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**Administration of Minors'
Estates in the Bombay
Presidency**

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(1) NUMBER OF ESTATES UNDER MANAGEMENT

Northern Division.—At the beginning of the year under report there were 18 estates under management (2 large and 16 small). One small estate in Broach was taken under management while three small estates (one in Ahmedabad, one in Kaira and one in Surat) were released from management. The year thus closed with 16 estates under management (2 large and 14 small).

Central Division.—At the beginning of the year there were 14 estates (1 large and 13 small) under management. Two small estates—one in Ahmednagar and one in Satara—were released from management during the year. The year thus closed with 12 estates under management (1 large and 11 small).

Southern Division.—The total number of estates under management remained stationery, *viz.*, 33 (1 large and 32 small), 3 estates were released in Belgaum and 3 were taken over in Dharwar during the year.

(2) INCOME

Northern Division.—The total gross income of the estates during the year amounted to Rs. 89,528 against Rs. 95,223 during the preceding year.

The decrease is due to the recovery in the preceding year of Rs. 6,521 as arrears of rent in the Jhanor estate as against Rs. 866 only in the year under report.

Central Division.—The gross income of the estates amounted to Rs. 2,89,028 against Rs. 2,10,285 in the preceding year. The increase

is mainly due to the fact that in the case of the Sholapur Bhaiyya estate loans to the extent of Rs. 2,11,494 were recovered during the year as against the similar recoveries of Rs. 94,337 only in the preceding year.

Southern Division.—The total gross income rose from Rs. 99,262 to Rs. 1,08,584. The increase was mainly due to the addition of 3 estates in Dharwar. In Belgaum and Bijapur there was, on the other hand, a decrease of Rs. 17,719 and 2,282, respectively, chiefly due to the release of 3 estates in the former and acquisition by Government of some of the estate lands in the latter.

(3) EXPENDITURE

Northern Division.—The total gross expenditure of the estates under management amounted to Rs. 58,612 against Rs. 78,755 during the last year. The decrease is due to the purchase during the previous year of promissory notes on behalf of Jhanor estate at a cost of Rs. 26,250.

Central Division.—The gross expenditure amounted to Rs. 69,398 against Rs. 1,11,227 in the preceding year. The decrease is mainly due to the fact that debts amounting to Rs. 3,320 only were paid from the Bhaiyya estate during the year as against Rs. 53,805 repaid during 1924-25.

Southern Division.—The total expenditure fell from Rs. 54,769 to Rs. 53,732. A decrease of Rs. 18,000 in Belgaum is attributed to the omission of expenditure of the three released estates. In Dharwar there was a decrease of Rs. 1,000 due to the fact that the last year's expenditure included unusual items. Ratnagiri, on the other hand, showed an increase of Rs. 1,500 on account of the investment of that amount in Postal Cash Certificates. Variations in other districts were small.

(4) COLLECTION OF ESTATE DUES

Northern Division.—Out of the total demand of Rs. 56,595, Rs. 46,073 (including Rs. 282 over-collection) were collected, Rs. 237 were written off leaving a balance of Rs. 10,567 (Rs. 2,586 out of the current year's demand and Rs. 7,981 out of the arrears of former years). Of these, Rs. 219 have been converted into decrees and Rs. 3,165 represent authorized and Rs. 7,402 unauthorized arrears. Of the arrears of Rs. 10,567, Rs. 5,697 are due from tenants of Jhanor estate in respect of lands situated in Rajpipla and Baroda States and Hansot Mahal in the Broach District and Olpad Taluka in the Surat District. Steps have been taken for filing suits for recovering the arrears and resuming the lands.

Central Division.—The total demand including arrears was Rs. 28,502 of which Rs. 17,917 were collected in the year of report leaving a balance of Rs. 10,585. Detailed reasons for arrears of Rs. 10,186 which are confined to four estates are given below :—

Name of estate	Amount	Reasons
	Rs.	
Bhaiyya estate (large) of Sholapur.	4,578	These arrears are mainly on account of house rent which is generally due in Divali,

Name of estate	Amount Rs.	Reasons
Deshmukh of Akhuj (small estate).	2,707	Of these arrears, Rs. 476 have been converted into bonds. Of the balance of Rs. 2,231, Rs. 2,090 have been suspended under the Land Revenue Rules and assistance decrees have been obtained for Rs. 96. Applications for assistance under section 86, Land Revenue Code, have been made for the remaining sum.
Yadav of Satara (small estate).	1,499	Assistance decrees have been obtained for Rs. 897 and applications have been made for assistance for the recovery of the remaining dues.
Marwadi of Bodwad (small estate).	1,402	As the year under report was not a satisfactory one, the whole amount could not be recovered. Steps are being taken to recover the arrears during the current year.

Southern Division.—Out of the total rental demand of Rs. 69,488, Rs. 52,059 or 74·9 per cent. were collected as against 88·2 per cent. and Rs. 795 were written off leaving a balance of Rs. 16,717 arrived at after accounting for Rs. 10 collected in advance during the preceding year and Rs. 93 on account of over-collections. Belgaum and Dharwar are responsible for the bulk of the arrears. Some arrears in the former district pertain to bad years. Of the balance outstanding in Kanara, Rs. 510 are on account of a Civil Court decree, the execution of which is in progress and the payment of Rs. 160 has been postponed. Steps for the recovery of the arrears are being taken in all the districts.

(5) GOVERNMENT REVENUE, CESSSES AND RENTS

Northern Division.—All Government dues ordered to be recovered were paid in full during the year under report.

Central Division.—All Government dues were paid by the estates.

Southern Division.—All Government dues were paid.

(6) COST OF MANAGEMENT

Northern Division.—The total cost of management amounted to Rs. 5,976 or 6·7 per cent. of the total gross income against Rs. 5,588 or 5·86 per cent. in the previous year.

Central Division.—The total cost of management amounted to Rs. 10,010 or 3·4 per cent. of the total gross income against Rs. 10,130

or 4·8 per cent. in the previous year. Out of Rs. 10,010, the large estate of the minor Bhaiyya of Sholapur is alone responsible for Rs. 8,337 which is, however, only 3·1 per cent. of its gross income.

Southern Division.—The total cost of management amounted to Rs. 6,583 or 6 per cent. of the total gross income against Rs. 8,049 or 8·11 per cent. in the previous year. The incidence of cost exceeded 10 per cent. of the gross income in Belgaum (16·4 per cent.) where the estates were as usual charged at an all-round rate of 12·5 per cent. on the actual gross income recovered in the previous year. Taking estates individually the incidence exceeded the prescribed limit in the case of one estate in each of the districts of Bijapur and Dharwar (11·7 and 16·2 respectively.)

(7) ADVANCES TO CULTIVATORS

Northern, Central and Southern Divisions.—No advances were made to cultivators during the year.

(8) SPECIAL SCHEMES FOR MANAGEMENT

Northern Division.—All the estates except a portion of one estate in the Ahmedabad District which was leased were managed departmentally.

Central and Southern Divisions.—No special scheme was framed or undertaken.

(9) MAINTENANCE AND EDUCATION OF MINORS

Northern Division.—The total gross expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 14,888 against Rs. 10,668 in the preceding year. There were 16 male (3 in Ahmedabad, 10 in Broach and 3 in Kaira) and 2 female (1 in Kaira and 1 in Broach) wards:—

Of the 16 male wards—

- 2 are under school-going age,
- 5 are receiving education as under—
 - 2 in vernacular schools,
 - 1 in Anglo-vernacular school,
 - 1 in Wilson College,
 - 1 by a private tutor.

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- 7 are learning agricultural work,
- 1 has left school,
- 1 has joined Government service.

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Of the two female wards, the one at Broach has completed vernacular education and has commenced to learn English. The female ward at Kaira first adopted a son and then contracted remarriage. The District

Judge has on 24th July 1926 ordered that the estate should be handed over to the natural father of the adopted son and steps are being taken accordingly.

Central Division.—All reasonable demands for the maintenance and education of the minors continue to be met as far as the funds permit. There are two estates from which no expenditure under this head is incurred. The minor of the estate of Bet Kopargaon in the Ahmednagar District is taken care of by his relatives, and the mother of the wards of Wani Deshpande estate maintains the wards without any allowance from the estate and this she has agreed to do until the financial condition of the estate improves.

There are in all 18 male wards. Out of these, 11 are reported to be receiving education—two in English schools and the rest in local vernacular schools.

Southern Division.—All reasonable demands for the maintenance of the minors and their relatives dependent upon them continued to be satisfied. There are 42 minors in all—38 males and 4 females. Of the 38 males—

- 3 are above school-going age,
- 3 have left school,
- 17 are attending primary schools,
- 14 are attending secondary schools,
- 1 is receiving Collegiate education.

(10) REPAYMENTS OF DEBTS AND EXISTING LIABILITIES

Northern Division.—The debts due by the estates on assumption of management amounted to Rs. 70,635 which were reduced to Rs. 36,351 at the beginning of the year. Additional debts to the extent of Rs. 4,998 were incurred during the year bringing the total liabilities to Rs. 41,349.

Claims amounting to Rs. 125 were rejected. Rs. 9,194 were paid towards repayment of debts from the current income and Rs. 2,351 by sale of property. The total liabilities were thus reduced to Rs. 29,679 at the end of the year.

Central Division.—Out of the 12 estates, 9 are free from debt. The total balance of debt at the beginning of the year was Rs. 32,452 to which was added in the course of the year a loan of Rs. 5,000 raised by the small Wani Deshpande estate in Nasik for the liquidation of old debts. Claims amounting to Rs. 18,510 were cleared off, leaving a balance of Rs. 18,942 out of which Rs. 11,317 pertain to the Wani estate.

The outstanding debt of the Bhaiyya estate amounts to Rs. 6,825, which mainly consists of deposits made by the ward's relatives in the estate funds.

The debt of Rs. 800 by the Indalkar estate in Satara is to be paid by an annual instalment of Rs. 100.

Southern Division.—The total repayment of debts amounted to Rs. 12,450 against Rs. 21,545 of the previous year. Only 7 estates in Belgaum and 2 estates in Dharwar are encumbered to the extent of Rs. 42,483 and Rs. 1,047 respectively. In some of these the debts are being paid by annual instalments.

(11) LITIGATION

Northern Division.—The suit filed last year and another filed during the current year in Ahmedabad were pending at the close of the year.

Central Division.—The two suits filed on behalf of the Bhaiyya estate which were referred to in the report for 1923-24 as pending have not been decided yet.

The appeal pending in the High Court in connection with the estate of the minor Deshmukh of Akluj (Sholapur) was decided in favour of the minor in October last and the arrears of family allowance were paid to the personal guardian of the minor during the year of report. Ambuji Balwantrao Mane whose suit against the minor failed in the High Court has obtained leave from the High Court to appeal to the Privy Council but no such appeal seems to have yet been filed.

Southern Division.—There were in all 11 suits in Belgaum in which the Collector was concerned either as plaintiff or defendant. Of these, 4 were decided in favour of the minors and 2 against them. Five suits were pending at the close of the year.

The civil suit filed against one of the estates in Bijapur for the restoration of certain lands is still pending.

In Kolaba a suit (in connection with the adoption of one of the minors) was filed in the District Court and decided in favour of the minor. The opposite party has appealed to the High Court against the decision.

(12) GENERAL REMARKS

Northern Division.—The financial condition of the estates was generally satisfactory, and the administration by Government Agency of the minors' estates continued to be beneficial to the minors concerned.

Central Division.—The administration of the estates through local officers continued to be satisfactory.

Southern Division.—The administration of the estates through local officers continued to be generally satisfactory and beneficial to the minors.

STATEMENTS Nos. I, II and III

STATEMENT

Statement showing the general position of Minors' Estates under Divisions during

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

Serial No.	Name of District	Name of Estate	Total area of the Estate	Culti- vated Area	Unculti- vated Area	Total assess- ment	Total Land Revenue Demand including cesses
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<i>Northern Division</i>		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Ahmedabad ...	Sher Jumakhanji Sher Mahomed- Khanji of Dholka.	6,526	5,921	605	10,515	11,311
2	Broach ...	Thakor Jaswantsingji Jitsingji of Jhanor.	3,425	2,623	902	8,661	22,385
3-4	Ahmedabad ...	Total for small estates.	859	832	27	3,383	15,014
5-7	Kaira ...						
8-16	Broach ...						
	<i>Central Division</i>	Total, Northern Division.	10,810	9,276	1,534	22,559	48,710
1	Sholapur ...	Bhaiyya of Sholapur.	176	175	1	109	5,357
2	Ahmednagar ...	Total for small estates.	7,085	6,811	244	4,487	15,465
3	East Khan- desh ...						
4-6	Naasik ...						
7-10	Satara ...						
11-13	Sholapur ...	Total, Central Division.	7,261	7,016	245	4,596	20,822
	<i>Southern Division</i>						
1	Belgaum ...	Sankeshwar Math ...	7,007	6,307	640	11,451	19,029
2-18	Belgaum ...	Total for small estates.	6,731	5,493	1,225	8,831	44,802
19-20	Bijapur ...						
21-29	Dharwar ...						
30	Kanara ...						
31-32	Kolaba ...	Total, Southern Division.	13,728	11,860	1,868	20,282	57,831
33	Ratnagiri ...	Grand Total ...	31,799	28,152	3,647	47,437	1,27,363

No. I

*Government management in the Northern, Central and Southern
the year 1925-26*

and above. Figures for other estates are lumped together)

Total gross income recovered	Total gross expendi- ture	BALANCE		Total Liabi- lities	Cost of manage- ment	Percentage of cost on gross in- come
		Invested	Uninvested			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
12,298	11,637	...	2,863	510	1,148	9.3
54,443	26,783	62,113	54,949	19,947	3,392	6.2
22,767	20,192	20,700	22,344	9,222	1,436	6.3
59,528	68,612	82,522	80,166	29,579	5,376	6.7
2,65,512	47,560	7,51,063	65,980	6,823	8,337	3.1
23,516	21,838	43,208	15,307	12,117	1,673	7.1
2,89,028	69,399	7,95,166	81,287	18,942	10,010	3.4
22,944	4,168	1,93,264	5,370	...	...	...
85,640	49,564	1,61,890	74,365	43,530	6,583	7.7
1,08,584	53,732	3,54,154	70,035	43,530	6,583	6.0
4,87,140	1,81,749	12,82,142	2,41,378	92,151	22,569	4.6

STATEMENT

Statement showing the efficiency of rent collections in Minors'
Central and Southern Divisions

Serial No.	Name of District	Name of Estate	DEMAND			COLLECTIONS	
			Current	Arrears	Total	On account of current year	On account of arrears
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<i>Northern Division</i>		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Ahmedabad ...	Sher Jumakhanji Sher Mahomed-khanji of Dholka.	11,311	4,351	16,662	10,487	1,813
2	Broach ...	Thakor Jaswantsingji Jitsingji of Jhanor.	16,845	5,540	22,385	15,840	868
3-4	Ahmedabad ...	Total for small estates.	16,902	1,646	18,548	16,427	640
5-7	Kaira ...						
8-16	Broach ...						
		Total, Northern Division ...	45,058	11,537	56,595	42,754	3,310
	<i>Central Division</i>						
1	Sholapur ...	Bhaiyya of Sholapur.	5,257	3,261	8,618	2,680	1,360
2	Ahmednagar ...	Total for small estates.	16,465	4,419	19,884	12,222	1,655
3	East Khandesh ...						
4-6	Nasik ...						
7-10	Satara ...	Total, Central Division ...	20,822	7,690	28,502	14,902	3,015
11-13	Sholapur ...						
	<i>Southern Division</i>						
1	Belgaum ...	Sankeshwar Math ...	13,029	128	13,157	12,379	22
2-18	Belgaum ...	Total for small estates.	50,723	5,608	56,331	36,523	3,155
19-20	Bijapur ...						
21-29	Dharwar ...						
30	Kanara ...	Total, Southern Division ...	63,752	5,736	69,488	48,002	3,157
31-32	Kolaba ...						
33	Ratnagiri ...						
		Grand Total ...	1,29,632	24,953	1,54,585	1,06,558	9,491

No. II

*Estates under Government management in the Northern,
during the year 1925-26*

Total	Amount written off	BALANCE			DETAILS OF BALANCE		Over collec- tions.	Collected in advance
		Converted into bonds or decrees	Others	Total	Current year	Previous year		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
12,300	23	.....	9,339	9,339	924	2,615	...	...
16,705	.....	.....	5,679	5,679	1,005	4,574	...	...
17,067	214	219	1,330	1,549	757	792	282	...
46,073	237	219	10,348	10,567	2,568	7,961	282	...
4,040	...	.....	4,578	4,578	2,677	1,901	...	...
13,877	...	1,655	4,352	6,007	3,243	2,764	...	...
17,917	...	1,655	8,930	10,585	6,920	4,665	...	...
12,401	682	.....	184	184	78	105	20	10
39,858	213	510	16,023	16,533	14,523	2,010	78	...
52,039	795	510	16,207	16,717	14,601	2,116	93	10
1,16,049	1,032	2,384	25,485	27,869	23,107	14,762	375	10

STATEMENT

Statement showing the progress made in liquidation of debts
Divisions during the

Serial No.	Name of District	Name of Estate	Debts due on assumption of charge	Balance of debt at the beginning of the year	Additional debt incurred during the year
1	2	3	4	5	6
	<i>Northern Division</i>		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Ahmedabad ...	Sher Jumakhanji Sher Mahomed- khanji of Dholka.	7,693	255	4,343
2	Broach ...	Thakor Javantsingji Jitsingji of Jhanor.	28,672	20,783	.....
3-4	Ahmedabad ...				
5-7	Kaira ...				
8-16	Broach ...				
		Total for small estates.	34,270	15,313	656
		Total, Northern Division.	70,635	36,351	4,998
	<i>Central Division</i>				
1	Sholapur ...	Bhaiyya of Sholapur ...	37,319	10,145	.....
2	Ahmednagar ...				
3	East Khandesh ...				
4-6	Nasik ...				
7-10	Satara ...				
11-12	Sholapur ...				
		Total for small estates.	27,656	22,307	5,000
		Total, Central Division.	61,975	32,452	5,000
	<i>Southern Division</i>				
1	Belgaum ...	Sankeshwar Math ...	.....	.....	.....
2-18	Belgaum ...				
19-20	Bijapur ...				
21-29	Dharwar ...				
30	Kanara ...				
31-32	Kolaba ...				
33	Ratnagiri ...				
		Total for small estates.	40,862	42,730	13,250
		Total, Southern Division.	40,862	42,730	13,250
		Grand Total ...	1,76,472	1,11,533	23,248

No. III

*of Minors' Estates in the Northern, Central and Southern
year 1925-26*

DEBTS SETTLED DURING THE YEAR					Balance	Date by which it was expected on assumption of management that the estate would be clear of debt
By incurring fresh debts	By sale of property	Rejected by the Manager or Civil Court	Remitted by creditors	From current income		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
.....	.....	.....	.....	4,087	510	.....
.....	.....	64	.....	773	10,947	.....
.....	2,351	61	.....	4,335	9,222	.....
.....	2,351	125	.....	9,104	29,679	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	3,920	6,925	.....
5,000	.....	3,738	4,816	1,636	12,117	.....
5,000	3,738	4,816	4,956	16,943
.....
10,452	1,998	43,530
10,452	1,998	43,530
15,482	2,351	3,863	4,816	16,148	92,151

SIND

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ASSUMPTION AND RELINQUISHMENT OF ESTATES

1. * * * * *

2. The year opened with twelve estates under management. As three new estates—one in each of the three districts Hyderabad, Nawabshah and Sukkur—were taken under management and one estate in the Karachi District was discharged on the ward having attained his majority, the number of estates under management at the close of the year was 14.

3. In no case did the guardianship of the person of a minor vest in the Collector.

INCOME

4. The total gross income of the estates was Rs. 65,509 against Rs. 11,461 in the previous year. The increase is chiefly due to a sum of Rs. 52,549 having been received as a new ward's share of the money left by his father.

EXPENDITURE

5. The expenditure during the year amounted, as under, to Rs. 8,693 against Rs. 9,150 in the preceding year :—

	Rs.
Government assessment	63
Litigation expenses	245
Maintenance	3,469
Liquidation of debts	2,377
Education expenses	1,570
Clearance charges of karias	312
Management charges	330
Miscellaneous	327
	8,693

MANAGEMENT OF IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY

6. Of the fourteen estates under management, ten were leased, one was taken under management late in the year, and two consist of residential houses which were leased on rent. The remaining one estate could not be leased, as there was no proper arrangement for irrigating the land which is on a high level.

MANAGEMENT OF MOVEABLE PROPERTY

7. The moveable property of all the wards, excepting one in the Thar Parkar District, continued in charge of their relatives. That of the

ward in the Thar Parkar District was, as reported last year, in charge of the Sub-divisional Officer.

LIABILITIES

8. The liabilities of the estates under management at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 2,506, which were due on one estate in the Larkana District and two estates in the Sukkur District. Of this amount, a sum of Rs. 2,377 was paid during the year.

EDUCATION

9. There were in all seventeen wards—11 boys and 6 girls. Of the former, two are reported to be receiving education.

LITIGATION

10. No new suit was filed during the year. Of the suit and the appeal referred to in the previous year's report, the former has been decided in favour of the wards and the latter is still pending.

STATEMENTS Nos. I, II AND III

STATEMENT No. I

Statement showing the general position of estates under Government management in Sind during the year 1925-26

Serial No.	Name of Division	Name of estate	Total area of estates	Cultivated area	Uncultivated area	Total assessment	Land Revenue demand including cesses	Total gross income recovered	Total expenditure	Balance (including last year's balance)		Total liabilities	Cost of management	Percentage of cost on gross income
										Invested	Uninvested			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1 to 14.	Sind.	Total of small estates	Acres 2,900	Acres 1,275	Acres 1,625	Rs. 5,682	Rs. 64,218	Rs. 65,503	Rs. 8,693	Rs. 2,508	Rs. 67,467	Rs. 129	Rs. 320	...

STATEMENT No. II

Statement showing the efficiency of rent collections in estates under Government management in Sind during 1925-26

Serial No.	Name of Division	Name of estate	Demand			Collections			Amount written off	Balance			Details of balance
			Current	Ar rears	Total	On account of current year	On account of arrears	Total		Converted into bonds or decrees	Others	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1 to 14.	Sind	Total of small estates	Rs. 64,218	Rs. 6,718	Rs. 70,936	Rs. 62,718	Rs. 2,337	Rs. 65,055	Rs. 391	Rs. ...	Rs. 15,500	Rs. 5,500	Rs. ...

*Difference of Rs. 3 is due to a mistake in the figures of the last year.

STATEMENT No. III

Statement showing the progress made in liquidation of debts of estates under Government management in Sind during the year 1925-26

1	2	3	4	5	6	Debts paid off during the year					12	13
						7	8	9	10	11		
Serial No.	Name of Division	Name of estate	Debts due on assumption of charge	Balance of debts at the beginning of the year	Additional debts incurred during the year	By incurring fresh debts	By sale of property	Rejected by the Manager or Civil Court	Remitted by the creditor	From current income	Balance	Date by which it was expected on assumption of management that the estate would be clear of debt
1 to 14.	Sind	Total of small estates.	Rs. 9,520	Rs. *2,506	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. 2,377	Rs. 129	.....

* Includes Rs. 2,030 on account of the liabilities so far ascertained during the year of report with respect to an estate taken under management during 1924-25.