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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE,

HELD AT NAGPUR ON APRIL 23, 1905.

Resolution X. "*Resolved that the thanks of this Conference be conveyed to the Tenants' and Landlords' Association of Jabalpur for their most valuable Compilation on the Settlement Question in the Central Provinces, embodying views and suggestions, which have the entire sympathy of this Conference.*"

"*That the Conference would be glad if the Association would print the work, and circulate it for the information of the Government and the Public.*"

APPENDIX A.

Statement showing average enhancement in the whole district on the previous demand, made at the New Settlement, when first introduced.

District.	Enhancement under Land Revenue alone.	Enhancement under Land Revenue and Cesses combined, inclusive of additional rate and Patwari cess imposed during the currency of the old Settlement.
	Per cent.	
Saugor	49	61
Damoh	60	70
Jabbulpore	65	78
Mandla	71	86
Seoni	80	95
Narsingpur	50	60
Hoshungabad ..	87	99
Nimor..	59	73
Betul	46	57
Chhindwara	38	50
Wardha	26	35
Nagpur	20·6	28
Raipur including Zamindaris.	57	71.8
Bilaspur do. do. ..	93	111
Sambalpur do. do. ..	46	56

APPENDIX B.

Statement showing the per centage of assets taken as Land Revenue and Cesses combined under the Old Settlement.

District.	Assets.	L. R. and Cesses.	Per centage.
Saugor	8,97,677	4,86,212	54
Damoh	5,20843	2,90,501	55·8
Jabbulpore ..	12,20,488	6,32,648	51·8
Mandla	1,16,737	65,800	56
Seoni	3,41,912	1,69,431	49·5
Narsingpur ..	8,76,031	4,48,854	51
Hoshungabad ..	9,46,359	4,66,944	49
Nimar	2,81,757	1,88,988	67
Betul	3,11,934	1,97,606	63
Chhindwara ..	3,29,084	2,24,117	68
Wardha	6,71,995	5,46,523	81
Nagpur	11,46,599	9,17,194	79·9
Raipur (with Zamindaris.	10,89,693	5,81,497	53
Bilaspur do. do..	5,17,234	2,89,027	55.8
Sambalpur do. do..	2,20,931	1,45,064	65

APPENDIX C.

Statement showing the percentage of assets taken as Land Revenue and Cesses combined at the New Settlement and the difference between the percentages at the two Settlements.

District.	Assets.	L. R. and Cesses.	Percentage.	Increase or decrease as compared with the old settlement.
Saugor	13,63,832	7,82,832	57·3	+ 3·3
Damoh	8,30,122	4,95,428	59·6	+ 3·8
Jabbulpur ..	19,67,894	11,26,191	57	+ 5·2
Mandla	2,07,116	1,22,404	59	+ 3
Seoni	6,14,130	3,30,985	53·9	+ 4·4
Narsingpur ..	12,91,626	7,18,122	55·5	+ 4·5
Hoshungabad ..	17,21,419	9,30,257	54	+ 5
Nimar	4,65,724	3,28,076	70	+ 3
Betul	5,09,136	3,12,439	61	− 2
Chhindwara ..	5,43,990	3,36,098	61	− 7
Wardha	11,14,512	7,40,176	66	−15
Nagpur	17,22,417	11,74,639	68	−11·9
Raipur	17,51,090	9,99,048	57	+ 4
Bilaspur	10,57,898	6,11,255	57·7	+ 1·9
Sambalpur ..	3,13,639	2,26,865	72	+ 7

Note. In four districts the percentage has been reduced at the new Settlement. Of these four, two, Nagpur and Wardha, were very highly assessed at the old Settlement. Even with a deduction in the percentage, enhancements of 28 and 35 per cent respectively have secured in these two districts at the new Settlement. In the other two districts, Betul and Chindwara, the reduction is small, and the enhancements secured in spite of it are 57 and 50 per cent respectively. In the remaining eleven districts, the percentage has been increased.

APPENDIX D.

Statement showing percentage of assets taken as Land Revenue under the old and the new Settlement.

District.	Under the old Settlement.	Under the new Settlement.	Increase or decrease in the new Settlement.
Saugor	51·7	51	—·7
Damoh	53	53	Nil.
Jabalpur	49·5	50·8	+1·3
Mandla	53·8	52	—1·8
Seoni	47	47·7	+1.7
Narsingpur.. ..	49	49·7	+1·7
Hoshangabad ..	47	48·6	+1·6
Nimar	64	62	—2
Betul	60·5	54	—6·5
Chhindwara ..	65	54·5	—10·5
Wardha	77·8	59·5	—18·3
Nagpur	76·5	61	—15·5
Raipur	50·8	49·8	—1
Bilaspur	53	54	+1
Sambalpur	61	62·7	+1·7

APPENDIX E.

Statement showing the proportion which the Land Revenue of the New Settlement bears to the assets as they existed before the Settlement Officer enhanced rents or otherwise raised the assets.

District.	Assets just before the new Settlement.	Land Revenue of the new Settlement.	Proportion per cent.
Saugor	12,54,339	6,95,851	p, c. 55·5
Damoh	7,48,616	4,43,372	59
Jabbulpore ..	18,82,278	10,01,059	53
Mandla	2,05,375	1,07,845	52·6
Seoni	5,90,597	2,92,907	49·5
Narsingpur ..	12,34,325	6,42,615	52
Hoshungabad ..	16,44,533	8,38,070	50·9
Nimar	3,75,553	2,89,054	76·8
Betul	4,50,804	2,76,495	61
Chhindwara ..	5,01,007	2,97,432	59
Wardha	10,03,799	6,63,835	66
Nagpur	15,30,350	10,58,608	69
Raipur	16,68,465	8,73,299	52
Bilaspur	9,87,189	5,30,988	53·7
r	2,73,866	1,97,479	71·8

APPENDIX F.

Statement showing the percentage of Land Revenue to the assets just before the New Settlement operations began.

District.	Assets.	Land Revenue.	Per centage.
Saugor	12,54,339	5,18,630	41
Damoh	7,48,616	2,80,524	37·5
Jabbulpore ..	18,82,278	6,08,260	32
Mandla	2,05,375	65,610	32
Seoni	5,90,597	1,64,470	27·7
Narsingpur ..	12,34,325	4,30,291	34·8
Hoshungabad ..	16,44,533	4,70,947	28·6
Nimar	3,75,553	1,90,649	50·7
Betul	4,50,804	1,90,719	42
Chhindwara ..	5,01,007	2,17,699	43·5
Wardha	10,03,799	5,31,553	52·9
Nagpur	15,30,350	8,97,829	58·6
Raipur	16,68,465	5,53,815	33
Bilaspur	9,87,189	2,74,612	27·8
Sambalpur.. ..	2,73,866	1,34,893	49

APPENDIX G.

Copy of order in appeal against the order of Shamshululama Mohamed Amin, Extra Assistant Commissioner, Jabalpore, dated 13th October 1902, fixing value of certain Absolute Occupancy holding at Rs. 492, in Mouza Murrai, Jahsil Jabbulpore.

Rev ; Case No. 26 of 1902-1903.

In the court of M. W. Fox Strangways, Esq : Commissioner, Jabalpore Division, dated 20th January, 1903.

Sao Udechand of Jabalpore — Appellant.

Pulandarsingh, Balwantsingh and Halkoosingh, Malguzar of Mouza Murrai, Tahsil, Jabalpore. — Respondents.

ORDER.

The Extra Assistant Commissioner has fixed the value of the land in this case by taking as the cultivating profits, ½ of twice the rental value. This is an arbitrary method which is laid down for want of a better for the guidance of officers in Collectors' cases. But other tests should be applied if possible.

On page 14 of the Settlement Report, 770 lbs. is given as the standard gross outturn of Kabar II Bundhwas land. This is of course for a 13 anna (in American notation 100) crop. Such crops are not obtained every year, but I think that it would be fair to assume an average outturn of $\frac{2}{3}$ of this or 513 lbs. per acre. Taking 240 lbs, the amount given by the Settlement Officer, for cost of cultivation, the net outturn comes to 273 lbs. which I should value at about Rs. 8. Thus the net outturn of the holding would be Rs. 200, and the net profit deducting rent Rs. 103. This profit will doubtless be reduced at the Settlement now impending, but I accept the Extra Assistant Commissioner's estimate of Rs. 104 as a fair rent, and I do not think the enhancement is likely to go beyond this. Roughly speaking then the profits are Rs. 100, and on this basis of calculation the selling value should be not less than Rs. 1000.

If the valuation were made according to the rules for Land acquisition the tenants share wouid be $(\frac{2}{3} \times 104 \times 20) = $Rs. 1386.

On the other hand the appellant actually purchased the land for Rs. 400. This fact must be given some weight. No doubt he purchased it below its value, but, as pointed out by the Extra Assistant Commissioner, the Collector would surely

have been able to save the holding if its value had really been anything like what the appellant says.

On the whole I think that Rs. 800 will be a fair price. But it has to be remembered that the appellant is at present liable to the respondent for one year's rent. Whatever may be the value fixed in these proceedings the respondent will be able to sue the appellant for this. I think it right therefore to allow for this, and I fix the value at Rs. 900.

M. W. FOX STRANGWAYS,

Dated, 29-1-1903. COMMISSIONER.