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'The last village surveyed from the group of selected villages was Vadama in Mukundapuram taluk. Investigation work in the village commenced on the 17th June, and was completed on the 16th August 1935. The statistics discussed in this Report reere to the twelve months preceding this period.
2. Like Vallivattam, Vadama also is one of the border villages in the south-west corner of Mukundapuram taluk. A strip of Travancore territory called Puthanchira (in Parur taluk) lies to the west and north-west of the village, and the Karingactiva canal or thodu, also called the Muttikkal thodu, runs between Vadama and Puthanchira. Thekkumkara (Karupadanna) and Vallivattam are on the opposité side of the Puthanchira strip. Vadakkumbhagam and Kuruvilasseri, two other villages in Mukundapuram taluk, respectively form the northern and eastern boundaries of Vadama. Pallippuram, another village in Mukundapuram taluk, lies to the south of Vadama, and a canal called Mala thodu, branching off from Karingachira thodu in the west, runs between Pallippuram and Vadama, forming a natural boundary between the two villages. There is a trunk-road connecting Mala landing place (in Mala thodu) with important centres in the north like Irinjalakkuda and Trichur. This road passes through the very heart of the village from north to south.
3. Both the laterite and clayey varieties of soil are seen in Vadama. The higher levels have the laterite soil, where flourish the arecanut palm, fruit-trees like the mango, cashewnut, and jack-tree, pepper, plantains, the pan-vine and kitchen vegetables. The laterite rockég of pbis area are justly famous, and quarrying has been from times immemorial an important industry here. The laterite stones supplied from the local quarries are well known by the name of Mala *stones. They are of the highest quality and have always been in demand in the sandy tracts of Parur (in Travancore), Cochin-Kanayannur and Cranganur taluks for building purposes.

The lower levels (including the wetlands) would appear to be chiefly clayey. Paddy and cocoanut are the chief crops grown'in this area.

[^0]Introductory date of sur. vey.

Situation.

Soil and crop=,

Area, 4. The total area of the village is $2,54^{\circ} 1$ acres, distributed as shown below:

Acres.
(1) Single-crop nilam.(wet-land) .. 779.5
(2) Double-crop, nilam ( , ) .. $263 \cdot x$
(3) Paramba (dry-land) $\quad . \therefore \quad 3,36 \mathrm{x} \cdot 9$
(4) Poramboke (Sirkar or unassigned) land .. $135^{\circ 6}$

Total : .. 2,540.
5. There are 818 families in the village with a total de jure, population

Population. of 4,919 persons ( 2,420 males and 2,499 females). The density of population is, therefore, $\mathrm{x}, 239$ to the square mile, and each person will get 52 cents of land if it is evenly distributed.

The population of the village (de facto) was 4,620 at the Census of 1931 .
Appendix $A$ shors the distribution of the population by communities. The numerically strongest of the 23 communities in the village are:

| Communities in the order of their numerical strengih. | Percentage in the total population. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Clisistian | . | 33.3 |
| 2. Eazhuvan | $\bullet$ | 18.9 |
| 3. Muslim | . | $14^{\circ} 4$ |
| 4. Pulayan | .. | 10.5 |
| 5. Nayar | $\cdots$ | $5 \cdot 7$ |
| 6. Goudasaraswath Brahman | - | 4'1 |
| 7. Kudumi chetti | . | $3 \cdot 4$ |
| 8. J CW | . | $3{ }^{19}$ |

The remaining 15 communities together form but 6.6 per cent of the total population.
6. Appendix $B$ gives the total assets of the 818 families in the village

Assets distributed by community, and the distribution of these assets by communities. Valued according to the depression rate of prices current at the time of the survey, the assets roughly amount to Rs. 164 lakis. Column 6 of the Appendix will show that the one Nambudiri family in the village is by far the richest family, and owns no less than 16.1 per cent of the total assets. The Goudasaraswath Brahmans and the Christians are proportionately the richest of the remaining communities. The families of these two communities form only $34^{\circ} 3$ per cent of the total number of
families in the village, but their assets are seen to amount to $66^{\circ} 9$ per cent of the total assets*.
7. The assets are classified below according to their kind:
by kind,
A. IMMOVABLES.
(i) Land

| Extent | Value | Proportion per <br> cent in the <br> (otal assets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (acres) | Rs. |  |

i. 'Nilam (paddy land)

| (a) in the same village | $\ldots$ | $741 \cdot 2$ | $1,99,973$ | $12 \cdot 3$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| (b) elsewhere | $\ldots$ | $: 395^{\prime} 4$ | $1,17,943$ | 7.3 |
|  | Total | $\ldots$ | $1,136.6$ | $3,17,916$ |

ii. Paramba (dry-iand)

| (a) in the same village | - | 1,095.6 | 4,14,894 | 25'5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) elsewhere | .. | 275.4 | 1,10,067 | 6.7 |
| Total | - | 1,372'0 | 5,24,961 | $3{ }^{2 \cdot 2}$ |
| tal of i and ii (i. e., total for land) | - | 2,508.6 | 8,42,877 | 51.8 |

(2) House property


* The average assets per family of the minor communities entered as item to in Appendix B are shown below:

| Community |  | Average assets per family Rs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Ambalavasi | - | 3,057 |
| 2. Ambattan | - | 443 |
| 3. Brahman (Tamil) | . | 4.287 |
| 4. Elayath | $\cdots$ | 1,265 |
| 5. Embran | * | 4,342 |
| 6. Kanakkan | - | 55 |
| 7. Marasari | " | 88 |
| 8. Panan | $\cdots$ | 38 |
| 9. Pandaran | * | 12 |
| 10. Parayan (Sambavan) | - | 3 |
| 11. Thattan | .. | 613 |
| 12. Velakkathalavan | * | 728 |
| 13. Velan | -星 | 84 |
| 14. Veluthedan | - | 37 |

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|  |  | Acres. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) Single-crop nilam (wet-land) | - | $779 * 5$ |
| (2) Double-crop,nilam ( , ) | $\cdots$ | $263 \cdot 1$ |
| (3) Paramba (dry-land) | $\cdots$ | 1,361.9 |
| (4) Poramboke (Sirkar or unassigned) land | -• | 135.6 |
| Total | -• | 2,540'1 |

5. There are 818 families in the village with a total de jure. population Population. of 4,919 persons ( 2,420 males and 2,499 females). The density of population is, therefore, $\mathrm{x}, 239$ to the square mile, and each person will get 52 cents of land if it is evenly distributed.

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5. Nayar ... $5 \cdot 7$
6. Goudasardswath Brahman .. $4^{\prime 又}$
7. Kudumi chetti - .. $3 \cdot 4$
8. Jew .. 3.

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Assets distributed by community,
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| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| (acres) | Rs. | total assets |

i. 'Nilam (paddy land)

| (a) in the same village | . | 741.2 | 1,99,973 | $12 \cdot 3$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) elsewhere | - | $395 \cdot 4$ | 1,17,943 | 13 |
| Total |  | 1,136.6 | 3,17,916 | 19.6 |

ii. Paramba (dry-iand)

| (a) in the same village | . | 1,095.6 | 4,14,894 | . 25 \% 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) elsewhere | .. | $275 \cdot 4$ | 1,10,067 | 6.7 |
| Total | . | 1,372.0 | 5,24,961 | 32.2 |
| otal of $i$ and ii (i. e., total for land) | - | 2,508.6 | 8,42,877 | 518 |

(2) House property

| (a) Residential | -• | 2,05,212 | 12.6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) Farms | - | 3,970 | $0 \cdot 2$ |
| (c) Shops, etc. | .. | 24,191 | 15 |
| Total | ** | 2,33,373 | 14.3 |
| Value of improvements in lands taken on lease | -• | 30,195 | 19 |
| Total of A (IMMOVABLES) | .. | 11,06,445 | 68.0 |

* The average assets per family of the minor communities entered as item 10 in Appendix B are shown below: -

| Community |  | Average assets per family Rs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Ambalavasi | $\bullet$ | 3,057 |
| 2. Ambattan | - | 443 |
| 3. Brahman (Tamil) |  | 4.287 |
| 4. Elayath | - | 8,265 |
| 5. Embran | - | 4,342 |
| 6. Kanakkan | - | 55 |
| 7. Marasari | . | 181 |
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| 11. Thattan |  | 613 |
| 12. Velakkatha!avan | $\cdots$ | 728 |
| 13. Velan | * | 84 |
| 14. Veluthedan | ** | 37 |


|  |  | Value | Proportion per <br> cent in the |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| total assets |  |  |  |

The statement shows that $53^{\circ} 7$ per cert of the assets consists of land (items I and 3 in the list). and $14^{\circ} 3$ per cent of house property (item 2). Other items of importance are amounts lent out on interest with or without security (items 10 and $I I$ in the list) forming 8.5 per cent, investment in non-prized kuries (item 12 in the list) forming 5.3 per cent, and investments in the form of jewellery, ornaments, etc. (item I3) accounting for $3^{\circ} 6$ per cent of the total assets.
8. The occupational grouping of the families and the assets of each
and by occupation. occupational group given in Appendix $C$ will show that the chief land-owning classes (items 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the Appendix, forming only $27^{\circ} 9$ per cent of the total number of families), own as much as $89^{\circ}$ I per cent of the total assets. The tenant classes (items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the Appendix, forming 178 per cent of the total number of families), get but $4^{\prime} 9$ per cent of the assets. As many as $44^{\circ} 6$ per cent of the families in the village are those of agricultural labourers, but their share is only $1 \cdot 7$ per cent of the assets. Others comprising $9^{\circ} 7$

|  |  | ks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| * These include: |  |  |
| I Amounts due to merchants from customers | - | ,084 |
| 2. Pattom arrears due from tenants | $\cdots$ | 10,813 |
| 3. Share-rights, partition-rights, etc. | $\cdots$ | 30,744 |
| 4. Advance rental deposited by tenants | . | 2,669 |
| 5. Arrears of interest due | . | X,155 |
| 6. Decree amounts due | -. | 3,763 |
| 7. Other minor items | " | 9,2\%8 |
| 'Total | ** | 82,506 |

per cent of the families retain the balance of $4^{\circ} 3$ per cent of the assets. The average assets of a family of the first group are valued at Rs. 6,359, but the corresponding figures for the second, third and fourth groups are only Rs. 539, Rs. 75 and Rs. 883, respectively.

If the total assets are evenly distributed the share of each family in the village will be Rs. 1,987 , and of each individual, Rs. 330 .
o. The total indebtedness of the 8 I 8 families in the village is about Rs. $3 \frac{1}{8}$ lakhs (equivalent to 19.3 per cent of the total assets). The average indebtedness of a family is therefore Rs. 383 , and of an individual, Rs. 64. The families that are actually involved in debts number 668 ( $8 \mathrm{i} \cdot 7$ par cent of the total number of families in the village). Hence the average debt per indebted family is Rs. $4^{69}$.
10. Out of the total assigned area of $2,4^{\circ} 4^{\circ} 5$ acres of land in Vadama, the inhabitants of the village own as much as $\mathrm{I}, 836.8$ acres ( $741 \cdot 2$ acres of nilam and $1,095^{\circ} 6$ acres of paramba.) In addition to this, an extent of 671.8 acres of land ( $395^{\circ} 4$ acres of nilam and 276.4 acres of paramba), situated in other villages, is also owned by the residents of Vadamı. The total area of land owned by them is, therefore, $2,508.6$ acres. The incidence of indebtedness on the land owned by the villagers will thus be Rs. 125 per acre, when their total debt is taken into consideration.

The debts that are actually secured on land amount to Rs. $1,70,045$, and the land encumbered for this debt is $770^{\circ} 3$ acres. The incidence of secured debts on encumbered land is, therefore, Rs. 221 per acre.
11. Appendix D gives the distribution of indebtedness by cummunities and Appendix E, by occupation. The following statement will show the degree of correspondence between the proportion of assets and of debts owned by the chief communities and occupational groups of the village.

| Occupational group or community | Proportion per cent in the total number of families | Proportion per cent of indebted families in the occupational group or community | Proportion per cent of assets owned by the occupational group or community | Proportion per cent of debts owned by the occupational group or community |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Land owners | 27.9 | 92'I | $89^{11}$ | 88.8 |
| 2. Tenants .- | 17.8 | 93'2 | 4.9 | 719 |
| 3. Agricultural labourers... | $44 \cdot 6$ | 751 | 177 | $1 \cdot 9$ |
| 4. Other occupational groups | 9.7 | 60.8 | 43 | 1.4 |
| 5. Nambudiri | $0 \cdot 1$ | 1000 | 16.1 | $10 \cdot 9$ |
| 6. Christian .. | 30.8 | $84^{\circ} 5$ | 56.7 | 53.7 |
| 7. Goudasaraswath Brabman | 3'5 | 89.7 | $10 \cdot 2$ | $9{ }^{*} 4$ |
| 8. Nayar .. | 6.0 | 91.8 | $4{ }^{*}$ | 6.7 |

Indebtedness: its inci. dence on population
and on land.

Indebtedness by occu* pation and by community.

Purpose of debts.
12. The purposes for which the debts were contracted (shown in Appendix F) are examined below:
(i) Kuri liabilities form the heaviest item in the list and accounts for Rs. $1,30,97^{8}$ or $41^{8} 8$ per cent of the total debts. This sum includes ( I ) the sub-scription amounts to be remitted towards prized kuries (Rs. $1,17,547$ ), and (2) debts incurred by subscribers and kuri proprietors on account of kuries (Rs. $13,43 \mathrm{I}$.) It is understood that a large portion of the prize-amounts drawn from these kuries was spent on the purchase and improvement of land and on the construction of houses, etc.

The annual amount of subscription due to prized kuries from the village as a whole is Rs. 15,639 . If the subscription instalments are regularly paid, item ( 1 ) of the kuri liabilities (Rs. $1,17,547$ ) will, therefore, be paid off within 8 years from the date of the investigation. However, defaults in payments are but too frequent as a result of the depression, and both subscribers and kuri proprietors have accordingly been put to much ioss. Hence the debt of Rs. 13,43I shown as item (2) of the kuri liabilities.
(ii) Repayment of old debts stands next in importance among the items given in Appendix F. It accounts for a sum of Rs. 44,495 ( $14^{* 2}$. per cent of the total debts.) Though the purposes for which these oid debts were incurred are not always specified, it is understood that purchase of land occupies an important place among the purposes.
(iii) Loans raised for industrial and trade purposes are seen to amount to Rs. 42,290 ( 13.5 per cent of the debts). Mala is an important centre of trade, and the depression has been, to a considerable extent, responsible for this heavy item.
(iv) Land, again, is responsible for the items shown in columns 5 and 7 of Appendix F: Purchase of land accounts for Rs. 26,290 ( 8.4 per cent), and the amounts borrowed for cultivation expenses or for the improvement of land, for the payment of rental, etc., account for Rs. 9,617 ( $3 \cdot 1$ per cent of the debts). These items also are chiefly to be attributed to the depression.
(v) Amounts borrowed for social and religious items account for Rs. 17,294 ( 5 . 5 per cent of the debts). This is but a part of the expenditure incurred for marriages, funerals, etc.
(vi) A sum of Rs. 12,493 (4 per cent of the debts) was borrowed for the purchase of daily necessaries, because the income did not suffice to meet the barest wants. The fall in income is, of course, to be attributed chiefly to the economic depression.
(vii) Other purposes shown in column II of Appendix F account or Rs. 25,254 ( 8 per cent of the debts). These purposes include the following items:

13. Secured and unsecured debts are classified below:


Items 1 and 2 in the above list are both secured and form $23^{\circ} 4$ per cent of the total debts. A sum of Rs. $1,08,933$ out of the kuri liabilities of Rs. $1,17,547$ is also secured on land. This forms $34^{\circ 8}$ per cent of the total debts. In all, therefore, 58.2 per cent of the total debts is secured.
14. The rates of interest charged for the different classes of debts are shown in Appendix G. 98 per cent of the amount borrowed on the security of land, 96 per cent of the amount raised by pawcing jewellery, etc., and 95.8 per cent of the amount raised on pronotes have to pay interest only at rates not exceeding 12 fer cent per annum.

In appendix H the total amount of interest-bearing debts is distributed according to the rates of interest charged. The rate is 9 to 12 per cent (mostly

12 per cent) per annum for $63^{\prime 1}$ per cent of the amount. It is 9 per cent or below 9 per cent per annum for $33^{\circ 2}$ per cent of the interest-bearing debts: The balance (only the small proportion of $3^{\prime} 7$ per cent of the interest-bearing debts) pays interest at rates exceeding 12 per cent per annum. Instances of very high rates of interest are not unknown in the village. Thus small hand loans and cash loans raised on pledges have at times to pay interest at rates which are as high as $7^{2}$ per cent per annum; and loans in kind (paddy loans) are often charged 60 per cent per annum. Certain isolated instances of Pulaya labourers being exploited by petty shop-keepers were also noticed in the village. For every $4 \frac{1}{2}$ annas worth of articles bought on credit from the shop during the months of Mithunam and Karkadagam (the season of slack work and scarcity), these labourers have to repay one para of paddy (valued at about 5 annas) soon after harvest in the month of Chingam. The commission of one anna charged on this small sum of $4^{\frac{1}{2}}$ annas for a period of $x$ to 2 months works out at 133 to 266 per cent per annum. But Appendix H shows that only the small sum of Rs. ${ }^{\circ} 4 \mathrm{I}$ ( $\mathrm{O}^{\circ} \mathrm{I}$ per cent of the interest-bearing debts) pays interest at rates exceeding 24 per cent per annum.

Classes of creditors.
15. The distribution of the total debt according to the classes of creditors is given Lelow:

| Serial No. | Classes of creditors. | Amount Rs, | Proportion per cent in the total debt. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5. | Amount raised from joint-steck banks | 28,214 | $9 * 0$ |
| 2. | Agricultural Loan (Government) ... | 100 | ** |
| 3. | Amount raised from Co-operative Societies | 174 | 0.1 |
| 4. | Amount raised from private persors (mostly of the same locality) | 1,30,688 | 4×.6 |
| 5. | Pattom arrears, decree-debts, etc.... | 31,526 | 10.1 |
| 6. | Petty shop-debts, etc. . ... | 51214 | 1'7 |
| 7. | Kuri liabilities (amount to be remitted in prized louries, banks and private parties) | $1,17,547$ | 37.5 |
|  | Total ... | 3,13,463 ${ }^{*}$ | 100'0 |

Private parties (mostly of the same locality including neighbouring villages) form the chief source of credit in Vadama also, and they account for items 4,5 and 6 in the list ( $53^{\circ} 4$ per cent of the total debts). A considerable portion of item 7 also (kuri liabilities) is derived from private parties. Almost the whole balance is contributed by banks.


#### Abstract

"The Catholic Union Bank, Limited, Mala" is a thriving concern in the village, carrying on a prosperous business in money-lending. The institution enjoys the confidence of the public to such an extent that, in spite of the economic depression, the deposits received by the bank (amounting to Rs. $1,27,320$ at the end of Makaram inio M. E.), show a steady increase; and the bank has realised an annual net profit of Rs. 8,054 against a subscribed capital of only Rs. 16,000. "The Mala Public Bank, Limited" which is another institution of the kind, is now working at a loss and has almost ceased to function. Besides, there is a co-operative society registered as "Vadama Co-operative Society, No. 48." This institution has not been working properly, so much so that it has but served to discredit the co-operative movement and make it unpopular in the locality.


46. The rates of interest charged by the different classes of creditors are given in Appendix I. The terms offered by private parties are more favourable than those of joint-stock banks. Though the usual rate of interest charged by banks does not exceed 12 per cent, in actual practice it works out at'a much higher rate on account of heavy penalties for defaults.
: 1\%. A sum of Rs. 360 , out of the total debts of the village represents
Creditors and rates of interest. the cash value of 886 paras of paddy, borrowed for cultivation purposes, domes-. kind. tic consumption, etc. Paddy loans are, however, less common in Vadama than in certain other villages where paddy is the most important crop.
47. Appendix J shows the distribution of the income and expenditure of the village by communities. The gross annual income of the 818 families in the

Income and expenditure. village amounts to Rs. $6,13,689$ and the expenditure excluding the family bud-. get is Rs. 4,50,175. The net income available for household expenses is, therefore, Rs. $1,63,518$.
19. Appendix K deals with the income and expenditure according to the occupation or sources from which the income is derived. The family or household cannot be takea as the unit for purposes of the classification in Appendix K , because members of the same family often follow different pursuits and accordingly derive their incomes from different sources. Appendix K, therefore, deals with the number of persons, and not of families, engaged in various occupations or deriving their income from various sources.

[^1]accordifg to to sources.
per cent of the total number of families) are of agricultural labourers. Out of the 818 families in the village, as many as 739 ( $90^{\circ} 3$ per cent) are, therefore, dependent on agriculture, and land is either the chief, or at least a subsidiary, source of their income. Groups i to 7 under Pasture and Agriculture, Cultivation, in Appendix K show that land is the principal source of income to $\mathrm{I}, 180$ persons ( 543 males and 637 females) and a subsidiary source of income to 694 persons ( 578 males and 116 females). There are also in working dependents under the same head (i. e., those who help the principal earners of their families with their services in return for which they receive no payment). In all, therefore, 8,885 persons, or 65 per cent of the total village population aged 13 years and above, are more or less dependent on land for their living.

The gross income from agricultural occupations (groups ito 7 in Appendix K) amounts to Rs. $1,15,072$ ( 18.8 per cent of the total gross income of the village). The corresponding expenditure is Rs. $40,8889^{\circ} 9$ per cent of the total expenditure*). The net income from this source is, therefore, Rs. 74, 184 ( 36.6 per cent of the total net income*).

It is also to be observed here that, of the 1,191 persons (including II working dependents) whose principal source of income is land, as many as 977 ( 387 men and 590 women) or 82 per cent, and of the 694 persons to whom land is a subsidiary source of income, 153 ( 115 men and 38 women) or 22 per cent are agricultural labourers. The total net income under agricultural labour (group 5 in Appendix K) amounts to Rs. $25,76 \mathrm{I}$ and forms $34^{\circ} 7$ per cent of the net income from agricultural occupations and $12^{\prime \prime} 7$ per cent of the itotal net in: come of the village.
21. There are 235 oxen (used both for draught purposes and the plough), 71 buffaloes (used chiefly for the plough), 306 cows, 27 she-buffaloes, 306 cow* calves, 21 buffalo-calves, 355 goats (including kids) and 5 pigs in the village. All these animals are together valued at Rs. 11,752. There is also an elephant in the village valued at Rs. 8,000.

Group gaj in Appendix K shows that the net incume from cattle and buffalo breeding, etc., is Rs. $1,362 . \dagger$ Here no income has been receipted for the

[^2]$\dagger$ This includes a sum of Rs, So4, being the net income from hiring out the elephant.
ploughing work done by the animals in their owners' fields. Again, the income derived by the owners of draught animals is shown under group 39 (owners, etc., of bullock-carts), but the cost of feeding the animals is included in group 9a. If the amounts under these heads are properly adjusted, it will be seen that the cattle form a source of considerable income to their owaers.

The cattle are of inferior type. The average daily yield of a milch cow is but $\mathrm{x} \frac{1}{2}$ bottles (of 24 ounces each) and of a milch buffalo, about 3 bottles.

It may also be observed here that 65 persors (mostly boys who would otherwise have been unemployed) are engazed as herdsmen and shepherds and that they derive an income of R.s. 497 annually.

There are 192 cocks, 693 hens, 384 chickens and 105 ducks in the village, together valued at Rs. 388. The annual net income derived from this source is seen to be about Rs. 23I. The cattle and poultry found in the village are reared chiefly for domestic use. There is no one pursuing either industry on any considerable scale.
22. Next to agriculture, trade is the most important source of income in the village. It has already been remarked in paragraph 12 above that Mala is an important centre of trade. Here the produce of the neighbouring areas is collected and exported to Cochin and other markets. The necessaries which the villagers in the surrounding areas have to get from outside are imported into Mala and distributed from this centre*. The net income derived from subclass d, trade, is Rs. 52,486 , and forms no less than $25^{\circ} 9$ per cent of the total net income of the village ${ }^{* *}$. The various groups under this sub-class form the chief source of income to 181 persons, and a subsidiary source of income to 93 persons. There are also 49 working dependents in these groups.

| **The following statement contains the figures for nine villages: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Village |  | Net income from Sub. class d, trade Ks. | Proportion per cent i the total net income |
| 1. Nayarambalam | - | 48,162 | 16.4 |
| 2. Antikkad | - | 25,152 | 17.2 |
| 3. Chundal | - | 17,159 | 13.7 |
| 4., Eruttempadi | - | 21,470 | $14^{\circ} 8$ |
| 5. Pattancheri | ** | 39,374 | 16.1 |
| 6. Tiruvaliyad | -* | 6,791 | 8.4 |
| 7. Venganallur | .. | 8,385 | 8.4 |
| 8. Vellivattam | - ${ }^{\circ}$ | 9,930 | - 9.5 |
| 9. Vadama | -• | 52,486 | 25.9 |

Trade.

These persons belong to the communities of the Christians, Goudasaraswath Brahmans and the Jews. The most important groups in this sub-class are $4^{1}$ and 43 (money-lending), and 51 to 59 (dealers in food-stuffs).

Other occupational groups: Industries,

Public Administration and Liberal Arts $_{1}$

Miscellaneous sources.
23. The net income derived from sub-class b, industry (groups 13 to 37 a ), is Rs. 19,373 ( $9^{\circ 6}$ per cent of the total net income). The various groups under this sub-class form the chief source of income to 286 persons (including 24 working dependents), and a subsidiary source of income to 171 persons. The most important groups under this sub-class are group 21 which deals with the manufacture of copra, group 26 which relates to the extraction of toddy from the cocoanut palm, and group 33 which relates chiefly to the workmen employed in quarrying laterite stones for building purposes.

A few persons (mostly women) of the Kanakka community, who are engaged in the manufacture of lime from shells, are also included in group 33. The shell is purchased from neighbouring villages bordering the backwaters and transported to Mala landing place in native boats. It is burnt in primitive kilns and reduced to lime of good quality. The industry has been in existence here for years, but the margin of profit derived from it is but very small.
24. Sub-class c, transport, accounts for a net income of Rs. 9,395 (4*6 per cent of the total net income). It is the principal source of income to 115 persons (including a working dependent) and a subsidiary source of income to 9 persons. Group 38 dealing with boat-owners and their employees and group 39 c relating to bullock-carts both show the importance of Mala as a trading centre and give a rough idea of the volume of goods transported in native boats or bullock-carts. The porters in group 39 are chiefly those who are employed in transporting toddy by swing-loads.
25. Sub-classes e, $f$ and $g$, falling under class $C$ (Public Administration and Liberal Arts), form the principal source of income to 78 persons and a sub. sidiary source of income to 21 persons. The net income from the three subclasses together is Rs. 16,541 ( 8.2 per cent of the total net income). The most important groups here are 65 (Government service), 68 (priests, ministers, etc.), 73 to 74 (medical practitioners, etc.) and 76 (teachers).
26. Group 82 (contributions, allowances, etc.) which accounts for a net income of Rs. 13,208 , group 82 b (miscellaneous sources) which brings a net income of Rs. 6,713 , group 84 (contractors, etc.), group 85 (employees in unspecified offices, etc.) and group 87 (casual labourers) are some of the most important groups under sub-classes $23 \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j}$ and k , falling under class D (miscellaneous sources).

Net income and standard of living.
27. As stated in paragraph 18 above, the net income (for a period of one full year ending about July, 1935) of the 818 families in the village, available for household expenses, is Rs. $1,63,518$. Appendix $L$ shows the distribution of
this amount among the various communities, the propornon in which it is distributed and the average net incoms of a family in each community. The figures for some of the most populous communities are extracted below:


Grading of families according to income.

Average income.
28. A statement in which the families in the village are graded according to the net income received by each is given below:

| 'Total net income |  |  |  |  |  | No. of families deriving such income | Proportion per cent in the total number of families |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Up |  | to | Rs. | 25 | ** | 5 | 0.6 |
| 2. Rs. | -26 | to | Rs. | 50 | . | 38 | 4.6 |
| 3. Rs, | 51 | to | Ks, | 100 | $\cdots$ | 253 | 30.9 |
| 4. Rs. | 101 | to | Rs. | 200 | - | 330 | 40.3 |
| 5. Rs. | 201 | to | Rs. | 500 | - | 142 | 17.4 |
| 6. Rs. | 501 | to | Kıs. | 1,000 | - | 26 | $3 \cdot 2$ |
| 7. Rs. | 1,001 | to | Rs. | 2,000 | - | 8 | 10 |
| 8. Above |  |  | Rs. | 2,020 | - | 7 | $0 \cdot 9$ |
|  |  |  |  | Total | - | 809 | $98 \cdot 9$ |

Of the remaining 9 lamilies in the village, 2 depend chiefly on alms, and therefore did not return any regular sincome, while 7 returned a "minus-netincome," their explanation being that unforeseen expenses and unexpected losses (chiefly on account of the depression) led to this result during the year under review. They had accordingly to raise loans or sell their movables in order to meet the deficit.
29. If the total net income of the village is evenly distributed, each family will receive an annual income of Rs. 200 and each individual, Rs. 33 . The figures are higher* than those of most other villages already reported on, but they do not indicate that the income of the average villager is higher than in other villages. The presence of more than the usual proportion of big surplus budget families is the true explanation for this high average. Whereas in all the other eight villages the deficit of the deficit budget families exceeded the

WThe figures of nine villages are given below:

| Village |  | Average number of persons in a family | Average annual income per family Rs. | Average annual income per individual Rs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Nayarambalam | - | $5 \cdot 6$ | 113 | 20 |
| 2. Antikkad | - | 5.6 | 129 | 23 |
| 3. Chundal | . | 6.2 | 145 | 23 |
| 4. Eruttempadi | -* | $4 \cdot 6$ | 150 | 33 |
| 5. Pattancheri | -* | 43 | 138 | 32 |
| 6. Tiruvaliyad |  | 4.7 | 130 | 28 |
| 7. Venganallur | - | $5 \cdot 1$ | 13 x | 26 |
| 8. Vallivatiam |  | $5 \cdot 5$ | 113 | 21 |
| g. Vadama | - | 6.0 | 200 | 33 |

surplus of the surplus budget families, and the average per capiti income was, therefore, invariably lower than the average per capita expenditure on family budget, in vadama alone the surplus of the surplus budget families exceeds the deficit of the deficit budget families, so much so that the averag per capita income is higher than the average capita expenditure.

Moreover, the statement appended to the last paragraph will show that the income of about. $36^{*}$ per cent of the total number of families in the village is below Rs. 100. The average income of this section of the population must, therefore, be very low and the standard of their living correspondingly poor.
30. Though the net income avaiable for household expenses is Rs. $1,63,518$, the amount alleged to have been actually spent for household Deficits. expenses is, according to the returns received from the villagers, only Rs. 1,57,095.

Of the 818 farilies, in the village, 169 are balanced budget families, 147 are surplus budget families and the remaining 502 are deficit budget families. The net income of the balanced budget families is just sufficient for their household expenses. The surplus budget families show an annual surplus of Rs. 23,154 after meeting all their household expenses from their net income. The total annual deficit of the deficit budget families is Rs. I6,73I. These families have defaulted payments of rental, interest on debts and subscription instalments for kuries, and have also borrowed considerable sums in order to meet the above deficit and satisfy their household wants. Deducting the surplus of Rs. ${ }^{23}, 154$ of the surplus budget families from the total net income of Rs. $x, 63,518$, we have a balance of Rs. $1,40,364$, which is the actual amount available for family expenses. To this we have to add the sum of Rs. 16,73I (the deficit of the deficit budget families) in order that the total expenditure of the village under the head of family budget may be arrived at. This total expenditure will accordingly be Rs. $1,57,095 \cdot$

The sources from which the sum of Rs. $16,73 \mathrm{r}$, required to meet the deficit of the deficit budget families, is derived may be examined here. The following particulars are available from the returns under indebtedness, income and expenditure.

[^3]|  |  | Rs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount borrored for family expenses within the year under review | - | $*_{3,702}$ |
| Amount made available for fanily expenses by defaulting payment oí interest on debts | - | 5,290 |
| Amount madei, available for family expenses by defaulting payment of annual rental or pattom | - | x,239. |
| Amount made available for family expenses by defaulting payment of kuri instalments | - | 2,972 |
| **Miscellaneous items | ** | 2,116 |
| Total | - | 13,319 |

This leaves a balance of Rs. 1,412 (Rs. 16,731-Rs. 15,319 ) to be accounted fcr. The explanation fer this discrepancy is not different from the one given for the other villages; and accordingly the amount partly represents in terms of money the fall in the general standard of living in the village.
31. From the explanation given above, it will be seen that the figures of the average annual net income per family and per individual (Rs. 200 and Rs. 33 respectively) are not identical with the figures of the actual average expenditure of a family or individual. The amount actually spent by the 818 families in their households is:

Rs.

1. Amounts borrowed, payments defaulted, etc. (as shown in the last paragraph)
-. 151319
2. Net income (deducting the surplus of the surplus budget families)
.. $1,40,364$
Total
-. $1,55,683$
This gives us an actual average expenditure of Rs. 190 per family and Rs. 32 per individual.
*Out of the sum of Rs. 12,493, borrowed for domestic expenses (shown in column 9 of Appendix F), this sum of Rs, 3,702 represeats the portion borroved during the year under review, and the balance relates to previous years.
**) iiscellaneous items include the sale proceeds of jewellery, vessels, cattle, $t$ 'ees etc., and also prize-amounts of kuries, capital investments in cash withdrawn from banks or piivate parties, etc.

The proportion in which this expenditure is shared by the various dieads in the family budget is shown below:

| Serial <br> No. | Heads in the family budget |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Amount } \\ & \text { Rs. } \end{aligned}$ | Proportion per cent in the total family budget. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Food | - | 96,180 | $61 \cdot 2$ |
|  | Clothing | -• | 11,997 | $7 \cdot 6$ |
|  | Lighting, washing, oil, etc., for bath and other necessaries | * | 9,765 | 6.2 |
|  | I rink, drug, tolacco and betel, etc. | - | 14,747 | 9.4 |
|  | * Social and religious items | $\cdots$ | 11,951 | 7.6 |
|  | Education of children | - | 3,2\%5 | $2 \cdot 1$ |
|  | Medical | ** | 2,346 | 1*5 |
|  | Miscellaneous |  | 2,892 | 1'9 |
| 9. | Thatching, repairs, etc., of dwelling houses | - | 3.942 | $2 \cdot 5$ |
|  | Total | $\cdots$ | $*_{*} \mathbf{1}, 57,095$ | 100'0 |

Items I (food including fuel, etc.), 2 (clothing), 3 (lighting, etc.) and 9 (thatching of houses, etc.), representing the barest wants, are seen to absorb 77.5 per cent of the total expenditure. These four items together involve an actual expenditure of Rs. $1,21,884$, distributed thus:

| Food | . | 78.9 per cent |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Clothing | . | 9.9 | " |
| Lighting, vashing, etc. | . | 8.0 | " |
| Thatchilig of houses, etc. | . | 3.2 | " |
|  | Total | . | 1000 |
|  |  |  |  |

32. As in other villages, the standard of living varies both according to

Standard of living. the community and according to the income and social position of the family concerned. Thus the average annual expenditure of an adult in the Goudasaraswath Brahman community (when the average for the whole village is struck exclusive of items liable to irregular and great variations like education, drink, drug, tobacco, etc., social and religious items, etc.) is Rs. 58. The Nayars, Christians and Jews follow with an average of Rs. 42, Rs. 39 and R. 39 respectively. The corresponding figures for the Muslims, Eazhuvas and Kudumichetties respectively are Rs. 31, Rs. 28 and Rs. 26, while the Pulaya labourer comes last with an average of only Rs. 19. Among the Goudasaraswath Brahmans the expenditure rises as high as Rs. 120 per adult in some of the
*This refers to annual social and religious festivals, and is a regularly recurring item sof expenditure unlike the item shown in column ro of Appendix F (Purpose of Debts), which . relates to lump expenditure incurred for marriage celebrations, funearl ceremonies, etc.

* "- **T'his includes a sum of Rs. 1,412 which has not teen accounted for, because we do not know in what proportion the amount should be deducted from each head in the fanily sbudget.
richest families, while it is as low as Rs. 28 among the poorest. Here too the figures are exclusive of such items as education, drink, drug, etc., and social and religious items. The corresponding highest and lowest figures are Rs. ${ }^{\circ} 44$ and Rs. $14^{*}$ for the Christians, Rs. 88 and Rs. 22 for the Nayars, Rs. 63 and Rs. 22 tor the Jews, Rs. 56 and Rs. 18 for the Eazhuvas, Rs. 55 and Rs. 19 for the Muslims, and Rs. 33 and Rs. 14 for the Pulayas.

33. In respect of their diet, the villagers' standard does not differ to any appreciable extent from that of Vallivattam, Antikkad, Chundal, etc. No doubt the average annual per capita expenditure of Rs. 32 under family budget is slightly higher than the average noticed in the above villages, but this is to be attributed to the presence of the rich families among the Christians and the Goudasaraswath Brahmans, whose standard is much higner than that of the common villagers.
fand-own ng lamilies.
34. We have alrealy seen from paragraph io above that the total area of land owned by the residents of Vadama (including the land owned by them in other villages) is $2,508.6$ acres ( 1,1366 acres of nilam and 1,372 acres of paramba). This area is owned by $3 I I$ families. The proportion of landowning families in each community and the extent of land possessed by each are shown below:

| Community | Total No. of families in each community | Nunter of land. ouning families in each community | Profortion per cent of landowning families in each community | Extent of land owned by each community (acres) | Proportion per cent of land owned by each community in the total extent of land |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Ambalavasi.. | 3 | 3 | 100\% | 25.3 | 1.0 |
| 2, Ambattan .. | 1 | 1 | $100^{\circ}$ | 1\% | * |
| 3. Brahman (Tamil) .. | : | r | 100.0 | $2 \cdot 5$ | O'I |
| 4. Christian | 232 | 123 | 48.8 | 1,224 1 | $48 \cdot 8$ |
| 5. Elayath | 2 | 2 | 1000 | 4.0 | 02 |
| 6. Embran | 1 | 1 | $100 \%$ | 7.3 | 0.3 |
| 7. Eazhuvan | $1: 1$ | 38 | $2{ }^{2} 7$ | 102.3 | $4^{1}$ |
| 8. Goudasaraswath Brahman | 29 | 20 | 69.0 | 108.5 | $4 \cdot 3$ |
| 9. Jew | 26 | 12 | $46 \cdot 2$ | $38^{\circ} \mathrm{O}$ | $1 \cdot 5$ |
| 10. Kudumichetti | 28 | 15 | 53.6 | 12.6 | 0.5 |

*This low average is identical withthat of the Fulaya labourer; and the Christian labourers who show this very low average are all recent converts from the Pulaya and Paraya communities.

| Community | Total No. of families in each community | Nunmber of land owning families in each community | Proportion per cent of land-owming families in each cimmunity | Extent of land owned by each community (acres) | Proportion percent of lame owned by eaci commuily in the total extent of land |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 18. Marasari | 12 | 6 | $50 \cdot 0$ | 56 | $0 \cdot 2$ |
| 12. Muslim | 117 | 54 | $46 \cdot 2$ | $65^{\circ}$ | $2 \cdot 6$ |
| 13. Nambudiri | x | x | $100^{\circ}$ | 798.3 | 31.8 |
| 14. Nayar | 49 | 29 | 59.2 | 109.0 | 4 '4 |
| 15. Pulayan | 105 | 1 | $\because$ | 0.6 |  |
| 16. I'hattan | 5 | 2 | $10^{\circ} 0$ | $2 \cdot 7$ | 0.1 |
| 17. Velakka. thaiavan.. | 2 | 1 | $50^{\circ} 0$ | $1 \cdot 3$ | $0 \cdot 1$ |
| 18. Velan | 3 | 1 | $33 \cdot 3$ | $0 \cdot 5$ | . |
| 19. Others (5 com. munities) .. | 27 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . | " |
| Total (23) | .. 818 | 311 | $3^{8 \circ} 0$ | 2,508*6 | $140^{\circ}$ |

35. The 3If land-owning families are graded below according to the extent of their holdings :

| Size of holditg |  | No. of families having such holdings | Proportion per cent in total number of land-owning families |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Up to 25 cents | . | 39 | 12.6 |
| 2. 26 cents to $5^{\circ}$ | . | 32 | 10.3 |
| 3. 51 cents to 1 acre | - | 44 | $14^{1}$ |
| 4. 1 acre to 5 acres | . | 125 | $40^{\prime 2}$ |
| 5. Above 5 acres | - | 71 | 22.8 |
| 'Total | $\cdots$ | 311 | $100 \%$ |

The average size of an owner's holding will be about 8 acres* as seen from the figures given in the foregoing paragraph, but many of the holdings that are below I acre in extent are parambas used mainly for residential purposes; and the holdings of real non-cultivating or cultivating owners are chiefly to be seen in the last two categories of the statement given above. And it is specially noteworthy that the holdings of 7 I land-owning families ( 22.8 per cent of the total number of land-0wning families) exceed 5 acres in extent.
36. Here it is to be observed that the owners' holdings referred to above are not identical with the holdings of cultivators, because all owners are not cultivators and there are as many as 206 families which do not own land but have taken lands on lease for cultivation or residential purposes. The total extent of land thus taken on lease by the 206 families together is 306.3 acres ( $144^{\circ} 6$ acres of nilam and $19 \mathrm{I}^{\circ} 7$ acres of paramba). The proportion of such tenant families in
*'The average will be reduced to $5 \frac{1}{2}$ acres if the one Nambudiri family in the village which owns $798 \cdot 3$ acres of land, is excluded.

Grading ( $\dagger$ land-owning families.

Tenants and their holdings.
each communty and the extent of land taken on lease by each are shown kelow:

|  | Community | 'Tota fam each | no. of ies in community | No. of tenant families in each community | Proportion per cent of tenant <br> - families in each community | Extent of land taken on lease by each communily (acres) | Proportion per cent of land taken on lease by each commu. nity in the total extent of land taken on lease |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Christian | - | 252 | 49 | 19.4 | 64.7 | $2{ }^{1} 1$ |
| 2. | Eazhuvan |  | 154 | 66 | 42.9 | $140^{\circ} 0$ | $45^{\prime} 7$ |
| 3. | Goudasaraswat Brahman |  | 29 | 6 | ${ }^{20} 7$ | 9.8 | 3'2 |
| 4. | Jew |  | 26 | 10 | 38.5 | 1.4 | ${ }^{\prime} 5$ |
| 5. | Kanakkan |  | 10 | 1 | 10.0 | $0 \cdot 6$ | $0 \cdot 2$ |
| 6. | Kudumi chetti |  | 28 | 6 | $21^{\circ} 4$ | 13.2 | 43 |
| 7. | Marasari | . | 12 | 3 | $25^{\circ} 0$ | 1.0 | $0 \cdot 3$ |
| 8. | Muslim. |  | 117 | 3 x | * 26.5 | 26.4 | 8.6 |
| 9. | Mayar | $\cdots$ | 49 | 15 | 30.6 | 32.9 | $10 \%$ |
| 10. | Parayan | ., | 13 | 1 | 77 | 10 | 0.3 |
| 11. | Pulayan | - | 105 | 16 | 15\%2 | 13.0 | 43 |
| 12. | Thattan | .. | 5 | $!$ | 20.0 | 1.4 | $0 \cdot 5$ |
| 13. | Veluthedan | - | 2 | 1 | $50^{\circ} 0$ | 0.9 | $0 \cdot 3$ |
| 14. | Others (10* communities) |  | 16 | + - | -• | 7-3* | $\cdots$ |
|  | Total (23) | $\cdots$ | 8.8 | 206 | $25^{2} 2$ | 306.3 | 100\% |

According to the above figures, the average extent of a tenart's holding is only 1.5 acres. But the grading of these tenant families according to the extent of their holdings (given below) will show that large numbers of this class are cultivating tenants only in name.

| Size of holding | No. of tamilies having such holdings | Proportion per cent in total number of tenant familıes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Up 1025 cents | 26 | 12.6 |
| 2. 2610 go cents | 37 | - 18.0 |
| 3.. 51 cents to 1 acre | 52 | - 25.2 |
| 4. I acre to 5 acres | 76 | . 36.9 |
| 5. Above 5 acres | 15 | 7.3 |
| Total | 206 | 100'0 |

The gr families found in the last two categories in the above statement ( $44^{*} 2$ per cent of the total number of tenant families) are real cultivating tenants who have taken lands on lease for purposes of cultivation. The holdings of many of those in the first three categories of the statement are the small plote where they have their houses or cottages.
Cultivators' $\quad$ 37. The total number of cultivating families in the village (including all toldings, owner-cultivators and tenant-cultivators) may be approximately* taken to be

490* and the total extent of land cultivated by them is $1,795^{\circ} 2$ acres as shown below:
'Total area

| Kind | Area owned by landowning families <br> , | Area leased out by cwiners to tenants | Balance, or area celtivated by owners themselves | Area taken on lease by owners from other owners | Area taken on le se by tenants | 'Total area cultivated by owners and tenan:s trgetter(total of columns 4,5 and 6) (acres) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (acres) | (acres) | themselves (acres) |  | (acres) |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Nilam | 1,136.6 | 1,007'7 | 128.9 | 233.5 | 114.6 | $477{ }^{\circ}$ |
| Paramba | . ${ }^{1,372}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{O}$ | $3220^{\circ}$ | 1,050\%0 | $76 \cdot 5$ | 191'7 | 1,318.2 |
| 'rotal | .. 2,509.6 | 1,329'7 | T, $178{ }^{\circ} 9$ | $310 \%$ | 306.3 | 1,795'2 |

The average size of a cultivator's holding (when all owner-cultivators and tenant-cultivators are included) will, therefore, be about $3^{\circ} 7$ acres. But when the small scale owners and tenants in the first three categories of the grading of owner and tenant families given above (their number is 230 $\dagger$ ) are excluded and only the large-scale cultivators of the last two categories in the grading of the two classes (their number is $287 \dagger$ ) are taken into- consideration, the average extent of a cultivator's holding will be seen to be about 6 acres.
38. The following figures relating to holdings have been extracted from the registers of the Village Office:


These figures show that the increase in the number of pattas during the last 27 years (since 1082 M. E., the year of the last Settlement,) has. been 4.7 per cent, and that the average extent of a pattadar's holding has fallen from $7 \cdot 4$ acres to 5.4 acres. Moreover, pattas have not been issued for many recent salesor divisions; and the holding of a pattadar often consists of small- plots lying scattered about in different localities in the village. It will thus be clear that

[^4]the process of the fragmentation of haldings has been at work inVadama also as in other villages.

Cultivation and crops.
39. As explained in paragraph $37^{\circ}$ above, the total extent of land cultivated by the residents of Vadama is $1,795^{\circ}$ acres ( 477 acres of nilam and $1,318.2$ acres of paramba). GroupsıI to 3 in Appendix K show that the gross income derived from this source is Rs. 88,036 . This amount represents the cash value of all the various" crops raised annually from the nilams and parambas. The gross yield from each of these crops during the year under review is as shown below:

| .Crop | Cash value "Rs. | Proportion per cent in the gross yield from land |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $* *\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Haddy } \\ \text { Cocoanut } \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{cc} *=339,633^{2} \\ \because & 34,980 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 45^{\circ} \circ \\ 39^{\prime} 7 \end{array}$ |
| Arecanut | .. $\quad 2,48 \mathrm{~s}$ | $2 \cdot 8$ |
| Kitchen vegetables | *.6- 1;962 | $2 \cdot 2$ |
| Jack fruit * | $\cdots \cdot \because 1,526$ | r'7 |
| Mango | $\ldots \quad 1,133 *$ | 13 |
| Bamboo | $\because \quad i, 068$ | + 12 |
| $\dot{\text { Pepper }}$ | .. 1,009 | $1 \cdot 2$ |
| Cashewnut | .- 578 | $\bigcirc \cdot 7$ |
| Betel: | 262 | -'3 |
| 1Ocher kinds . | -. 3,407 | $3 \cdot 9$ |
| Total | .. 88,036 | $100^{\circ}$ |

[Rental received by non-cultivating owners for lands leased out is also included in the above figures.]

Wield from lands.
40. The above list will show that the crops raised from parambas yield a higher return than paddytt. The cocoanut crop alone is at least as impoitant
*This includes an amount of Rs. 206 which is the cash value of paddy raised from parambas.
** ${ }^{2}$ 'adds has been valued at $6 \frac{1}{2}$ annas per para and cocoanuts (unhusked) at Rs. $22 \frac{1}{4}{ }^{*}$ per thousand.
†Other kiods include ragi, oil-seeds, nux-vomica, tapioca, tamarind, chama, rental for laterite quarrying sites, etc., etc.
if 'Ithe net income received from paddy lands' is only Rs . 17, 154, whereas the net income receired from parambas is-as much as Rs. 30,100 (vide groups I. to 3 in Appendix K.)
as the paddy crop. The yield from cocsanut gardens and paddy. lands and the cultivation and other expenses incurred are shown in the following statements:

*Cocoanut (unhusked) has been valued at Rs. 222 per thousand; and paddy at $6 \frac{1}{2}$ annas per para.

It will be seen from the statement, that, in the existing.circumstances, the owner receives a return of about 2 ,to $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent only on his investment in cocoanut land, and $2 d$ to 3 per cent only on his investment in paddy land. And when he has to pay interest on debts secured on land, this return will hardly suffice for the purpose.

Tenant's: share.
41. The average annual rental for the various classes of nilams taken on lease by tenant-cultivators and the return which they receive from each of these classes of nilams are shown in the following statement:


Single-crop (pandi) .. 8" 7 o
z

$3 \quad 56$ a (inclucing Rs. 2 from straw alone)

The plight of the tenant-cultivators of cocoanut gardens is miserable. The pre-depression rates of rental were high and an annual rental of Rs, 100 'for
an acre of good garden land was not deemed too exorbitant. Though these rates were revised in many cases on account of the depression, the tenants had already run into heavy arrears before such revision, and in many cases the value of the improvements in the land effected by the tenants was adjusted to wards the accumulated arrears. In other cases the tenants were even evicted. At present cocoanut gardens in the village are not generally leased out as the price of cocoanut still continues to be low and unsteady.
42. There is little or $n \theta$ difference between the mathods of cultivation, manuring, etc., pursued in Vadama and those followed in villages like Antikkad and Vallivattam, which have already been reported on*. The . absence of irrigation facilities is a serious hardship to the ryots; and though arecanut palms and garden crops like plantains, kitchen vegetables, etc., are irrigated from tanks and wells (by means of water-lifts), the paddy crops depend chiefly on seasonal rains, so much so that the ryots have often to face considerable losses on account of the failure of the crops. .
43. The ryots in this village also complain that their lands have been deteriozating and that the yield has fallen by about 20 per cent. The reasons for such deterioration are not different from those adduced in the other villages.
44. Of the many commodities exported from Mala, laterite stones quarried from the locality must be regarded as one, of the most important, though no accurate figures are available, it is found that, on a rough calculation about 5 lakhs of stones**, valued approximately at Rs. 20;000, are annually exported from Mala: The stones find a ready market in Cochin, Ernakulam and the surrounding sands areas where they are used for masonry work.

The manufacture of copra is not pursued in Vadama on any large scale, and the coir industry does not exist here. The cocoanuts grown in this area are, therefore, mostly exported unhusked to neighbouring villages where the
*It is interesting to note here that the pupils of the local Devi Vilasom School are receiving a kind of training in practical agriculture. There is a teacher trained in agricul: ture on the staff and the school maintains a good garden under his supervision. Paddy, ground-nut and sugar-cane and cabbages and other vegetables are grown here on a small scale by way of experiment, and the school has been receiving the prize for gardening again and again. The young pupils are reported to take a lively interest in the subject; and the villagers seem to think that the experiment is a definite success and that their children get the right kind of education, All the same the prinitive methods of cultivation followed by the villagers at large still persist. And there is no knowing whether the experiment tried by the school will lead to solid results in the long run.
** The size of a stone is about $19^{\prime \prime} \times 99^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$.

Methods of cultivation.

Deteriorat on of land. $\rfloor$

Marketing of agricultural and: other pro. duce: Ex. ports.
copra and coir industries flourish. The large-scale producers of the locality take their periodical yield of nuts to the landing place at Mala and dispose of the goods to middlemen who export the nuts and earn a good profit in the transaction. Snall-scale cultivators labour under greater disadvantages. They generally receive advances from agents or cocoanut dealers and hence they have to sell their produce to these agents or dealers at low rates. It is computed that, on an average, about 8 to 10 lakhs of nuts are exported annually.

Toddy (drawn from the cocoanut paim) is.an important articte of daily export from Vadama. Á particular area in the village (Naithakudi) where there are good cocoanut gardens has attracted many tappers*. The toddy is transported in earthen pots carried as swing-loads to Vynthala, Aloor, Chalakkudi and other places.

There are two local dealers at Mala who collect the hides and skins of animals slaughtered in Vadama and neighbouring villages, salt and stock them to be sold to certain agents at Madras, Coimbatore, etc., who visit the centre several times every year. It is roughly estimated that about 10,000 hides and skins are thus exported annually.

Pepper and cashewnut are other articles of export from the village. There are certain wholesale dealers at Mala who purchase these connmodities and export them to Cochin. -They advance small sums to a set of agents who go about in the village and the surrounding areas, collect the articles from the producers and sell them to the wholesale dealers. It is estimated that about 60 candies of pepper and iso candies of cashewnut are exported annually.

There is no arecanut curing industry in the village. The arecanuts produced here.are, therefore, sold in the neighbouring villages of Vadakkumbhagam and Kuruvilasseri, where they cure the nuts and forward the cured article chiefly to the arecanut market at Palghat.

Mangoes, jack-fruits, plantains and betel leaves are also exported in small quantities to the markets at Kottappuram and Parur.
Imports.

- 45. The paddy grown in the Village falls far short of the lozal demand. A considerable quantity of rice is therefore imported from Cochin and Trichur. Other necessaries also are got cown from Cochin, Ernakulam, Kottappuram and -Trichur markets. Mala is a distributing centre for salt, and the merchants here who secure the article from the Government depot at Malipuram, supply the retail dealers of the neighbouring villages. A considerable quantity of fish aiso is imported and sold in Vadama and the neigbbouring villages.
*Please see groups 25 and 26 in Appindix $K$.

46. The population statistics of the village furnish the following particulars regarding the numbers available for employment. of employ-

| 7 |  | Males | Females | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) Total population | - | 2,420 | 2,499 | 4.919 |
| (2) Children aged o-5 | .. | 480 | 2,499 499 | 4,919 979 |
| (3) School-going population of all ages | . | 373 | 252 | 622 |
| (4) Cbildren aged 6-12 not attending school | - | 207 | 25 $\mathbf{2}^{254}$ | 622 461 |
| Total of items 2, 3 and 4 | . | $x, 057$ | 1,005 | 2,062 |
| Balance available for employ. ment | $\cdots$ | 1,363 | 1,494 | 2,857 |

(Fersons aged 60 and above are also included in the balance, beciuse many of them are actually employed).

The numbers available for employment fall into three more or less dis* inct categories:
(i) Fully employed,
(ii) Partially employed and
(iii) Unemployed.

Among males we find:
${ }^{*} 1,052$ ( $77 \cdot \mathrm{r}$ per cent) more or less fully employed, ${ }^{209}$ (15"4 per cent). partially employed and 102 ( $7 \cdot 5$ per cent) unemployed.

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1,363 \text { ( } 10000 \text { per cent) total. }
$$

Fifty-one boys aged 6 to 12 , of whom 32 have been returned as fully. employed and 19, as partially employed, should be added to the above numbers.
47. The occupations specified in Appendix K indicate the sources of $=$ Fully emm income and not necessarily employment. Hence the various occupation groups ployed men. in the Appendix do not in themselves show whether the persons engaged in these groups are fully employed, or only partially employed, or wholly unemployed. Some of the large-scale cultivating owners and tenants in groups 2 and 3 a , the agricultural labourers in group 5 and the herdsmen and shepherds in group 10 have been included in the category of the fully employed. Likewise artisans or skilled labourers like sawyers (group 17), carpenters (group 18), basket-makers (included in group 19), masons (included in group 33) and goldsmiths (group 36) have been returned as fully employed, The toddy itappers of groups 25 and 26 , the beedi manufacturers of group 27 , and the tailors, washermen and barbers of groups 29,30 and 31 also belong to the same category. Many of the boatmen in group 38 , the porters in group 39

Partially emplojed men.

Fully ensployed pomen.

Partially; employed women.
and cartmen in group 39 c have also been returned as fully employed. So too, traders doing regular business throughout the year (several groups from 4 I to 63i), those employed in Government and local service (group 64 to 67,76 , etc.), employees in unspecified offices and shops (group 85) and a few other groups also come under the same category. It is however to be observed here that only few of these groups get a full day's work on all working days in all seasons,

4S. The partially employed comprise, among others, many of the cultivating owners and tenants (groups 2 and 3a), those engaged in fishing and hunting (groups II and I2), those following several of the industries in groups if to 36 ,those pursuing several of the trades in groups 41 to $63 i$ and those engaged in the occupations specified in groups $72,79,80$, etc. The period of employment here varies from a few days to many weeks in the year according to the nature of the occupation concerned.
49. Turning to the female population we find:

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925 (6r.9 per cent) more or less fully employed,
458 (30.7 per cent) partially employed and
Inr ( 7.4 per cent) unemployed.
r,494 (roo*o per cent) total.
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There are also 55 girls aged 6 to 12, of whom 20 have been returned as fully employed and 35 , as partially employed.

The fully employed consist chiefly, if not wholly, of the women of the labouring classes who are wage-earners and who, in addition to their domestic duties (cooking, washing, nursing children, etc.), attend regularly to. agricultural and other kinds of paid labour. They are all included in the numbers returned under the first three sub-divisions of group 83 (domestic service).
50. The partially employed comprise those women of all communities who attend to domestic duties at home and thus effect a saving in the family budget by obviating the necessity for paid service. They too are included in group 83 (domestic service). Those women who come under the head of the partially employed are not regular wage-earners, though considerable numbers of this group, consisting of women of the labouring classes, attend to agricultural labour during the harvest season and thus earn a small income. It is in this
respect that they differ from fully employed women who are regular wage-earners during all seasons of the year. In the category of the partially employed women we also find those who, in addition to their domestic duties, are engaged in petty trades (several groups from 50 to 59 ), because those pursuits provide only occasional employment.
51. There remain 102 unemployed men and int unemployed women. Unemployed. Of these, 39 males and in females are children aged 13 or 14 , and 28 males and 8I females are too infirm or old to work. Of the remaining 35 males and ig females who are unemployed, 5 males are English-educated (one being a B. A., two being School Finals and the remaining two having studied up to the High School classes).
52. A few persons have emigrated from the village, apparently because Unemploythey could not get any suitable employment there. The particulars of these ment and $\begin{gathered}\text { migration. }\end{gathered}$ 'emigrants are given below:

Emigrants to places within the State.

|  |  | Males | Females | Total | Contribution to their homes Rs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Employed | - | 68 | 8 | 76 | 1,536 |
| Unemployed | $\cdots$ | 1 | . | 1 | - |
| Total | - | 69 | 8 | 71 | 1,536 |
|  | Emigrants to places outside she State. |  |  |  |  |
| Emiployed | -• | 67 | 1 | 68 | 1,539 |
| $\bigcup_{\text {memployed }}$ | - | 1 | - | $\pm$ | - |
| Total | - | 68 | 1 | 69 | 1,539 |
|  | Emigrants whose particulars are unknown. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 12 | - | 12 | " |
| Grand total | . | '149 | 9 | 158 | 3,075 |

Onily 6 of these emigrants are English-educated.
55. The most important types of labour in the village, the communities. Types of engaged in each of these types, the number of days during the year when work labour.
is available, and the average daily wages or income received, etc., are given below:

| Types of labour for Men. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type of labour |  |  | Average daily woges or income Rs. As. Ps. |  |  | Total annual incoms |  |  |
| x. *Work in nilam and paramba (p'oughing, renovation of bunds, manuring, sowing, harvest, sp de-work, fencing, elc.) | Eazhuvan, Christian, Muslin, Kudumichetti and Pulayan | 220 | - | 3 | 6 | 48 | 2 |  |
| 2. ** Do do | Pulayan | 270 | - | 2 | 6 | $\ddagger 42$ | 3 |  |
| 3. Plucking cocoanuts and arecanuts | Eazhuvan | 180 | - | 5 | - | 56 | 4 |  |
| 4. Laterite quarrying | Eazhuvan, Christian, Muslim and Pulayan | 240 | - | 4 | - | 60 | - |  |
| 5. Manufacture of beedi | Musiim | 275 | - | 5 | 6 | 94 | 8 | 6 |
| 6. Plyiog country boats | Kanakkan, Christian and Muslim | 200 | - | 7 | - | 87 | 8 | - |
| 7. Carrying kavu (swing) luads | Christian and Eazhuvan | 180 | - | 6 | - | 67 | 8 | - |
| 8. Driving bullock-carts engaged in transporting laterite stones | Christian, Eazhuvan and Muslin | 240 | 0 | 4 | - | 60 | - | - |
| 9. Making of baskets and country umbrellas | Parayan. | 240 | 0 | 2 | $\dot{\circ}$ | 30 | 0 | - |
| Types of labour for Women. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Work in nilam (clodcrushing, mancring, sowing, transplanting, weeding, harvest and allied operations) | Eazhuvan, Christian, Muslim and Nayar | 120 | - | $2 \times$ |  | 15 | - |  |
| 2. **. Do do | Pulayan | 180 | 0 | 1 | 9 |  | II | 0 |
| 3. Collecting grass | Pulayan | 60 | $\bigcirc$ | - | 3 | 4 | Ix |  |
| 4. Plaiting leares of the cocoanut palm | Eazhuvan and Pulayan | 40 | - |  | 3 | 3 | 2 |  |
| 5. Basket-making | Parayan | 270 |  | 1 |  |  | I |  |

Independent and dependent labour.
54. Both the independent and .dependent types of agricultural labour are found in Vadama, and dependent labourers are subjected to the same disabilities as they are in other villages. They live in their landlords' property free of rent. It is, therefore, obligatory on their part to work for their landlords,

## *Independent labour. **Dependent labour.

${ }_{\ddagger}$ Kree meals, periodical presents and occasional gifts in kind received from landlords have also been included here.
and they are not, therefore, free to go and work anywhere like the independent labourers so long as the landlords require their services. At the same time, their wages are considerably lower than those of independent labourers.
55. During busy seasons there is demand for all the labour available in the village, but in slack seasons the supply exceeds the demand and consequently there is considerable unemployment among labourers. This is particalarly so among women labourers, and the statement given in paragraph 53 above will show that all except the Pulaya and. Paraya women are handicapped by want of work.
56. As in other villages, the economic condition of the labour population in Vadama also has very mach deteriorated on account of the depression. The demand for labour has decreased. The wage rates also have fallen by about 40 per cent. There is acute distress among the labourers, but they are helpless. There is no organisation of any kind either among the dependent or among the independent labourers.
57. Such measures of relief as have been suggested in cominon for the villages already reported on are applicable to Vadama also. 'There is the same pressing problem of indebtedness here. There is also the same pressing necessity for raising the average income of the villagers. The adoption of improved methods of cultivation particularly in respect of the paddy lands and the introduction of new and more prolitable crops will lead to a higher yield from land.
58. There is much scope for industrial development in Vadama. If the cocoanut industry is developed on proper lines, it will give work to many scores of unemployed and partially employed labourers. A few small-scale capitalists of the village may with advantage purchase all the cocoanuts now exported from Mala and manulacture copra. The husks of these cocoanuts will furnish raw material for the coir industry. They may be retted in the backwater areas not far away from Mala. The manufacture of fibre from retted husks will give fulltime work to many women of the labour classes, and the spinning of coir-yarn may be pursued as a cottage industry by all labour families.

Arecanut curing also may be pursued as a cottage industry by a few families, and the crop now produced in the village will furnish the raw material for the purpose.
59. The laterite industry in the village has unfortunately received a setback with the imposition of a heavy seigniorage by the Government. The amount of the seigniorage is but nominal if the stones are quarried for private use; but if they are quarried for trade purposes, a heavy seigniorage fee is levied by the Government. The imposition of this fee together with the genera!
'Supply aot demand 0 : labour.

Condit of labour.

Remedial Reasures.
depression has perceptibly affected the industry, and it is complained that it dces not absorb as much labour as it did of old*. A. reduction of the amount of seigniorage would appear to be highly desirable, if not necessary, in the circumstances.
60. The Mala canal which furnishes a cheap and easy outlet to the Cranganur backwaters is chiefly responsible for the transport facilities of Vadama. But the canal has apparently been silted up to a considerable extent, and heavily laden cargo boats, therefore, find it difficult to navigate it, particularly during the hot months. The boats are often delayed for this reason. The canal is important enough to deserve special attention and it should be'deepened and maintained in good repair.

It is also pointed out by the villagers that the shortest route from Vadama to Karupadana, to Irinjalakkuda, etc., is by way of Puthanchira (in Parur taluk, Travancore). The Panchayat road which runs west from the trunk road, and which passes in front of the village and Registry Offices, terminates near the Karingachira canal.' If this road is extended to meet the Puthenchira road, the present roundabout routes to Karupadana and Irinjalakkuda may be avoided.
61. The goods transported by way of the Mala canal have to pass through Travancore waters. Dutiable articles have, therefore, to produce a license or pass (rahadari) signed by the Tahsildar of Mukundapuram who has his head-quarters at Irinjalakkuda, about 13 miles away from Mala. There is a complaint that trade is considerably handicapped because of the delay involved in the issue of these passes. The traders suggest that the local Panchayat President may be empowered to issue the passes so that the delay may be avoided.

[^5]APPENDIX A.
Distribution of population by communities.

| ; | ${ }^{\circ}$ Community | Number <br> of families | Proportion per cent in total number of families | Population |  |  | Proportion per cent in total population |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\stackrel{0}{2}$ |  |  |  | Males | Females | Total |  |
| I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |  |
| I | Ambalavasi $\quad \because$ | 3 | $0 \cdot 4$ | 9 | 6 | 15 | $0 \cdot 3$ |
| 2 | Ambattan | 1 | O'I | I | 3 | 4 | $0 \cdot 1$ |
| 3 | Brahman (Tamil) | 1 | $0 \cdot 8$ | 3 | 2 | 5 | $0 \cdot x$ |
| 4 | Christian | 252 | $30^{\circ} 8$ | 828 | 811 | 1,639 | $33^{\prime} 3$ |
| 5 | Eazhuvan | 154 | 18.8 | $45^{8}$ | 470 | 928 | 18.9 |
| 6 | Elayáth .. | 2 | $0 \cdot 3$ | 3. | 8 | 11 | $\therefore 0.2$ |
| 7 | Embran $\quad \cdots$ | 1 | O'I | 5 | 6 | II | $0 \cdot 2$ |
| 8 | Goudasaraswath Brahman | 29 | $3 \cdot 5$ | 103 | 98 | 201 | $4{ }^{17}$ |
| 9 | Jew | 26 | $3 \cdot 2$ | 74 | 78 | 152 | 311 |
| 10 | Kanakkan | 10 | 1'2 | 21 | 28 | 49 | x'0 |
| 11 | Kudumichetti .. | 28 | 3.4 | 86 | 79 | 165 | $3 \cdot 4$ |
| 12 | Marasari $\quad$ - | 12 | 1.5 | 29 | 35 | 64 | 1-3 |
| 13 | Muslim | 117 | 14.3 | 361 | 349 | 710 | 14.4 |
| 14 | Nambudirj | 1 | $0 \cdot 1$ | I | 12 | 23 | $0 \cdot 5$ |
| 15 | Nayar | 49 | $6 \cdot 0$ | 320 | 159 | 279 | 577 |
| 16 | Panan | I | 0.1 | 3 | 3 | 6 | $0 \times 1$ |
| 17 | Pandaran | $\pm$ | 0.1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | $0 \cdot \mathrm{x}$ |
| 18 | Parayan (Sambavan).. | 13 | 1.6 | $3^{6}$ | 35 | 71 | $1 / 4$ |
| 19 | Pulayan .. | 105 | 12.8 | 235 | 283 | 518 | 10.5 |
| 20 | Thattan | 5 | 0.6 | 15 | 14 | 29 | . 0.6 |
| 21 | Velakkathalavan | 2 | $0 \cdot 3$ | 4 | 10 | 14 | $0 \cdot 3$ |
| 22 | Velan .. | 3 | $0 \cdot 4$ | 7 | 3 | 10 | 0.2 |
| 23 | Veluthedan | 2 | $0 \cdot 3$ | 5 | 5 | 10 | $0 \cdot 2$ |
|  | Toªl (23) | 818 | $100 \cdot 0$ | 2,420 | 2,499 | 4,919 | $100 \cdot 0$ |

## ii <br> APPENDIX B.

Distribution of Assets by communities,


APPENDIX C.
Distribution of Assets according to Occupation.


A, $\mathbf{L}_{\mathrm{f}}=$ Agricultural Labour.

## APPENDIX D.

Distribution of Debts by communities.

|  | Community |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number of indebted } \\ & \text { families } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \stackrel{0}{0} \\ \stackrel{0}{0} \\ \stackrel{1}{0} \\ \text { Rs. } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| $\pm$ | $\dot{C}$ Christian | 252 | 213 | 84.5 | 1,68,326 | $53 \cdot 7$ | 668 | 790 |
| 2 | Eazhuvan | 154 | 137 | $89^{\circ}$ | 23,205 | 74 | 151 | 169 |
| 3 | Goudas arasaath Brahman | 29 | 26 | $89^{\circ} 7$ | 29,447 | 9.4 | 1,015 | 1,133 |
| 4 | Jew | 26 | 18 | 69.2 | 10,581 | 3.4 | 407 | 588 |
| 5 | Kudumichetti | 28 | 21 | 750 | 1,139 | 0.4 | 41 | 54 |
| 6 | Muslim | $1 \times 7$ | 91 | 77.8 | 15,752 | 50 | 135 | 273 |
| 7 | Nambudiri | 1 | 1 | $100 \cdot 0$ | 34,283 | 10.9 | 34,283 | 34,283 |
| 8 | Nayar | 49 | 45 | 91.8 | 21,036 | 6.7 | 429 | 467 |
| 9 | Pulayan | 105 | 71 | 67.6 | 420 | $0 \cdot 1$ | 4 | 6 |
| 10 | Others ( 14 communities) | $57$ | 45 | 78.9 | 9,274 | - 3.0 | 163 | 206 |
|  | Total (23) | 818 | 668 | $81 \cdot 7$ | 3,13,463 | $100 \cdot 0$ | 383 | 469 |

## APPENDIX E.

Distribution of Debts by Occupation.

| Ocsupation or Source of Income |  |  | n 0 0 0 0 |  | Rs. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| IAND OWNERS AND CULTIVATORS. |  |  |  |  | - |  |
| I. C. O. as chief occupation .. | 52 | 51 | 1,23,012 | 2,366 | 2,412 | $39^{-2}$ |
| 2. C. (). as subsidiary ", .. | 152 | 135 | 73,875 | 486 | 547 | 23.6 |
| 3. N. C. O. as clicf \# ..- | 9 | 9 | 55,356 | 6,1.5 | 6,15 | 177 |
| 4. N.C.O. as subsidiary , . . | 15 | 15 | 25,906 | 1,727 | 1,727 | S'3 |
| 5. C.T. as chief " $\quad$ - | 19 | 18 | 5,286 | 278 | 294 | 1'7 |
| 6. C. 2 l, as subsidiary " $\quad$. | 124 | 115 | 16,259 | 13I | 141 | 53 |
| 7. N, C. T, $2 \mathrm{schisf} \quad$, | 1 | 1 | 1,2:7 | 1,2:7 | 1,227 | 0.4 |
| 8. N. C.T. as subsidiary ${ }^{\prime}$, .. | 2 | 2 | 1,966 | 983 | 983 | $0 \cdot 6$ |
| Total | 374 | 346 | 3,02,887 | 810 | 875 | 96.7 |
| ágricultural labour. |  |  |  |  |  | - |
| 1. A. I. as chief occupation .. | 254 | 197 | 4,5:2 | 18 | 23 | 1.4 |
| 2. "A. L. as subsidiary " .. | I11. | 77 | 1,528 | 14 | 20 | $\bigcirc \cdot 5$ |
| Total. | 365 | 274. | 6,050 | 17 | 22 | 1.9 |
| OTHERS | 79 | 48 | 4,526 | 57 | 94 | $1 \cdot 4$ |
| Total for the whole village .. | 818 | 668 | 3,13,463 | 333 | 467 | $103 \%$ |

C. $\mathrm{O}=$ Cultivating $O$ wner. $\quad$ N. C. O. $=$ Non-cultivating $O$ wner.
C. T. ==Cultivating Tenant. N. C. T. $=$ Won-cultivating 'Ter:ant.
A. L, =A ericultural Labour.

## APPENDIX F.

Purpose of Debts (by communities).


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## APPENDIX U.

Rates of Interest according to Class of Debts (1).


## APPENDIX H.

Rates of Interest according to Class of Debts. ${ }^{7}(2)$.

|  | Amount in each class of debts beariog interest at the rate of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Class of debt |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { + } \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Total Rs. |
| 1 - | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 1 Amount raised by pledging jewellery, etc. | * | 4,075 | 2,246 | 4,453 | 255 | 138 | 29 | 64 | 16 | 11:276 |
| 2. Amount raised by mortgage of ianded property | 2,350 | 4.500 | 6,487 | 46,062 | $55^{\circ}$ | 423 | ** | 232 | - | 60,604 |
| 3. Amount raised on pronotes | 466 | 1,360 | 28,245 | 42,675 | 1,690 | 884 | 79 | 537 | 35 | 75.971 |
| 4. Hand loans .. | ** | - . | - . | 1,293 | 75 | 120 | 224 | 63 | 90 | 1,865 |
| . Total - | 2,816 | .9,935 | 36,978 | . 94,483 | 2,570 | 1,565 | 332 | 896 | 141 | * 1,49,716 |
| Proportion per cent of each column in the total interest-bearing debt | 1.9 | . 6.6 | $24 \div 4$ | $63^{\circ} \mathrm{I}$ | 177 | $1^{\prime \prime}$ | $0 \cdot 2$ | 0.6 | O'1 | 100\% |

* This figure represents the interest-bearing portion of the total debts.


## APPENDIX I.

Rates or Interest according to Class of Creditors.


## APPENDIX $\mathbf{J}$.

Distribution of Incone and Expenditure by community.

| Community |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\pm 2$ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| I. Christian .. 252 | 30.8 | 2,66,577 | $43^{*} 4$ | 2,02,884 | $45^{1}$ | 63,693 | $39^{\circ} 0$ |
| 2. Eazhuvan .. 154 | 18.8 | 49,66x | $8 \cdot 1$ | 28,102 | 6.2 | 25,559 | $13^{2}$ |
| 3. Goudasaraswath Brahman.. | $3 ' 5$ | 1,20,679 | 19.7 | 1,05,650 | 23.5 | 15,029 | $9^{* 2}$ |
| 4. Jew .. 26 | 3.2 | 28,29\% | 4*6 | 22,719 | $5^{1 \times}$ | 5,475 | $3 \cdot 3$ |
| 5. Kudumichetti ${ }^{\text {a }}$ : 28 | $3{ }^{4}$ | 5.310 | 0.9 | 1,478 | $0 \cdot 3$ | 3,832 | $2 \cdot 3$ |
| 6. Muslim : . 117 | 14.3 | 86,057 | $14^{\circ}$ | 67,283 | $14^{\prime 9}$ | 18,774 | 11* |
|  | 0.1 | 16,449 | $2^{2 \cdot 7}$ | 8,074 | 1.8 | 8,375 | $5 \cdot 1$ |
| 8. Nayar $\because * * 49$ | $6 \cdot 0$ | 19,103 | 318 | 9.582 | $2 \cdot 1$ | 9.526 | $5 \cdot 8$ |
| 9. Pulayan * 105 | 12.8 | 9,999 | $1 \cdot 6$ | 554 | $0 \cdot 1$ | 9,445 | $5 \cdot 8$ |
| 10. Others. (14i4) communities). co | 7'8 | 11,655 | 19 | 3,845 | ${ }^{*} 0.9$ | 7810 | $4 \cdot 8$ |
| Total (23) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 100.0 | 6,13,689 | $100 \cdot 0$ | 4,50,171 | $100 \cdot 0$ | 1,63,518 | $100 \cdot 0$ |

## APPENDIX K.

Income and Expenditure classified according to Occupation.
(The classification of occupations bas been adapted from the occupation table of 1931 Census.)


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APPENDIX L.
Distribution of Net Income by Community.

| Serial No. | Community | No. of families | Proporlion per cent in the total no. of families | Net income available for family expenditure <br> . Rs. | Proportion per cent in the total net income | Average net income per family Rs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| + | $2$ | 3 | 4 | 5. | 6 | 7 |
| $\pm$ | Christian .. | 252 | 30.8 | 63,693 | 39\% | * 253 |
| 2 | Eazhuvan | 154 | 18.8 | 21,559 | ' ${ }^{3}{ }^{\prime}$. | $\therefore 140$ |
| 3 | Goudasaraswath <br> - Brahman . . | +29 | $3 \cdot 5$ | 1-029 | 9.2 | $\therefore 518$ |
| 4 | Jew * .. | 26 | , 3'2 | 5,475 |  | 211 |
| 5 | Kudumichetti | 28 | $3 ' 4$ | $3,832^{\circ}$ ' | 23: | $137$ |
| 6 | Muslim ... | 117 | 143 | 18,774 | 115 5 | 160 |
| 7 | Nambudiri .. | $\pm$ | 01 | 8,375 | 34 | 88;375 |
| 8. | Nayar .. | 49 | $6 \cdot 0$ | 9,525 | $5 \cdot 8$ | $\bigcirc 194$ |
| 9 | Pulayan . | 103 | $\cdots 12.8$ | 9,445 | 5.8 | 90 |
| 10 | Others ( 14 conmunities) .. | 57 | 71 | 7,810 | $4 \cdot 8$ | $.177$ |
|  | Total (23) .. | 818 | $100 \cdot 0$ | 1,63,518 | $100 \cdot 0$ | 200 |


[^0]:    *Though Vadama village is loosely known as Mala, strictly speaking, Mala is the name of a particular locality in the village. This locality is the most thickly populated area in the village and adjoins the landing place in Mala canal. It is lined with a number of crowded streets and the Jews and unany of the Christians have their residential quarters here. The biggest merchants of the place also have their shops in this locality owing to its proxinity to the canal and landing place.

[^1]:    $$
    \begin{aligned}
    & \text { wa from the occupational grouping of families given in Appendix C, } \\
    & \text { families) are of the land-owning and cultivating classes and that } 365 \text { families ( } 44^{\circ} 6
    \end{aligned}
    $$

[^2]:    * The total expenditure and the total net income for purposes of the calculations in paragraphs 20 to 26 (both inclusive) are taken to be Rs, 4,10,938 and Rs. 2,02,75I respectively and not Rs, $4,50,171$ and Rs. $1,63,518$ respectively as shown in Appendix $J$ and paragraph 18 above. The difference of Rs. 39,233 in each case is the amount to be paid as interest on debts or as subscription instalments towards prized kuries, etc. (group 89 in Appendix K). As this amount cannot be shown as expenditure against any particular iters of income, it is ignored here so that the proportion of the expenditure incurred for, and the net income derived from, each source may be correctly estimated.

[^3]:    *The 7 "minus-nel-income" families are not included bere. 'Jhey belong to the landed class and maintain a comparatively high standard of living. In normal times their income is above Rs. 100. For these' reasons they arc not clubbed with the families whose income is below Rs, 100.

[^4]:    * From the total of 517 owners' and tenants' families (3il owners and 206 tenants) about 27 non-cultivating owners and tenants have to be eliminated.
    $\dagger$ The large difference between the number of land-owners and cultivators in Apperdix $\mathbf{C}$ and their total number shown here arises from the fact that small scale owner and tenant families are not Included in the class of land-owners and cultivators in Appendix C,' 'because they derive little or no income from land and their chief occupation or source of income is agricuitutal labour.

[^5]:    *It is understood that traders from neighbouring "Travancore areas where the seigniorage fee is reported to be nuch lighter, are taking advantage of the situation and killing our industry through competition. Mcreover, it appears that as a sequel to the imposition of the seigniorage, there is a good deal of illicit quarrying (i. e., quarrying ostensibly for private use, but really for trade purposes).

[^6]:    The expenditore does not indude the cost of feeding the ballocks. Such cost is shown under group 9 a

