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## REPORT

ON

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE FINANCE

AND

MARKETING OF CULTIVATORS' COTTON

IN

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1927-28

BOMBAY:

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APPENDIX A.  
VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE.

GENERAL FOR EACH VILLAGE.

To be ascertained at the Commencement of the Inquiry.

1. Name of Village.
2. Total cultivated area.
3. Area under cotton this year :—
  - (a) Irrigated from canal.
  - (b) Irrigated from other sources.
  - (c) Unirrigated.
4. Area under cotton last year.
  - (a) Irrigated from canal.
  - (b) Irrigated from other sources.
  - (c) Unirrigated.
5. How does this year's crop compare with last year's ?
6. Is the crop this year earlier or later than usual and by how much?
7. What is (are) the nearest cotton market (s) ?  
 What is the distance  
 and  
 is the road good, fair or bad?
8. Is there any storage accommodation for *kapas* in the village?
9. What is (are) the common system (s) of weights in use in the village for *kapas* ?

Lbs. avoirdupois = 1 *Maund* of *Kapas*.  
*Maunds.* = 1 *Khandi* of *Kapas*.

(Information to be obtained from each cotton grower).

1. Village.
2. Name of cotton cultivator.
3. Is he a proprietor or tenant or both?  
 If a tenant, what is the nature of his tenancy?  
 (Money rent, share system, etc.)

4. Total area of his holding.
5. Area under cotton.
  - (a) Unirrigated.
  - (b) Irrigated from canal.
  - (c) Irrigated from other sources.
    - (state sources.)
    - (survey numbers)
6. Variety and area: (a) American.  
(b) Desi.
7. Source of seed supply (Cultivator's own, *sowkar*, Government Farm, ginnery, etc.)

### 1st PERIOD

From.....to .....

Dates of investigator's visits to the village.

1. Has any advance been taken-up-to date?  
If so, give reasons for the advance.

2. How much did you actually receive?

Include any advance in seed taken.

3. What amount have you undertaken to repay?
4. Rate (or rates) of interest.
5. Source of advance. (Landlord, Co-operative Society, *So vkar*, Cotton trader, etc.)

If advances have been taken from more than one source, give amounts and rates of interest from each source separately.

6. Is there any bond or verbal undertaking to sell *kapas* through the lender or to the lender?

7. Is the crop already sold, and the price fixed either on acreage or weight?

If so, to whom?

and

on what date (s)?

### 2nd PERIOD.

From.....to .....

Dates of investigator's visits to the village.

1. How much *kapas* has been picked so far?  
(Reply approximately, in *maunds*.)
2. Has any advance been taken on this *kapas*?

3. If so, how much?

From whom? (*Sowkar*, Landlord, *Dalal*, middleman, ginowner etc.)  
and  
under what conditions?

4. Has any *kapas* been actually sold?

Give amount in *maunds*.

If so, to whom? (Petty merchant, *dalal*, *sowkar*, ginowner, etc.)  
and where?  
and when? Dates of sale (s).

5. Has the money been received for this *kapas*?  
(Enter date of recording this reply).

6. What was (were) the rate (s)? (If there was more than one rate-  
of sale give amount sold at each rate).

7. What was the money actually received?

8. Where was the *kapas* delivered?

(Locally i.e., in village or elsewhere. Give name of place or market.)

How far away? (Miles)

Who paid for cartage?

(Seller or purchaser).

### 3rd PERIOD.

From.....to .....

Dates of investigator's visits to the village.

1. What was the total quantity (in *maunds*) of your whole crop of  
*kapas*?

2. How much now remains with you?

3. Have you received the whole money due on the *kapas* sold?

(Enter date of recording this reply).

If not, how much is outstanding?

and

from whom?

4. How much (*maunds*) *kapas* was sold:—

(a) Locally i.e., in village?

(b) In market.

(c) Name of market and distance from village.

(5) What are the rates received for your:—

(a) Local i.e., village sales?

(b) Market sales?

and

on what date (s), were they made?

6. If sold in the market, was the sale made through a broker?  
 Was the cotton sold outright or deposited with an *artia*, *dalal*, *sowkar*, or *bania* for sale?
7. Did you ascertain the market rates before selling?  
 If so, from what source?
8. Has any advance been taken on the *kapas* remaining with you  
 If so, how much?  
 and  
 From whom?  
 and  
 under what conditions?
9. What rate (s) are you now offered for this *kapas*?  
 (Enter date and actual market rate of the same day).

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Enter here such information as can be obtained about difficulties in marketing, in finance, and in holding for higher prices.

1. Would an open cotton market with open prices be an advantage to you?  
 If so, how?
2. Is there any difficulty in:—  
 (a) knowing the rate at which your agent sells your *kapas*?  
 (b) in recovering the full money?
3. Are deductions made from the price?  
 (All deductions should be entered; not only the ordinary market deductions for *hamali*, *dalali*, *dharmadai* etc., but also deductions made during weighing on account of bad quality, etc., Deductions in kind should also be recorded here. Get records of actual cases whenever possible).  
 If so, what are they said to be for—and what rate (s) is (are) charged?
4. If you take your *kapas* to market and cannot get a good rate for your cotton, what do you do with it?
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APPENDIX B.

INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED EACH DAY.

1. Name of market.
2. Date.
3. The market rate.  
How and when fixed?  
Was it posted or announced in the market?
4. Any change in the rate during the day?  
Were these posted or announced?
5. Were any Bombay rates posted up?  
If so, what rates?  
and when?
6. Approximate arrivals of *kapas* during the day.

INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED FROM EACH INDIVIDUAL  
BRINGING *KAPAS* TO MARKET FOR SALE.

1. Date.
2. Was the *kapas* grown by you?  
or have you bought it?
3. From what village brought?  
Distance in miles.  
Road metalled or not.
4. What weight of *kapas* have you brought?
5. What is the rate which you have accepted?
6. What money have you received?
7. To what deductions have you agreed?
8. Have you taken any advance?  
and if so, of what amount  
and from whom?  
(i. e. *sowkar*, *dalal*, cotton trader etc.)

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1. How is the market managed? Attach a copy of any local by-laws or rules regulating trading in *kapas* or cotton.
2. Is there any local Market Committee of any kind, if so, who are the members? What are their occupations?
3. Describe in detail how sales are conducted.
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5. What is the system of buying? Do buyers buy direct or employ brokers?
  6. Do brokers and *artias* act for both buyers and sellers?
  7. Do buyers give advances against *kapas* deposited for sale if so, what percentage of the value and at what interest.
  8. If daily (or opening) rates are fixed, how is this done, and how are they announced?
  9. Are Bombay or other rates posted in the market regularly? If so what rates and how obtained?
  10. Are there any arrangements for storage in the market?  
Is *kapas* stored in *artias*' shop, or godown, or in ginning factories, on sellers' account?
  11. Do the market records show daily arrivals? Compile a statement of daily and monthly arrivals for last season from the records available and of prices for the same dates.
  12. State the system of weighment in use. Are there any complaints from cultivators about weighment; if so, what?
  13. How is the weighman paid and how much? By whom is he employed?
  14. What are the allowances and deductions customary in the market? Is there any complaint from sellers that these are unfair?
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### APPENDIX C.

Statement giving particulars of villages selected for Cotton Finance and Marketing Enquiry in the Punjab.

Name or District.	Serial No.	Name & Nos. of <i>chaks</i> or villages.	Agricultural tribe.	Original home District of cultivators.	Type of cultivators.	No. of cultivators in village.	Nature of water supply.	Nearest local markets.	Distance from markets. Miles.	Kind of road and means of transport.	Remarks.
Lyallpur	1	197 R. B.	Arain Mohammedan	Jullundur	<i>Abadkars</i>	68	Perennial canal.	Lyallpur and Chak Jumra	7 both ways.	Fair <i>Kachcha</i> . By cart.	
	2	263 R. B.	Jat (Sikh)	—do.—	—do.—	100	—do.—	Lyallpur	16	Good Metalled road. By cart.	
	3	110 J. B.	Mixed (Sikh Hindu and Mahommadens.)	Gurdaspur Jullundur and Delhi	<i>Sufedposh</i> mostly under tenants.	73	—do.—	Chak Jhumra	7	—do.—	
	4	213 R. B.	Sikh Jat ( <i>Sufedposh</i> )	Different districts. Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur and Sialkot.	—do.—	58	—do.—	Lyallpur	2	—do.—	
	5	43 G. B.	Jat (Sikh)	Amritsar	<i>Abadkars</i> .	46	—do.—	Gojra.	8	—do.—	
	6	67 G. B.	Kamboh (Sikh)	Jullundur	—do.—	93	—do.—	Jaranwala	8	—do.—	
	7	282 G. B.	Jangli (Mohammadens)	Local from Ravi side.	—do.—	70	—do.—	—do.—	15	Bad <i>Kachcha</i> . By cart.	
	8	2 J. B.	Jat (Mohammadens.)	Amritsar	—do.—	37	—do.—	Lyallpur	7	do.	

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Multan	1	78-15 L.	Jat (Sikh)	Ludhiana Sialkot.	Military grantees.	30	Perennial canal.	Khanewal & Mian Channu.	16 & 10	Kachcha road. By cart.	Progressive.
	2	115-15 L.	Sainis	Hoshiarpur	<i>Abadkars.</i>	70	—do.—	Mian Channu.	4	—do.—	
	3	17-8 R.	Jat (Sikh)	Jhelum Campbellpur.	Military grantees.	49	—do.—	—do.—	11	Good Kachcha. By cart.	
	4	113-10 R.	Mixed Arain Kamboh & Jats.	Different districts.	<i>Abadkars.</i>	29	—do.—	Jahania	1½	—do.—	
	5	105-15 L.	Sikh (Military Ranks.)	—do.—	Military grantees.	58	—do.—	Mian Channu.	8	Kachcha. By camel.	
	6	93-10 R.	Local <i>Abadkars.</i>	Janglis	<i>Abadkars.</i>	54	—do.—	Khanewal	5	—do.—	
	7	7-9 R. Hanuman-garh.	Jat Sikhs & Hindus	Ferozepur Multan.	Military grantees & <i>Abadkars</i>	60	—do.—	Khanewal Mian Channu	13	—do.—	
	8	Jiwand-singhwala (Tehsil Kabirwala)	Jat (Mahammaden & Sikh mixed.)	Different districts.	Owners	29	Semi perennial canal.	Khanewal	12	Kachcha 4 miles Pacca 8 miles. By carts.	

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Lahore	1	Ghaneke	Jat (Sikh)	Local	Peasant proprietors	61	Perennial canal	Kot Radha Kishan.	4	Kachcha. By cart.	
	2	Joia	Jat(Muslim.)	—do.—	<i>Bhaya-chara.</i>	29	i —do.— ii Wells iii <i>Barani</i>	—do.—	12	Kacha by camels ponies and donkeys	
	3	Chak 4 Viram.	Jat (Hindus).	—do.—	—do.—	64	Perennial canal.	Pattoki	3	Good metalled. By carts.	
	4	Baban Khai.	Arains	—do.—	—do.—	16	i Wells ii <i>Barani</i>	Chunian	10	Kachcha. By camels ponies and donkeys.	
	5	Chak 58 Fauji	Jat (Sikhs)	—do.—	Military Grantees.	33	Perennial canal.	—do.—	3	Kachcha. By carts.	
	6	Chak 6 Alipur.	Muslim Jats.	—do.—	<i>Fatidari.</i>	87	do.	Pattoki.	8	—do.—	
	7	Sham Kot Kuhna.	Jat (Sikhs).	—do.—	<i>Bhaya-chara.</i>	38	i Wells ii <i>Barani</i>	Kanganpur Pattoki	4 16	Kachcha. By camels. ponies and donkeys.	
	8	Bukkanke	Rajputs	—do.—	—do.—	44	i Wells ii <i>Barani.</i>	Chunian	5		

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Rohtak	1	Pai	Gaur Brahmans	Local	Peasant proprietors	30	Perennial canal	Sonepat	11	Good metal- led road. By Cart.	
	2	Thana Khurd.	Mixed Hindu Jats & Gaur Brahmans.	—do—	Proprietors and tenants.	32	—do—	—do—	9	—do—	
	3	Bhalaut	Jat (Hindus)	—do—	Peasant proprietors	123	—do—	Rohtak	7	—do—	
	4	Lahli	Rajputs (Mahomedans.)	—do—		69	do. and <i>Barani</i>	—do—	8	—do—	
	5	<i>Selana</i>	Jat (Hindus)	—do—	—do—	111	Perennial canal.	Rohtak & Sonepat	16 16	—do—	
	6	Bhainswan Khurd.	Jats (Hindus & Mohammadens)	—do—	—do—	55	—do—	Rohtak	17½	—do—	
	7	Rana Kheri.	do.	—do—	Village owned by one landlord therefore under tenants.	46	—do—	—do—	35	Bad Kachcha. By carts.	
	8	Pahrawar	Gaur Brahmans.	—do—	Peasant Proprietors	54	—do— and <i>Barani</i>	—do—	6	—do—	
	9	Garhi Ujale Khan	Rajputs (Muslims)	—do—	—do—	4	Perennial	—do—	19	Good Metal- ed. By carts	



## APPENDIX D.

## KAPAS CONTRACT FIXED

Contract No. 302, 20-2-1926.

Bought of A.B. hereinafter called sellers by C.D. hereinafter called buyers, the following *kapas* :—

1. Quantity:—*Mds.* 270 say two hundred seventy *mds.* of 40½ *seers* nett.
2. Quality :—New *palas* of the crop 1925-1926 production of 4-F. pure 2nd picking free from foreign matter, damage or stain and in dry sound and merchantable condition.
3. Price :—Rupees Thirteen annas three and pies nil viz. Rs. 13-3-0 per *maund* of 40½ *seers* nett.
4. Discount to buyers at 0-8-0 per cent Rupees.
5. Delivery.—The *Kapas* to be weighed over and delivery to be completed by the \_\_\_\_\_ next at the buyers' factory at \_\_\_\_\_ in one or more tenders.
6. The *kapas* to contain \_\_\_\_\_ *seers* cotton lint per *maund*. This is to be either estimated or agreed upon or to be ascertained by actual test of the samples by a machine gin with mutual allowances for every one *seer* lint over or under this basis at Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ per *maund* of *kapas*; fraction in proportion.
7. Terms of payment :—Cash after delivery and lint outturn being agreed upon as per clause 6, and account settled on completion of the full quantity contracted for.
8. If sellers shall commit a breach of any one or more of the provisions of this contract on their part to be performed and a claim shall arise or be made by buyers for damage resulting from such breach, buyers shall be entitled to retain all moneys to the extent of their claim, which at the date of such breach or subsequently thereto may be or become payable by buyers to sellers under this or any other contract or transaction and on their claim to damages for such breach being ascertained by agreement award or judicial decision buyers shall be entitled to appropriate the moneys which shall have been so retained by them against the damages payable to them under any agreement award or decrees that may be made or published or passed.
9. Should either party become insolvent or go into bankruptcy or into liquidation the other party shall notwithstanding any proceedings be entitled to immediately consider the incompleated portion of this contract cancelled at the day's rates (for ready if the time of delivery hereinbefore is already current or for forward if the said delivery still be so).
10. Any addition or alteration in any language other than English is void.

Sellers : \_\_\_\_\_

• Buyers : \_\_\_\_\_

Brokers : \_\_\_\_\_

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APPENDIX E.

KAPAS CONTRACT UNFIXED.

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_ Season \_\_\_\_\_ Made at \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated 15-12-1926.

Bought of A.B. hereinafter called Sellers, by C.D. hereinafter called Buyers the following *kapas* :—

1. Quantity :—Mds. 10— say ten *maunds* of 40½ *seers*.
2. Quality :—Produce of crop 1926-27, M/S Pure, 2nd picking.
3. Delivery :—The sellers will give delivery at \_\_\_\_\_ and complete this contract within a fortnight from the date of purchase.
4. Price :—The price of this contract is left unfixed until the 15-3-27 and sellers have the option of fixing same on any day upto and inclusive of the above mentioned date. It is mutually agreed upon that the price to be fixed by the sellers will be the rate offered by buyers at the moment of settlement, irrespective of any other price offered at any other time by the buyers themselves or by any other parties. Should the sellers neglect or fail to fix the price as above the buyers shall have the right to fix the price on the 15-3-27 at the rate at which they are buyers at the moment and the price so fixed is final and binding on sellers. The buyers do not undertake to inform the sellers of such settlement if the sellers reside at a place where the buyers have no recognised Agency.
5. If the buyers have no buying order from the day on which this contract has been entered into upon and including 15-3-27 then the sellers agree that the buyers have the right to settle the rate price of this contract at the first rate at which subsequently to the date mentioned in this clause the buyers may be prepared to buy.
6. Part Payment :—The buyers will pay to the sellers 75% of the actual value of the *kapas* taken delivery by them. This value to be computed at the rate at which buyers are prepared to buy on the day of delivery or at their option at any other rate.
7. The acceptance by the buyers of a quantity less than that contracted for shall not under any circumstances be taken to cancel the contract as to the balance to be delivered.
8. All other conditions as customary. Any addition or alteration in any language other than English is void.

Sellers :

Buyers :

\_\_\_\_\_