

Administration Reports.

Minors' Estates.

— of, for the year ending 31st July 1924.

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution No. P.-65.

Bombay Castle, 5th March 1925.

Letter from the Commissioner, Bombay Suburban Division, No. W.R.D.P.R.-2 dated 25th September 1924.

<p>Letter from the Commissioner, N. D., No. W.R.D.-29 dated 15th October 1924.</p> <p>Letter from the Commissioner, C. D., No. W.R.D.P.R.B. II-2 dated 16th October 1924.</p> <p>Letter from the Commissioner, S. D., No. W.R.D.P.R.B.-2 dated 22nd October 1924.</p> <p>Memorandum from the Commissioner in Sind No. P. 90-R dated 13th October 1924.</p>	}	<p>Submitting the reports for the year ending 31st July 1924 on the administration of Minors' Estates in their respective charges.</p>
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Government memorandum No. P. 65-G dated 30th January 1925 to the Commissioner, S. D.

Letter from the Commissioner, S. D., No. W.R.D.P.R.B.-2 dated 4th February 1925.

Government memorandum No. P. 65-G dated 19th February 1925 to the Commissioner, S. D.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, S. D., No. W.R.D.P.R.B.-2 dated 4th February 1925.

RESOLUTION—Recorded.

By order of the Governor in Council,

H. K. KIRPALANI,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner in Sind,
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Commissioner, Bombay Suburban Division,

All Collectors, including the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind
Frontier,
The Manager, Incumbered Estates in Sind,
The Director of Agriculture,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Director of Public Instruction,
The Accountant General,
The Oriental Translator to Government,
The Editors' Tables,
The Government of India,
The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in the United
Kingdom.

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NORTHERN DIVISION.

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BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION.

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I.—NUMBER OF ESTATES UNDER MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—At the beginning of the year, there were 42 estates under management (4 large and 38 small). Three estates were newly taken under management (one large in Ahmedabad, one large in Surat and one small estate in Thana), while 3 (2 in Ahmedabad—one large and one small—and one small in Kaira) were released from management during the year. The year thus closed with 42 estates under management (5 large and 37 small). Information with regard to the Jhinjur Estate of Ahmedabad which was released at the close of the year has been included in the statements.

Central Division.—At the beginning of the year there were 6 large and 14 small estates under management. Two large estates—Deshmukh of Chikurde and Naik of Poona—and one small estate—Panse of Poona—were taken up during the year which thus closed with 23 estates under management (8 large and 15 small).

As the two estates of the wards Naik and Panse of Poona were taken over at the close of the year statistical information in respect of them is not given in this report.

Southern Division.—At the beginning of the year there were 51 estates under management. One new estate was taken over and two released in Belgaum. Thus the year closed with 50 estates under management.

Bombay Suburban Division.—There was no estate under the management of the Court of Wards in this Division at the beginning of the year under report. During the course of the year Government sanctioned the assumption of the superintendence of two estates, viz., Miss Marie Weir's estate in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 5535 dated the 22nd July 1922 and

that of minors Gulamalli Abdulla and Nurmahomed Abdulla in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 7373 dated the 19th February 1923. The latter estate until it came under the superintendence of the Court of Wards was managed by the Deputy Nazir of the District Court, Thana.

II.—INCOME.

Northern Division.—The total gross income amounted to Rs. 3,31,766 as against Rs. 4,75,498 in the previous year. The apparent decrease is due to the Sanand estate having gone out of management.

Central Division.—The gross income amounted to Rs. 2,92,961 as against Rs. 2,98,610 in the previous year. The decrease is due partly to smaller revenue from the forests of the Raisingpur estate and partly to smaller receipts in the small estates of the Nasik district.

Southern Division.—The total gross income amounted to Rs. 3,25,811 as against Rs. 3,13,003. The increase is mainly due to the recovery of arrears.

Bombay Suburban Division.—The total income of the two estates amounted to Rs. 43,818-6-1. Miss Weir's estate alone accounts for an income of Rs. 42,815-7-6 for a period of 14 months from 10th June 1922 to 31st July 1923. The income from the estate of minors Gulamalli and Nurmahomed Abdulla during the period the estate was managed by the Deputy Nazir, Thana, *viz.*, up to 23rd April 1923 amounted to Rs. 618-11-6; while for the remaining period from the 24th April when the Mamlatdar, South Salsette, Bombay Suburban district, took charge of the property under the Court of Wards it amounted to Rs. 618-11-6.

III.—EXPENDITURE.

Northern Division.—The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 1,85,198 as against Rs. 3,84,772 in the previous year. The decrease in expenditure as in the case of income is due to the Sanand estate having gone out of management. The decrease of Rs. 10,664 in the expenditure of the Baxi estate of Surat is due to the non-payment of debt instalments to the creditors of the estate.

Central Division.—The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 1,95,085 as compared with Rs. 2,16,809 during the previous year. Besides the ordinary expenses of management of the estates and maintenance of the wards and their relatives and dependants expenditure was incurred on account of some of the estates on the following special items:—

Rs.	
11,944	... Repayment of loans.
13,273	... Law charges.
8,506	... Construction of and repairs to buildings belonging to the estates.
23,231	... Marriage ceremonies.

During the year fresh investments were made by the following estates in purchasing war bonds:—

Name of estate.	Amount invested.
	Rs.
Fakirchand of Chopda	10,925
Pande of Dharangaon	32,500
Deshmukh of Amalner	2,000
Deshmukh of Yaval	3,100
Naik of Paldhi	16,700
Rajebahadur of Malegaon	5,000

Southern Division.—The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 2,51,593 against Rs. 2,62,923. Last year's figures included Rs. 31,000 invested in Government Promissory Notes. Excluding this amount, the increase of Rs. 19,675 in the expenditure was due to the following causes:—

1. Payment of suspended arrears of Government dues,
2. Marriage expenses,
3. Improvement of lands,
4. Survey Settlement,
5. Religious ceremonies.

Bombay Suburban Division.—The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 34,731-4-7. Rs. 10,000 of this amount represents the sum transferred to Miss Weir's overdraft account in order to release certain title deeds held in lien by her bankers. The remaining sum was expended on the usual items of maintenance and education.

IV.—COLLECTION OF ESTATES' DUES.

Northern Division.—Out of the total rental demand of Rs. 1,70,326, Rs. 1,38,432 were collected and Rs. 10,009 were written off leaving a balance of Rs. 25,162 for collection at the close of the year. Of these Rs. 15,592 were on account of authorized suspensions and Rs. 9,569 represent unauthorized arrears. Steps are being taken to recover the arrears.

Central Division.—The collection of estates' dues was on the whole satisfactory except in respect of some estates in Ahmednagar and Poona districts. The total rental demand was Rs. 2,03,847 of which Rs. 1,41,713 were collected and Rs. 2,417 were written off on account of the poverty or the absence of tenants, leaving a balance of Rs. 59,717. Steps are being taken for the recovery of these arrears.

Southern Division.—Out of the total rental demand of Rs. 3,51,973, Rs. 2,66,888 or 75 per cent. were collected and Rs. 2,783 written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 84,288. Belgaum alone is responsible for an arrear of Rs. 75,098 (of which Rs. 3,590 have been recovered since the close of the year). The bulk of the arrears there pertain to a single estate and consist of old arrears. In Dharwar the arrears amount to Rs. 7,061 and are due to the unfavourable nature of the season. Steps are in progress for their recovery.

Bombay Suburban Division.—Out of a total demand of Rs. 7,033-2-7, Rs. 6,907-2-9 were collected. The Deputy Nazir, Thana, realized Rs. 601-11-7 out of a total demand of Rs. 876-14-7 for the minor Gulamalli's estate. The balance was collected by the Mamlatdar, South Salsette. The collection of dues for the estate of Miss Weir was Rs. 6,030-4-0.

V.—GOVERNMENT REVENUE, CESSSES AND RATES.

Northern Division.—All Government dues ordered to be paid according to the anna valuation of the crops were paid up in full during the year under report.

Central Division.—Amounts due to Government have been paid by all the estates except in the case of assessments suspended owing to unfavourable season.

Southern Division.—Government dues were paid up in full with the exception of suspended revenue pertaining to three estates in Belgaum.

Bombay Suburban Division.—The amount due to Government has been paid by both the estates in full. No remission was granted in any of the estates.

VI.—COST OF MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—The management charges of all the estates amounted to Rs. 18,413 or 5·5 per cent. of the gross income recovered, as against Rs. 31,567 or 6·6 per cent. during the preceding year. The fall in the amount of cost is due to the Sanand estate having gone out of management and that in percentage is due to the good recoveries made during the year.

Central Division.—In the case of two small estates—Shete and Kazi—in the Ahmednagar district no expenditure was incurred as the management was conducted departmentally. The total cost incurred on the management of the remaining estates amounted to Rs. 30,243 or 10·3 per cent. of their income as against 8·9 per cent. in the previous year. The increase is attributed chiefly to the cost of management of the Raisingpur estate which amounted to 29·1 per cent. of its income. The Collector has been asked to submit a report regarding the possible curtailment in the management charges of this estate.

Southern Division.—The aggregate cost of management amounted to Rs. 28,324 or 8·7 per cent. of the total gross income recovered as against 7·8 per cent. Taking the estates individually the incidence of cost slightly exceeded the prescribed limit of 10 per cent. in a few estates in Belgaum (Nipani 10·8, Yergatti 10·7 and Metgud 10·1, etc).

Bombay Suburban Division.—The total of cost of management amounted to Rs. 2,258-2-11 or 5·1 per cent. of the gross income of the two estates.

VII.—ADVANCES TO CULTIVATORS.

Northern Division.—Only in one estate, viz., the Kantilal estate in the Thana district, Rs. 8,731 were advanced to cultivators in

addition to paddy worth Rs. 1,376. In no other estates under management, were any advances made.

Central Division.—No advances were granted to cultivators from any estate.

Southern Division.—Nil.

Bombay Suburban Division.—No advances have been given to any cultivator.

VIII.—SPECIAL SCHEME FOR MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—There were no special schemes for the management of any of the estates.

Central Division.—The management of the Raisingpur forests has been undertaken according to the sanctioned working plan.

No special steps were taken in respect of other estates.

Southern Division.—Nil.

Bombay Suburban Division.—No special scheme of management has yet been worked out. In the case of Miss Weir's estate there are sundry difficulties. It is however hoped that amicable arrangements will be made for the sale of the more valuable property and the investment of the proceeds in Government papers to ensure a steady income.

IX.—MAINTENANCE AND EDUCATION OF WARDS.

Northern Division.—Rs. 33,162 were spent on maintenance and education of the wards as against Rs. 50,672 in the previous year, details being as under :—

	Rs.
Cash for maintenance and education ...	32,281
Produce enjoyed by the wards or on their behalf and adjusted to maintenance allowance ...	881
Total ...	33,162

There are in all 58 wards. Out of these 56 are males and 2 females. The persons of only two wards are under superintendence and they are males. Of the two female wards, one is studying Sanskrit and Hindu religious books under a special tutor. Out of the 56 male wards—

- 2 are below school age,
- 1 is over school age,
- 3 have left off school,
- 15 are in service,
- 2 are of unsound mind,
- 11 are learning professional work or engaging themselves in the management of their estates,
- 1 is taking religious education,
- 5 have engaged private tutors for education,
- 1 is studying at Davar's College of Commerce,
- 2 are studying in College,
- 7 " Anglo-Vernacular School,
- 6 " Vernacular School.

Central Division.—All reasonable demands for the maintenance of the wards and their relatives dependent on them continued to be satisfied.

There are in all 21 wards. Out of these 18 are males and 3 are females. The person of only one male ward is under superintendence. None of the female wards go to school. Out of the 18 males—

- 6 are over school-going age,
- 1 is receiving instructions in dentistry at a private dispensary,
- 1 left school; attempt is being made to send him to school again,
- 10 are receiving education as under :—
 - 5 in Vernacular schools.
 - 5 in Anglo-Vernacular schools.

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Southern Division.—Rs. 93,235 were spent on maintenance and education of the wards as against Rs. 87,022. The rise is due mainly to revision of maintenance allowances.

There were in all 93 wards (81 male and 12 female). Two of the female wards are receiving education. Out of the 81 males—

- 3 are below school age,
- 30 are over school age,
- 5 died during the year,
- 43 are receiving education as follows :—
 - 26 in primary schools,
 - 14 in English Schools,
 - 2 in Colleges and
 - 1 is receiving religious education.

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Bombay Suburban Division.—All reasonable demands for the maintenance and education of the wards were satisfied during the year under report.

X.—REPAYMENT OF EXISTING DEBTS AND LIABILITIES.

Northern Division.—The aggregate amount of debt due by the estates which amounted to Rs. 6,08,396 when management was assumed was reduced to Rs. 1,18,760 at the beginning of the year under report. During the year, the liabilities rose by Rs. 13,587 of which Rs. 4,800 were borrowed for the purposes of meeting marriage expenses of a ward in Surat and of the sister of a ward in Ahmedabad, Rs. 1,226 were added on account of interest on Government and private loans borrowed in previous years and Rs. 2,780 represent liabilities of the Kantilal estate at Kinowli in the Thana district, which are generally of deposits to be paid on

demand or of charity funds held in trust. Claims amounting to Rs. 18,929 were satisfied from current income and Rs. 241 were remitted by Government on account of Jama in the Ahmedabad district. The total liabilities which amounted to Rs. 1,18,760 at the beginning of the year were reduced to 1,13,177 at the close of the year and this latter figure includes the suspended arrears of Government dues and loans borrowed on account of scarcity conditions in previous years.

Central Division.—The 6 large estates, named in the margin, and 6 small estates are free from debt.

1. Fakirchand of Chopda.
2. Pande of Dharangaon.
3. Deshmukh of Yawal.
4. Naik of Paldhi.
5. The Chieftain of Raisingpur.
6. Koshti of Bahuri.

The total balance of debt due by the remaining estates at the beginning of the year was Rs. 2,69,252. Claims amounting to Rs. 12,570 were cleared off leaving a balance of Rs. 2,56,682 out of which Rs. 1,03,494 represent the family debt of a small joint estate which will be wiped off when the partition of the joint estate which is being done is effected.

In Government Resolution No. 838-A., Revenue Department, dated 26th June 1923, sanction was accorded to the raising of a loan of Rs. 40,000 for payment of the claims against a small estate in Nagar district and steps are being taken to dispose of the claims soon.

Southern Division.—The total repayment of debt amounted to Rs. 93,086 (as against Rs. 84,750) of which Rs. 58,946 were paid from the current income and Rs. 34,140 by incurring fresh debts. Rs. 5,691 were remitted by creditors and claims amounting to Rs. 130 were rejected by civil courts.

18 out of 41 estates in Belgaum are free from debt. In 15 of these the holders being minors, it is not desirable to withdraw management till they come of age. Of the 3 remaining estates, the holders of two are incapable of managing their estates and in the third case, proceedings for a declaration of incapacity are pending in the civil court.

Both the estates in Bijapur are in debt.

In Dharwar only one estate (Belgali) is in debt to the extent of Rs. 2,329.

The Gore estate in Ratnagiri has no debts.

In Kanara and Kolaba there are no estates under management.

Bombay Suburban Division.—Except for very small bills there were and are no debts on the estates other than a substantial overdraft at Miss Weir's Bankers against which they hold title deeds in lien.

A sum of Rs. 10,000 was transferred to the overdraft account and some of the deeds released. The overdraft amounts still to Rs. 12,643 including accrued interests (calculated as on 31st July 1923).

XI.—REDUCTIONS OF CLAIMS SECURED IN CONSIDERATION OF
PROMPT PAYMENT.

There was no such case during the year under report.

XII.—GENERAL REMARKS.

Northern Division.—The year opened with 4 suits pending in Ahmedabad (exclusive of suits of the Sanand estate), to which 13 were added during the course of the year. One suit was finally disposed of in favour of the estate. The rest are still pending.

One Jagatsang Gopalsang of Janod has filed a pauper suit claiming succession to the Janod estate in the Kaira district.

Steps have been taken to invest Rs. 7,500 out of the surplus balance of the Janod estate in the Postal Cash Certificates.

Plans and estimates for the construction of a metalled road from Kharsalia to Mehlool at the cost of the Mehlool estate have been prepared and the work will be taken up in the next fair season.

The administration of the estates continues to be popular.

Central Division.—The appeal regarding the two inam villages of the ward of the small estate in the Ahmednagar district referred to in paragraph 11 (3) of the last year's report has not yet been decided in the High Court. If it results in favour of the ward the villages will be taken over for management.

A civil suit was filed against the Raje Bahadur estate of Nasik for the possession of Devi's temple at Nasik, but it was withdrawn by the plaintiff. A suit has been filed against the Malegaon Raje Bahadur estate for the restoration of certain Patil inam lands at Malegaon.

The administration of estates through local officers has been efficient and satisfactory.

Southern Division.—Out of 45 suits in Belgaum 15 were decided in favour of the Court of Wards and 6 against it, leaving 24 pending at the end of the year.

The civil suit for the restoration of the 4 personal inam lands belonging to the Tignibidri estate in Bijapur lodged last year was decided against the ward and an appeal has been preferred to the High Court. Survey settlement was introduced into the inam village of Tignibidri this year.

The accounts of the estates were audited by the Local Audit Department, according to Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. A-66, dated the 9th November 1921. No serious irregularities were noticed.

Government have recently passed orders for the levy of fees for the management of estates which will be given effect to next year.

The administration of estates continues to be popular.

STATEMENT No. I.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the general position of estates under
Bombay Suburban Divisions

(Details are given only for estates with gross income of Rs. 10,000)

Serial Number.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Total area of estate.	Cultivated area.	Uncultivated area.	Total assessment.	Total land revenue demand including cesses.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NORTHERN DIVISION.			Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Kaira	Janod	13,274	10,666	2,608	19,960	19,789
2	Surat	Baxi	...	...	...	...	...
3	Panch Mahals	Mehloi	29,338	16,704	12,634	37,486	29,697
4-14	Ahmedabad	.....	...	...	...	...	...
15-20	Kaira	.....	...	...	...	...	...
21-31	Surat*	.....	...	...	...	...	...
32-34	Broach	.....	...	...	...	...	...
35-39	Panch Mahals†	.....	...	...	...	...	...
40-41	Thana‡	.....	...	...	...	...	...
Total, Northern Division.			72,352	46,396	25,887	99,689	1,30,553
CENTRAL DIVISION.			Acres	Acres	...	Rs.	Rs.
1	East Khandesh.	Fakirchand Chopda.	881	861	20	1,392	12,538
2	Do.	Pande of Dharangaon.	373	373	...	1,186	5,094
3	Do.	Deshmukh of Yawal.	834	797	37	1,300	11,430
4	Do.	Naik of Paldhi	560	537	23	956	6,347
5	West Khandesh	Raisingpur	128,000	7,900	120,800	4,496	4,867
6	Satara	Deshmukh Chikurde.	Acres 853 and Bighas 2,415	Acres 853 and Bighas 2,415	...	8,142	18,357
7	Ahmednagar	Koshti of Rahuri.	89	89	...	124	832
8 & 9	East Khandesh	.....	...	...	...	...	...
10-12	Poona	.....	...	...	...	...	...
13-17	Nasik	.....	...	...	...	...	...
18-21	Ahmednagar	.....	...	...	...	...	...
Total, Central Division.			Acres 158,615 and Bighas 2,415.	Acres 85,276 and Bighas 2,415.	123,530	40,002	1,37,678

* Rs. 9,345 have been invested in the
† An increase of 9 acres in the area of
‡ Considerable increase in gross income

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Government management in the Northern, Central, Southern and during the year 1922-23.

and above : figures for the other estates are lumped.)

Total gross income recovered.	Total gross expenditure.	Balance.		Total liabilities.	Cost of management.	Percentage of gross income.	Remarks.
		Invested.	Uninvested.				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
29,603	18,970	...	15,952	.....	2,310	7.8	
24,496	19,125	...	6,373	63,576	665	2.8	
36,340	35,575	1,30,800	25,946	.....	4,496	12.3	
.....	
2,41,327	1,11,528	3,68,432	89,741	49,600	10,933	4.5	
3,31,766	1,85,198	4,89,232	1,37,912	1,13,176	18,413	5.5	
47,908	35,025	144,400	13,454	.....	4,110	8.5	
20,143	5,827	1,01,387	7,108	.....	1,602	8.9	The increase in assessment is due to revision Survey.
17,432	13,466	9,000	4,302	.....	1,884	10.8	
28,715	10,506	69,500	7,342	.....	2,136	7.4	The decrease in area and assessment is due to reconveyance of Ward's certain lands.
45,339	28,766	216,900	52,576	.....	13,165	29.1	The assessment of this estate always varies as it is based on Butbandi System.
22,636	11,787	...	24,335	28,515	685	3	The inam village chikurde held by the ward is still unsurveyed.
7,040	2,747	38,400	8,685	.....	528	7.5	
1,03,648	86,961	38,805	53,124	2,28,167	5,933	5.7	
3,92,961	1,95,065	6,18,292	1,70,826	2,56,689	30,243	10.3	

purchase of shares and bonds.

Gadokpur is due to survey correction.

recovered and in the amount invested is due to the coming in of the Kantilal estate of Kinowli.

STATEMENT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Serial Number.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Total area of the estate.	Cultivated area.	Uncultivated area.	Total assessment.	Total Land Revenue demand including cesses.
	SOUTHERN DIVISION.		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Belgaum	Nipani	7,016	6,575	441	8,170	35,973
2	Do.	Chandor	2,416	2,416	...	3,928	26,310
3	Do.	Jamboli	16,633	6,667	9,966	7,492	10,345
4	Do.	Here	...	...	...	...	11,906
5	Do.	Akbarnis	4,588	4,073	515	4,301	11,197
6	Do.	Yergatti	17,862	17,862	...	9,315	19,877
7	Do.	Kudachi	14,359	14,036	323	18,452	9,269
8	Do.	Metgud	392	392	...	656	12,000
9	Dharwar	Aminbhavi	742	741	1	1,589	11,270
10	Do.	Bhadrapore	891	891	...	1,703	10,280
11-43	Belgaum	...	...	...	...	...	...
44-45	Bijapur	...	...	...	...	...	...
46-49	Dharwar	Total for small estates.	27,389	17,804	9,585	15,075	12,557
50	Ratnagiri	Total. Southern Division.	92,288	71,457	20,831	71,280	2,82,884

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9	10	BALANCE.		13	14	15	16
		11	12				
Total gross income recovered.	Total gross expenditure.	Invested.	Uninvested.	Total Liabilities.	Cost of management.	Percentage of cost on gross income.	Remarks.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
33,649	24,738	29,400	3,184	1,87,368	3,660	10.9	
30,171	28,272	3,700	10,062	20,936	2,960	9.8	
16,201	11,652	8,900	5,658	...	1,356	8.3	
15,313	21,346	...	1,594	19,225	1,400	9.2	The Survey Settlement is going on; hence the actual area is not known. Cost of management was not charged to this estate this year for want of funds.
15,642	10,889	...	1,289	15,300	...	...
20,116	20,728	4,100	2,449	3,000	2,152	10.7	
11,186	9,095	2,600	5,495	23,038	1,040	9.3	
12,687	2,544	...	123	58,580	1,300	10.1	
12,220	8,322	17,300	14,068	...	634	4.37	
11,729	4,292	68,075	17,750	...	722	6.13	
1,46,697	1,09,520	1,18,862	83,440	2,19,816	13,178	8.9	
3,25,811	2,51,698	2,52,937	1,45,132	5,42,263	28,324	8.7	

STATEMENT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Serial Number.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Total area of the estate.	Cultivated area.	Uncultivated area.	Total assessment.	Total Land Revenue demand including cesses.
	SOUTHERN DIVISION.		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Belgaum	Nipani	7,016	6,575	441	8,170	\$5,973
2	Do.	Chandor	2,416	2,416	...	3,922	26,310
3	Do.	Jamboli	16,633	6,667	9,966	7,492	10,315
4	Do.	Here	...	...	...	...	11,906
5	Do.	Akbarnis	4,588	4,073	515	4,301	11,197
6	Do.	Yergatti	17,862	17,862	...	9,315	19,877
7	Do.	Kudachi	14,359	14,036	323	18,452	9,259
8	Do.	Metgud	392	392	...	955	12,000
9	Dharwar	Aminbhavi	742	741	1	1,889	11,370
10	Do.	Bhadrapore	891	891	...	1,703	10,280
11-43	Belgaum	...	...	...	...	...	...
44-45	Bijapur	...	...	...	...	...	...
46-49	Dharwar	Total for small estates.	27,389	17,804	9,585	15,075	12,557
50	Ratnagiri	Total, Southern Division.	92,288	71,457	20,831	71,280	2,82,884

I—continued.

9 Total gross in- come recovered.	10 Total gross ex- penditure.	BALANCE.		13 Total Liabilities.	14 Cost of manage- ment.	15 Percentage of cost on gross income.	16 Remarks.
		11 Invested.	12 Uninvested.				
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
33,649	24,738	29,400	3,184	1,87,368	3,660	10.8	
30,171	28,272	3,700	10,082	20,936	2,980	9.8	
16,301	11,852	8,900	5,658	...	1,368	8.3	
15,313	21,346	...	1,594	19,225	1,400	9.2	The Survey Settle- ment is going on; hence the actual area is not known. Cost of manage- ment was not charged to this estate this year for want of funds.
15,642	10,889	...	1,289	15,300	...	...
20,116	20,728	4,100	2,449	3,000	2,152	10.7	
11,186	9,095	2,600	5,495	23,038	1,040	9.3	
12,687	2,544	...	123	53,560	1,300	10.1	
12,220	8,322	17,300	14,068	...	534	4.37	
11,729	4,292	68,075	17,750	...	722	6.13	
1,46,697	1,09,520	1,18,862	83,440	2,19,816	13,178	8.9	
3,25,811	2,51,598	2,52,937	1,45,132	5,42,263	28,824	8.7	

STATEMENT

1 Serial Number.	2 Name of the district.	3 Name of the estate.	4 Total area of the estate.	5 Cultivated area.	6 Uncultivated Area.	7 Total assessment.	8 Total land revenue Demand including cesses.
1	Bombay Suburban District.	Miss Marie Nazli Weir.	A. g. 78 19½	Acres 84	Acres 247	Rs. s. p. 835 14 10	Rs. s. p. 835 14 10
2		Gulamali ...	6,061 Sq. yds.	}	}	}	}
		and	and	}	}	}	}
		and	A. g.	}	}	}	}
		Nurmohanamad Abdulla.	1 6½	}	}	}	}
	Total, Bombay Suburban Division.	79 81½	84	247	853 15 10	853 15 10	
	Grand Total...	3,23,464 81½ and Bighas 2,415	1,53,212 and Bighas 2,415	1,70,504	2,11,517 15 10	5,61,968 15 10	

I—concluded.

9 Total gross income recovered.	10 Total gross expenditure.	Balance.		13 Total liabilities.	14 Cost of Management.	16 Percentage of gross income.	16 Remarks.
		11 Invested.	12 Uninvested.				
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Per cent.	
42,815 7 6	34,020 7 10	3,360 0 0	13,258 11 10	12,643 0 0	2,300 0 0	.05	
876 14 7	710 12 9	200 0 0	23 7 4	.....	58 2 11	6	
43,692 6 1	34,731 4 7	3,550 0 0	32,622 8 0	12,643 0 0	2,358 2 11	5.1	
9,94,230 6 16	66,612 0 0	13,64,011 0 0	4,36,692 3 0	9,24,764 0 0	79,235 2 11	7.04	

*Statement showing the efficiency of rent collections in estates.
Southern and Bombay Suburban*

Serial No.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Demands.			Collections.	
			Current.	Arrears.	Total.	On account of current year.	On account of arrears.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NORTHERN DIVISION.			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Kaira ...	Janod ...	19,789	15,171	34,960	18,417* + 3,277	8,607
2	Surat ...	Baxi ...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Panch Mahals ...	Mehlol ...	19,673	84	19,757	19,665	84
4-14	Ahmedabad ...	} Total for small estates.	81,744	33,965	1,15,609	73,941	14,441
15-20	Kaira ...						
21-31	Surat ...						
32-34	Broach ...						
35-39	Panch Mahals ...						
40-41	Thana ...	Total, Northern Division ...	1,21,206	49,120	1,70,326	1,15,300	23,132
CENTRAL DIVISION.							
1	East Khandesh ...	Fakirchand Chopda.	12,538	9,620	22,158	11,356	1,992
2	Do. ...	Pande of Dhara-gaon.	5,994	3,972	9,966	4,162	2,895
3	Do. ...	Deshmukh of Yawal.	11,430	3,878	15,308	10,675	1,267
4	Do. ...	Naik of Paldhi ...	6,247	3,220	9,467	5,871	1,924
5	West Khandesh ...	Raisingpur ...	4,496	361	4,857	4,295	90
6	Satara ...	Deshmukh of Chikurde.	18,359	10,914	29,273	16,337	6,499
7	Ahmednagar ...	Koshti of Rahuri.	839	...	839	831	.....
8 and 9	East Khandesh ...	} Total for small estates.	77,414	31,565	1,11,979	61,853	11,616
10-12	Poona ...						
13-17	Nasik ...						
18-21	Ahmednagar ...						
Total, Central Division.			1,37,317	66,530	2,03,847	1,15,410	26,203

* This include Rs. 5,623 on account of collections of Natu estate, the demand on

MENT II.

under Government management in the Northern, Central,
Divisions during the year 1922-23.

Total.	Amount written-off.	Balance.			Details of Balances.		Remarks.
		Converted into pounds or dollars.	Others.	Total.	Current.	Arrears.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
27,024* + 3,277	8,416	...	4,520	4,520	1,341	3,179	* 3,277 of over collections.
.....	
19,749	8	...	...	...	...	...
• 88,382	6,585	...	20,642	20,642	3,076	17,566	
1,38,432	10,009	...	25,162	25,162	4,417	20,745	
13,338	...	1,303	7,617	8,920	1,182	7,638	
7,077	...	620	2,269	2,889	1,812	1,077	
11,942	9	869	2,468	3,357	755	2,602	
7,795	...	620	1,162	1,872	376	1,296	
4,386	...	...	472	472	201	271	
22,836	...	...	6,437	6,437	2,022	4,415	
881	...	...	8	8	8	...	
79,132	2,408	35	36,027	36,062	15,551	20,511	
1,47,336* - 5,623	2,417	3,247	56,470	59,717†	21,907	37,810	Demands ... 2,09,847 Collections ... 1,41,713
1,41,713							62,134 Written-off ... 2,417 59,717

closing balance of which are not known as the estate is joint.

STATEMENT

Serial No.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Demand.			On account of current year.
			Current.	Arrears.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	SOUTHERN DIVISION.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	Belgaum	Nipani	34,851 0 0	1,122 0 0	35,973 0 0	29,667 0 0
2	Do.	Chendur	26,310 0 0	3,346 0 0	29,656 0 0	25,558 0 0
3	Do.	Jamboti	10,345 0 0	3,260 0 0	13,605 0 0	9,677 0 0
4	Do.	Here	11,906 0 0	1,175 0 0	13,081 0 0	11,431 0 0
5	Do.	Akbarnis	11,197 0 0	21,433 0 0	32,630 0 0	6,210 0 0
6	Do.	Yergatti	19,877 0 0	7,597 0 0	27,474 0 0	14,905 0 0
7	Do.	Kudachi	9,359 0 0	1,556 0 0	10,915 0 0	9,133 0 0
8	Do.	Metgud	12,000 0 0	.....	12,000 0 0	12,000 0 0
9	Dharwar	Aminbhavi	11,270 0 0	5,480 0 0	16,750 0 0	10,065 0 0
10	Do.	Bhadrapur	10,880 0 0	975 0 0	11,255 0 0	8,112 0 0
11-43	Belgaum	} Total for small estates.	1,17,755 0 0	30,979 0 0	1,48,734 0 0	1,04,475 0 0
44-45	Bijapur					
46-49	Dharwar					
50	Ratnagiri					
		Total, Southern Division.	2,75,050 0 0	76,923 0 0	3,51,973 0 0	2,41,229 0 0
	Bombay Suburban Division.	Miss Marie Nayll Weir.	5,616 12 0	413 8 0	6,080 4 0	5,616 12 0
		Gullamalli and Nurnohamad Abdulla.	.....	.....	1,002 14 7	876 14 7
		Total, Bombay Suburban	5,616 12 0	413 8 0	7,033 2 7	6,493 10 7
		Grand Total	5,39,189 12 0	1,92,966 8 0	7,33,179 2 7	4,73,432 10 7

II—continued.

Collection.		Amount written-off.	Balance.			Details of Balances.		Remarks. Over collections included in column 9.
On account of arrears.	Total.		Converted into bonds or decrees.	Others.	Total.	Current.	Arrears.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1,104 0 0	30,771 0 0	1,772	...	3,432	3,432	3,424	8	2
642 0 0	26,300 0 0	16	...	3,440	3,440	747	2,693	.....
76 0 0	9,753 0 0	61	...	3,792	3,792	642	3,150	1
304 0 0	11,725 0 0	...	...	1,346	1,346	475	871	.....
215 0 0	6,425 0 0	400	...	27,160	27,160	5,942	21,218	1,355
2,686 0 0	17,591 0 0	202	...	9,700	9,700	4,789	4,911	19
1,556 0 0	10,689 0 0	...	...	700	700	700	...	574
.....	12,000 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
2,890 0 0	12,345 0 0	...	...	3,805	3,805	1,215	2,590	.....
686 0 0	8,803 0 0	...	290	2,162	2,452	2,162	290	.....
15,501 0 0	1,19,976 0 0	332	...	28,441	28,441	14,917	13,524	15
25,659 0 0	2,66,833 0 0	2,783	290	63,978	84,268	35,013	49,255	1,966
413 8 0	6,030 4 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
.....
413 8 0	6,030 4 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
75,507 8 0	5,63,063 4 0	15,209	3,537	1,65,610	1,69,147	61,337	1,07,810	.....

*Statement showing progress made in liquidation of debt in
Central, Southern and Bombay Suburban*

Serial No.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Date on which management was assumed.	Debts due on assumption of charge.	Balance of debt at the beginning of the year.	Additional debts incurred during the year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NORTHERN DIVISION.						
1	Kaira ...	Janod ...	6th July 1911 ...	Rs. 31,799	Rs. 4,425	Rs. 558
2	Surat ...	Baxi ...	...	1,21,309	64,576	2,300
3	Panch Mahals ...	Mehloi ...	...		
4-14	Ahmedabad ...					
15-20	Kaira ...					
21-31	Surat ...			4,55,268	49,759	10,729
32-34	Broach ...					
35-39	Panch Mahals ...					
40-41	Thana ...					
		Total for small estates.				
			Total, Northern Division ...	6,08,396	1,18,760	13,587
CENTRAL DIVISION.						
1	East Khandesh.	Fakirchand of Chopda.	.....	54,227	50	...
2	Do.	Pande of Dharangaon.	.....	20,344	...	...
3	Do.	Deshmukh of Yawal.	.....	35,157	3,646	...
4	Do.	Naik of Paldhi	.....	120	...	...
5	West Khandesh.	Raisingpur	.....	...	...	...
6	Satara	Deshmukh of Chikurde.	.....	28,515	28,515	...
7	Ahmednagar	Koshti of Rahuri	.....	...	...	...
8 & 9	East Khandesh.					
10 to 12	Poona ...					
13 to 17	Nasik ...					
18 to 21	Ahmednagar ...					
		Total for small estates.	.....	3,91,126	2,37,041	...
			Total, Central Division ...	5,29,489	2,59,252	...

* As the payment of debt instalments which were annually paid have been stopped

† Remitted by Government on account of Jama in the Ahmedabad district.

‡ Includes Rs. 1,015. Suspended Jama in the Ahmedabad district.

§ Includes Rs. 6,169 of Kantilal estate in Thana which have practically no liabilities as

MENT III.

estates under management of the Court of Wards in the Northern, Divisions, during the year 1922-23.

Debts settled during current year.						Date by which it was expected on assumption of management that estate would be clear of debt.	Remarks.
By incurring fresh debts.	By sale of property.	Rejected by Court of Wardor Civil Court.	Remitted by creditors.	From current income.	Balance.		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
...	4,983	...	.....
...	3,300	63,576*	.....
...	241†	10,646	49,601½	.....
...	241	18,929	1,13,177	.....
...	50	...	.....
...	
...	401	3,245	...	.....
...	
...	28,515	.....
...	The claims are being investigated and settled.
...	225	8,649	2,28,167	.....
...	626	1,944	2,56,682	.....

under the Collector's Order No. W. B. D.-471 dated 8th July 1922,

they represent deposits to be paid up on demand or charity funds held in trust.

STATEMENT

Serial No.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Date on which management was assumed.	Debit due on assumption of charge.	Balance of debt at the beginning of the year.	Additional debts incurred during the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	SOUTHERN DIVISION.			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Belgaum ...	Nipani ...	1st May 1906 and 23rd November 1907.	3,66,796* 0 0	1,99,078*	1,800	
2	Do. ...	Chendur ...	1st August 1914 ...	10,145 0 0	23,096	3,255	
3	Do. ...	Jamboti ...	21st April 1915 ...	1,708 0 0	...	.....
4	Do. ...	Here ...	18th August 1915...	17,613 0 0	15,325	6,500	
5	Do. ...	Akbarnis ...	15th June 1920 ...	16,895 0 0	19,800	1,000	
6	Do. ...	Yergatti ...	5th November 1920.	2,000 0 0	2,225	2,228	
7	Do. ...	Kudachi ...	10th April 1920 ...	28,609 0 0	28,609	.....
8	Do. ...	Metgud ...	17th January 1922.	31,185 0 0	31,185	73,665	
9	Dharwar ...	Aminbhair ...	.....	.....	...	.....
10	Do. ...	Bhadrapur ...	.....	.....	...	.....
	Belgaum ...	} Total for small estates.	.....	2,42,628 0 0	2,26,523*	7,891
	Bijapur ...						
	Dharwar ...						
	Ratnagiri ...						
			Total, Southern Division ...	7,17,169 0 0	5,45,841	95,329	
		BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION.					
1	} Bombay Suburban.	Miss M. N. Weir .	.....	21,608 7 3	...	.....
2		Gullamalli and Nurmo h'ama d Abdulla.	.....	.....	...	.....
			Grand Total ...	18,76,662 7 3	9,33,663	1,08,916	

III—continued.

Debts settled during current year.					Balance.	Date by which it was expected on assumption of management that debts would be clear of debt.	Remarks.
By incurring fresh debts.	By sale of property.	Rejected by Court of Wards or Civil Court.	Remitted by creditors.	From current income.			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
...	13,510	1,87,368	30 years.	*Includes also amount of Rs. 1,41,536 on account of future interest which was not shown in the last year.
...	120	5,295	20,936	10 "	
...	
1,600	19,225	15 "	
...	5,500	15,300	10 "	
...	1,453	3,000	9 "	
...	5,571	...	23,038	15 "	
81,040	90,220	53,580	15 "	
...	
...	
1,500	...	130	...	12,968	2,19,816	.....	†Includes debt of Rs. 1,09,802 of a new estate, Bijapur.
84,140	...	130	5,691	58,946	5,42,263	.....
...	10,000	12,643 overdraft account with interest.	
...	
84,140	...	130	6,558	99,819	9,24,765	

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SIND.

No. T.-90 of 1923.

From

Khan Bahadur NABI BAKHSH MUHAMMAD
 HUSSAIN, M.A., LL.B.,
 Court of Wards in Sind ;

To

THE COMMISSIONER IN SIND.

Sind Court of Wards Office :
Hyderabad, 9th September 1923.

Subject.—Annual Administration Report.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the annual report on the administration of the estates under the superintendence of the Court of Wards in the province of Sind for the year ending the 31st July 1923.

2. The charge of the office was held by Mr. Chainrai Bulchand Personnel. up to 5th March 1923, and thereafter by me.

3. The number of estates under superintendence at the close of the year was 181 as compared with 158 in the previous year, the details being as under:—

At the beginning of the year	...	158
<i>Add Taken up during the year:—</i>		
(a) On applications to the Commissioner in Sind	... .. 5	
(b) On applications to the Court of Wards in Sind	... .. 12	
(c) On recommendations from Collectors	... .. 14	
(d) On certificate from the District Court	... .. 1	
	—	32
		190
<i>Deduct—</i>		
(a) Released on their owners' attaining majority	... .. 5	
(b) Released on owners' death	... .. 2	
(c) Superintendence relinquished after appointing a guardian	... .. 2	9
	—	
Balance at the close of the year	...	181

4. The number of applications for superintendence disposed of during the year was 82 as compared with 116 in the last year.

Disposal of applications.	116 in the last year.	
The number of applications for superintendence pending at the close of the last year was	66	
Received during the year under report	75	
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Disposal—

(a) Admitted (one of them covering 2 separate estates)	31	
(b) Rejected	51	
	<hr/>	82

Pending at the close of the year ... 59

Out of these 5 have since been disposed of, 3 more have been reported upon (2 during the year and one since), 16 were received within 3 months of the close of the year, 13 within 6 months; the remaining 22 have been pending for longer periods on account of the non-receipt of the reports of the Mukhtiarkars, all of whom are being expedited from time to time.

5. 190 estates remained under superintendence for the whole Management by leasing or part of the year under report. The or otherwise. details are as under :—

(a) Wholly leased to outsiders	149
(b) Leased partly to estate owners and partly to outsiders	12
(c) Leased partly to outsiders and partly managed by the Department	8
(d) Entirely managed departmentally including those worked on cash rents	8
(e) No cultivation	2
(f) Only house-rents	1
(g) Superintendence assumed after crops were removed	9
(h) Discharged from superintendence before crops were ready.	1
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The number of estates wholly leased to outsiders was 149 out of 190 as compared with 123 out of 171 in the preceding year. Out of the two estates that remained without cultivation one could not be cultivated on account of floods and for the other the haris could not be secured, the estate having been taken under superintendence late in the Rabi season.

The results of the working are shown in the following table; the totals given in this table will be found to agree with those given in statement II.

Produce.	Demands.		Recoveries.		Written off or otherwise struck off.		Balance.	
	Arrears.	Current.	Arrears.	Current.	Arrears.	Current.	Arrears.	Current.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Lease money ...	29,823	2,85,176	9,531	2,55,138	600	2,995	19,692	27,043
Assessment (1) ...	3,102	1,36,977	2,122	1,26,368	155	30	825	579
Net amant produce (2).	1,493	95,538	768	92,857	187	...	548	9,981
Assessment (1) ...	...	14,153	...	14,158	...	...	...	...
Rents ...	123	3,542	60	3,255	18	...	45	277
Total ...	34,641	5,25,691	12,471	4,91,786	960	3,025	21,110	30,880

(1) Includes fallow assessment and assessment due on land given or cash rents.

(2) Includes net cash rents.

6. The following figures show the total receipts under the various heads for the year under report and the preceding year :—

	1922-23.	1921-22.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Rents and produce ...	5,04,257	3,27,308	1,76,949	.....
2. Earnest money ...	10,400	5,202	5,198	.....
3. Adjustment of lease money.	4,536	2,814	1,722	.....
4. Interest, Notice fee, etc. ...	2,989	4,412	.....	1,423
5. Cash balances of new estates.	.....	337	.....	337
6. Sale-proceeds of lands ...	10,538	34,713	.....	24,180
7. Compensation of land acquired by Government.	.....	50	.....	50
8. Old debts ...	21,727	9,732	11,995	.....
9. Sale-proceeds of moveable property.	240	289	.....	49
10. Paid by estate owners ...	975	700	275	.....
11. Interest on investments ...	24,192	20,983	3,209	.....
12. Government Loan ...	250	100	150	.....
13. Recovery of Takavi ...	6,095	672	5,423	.....
14. Recoveries on account of registration, etc.	107	283	.....	176
Total ...	5,86,301	4,07,595	2,04,921	26,215

Net increase ... Rs. 1,78,706.

The increase of 1,76,949 under the head rents and produce is due to good estates having been admitted to superintendence.

The account of the old debts recoverable stands as under :—

	Rs.
Balance outstanding at the beginning of the year	13,267
<i>Add—</i>	
(a) Shown in the last report as recoverable in the future years	6,175
(b) Determined during the year	27,337
	<hr/> 46,779
<i>Deduct—</i>	
(a) Recoverable in future years	12,970
(b) Written off estates being discharged	709
(c) Written off for other reasons	100
	<hr/> 13,779
Balance to be recovered within the year	33,000
Recoveries	21,727
	<hr/> 11,273
(a) Recoverable through Civil Courts being decretal debts (Execution applications pending)	689
(b) Due from Manager and Court of Wards, and so to be paid in due course of liquidation	2,001
(c) Balance under process	8,583
	<hr/> 11,273

Recovery of the sum of Rs. 21,727 under this head as compared with that of Rs. 9,732 in the previous year shows a steady improvement.

7. The expenditure for the year under report, excluding investments amounted to Rs. 3,96,238 as against Rs. 3,73,008 in the previous year :—

Expenditure.

	1922-23.	1921-22.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Government demands ...	1,59,745	1,11,933	47,812	.....
2. Maintenance and tuition...	91,677	70,496	21,181	.....
3. Personal expenses ...	24,962	49,441	.....	24,459
4. Suit expenses, etc. ...	2,275	2,463	... ..	188
5. Paid under civil court decrees in discharge of decretal debts.	.....	.....	.....	.....
6. Municipal and other taxes .	152	244	.....	92
7. Pay of servants ...	232	567	.....	335
8. Registration and stamp ...	.....	.....	.....	... ..
9. Redemption of ornaments .	.....	989	... ..	989
10. Garden and other cultivation expenses.	909	2,396	.....	1,487
11. Produce to co-sharers ...	834	903	.....	69
12. Adjustment to maintenance of lease money.	4,536	2,814	1,722	.....
13. Purchase of lands and buildings.	2,287	12,450	.....	10,163
14. Construction of buildings .	... ..	.....	.....	.....
15. Savings paid to estate owners.	22,167	53,167	.....	31,020
16. Petty items ...	652	425	227	.....
17. Cost of management ...	31,715	39,524	.....	7,809
18. Proved debts paid with interest.	31,244	16,943	14,301	.....
19. Loans repaid with interest .	6,457	3,551	2,906	.....
20. Government loan repaid ...	300	700	.....	400
21. Interest paid on Government loan.	15	177	.....	162
22. Takavi advances ...	16,059	3,805	12,254	.....
Total ...	3,96,238	3,73,008	1,00,403	77,173

Net increase ... Rs. 23,230.

Collection of dues. 8. The figures regarding collections of rents and produce stand as under:—

	Rs.
Arrears shown last year	9,768
Under postponement allowed in previous years	5,486
Amounts prohibited under Civil Court orders	15,599
Under correspondence	1,500
Due from estate owners (irrecoverable)	2,188
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Current demands	34,541
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	5,25,691
	<hr/>
	5,60,232
<i>Deductions—</i>	<i>Rs.</i>
Amount written off out of arrears	428
Amount written off out of current year's dues	30
Amount under postponement	22,361
Amount struck off owing to discharge of estates:—	
(a) Arrears	532
(b) Current	2,995
Amount prohibited under civil courts' orders	15,599
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	41,945
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Amount recoverable within the year	5,18,287
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	<i>Rs.</i>
	<i>Rs.</i>
Collections out of arrears	12,471
Collections out of current demands.	4,91,786
Total recovery	5,04,257
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	<i>Rs.</i>
Balance	14,030
Since recovered	2,731
Under process	11,299
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	14,030

The percentage of total recovery (5,04,257) to the amount recoverable within the year (5,18,287) works out at 97.29 as compared with 97.1 in the preceding year, and that of recoveries (4,91,786) out of the current demands recoverable within the year (5,25,691)—30 written off—2,995 due on account of discharged estates—19,205 postponed = 22,230 works out at 97.68.

Government demands. 9. The account of Government demands stands as under :—

	Rs.
Balance outstanding shown last year ...	11,376
<i>Add—</i>	
(a) Arrears claimed for new estates ...	7,681
(b) Current demands ...	1,56,215
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	1,75,272
<i>Deduct—</i>	
Errors since detected ...	39
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Net amount due within the year ...	1,75,233
Payments ...	1,59,745
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Balance outstanding ...	15,488

Details of Balance—

(1) Due in future years ...	168
(2) Under postponement allowed by the Revenue Department.	6,598
(3) Since recovered by Revenue Department direct ...	93
(4) Not paid for want of balance available in estates by which due:—	
(a) Due prior to assumption of superintendence ...	7,566
(b) Due during superintendence ...	33
(c) Due from lessees, etc., and non-recovery from them not notified by Mukhtiar-kars until after the expiry of the year ...	1,027
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	15,488

The percentage of payments made (Rs. 1,59,745) to amount payable (Rs. 1,75,272—168—6,598) is 94.80 per cent. as compared with 96.85 per cent. in the previous year. The above demands include demands on account of land revenue due whether before or after assumption of superintendence, as also demands on account of Takavi due before assumption of superintendence.

The balance outstanding, *viz.*, Rs. 15,488 is made up of:—

			Rs.
Land Revenue	...	...	10,597
Takavi	...	...	3,997
Non-jamabandi items	...	...	894
			15,488

The figures of Land Revenue arrears and Takavi, outstanding at the close of the year, have been compiled according to the statements supplied by the Mukhtiarkars on the requisition by this office (some Mukhtiarkars have not as yet complied with that requisition, but this office record shows no arrears due to them). These show the balances due to them to be Rs. 8,861 on account of Land Revenue and Rs. 1,928 Takavi as against the corresponding figures of Rs. 10,597 and Rs. 3,997 respectively shown above. The net differences being in favour of the Department needs no explanation; it may only prove the inaccuracy of the Mukhtiarkars' accounts.

Under non-Jamabandi items Rs. 128 have been shown by the Mukhtiarkars in excess. That is a small difference mostly on account of new demands requiring verification.

The account of Takavi taken from Government by Court of Wards for estates under superintendence stands thus:—

	Rs.
Balance outstanding at the beginning of the year	100
<i>Add—</i>	
Loan raised during the year under report ...	250
Total ...	350
<i>Deduct—</i>	
Repaid during the year	300
Balance at the close of the year ...	50

10. The cost of management for 1921-22 which was recovered in the year under report was Rs. 31,715 as against Rs. 39,524 recovered in the preceding year. This works out at 8.56 per cent. on the gross income of 1921-22 as compared with 11.30 per cent. at which it was recovered for 1920-21. The total cost of the joint departments, the Encumbered Estates and the Court of Wards was Rs. 87,230 as against 89,089 in the previous year.

Advances and cost of cultivation. 11. The details of advances for cultivation are as under :—

	Rs.
Balance shown outstanding at the end of 1921-22	2,720
<i>Add—</i>	
Advances made during the year	16,059
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	18,779
<i>Deduct—</i>	
	Rs.
(a) Recovery	6,095
(b) Written off as irrecoverable	7,552
	13,647
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Balance outstanding at the close of the year .	5,132
(a) Due in 1923-24	3,400
(b) Due from estate owners, hence under correspondence	1,484
(c) Recovered by Revenue Department and credited to land revenue in mistake, hence under correspondence for its transfer	90
(d) Since recovered	9
(e) Under process of recovery	149
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	5,132

12. Rupees 91,677 were spent on maintenance and education of the wards as against Rs. 70,496 spent in the previous year, details being as under :—

	Rs.
Cash for maintenance and tuition	80,914
Produce enjoyed by the wards or on their behalf and adjusted to maintenance	10,763
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Total	91,677

There are in all 332 wards. Out of these 228 are males and 104 females. The persons of 24 are under superintendence, 17 of them

being males and 7 females. Two of the females have been receiving education. Out of the 228 males :—

- 7 are below school age.
- 31 are over school age.
- 7 are in service.
- 4 are lunatics.
- 2 are deaf and dumb.
- 5 are invalids.
- 2 are dead.
- 29 are learning profession or doing agricultural work.
- 30 are doing nothing (3 are given up as hopeless cases, 9 are without a school in their vicinity, attempts to send the remaining 18 to school continue).
- 6 have come under superintendence only recently.
- 105 are receiving education as under :—
 - 23 Qoran.
 - 4 Hindu Sindhi characters.
 - 66 Vernacular tuition.
 - 12 English education.

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13. Statement III shows the progress in payment of debts. The following is an abstract—

	Rs.
Balance at the opening of the year	... 75,824
Fresh claims filed	... 50,920
Interest accrued	... 3,183
Total	... 1,29,927
<i>Deduct—Settled during the year :—</i>	
(a) Paid—	Rs.
Private loan and interest on it	... 6,457
Proved debts and interest thereon.	31,244
(b) Disallowed	... 23,482
(c) Written off	... ..
	<u>61,183</u>
Balance	... 68,744
<i>Details of balance :—</i>	
	Rs.
(a) Amount awarded	... 38,799
(b) Claims not yet settled...	... 19,520
(c) Private loan	... 10,425
	<u>68,744</u>

14. The following figures relate to
 Claims. claims :—

	Number of claims.		Amount.
			Rs.
Pending at the beginning of the year ...	7		23,728
Filed during the year ...	31		50,920
		38	74,648
Decided	31		55,128
Balance	7		19,520

Out of the 7 claims pending at the close of the year, 5 for Rs. 18,376 were not due for hearing during the year under report, the claimants in one claim for Rs. 700 had filed a civil suit in the court of the Sub-Judge, Shikarpur, before the estate came under superintendence and that suit is pending, and 1 for Rs. 444 could not be decided because the attendance of a person interested in it could not be secured as he was reported to be ill and under treatment in the Civil Hospital, Larkana.

15. The total investments at the close of the year amounted to Rs. 5,08,827 as compared with Rs. 4,37,347 in the previous year taking the war loan bonds and the several debentures at their nominal face value.

The investments are as under :—

	Rs.
War Loan bonds (1929—47)	1,43,000
Do. (1923)	2,79,150
Debentures of municipalities, Port Trust and Bombay Improvement Trust ...	20,000
Bombay Development loans	34,300
Savings Bank deposits with Post Office and Bank of Bombay (now Imperial Bank of India) and cash certificates	527
Loan to Incumbered Estates	20,925
Loan to Court of Wards Estates	10,425
Loan to Co-operative Society	500
Total	5,08,827

The uninvested balance amounts to Rs. 2,60,239 as compared with Rs. 1,46,712 shown in the last year. Steps will as usual be taken to invest a good portion of this balance in Government Securities.

16. Thirteen suits were pending at the close of the year 1921-22, one suit was remanded to the lower Court in that year in appeal, nine new suits were filed during the year, making a total of 23 in all. In 3, Court of Wards was plaintiff and in 20 defendant. Out of

Litigation.

the first 3, 2 were for partition and 1 for settlement of accounts. As for the latter 20 suits in which the Court of Wards was defendant 8 of them were for partition, 1 for accounts, 1 for declaration of status and title, 1 for declaration that the ward was major and consequently the order regarding superintendence of his property was null and void, 3 for debts due against property inherited by an estate owner after superintendence, 1 for injunction against recovery of lease money by the Court of Wards, four for recovery of debts due by estates under superintendence, and 1 for filling up a pit.

Eleven suits were disposed of during the year. Out of these 7 were decided (3 dismissed and 4 withdrawn) in favour of the Court of Wards, and 4 were compromised. Out of the 3 dismissed 2 are likely to be restored, they being dismissed only for default of appearance by the plaintiff or his pleader in the Court. Of the remaining 12, 9 are comparatively fresh, 1 is about to be finished, 1 relates to an estate which is about to be discharged from superintendence, and the remaining 1 has not yet been heard for want of time.

Two appeals which were pending at the close of the year 1921-22 are still pending. In both of them the Court of Wards is appellants. They have not yet been heard by the courts concerned for want of time.

17. The record due for destruction in the year under report
Record. was duly destroyed.

18. The number of estates under superintendence of the Court
of Wards is rapidly increasing. There were
General. 181 estates under superintendence at the
close of the year against 158 in the previous year.

My predecessor personally visited 43 estates in 46 dehs while I visited 2 estates in 2 dehs.

The Deputy Managers, Upper Sind and Lower Sind, visited 30 and 42 estates respectively.

Mr. Makhdoom Nuruddin Mahomed Anwar Sidiki held charge of the office of the Assistant Manager till 20th June 1923 and rendered himself useful both to my predecessor and myself. The work of the rest of the establishment has, on the whole, been satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

N. B. MAHOMED HUSSAIN,

Court of Wards in Sind.

STATEMENT I.

Statement showing the general position of estates under Government management for the year 1922-23.

Serial No.	Name of the province.	Name of the estate owner and number of estate.	Total area of the state.	Cultivated area.	Uncultivated area.	Total Gov. Government demand.	Total due to the Department, including assessments.	Total gross receipts.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sind	Nabibux, No. 25	15,212	5,844	9,368	27,578	59,194	71,243 ⁽¹⁾
2	Do.	Dhani Parto, No. 80.	2,720	1,743	977	4,932	12,337	14,143 ⁽²⁾
3	Do.	Ghulam Sawar, No. 112.	594	425	169	1,870	10,589	7,343 ⁽³⁾
4	Do.	Nur Ahmed, No. 225.	1,492	377	1,185	2,796	10,796	11,183
5	Do.	Akil, No. 245	2,758	1,007	1,751	3,228	10,011	8,288 ⁽³⁾
6	Do.	Ganhwarkhan, No. 278.	4,053	1,838	2,215	9,446	26,235	26,705
7	Do.	Tajikhan, No. 302	6,111	4,571	1,540	24,808	1,30,018	1,44,294
		Total	32,940	15,735	17,205	74,657	2,59,180	2,85,199
8		Total of other estates	62,907	25,180	37,727	81,558	2,66,511	3,01,702
		Grand Total	95,847	40,915	54,932	1,56,215	5,25,691	5,86,301 ^(A)

Serial No.	Name of the province.	Name of the estate owner and number of estate.	Total expenditure.	Balance.		Total liability.	Cost of management for 1921-22.	Percentage on gross income, 1921-1922.	Remarks.
				Invested.	Uninvested.				
1	2	3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Sind	Nabibux, No. 25	40,064 ⁽⁴⁾	2,48,150	40,464	...	7,104	8-56	
2	Do.	Dhani Parto, No. 80.	8,811 ⁽⁵⁾	32,200	7,448	...	1,467	8-56	
3	Do.	Ghulam Sawar, No. 112.	8,988 ⁽⁶⁾	7,850	1,702	...	1,044	8-56	
4	Do.	Nur Ahmed, No. 225.	15,260 ⁽⁷⁾	9,000	7,572	...	765	8-56	
5	Do.	Akil, No. 245	9,145 ⁽⁸⁾	...	1,461	4,000	6-27	8-56	
6	Do.	Ganhwarkhan, No. 278.	24,701	2,000	7,930	...	1,918	8-56	
7	Do.	Tajikhan, No. 302	47,167	...	97,128	...	...	...
		Total	1,54,136	2,99,200	1,63,705	4,000	12,925	...	
8		Total of other estates	2,42,102	2,09,627	96,534	64,744	18,790	8-56	
		Grand Total	3,96,238 ^(B)	5,08,827	2,60,230	68,744	31,715	...	

(A)—Besides total gross receipts shown in column 9 the following amounts were realized by sale of investments and by return of money on loan:—

	Rs.
(1)	7,300
(2)	1,200
(3)	300
	<u>9,400</u>

(B)—Besides total gross expenditure shown in column 10 the following amounts were invested and paid for cost of establishment in advance:—

	Rs.
(4)	69,187
(5)	7,193
(6)	1,641
(7)	4,110
(8)	2,055

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STATEMENT II.

Statement showing the efficiency of rent and produce collections in estates under Superintendence of Court of Wards for the year 1922-23.

Serial No.	Name of the province.	Name of the estate owner and number of estate.	Demands on account of			Collections on account of		
			Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sind	Nabibux, No. 25...	845	59,194	60,039	845	59,194	60,039
2	Do.	Dhani Parto, No. 80.	...	12,337	12,337	...	12,337	12,337
3	Do.	Ghulam Sawar, No. 112	1,000	10,569	11,569	1,000	5,870	6,870
4	Do.	Nur Ahmed, No. 225	1,500	10,796	12,296	...	10,296	10,296
5	Do.	Akil, No. 245	...	10,011	10,011	...	7,978	7,978
6	Do.	Ganhwar k h a n, No. 278.	...	26,235	26,235	...	26,235	26,235
7	Do.	Tajikhan, No. 302.	...	1,30,018	1,30,018	...	1,24,778	1,24,778
		Total ...	3,345	2,59,180	2,62,525	1,845	2,46,678	2,48,523
8	Sind	Total of other estates ...	31,196	2,66,511	2,97,707	10,626	2,45,108	2,55,734
		Grand Total ...	34,541	5,25,691	5,60,232	12,471	4,91,786	5,04,257

Serial No.	Name of the province.	Name of the estate owner and number of estate.	Written off from			Struck off owing to discharge of estates from			Balance from		
			Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
1	2	3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sind	Nabibux, No. 25 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Do.	Dhani Parto, No. 80.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Do.	Ghulam Sawar, No. 112.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,719	4,719
4	Do.	Nur Ahmed, No. 225.	...	...	...	...	...	1,500	600	2,000	2,000
5	Do.	Akil, No. 245	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,033	2,033	2,033
6	Do.	Ganhwar k h a n, No. 278.	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	10
7	Do.	T a j i k h a n, No. 302.	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,240	5,240	5,240
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,500	12,502	14,002
8	Sind	Total of other estates ...	428	30	458	532	2,996	3,527	19,610	18,378	37,988
		Grand Total ...	428	30	458	532	2,996	3,527	21,110	30,880	51,990

STATEMENT III.

Statement showing the progress made in the liquidation of debts in the Court of Wards estates during the year 1922-23.

Name of the province.	Name of the estate owner and number of estate.	Date on which superintendence was assumed.	Debts due on assumption of charge.	Debts incurred in previous years after charge was assumed.	Balance of the debts at the beginning of the year.	Additional debts incurred during the year.	Debts
							By incurring fresh debts.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sind	Nabibux, No. 25.	22nd January 1910.	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...
Do.	Dhani Parto, No. 80.	24th February 1911.	100	1,900	...	...	...
Do.	Ghulam Sawar, No. 112.	26th July 1912.	.....	...	...	...	...
Do.	Nur Ahmed, No. 225.	13th September 1918.	23,303	23,303	12,957	10,936	...
Do.	Akil, No. 245	5th June 1920	10,000	10,335	7,601	199	...
Do.	Ganhwarkhan, No. 278.	10th October 1921.	.....	888	...	...	...
Do.	Tajikhan, No. 302	14th September 1922.	.....	...	...	...	...
Do.	Total of other estates	.....	4,34,836	1,64,705	55,066	42,968	...
	Total	.....	4,68,239	2,00,431	75,924	64,103	...

Name of the province.	Name of the estate owner and number of estate.	Date on which superintendence was assumed.	settled during the year.						Date by which it was expected on assumption of management that estates would be clear of debts.
			By sale of property.	Rejected by Court of Wards.	Written off.	Remitted by creditors.	From current income.	Balance.	
1	2	3	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sind	Nabibux, No. 25.	22nd January 1910.	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...
Do.	Dhani Parto, No. 80.	24th February 1911.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do.	Ghulam Sawar, No. 112.	26th July 1912.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do.	Nur Ahmed, No. 225.	13th September 1918.	...	14,901	...	...	8,992	...	...
Do.	Akil, No. 245	5th June 1920	...	...	...	...	4,000	4,000	...
Do.	Ganhwarkhan, No. 278.	10th October 1921.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do.	Tajikhan, No. 302	14th September 1922.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do.	Total of other estates.	.....	8,999	8,561	...	...	15,710	64,744	...
	Total	.....	8,999	23,482	...	...	28,702	68,744	...

(Below report of the estates under management of the Court of
Wards in Sind for the year 1922-23.)

No. P-88-R.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT:

Office of the Commissioner in Sind,
Government House, Karachi,
24th September 1923.

Submitted to Government.

2. There were 158 estates under management at the beginning of the year. Of these, 9 were relinquished, and 32 new estates were taken up during the year, leaving a closing total of 181.

3. Out of 141 applications, including 66 pending at the close of the previous year, 82 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 59 at the end of the year. These include 22 which have been pending disposal for more than six months.

4. The income of the estates was Rs. 5,86,000 as against Rs. 4,08,000. The increase is due to the greater number of estates.

5. The total expenditure shows a net increase of Rs. 23,000. There were increases of Rs. 48,000 on account of Government assessment, Rs. 21,000 on account of maintenance and tuition, Rs. 14,000 on account of the payment of proved debts, Rs. 12,000 on account of takavi advances. On the other hand the expenditure decreased under the following heads:—

	Rs.
Personal expenses	24,000
Purchase of land and buildings	10,000
Savings paid to estate owners	31,000
Cost of management	7,000
	72,000

6. The aggregate amount due to the estates was Rs. 5,60,000, of which Rs. 5,04,000 were collected and Rs. 4,000 written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 52,000 to be recovered. The balance compared with that of the previous year is detailed below:—

	1922-23. Rs.	1921-22. Rs.
Postponements	22,000	5,000
Recovery prohibited by Civil Courts .	16,000	16,000
Under correspondence ... ..	...	2,000
Recovered after the close of the year .	3,000	2,000
Due from estate-owners ... ..	...	2,000
Under process of recovery	11,000	8,000
	52,000	35,000

The percentage of recoveries to the total amount due for collection during the year is 97.29 as compared with 97.1 in the previous year.

7. The aggregate amount of old debts due to estates at the commencement of the year was Rs. 19,442 to which Rs. 27,337 were added during the year. Of the total of Rs. 46,779, Rs. 21,727 have been recovered and Rs. 809 written off. The balance of Rs. 24,243 is accounted for as under :—

			Rs.
Recoverable in future years	...	...	12,970
Recoverable through civil courts being decretal debts	...	...	689
Due from Incumbered Estates	...	...	2,001
Under process of recovery	...	...	8,583
			24,243

8. The Government arrears due by the Court of Wards at the close of the year amounted to Rs. 15,488 as against Rs. 11,376 in the previous year.

9. The total indebtedness of the estates at the commencement of the year amounted to Rs. 75,824 to which new debts of Rs. 54,103 were added during the year. Out of the total liabilities of Rs. 1,29,927, Rs. 61,183 compared with Rs. 23,665 in the preceding year, were settled as under, reducing the balance to Rs. 68,744 at the close of the year :—

			Rs.
Debts paid	...	...	37,701
Claims rejected	...	...	23,482
			61,183

10. Out of 38 claims including 7 remaining undecided from the previous year, 31 were disposed of, leaving 7 unsettled claims at the end of the year.

11. The education of the wards continues to receive attention.

12. The total investments at the close of the year amounted to Rs. 5,08,000 while the uninvested balance was Rs. 2,60,239. Steps are being taken to invest a good portion of this balance in Government securities as early as possible. The invested balance includes Rs. 1,43,000 deposited in the war loan of 1929—47, Rs. 2,79,000 in the war bonds of 1928, Rs. 20,000 in the debentures of local bodies, Rs. 34,000 in the Bombay Development loan and Rs. 32,000 advanced to estates under Government management.

13. The administration of estates has been carried on satisfactorily by Mr. Chainrai and Khan Bahadur Nabi Baksh who were successively in charge of them during the year.

L. J. MOUNTFORD,
Commissioner in Sind.