI, paragraph 2, of Schedule III or Section 72 of Act V of 1908.	Was attached, but subsequently released under Rule 55, Order XXI, Act V of 1908.	Of mov- eables.	Of immov- eables.				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
282	...	673	7	157	2	...	3,631	
368	1	593	1	166	...	...	3,316	
136	..	243	5	124	1	...	3,272	
129	..	426	11	128	...	..	2,306	
344	...	452	3	257	4	...	3,274	
194	...	167	1	163	..	...	2,597	
101	...	79	...	103	...	..	2,927	
162	...	104	5	141	...	...	1,800	
139	..	353	2	484	2	...	2,297	
1,855	1	3,090	35	1,723	9	...	25,480	
1,799	1	2,848	23	1,818	7	1	22,589	
766	...	1,012	4	664	4	1	5,755	
991	...	536	63	885	14	...	4,532	
1,757	...	1,578	67	1,549	18	1	10,597	
1,526	...	1,107	2	1,555	7	...	5,758	
3,612	1	4,608	102	3,272	27	...	36,077	
3,625	1	3,955	25	3,373	14	1	28,347	

STATEMENT

Proceedings in Insolvency under Act V of 1920 in the Districts

PART I.—Showing the Number and Result of Petitions made

Districts.	Insolvency				
	Pending at close of previous year.	Number dealt with.			Received by transfer.
		Presented during the year.			
		By debtors.		By creditors.	
		Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.		
1	2	3	4	5	6
Nagpur	85	44	220	23	...
Wardha	88	29	233	18	...
Bhandara	56	28	193	1	...
Jubbulpore	38	45	96	1	...
Saugor	32	49	42	1	...
Hoshangabad	20	17	76	10	...
Nimar	75	54	159	19	...
Chhindwara	19	41	67	10	...
Raipur	41	55	105	4	...
Total Central Provinces	1927 ... 454	362	1,191	87	...
	1926 .. 430	358	907	75	...
East Berar	324	60	593	264	95
West Berar	418	55	747	264	...
Total Berar	1927 .. 743	115	1,340	528	95
	1926 ... 446	94	1,169	306	...
GRAND TOTAL CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR.	1927 ... 1,196	477	2,531	615	95
	1926 ... 876	452	2,076	381	...

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of the Central Provinces and Berar during the year 1927.

under Section 7 and the number of Insolvents before the Court.

petitions.

Total.	Number disposed of.					
	Transferred.	Withdrawn under Section 14.	By composition or scheme of arrangement under Section 38.	By orders of adjudication under Section 27.		Dismissed under Section 25.
				Receivers being appointed.	Receivers not being appointed.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
372	...	8	...	19	140	57
368	168	97
278	...	1	...	...	162	31
180	...	2	...	1	63	68
124	...	1	...	1	39	50
123	45	28
307	...	11	...	...	125	68
137	...	7	...	...	46	62
205	71	82
2,094	...	30	...	21	859	543
1,770	...	33	...	45	795	443
1,336	95	6	...	66	434	327
1,484	...	18	...	51	576	432
2,820	95	24	...	117	1,010	759
2,015	...	11	...	42	681	539
4,014	95	54	...	138	1,869	1,302
3,785	...	44	..	87	1,476	982

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Districts.	Petitions.			Debtors adjudged	
	Disposed of.	Debtors sentenced under Section 69.	Undischarged insolvents sent for trial under Section 72.	Number before	
	Total.			Remain- ing undis- charged at close of previous year.	Undis- charged received by transfer.
1	14	15	16	17	18
Nagpur ...	234	1	...	1,356	...
Wardha ..	265	...	...	1,114	...
Bhandara ...	194	...	...	741	...
Jubbulpore ...	134	...	..	590	...
Saugor ..	91	...	...	218	...
Hoshangabad ..	73	...	...	376	..
Nimar ...	204	...	...	846	...
Chhindwara ...	115	...	...	255	...
Raipur ..	153	...	...	525	...
Total Central Provinces... { 1927 ..	1,453	1	...	5,821	...
{ 1926 ..	1,316	...	...	5,645	...
East Berar ..	928	...	...	2,868	44
West Berar ..	1,077	...	...	2,455	...
Total Berar ... { 1927 ..	2,005	...	...	5,323	44
{ 1926 ..	1,273	...	...	5,154	...
GRAND TOTAL CENTRAL { 1927 ..	3,458	1	...	11,144	44
PROVINCES AND BERAR. { 1926 ..	2,589	...	...	10,799	..

(a) Orders of adjudication were annulled
 (b) Do. do.
 (c) Do. do.
 (d) Do. do.
 (e) Do. do.
 (f) Do. do.
 (g) Do. do.
 (h) Do. do.
 (i) Do. do.
 (j) Do. do.

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under Section 7 and the number of Insolvents before the Court.

to be insolvent.

the Court.		Disposed of					Remaining undis- charged at close of year including insolvents who have been refused discharge or whose discharge remains suspended under Section 41 (2) (b).
Adjudged to be in- solvent during year.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Discharged.		Total.	
				Absolutely under Section 41 (2) (a).	Condi- tionally under Section 41 (2) (c).		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
183	1,439	..	...	23	7	30	(a) 1,396
175	1,289	...	...	20	33	53	(b) 1,131
200	941	...	...	55	1	56	(c) 857
64	654	...	...	13	...	13	(d) 600
40	258	...	..	1	2	3	(e) 228
50	326	...	...	15	7	22	(f) 292
159	1,005	...	1	30	12	43	(g) 926
46	301	...	...	4	5	9	(h) 250
71	596	.	...	13	2	15	(i) 534
958	6,803	.	1	174	69	244	6,214
884	6,529	.	1	265	57	303	5,821
500	3,412	44	1	48	5	98	(j) 3,046
627	3,082	...	...	259	39	298	2,784
1,127	6,494	44	1	307	44	396	5,830
723	5,877	...	...	351	46	397	5,323
2,115	13,303	44	2	481	113	640	12,044
1,607	12,406	...	1	616	83	700	[11,144

in respect of 13 insolvents.

105	do.
23	do.
41	do.
27	do.
12	do.
56	do.
42	do.
47	do.
268	do.

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PART 2.—Showing the Number of Estates of Insolvents in charge of Courts

Districts.	Number of insolvents' estates in charge of Courts or in the hands of Receivers.				Amount of Creditors.	
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Taken charge of by Court or a Receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the previous year.	Admitted.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nagpur ...	105	14	6	113	2,68,828	2,52,281
Wardha ...	18	35	23	30	51,041	98,107
Bhandara ...	17	16	20	13	24,901	36,913
Jubbulpore ...	3	9	7	5	1,745	7,145
Saugor ...	16	9	9	16	21,480	15,218
Hoshangabad ...	3 (g)	6	6	3	4,777	6,710
Nimar ...	63	24	13	74	29,155	74,132
Chhindwara ...	18	11	9	20	45,707	13,987
Raipur ...	29	10	34	5	33,064	62,137
Total Central Provinces { 1927 ...	272 (g)	134	127	279	4,80,698	5,66,630
{ 1926 ...	253	164	144	273	4,24,800	3,21,192
East Berar ...	145	148	38	255	5,23,333	4,26,084
West Berar ...	147	67	18	196	4,08,579	1,11,372
Total Berar { 1927 ...	292	215	56	451	9,31,912	5,37,456
{ 1926 ...	225	109	42	292	8,69,193	1,06,102
GRAND TOTAL CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR. { 1927 ...	564 (g)	349	183	730	14,12,610	11,04,086
{ 1926 ...	478	273	186	565	12,93,993	4,27,294

- (a) Excludes
- (b) Rs. 52 on
- (c) Rs. 27,169
- (d) Includes
- (e) Rs. 21,305
- (f) Rs. 314-12-0
- (g) Rs. 3,149
- (h) Rs. 705
- (i) Rs. 8,571
- (j) Rs. 2,068
- (k) Rs. 15,950
- (l) Rs. 10 on
- (m) Rs. 38,220
- (n) Rs. 26,096

(o) Rs. 908 receivers remuneration, Rs. 3 poundage fees and Rs. 95
 (p) Rs. 2-8-0 withdrawn on account of Court-fee labels, Rs. 44-8-0
 (q) One estate has been omitted as it was disposed of last year

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of the Central Provinces and Berar during the year 1927.

or in the hands of Receivers and the progress made in winding them up.

Claims dealt with during the year.			Amount of insolvents' assets realized and outstanding.				Remarks.
Dis-allowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realized assets in Court or in the hands of Receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realized during the year.	Total amount of disbursement.	Amount remaining in Court or in the hands of Receivers at the close of the year.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
...	103,725	(a) 416,391	2,333	1,02,547	(b) 1,03,757	1,491	
...	5,502	(c) 116,477	1,598	14,424	(d) 5,874	10,148	
...	6,746	(e) 33,763	2,215	8,809	(f) 7,124	3,900	
...	942	(g) 4,799	278	1,062	(h) 635	...	
...	2,800	33,898	573	2,404	2,800	177	
217	994	(i) 1,705	143	912	994	61	
...	4,350	(j) 96,869	5,972	2,871	4,350	4,493	
56	2,321	(k) 41,367	565	2,038	(l) 2,353	240	
...	4,032	(m) 52,949	1,314	8,847	4,032	6,129	
273	131,412	798,218	14,991	1,44,314	1,31,919	26,639	
...	39,485	480,698	11,962	45,401	39,115	14,991	
...	85,345	(n) 89,976	11,100	51,407	(o) 26,230	36,277	
...	8,098	511,553	38,280	36,794	(p) 8,204	66,870	
...	33,443	1,409,829	49,380	88,201	34,434	1,03,147	
...	9,559	931,912	24,912	55,834	31,366	49,380	
273	164,855	2,208,047	64,371	2,32,515	1,66,353	1,29,785	
...	49,044	1,412,610	36,874	1,01,235	70,481	64,371	

Rs. 993 in cases in which final dividends have been paid.

account of poundage fees.

written off.

Rs. 372 as refunded to insolvents.

written off.

poundage fees and Rs. 32-4-0 on account of costs.

written off.

placed in Civil Court deposit for payment to creditors.

written off.

written off.

written off.

account of cost of litigation.

written off.

written off.

forfeited to Government on account of 1/3th of net proceeds.

cost of litigation, Rs. 19 expenses incurred by receiver and Rs. 40 paid to receiver as remuneration. but it was through mistake shown as pending.