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| Agricaltaral population, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Non-agricuitaral popalation. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having Iaterest in 1andi |  |  |  |  | Labourara. |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { aptiontitural } \\ \text { popalation } \end{gathered}$ | Cratle. | Unakilled labour. | Others. | Total nonagriculturalpopulatun. population. |
| Land occapants not coltivating. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Lnnd } \\ \text { occoupsnte } \\ \text { caltivating. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Tensats end eharers oultiveling. | Otherta | Total. | $\underset{\text { Farrants }}{ }$ | Pyeld <br> laborer <br> and orop <br> wateliars. | Total |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | . 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| opplation  <br> oreentigos .. | $\begin{aligned} & 350 \\ & 0.6 \end{aligned}$ | 38,564 65 | 601 0.7 | 89,415 $80 \cdot 2$ |  | 685 6.8 |  | 48,880 68.7 | 8,746 $1: 47$ | 1,891 900 | 16,848 $21 \cdot 6$ | 24,800 <br> $89 \cdot 3$ |

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| Years. |  |  |  | Birthg. | Deathis. | Popalation according to lant Imperial Censun. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| 1908 | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { … } & \ldots \\ \cdots & \\ \cdots\end{array}$ |  |  | 2,021 | 2,079 | 65,176 |
| 1907 |  |  |  | 1,951 | 8,565 |  |
| 1908 |  |  |  | 2,338 | 2,094 |  |
| $1909{ }^{\circ}$ | $\ldots$... |  |  | 2,064 | 1,623 |  |
| 1910 | ... ... |  |  | 2,258 | 1,530 |  |
| 1911. | ... -.. |  |  | 2,140 | 1,641 | 68,060 |
| 1912 | ... |  |  | 1,873 | 2,346 |  |
| 1913 | $\ldots$ |  |  | 1,964 | 1,658 | - |
| 1914 | .... | ... |  | 2,443 | 3,098 |  |
|  |  | ... |  | 2,961 | 1,807 |  |
|  | Ave | ten |  | 2,111 | 2,124. | $\cdots$ |

Statement showing. shops, industries, etc.., in the Government villages of the Mával T¢̧luka, Poona District.


Statement of Schools in the Government villages of the Máwal Taluka together with their average attendance in the year 1915.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Namber } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { villogen. } \end{aligned}$ | Governmont Bahoole, |  |  |  | Maniópal ${ }^{\text {dehoola. }}$ |  |  |  | Private Bohoole. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Bose. |  |  |  | Boyl. |  | Giris. |  | Boym |  | Aliria |  |
|  |  | AVerage attenaance. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Bchoole. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Average sttendance. |  | Average attendance. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Nupober } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { ohbole. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Average attendance. | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \text { Nomber } \\ \text { Schpole } \end{array}\right\|$ | Average attendance. |  | Average attendance. |
| 1 | 3 | 8 | 4. | $\delta$ | 8 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 |  | 18 |
| 141 | 18 | 361.6 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | * | 285 | 1. | 39 | 4 | 68.6 |  | $\cdots$ |

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[J] Sales of ary crop lande. "


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## APPENDIX K-Groop IV.

## Statement showing the selling value af dry crop and rice lands in the

 Government villages of Group IV of the Máwal Táluka.[J].-Salemof dry crop lande.


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[J]]-Leases of dry crop landa.


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[B.] Leases of rice lands.


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Jitait. |  | Old rioe. |  | New Hoe. |  | Total. |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ares. | Ansem meut. | Ares. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Assemen- } \\ & \text { mquat: } \end{aligned}$ | Areas. | Asercgs- | Area. | Assersment. |  |  |
| 1 | 1 | $s$ |  |  | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 30 | 11 | 12 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & 188 \\ & 181 \\ & 186 \\ & 188 \\ & 182 \end{aligned}$ |  | A. $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { A. } \\ \text { (2) }\end{array} \mathrm{[R}.\right]$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{cc} \text { Ra. } & \text { a. } \\ -\mathrm{O} . \mathrm{R} . \\ \ldots & \\ 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 8 \\ \ldots & \\ 0 & 1 \end{array}\right\|$ |  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{cc} A_{1} & \text { g. } \\ \text { the rice } \\ 0 & 04 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 79 \\ 1 & 34 \\ 0 & 04 \\ 0 & 184 \end{array}\right\|$ | Ra. an <br> land is  <br> 0 3 <br> 0 5 <br> 1 0 <br> 3 1 <br> 1 8 <br> 0 3 <br> 0 9 | A. $g$. <br> rinoipally  <br> 0 31 <br> 17 27 <br> 5 98 <br> 12 98 <br> 9 282 <br> 0 31 <br> 2 3$\|$ | $\left.\begin{array}{cc} \text { Rn. } & \text { a. } \\ \text { " old } & " \\ 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 8 \\ 22 & 0 \\ 25 & 0 \\ 1 & 8 \\ 6 & 0 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $$ |  |
|  |  | 4 30 | 11 | 19 se8: | 4611 | 7238 | 78 | $\left\{\begin{array}{rrr}0 & 31 \\ 81 & 18\end{array}\right\}$ | $\begin{array}{rr}1 & 8 \\ 63 & 10\end{array}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{r}\text { C. } 80 \\ \text { K. } 258 \\ \hline 14\end{array}\right.$ | $\left.{ }_{21}^{19}\right)^{32}$ |
|  |  | (3) [R.] | - N, R. | Case i | $n$ which | the rice $N$ | $\text { land is } p$ | rincipally | " ${ }^{\text {new }}$ " | rice land. |  |
|  |  | (4) [R.] | -[N.R.] | Case i | $n$ which | the riee | land is p | raetically | "new" | rice lad. |  |

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Statement shoosing the prices prevalent in the Máwal Táluka, Poona District, from 1870-71 to 1915.


## APPENDIX $\mathbf{N}^{2}$.

Stalement showing prices at Poona, in rupees per maund, from 1850 to 1913-. extracted from "Prices and Wages in India."


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## APPENDIX $0^{1}$.

Changes in occupied area for the Government villages of the Máeal Taluka of the Poona . District into sohich a Revision Settlement was introduced tes the gear 1885-57.

| Year |  | Occupied Gorern. ment land payiag full asaessment. |  | Unoccapied assegsed cultivable Government land. |  | Land the revenue of which is alienated entirely or partially. |  |  | Total land, Government occupied and Inam, |  | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Aores, | Assess. -ment. | Acres. | Asessment: | Area. | Fall assessment. | Qaitrent. | Aren, | Aberge ment. |  |
| 1 |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  | 8 | 9 | 10 |  |
| 1883-84 |  | 110,699 | 65,179 | 12,940 | 4,870 | 15,278 | 11,347 | 5,421 ${ }^{-}$ | 188,917 | ¢0,895 |  |
| 1884-85. | $\ldots$ | 110,339 | 64,918 | 12,5\%8 | 4,372 | 15,077 | 11,279 | 5,407 | 138,014 | 80,569 |  |
| 1885-86 | ** | 110,339 | 65,261 | 11,855 | 3,848 | 15,088 | 11,279 | 5,407 | 137,282 | 80,888 |  |
| 1886-87 | .** | 110,331 | 65,205 | 11,797 | 3,793 | 15,088 | 11,279 | 5,464 | 187,219 | 80,569 |  |
| 1887-88 | $\cdots$ | 118,849 | 87,832 | 4,082 | 1,790 | 16,914 | 14,691 | 5,445 | 188,851 | 1,08,818 |  |
| 1888-89 | ... | 118,821 | 87,381 | 4,115 | 1,740 | 15,914 | 14,693 | 6,045 | 188,850 | 1,18,811 |  |
| 1889-90 | ... | 119,279 | 87,564 | 8,566 | 1,532 | 15,909 | 14,691 | 6,045 | 188,755 | 1,08,784 |  |
| 1890-91 | $\because$ | 119,180 | 87,512 | $8.597 \cdot$ | 1,677 | 15,904 | 14,677 | 6,045 | 133,681 | 1,08,765 |  |
| 1891-92 | $\cdots$ | 120,778 | 88,292 | 1,941 | 772 | 15,948 | 14,686 | 6,045 | 188,667 | 1,03,749 |  |
| 1892-93 | ... | 121,729 | 88,723 | 985 | 340 | 15,948 | 14,686 | B,045 | 138,662 | 1,08,747 |  |
| 1893-94 |  | 121,883 | 88,825 | 743 | 285 | 15,948 | 14,686. | 6,048 | 138,574 | 1,08,745 |  |
| 1894-95 | ... | 121,914 | 88,864 | 561 | 183 | 15,900 | 14,688 | 6,302 | 138,425 | 1,03,783 |  |
| 1895-96. | $\ldots$ | 121,882 | 88,853 | 591 | 188 | ]5,948 | 14,688 | 6,398 | 138,421 | 2,08,727 |  |
| 1896-97' | ... | 121,903 | 88,865 | 525 | 161 | 15,943 | 14,742 | 6,428 | 188,377 | 1,08,714 |  |
| 1897-98 | ... | 121,898 | 88,864 | 524 | 161 | 15,949 | 14,688 | 6,517 | 188,372 | 1,08,718 |  |
| 1898-99 | $\cdots$ | 109,902 | 79,281 | 18,516 | 9,751 | 15,949 | 14,689 | 6,508 | 138,367 | 1,03,721 |  |
| 1899-1900 | ... | 121,846 | 88,848 | 564 | 182 | 15,948 | 14,689 | 6,508 | 188,359 | 1,08,720 |  |
| 1800-01. | ... | 121,807 | 88,823 | 587 | 201 | 15,949 | 14,689 | 6,508 | 188,343 | 1,08,714 |  |
| 1901-02 | ..' | 121,777 | 88,807 | 697 | 213 | 15,948 | 14,690 | 6,509 | 188,328 | 1,03,716 |  |
| 1902-08 | ... | 121,759 | 88,799 | 602 | 219 | 15,947 | 14,690 | 6,508 | 138,308 | 1,08,708 |  |
| 1908-04 | cos | 121,753 | 88,796 | 602 | 219 | 15,947 | 14,690. | 6,490 | 138,303 | 1,08,704 |  |
| 190-05 | -.. | 121,772 | 88,810 | 586 | 205 | 15,947 | 14,690 | 6,490 | 138,805 | 1,08,705 |  |
| 1905-06 | ... | 121,746 | 88,780 | 611 | 234 | 15,947 | 14,690 | 6,490 | 138,304 | 1,08,704 |  |
| 1906-07 | .e. | 121,566 | 88,652 | 788 | 859 | 15,947 | 14,690 | 6,490 | 138,297* | 1,03,701 |  |
| 1907-08 | $\ldots$ | 121,547 | 88,668 | 758 | 338 | 15,947 | 14,690 | 6,489 | 138,253 | 1,03,691 |  |
| 1903-09 |  | 121,450 | 88,584 | 841 | 408 | 15,947 | 14,689 | 6,489 | 138,238 | 1,08,682 |  |
| 1909-10 |  | 121,241 | 88,459 | 1,035 | 1528 | 15,942 | 14,686 | 6,492 | 188,218 | 1,03,678 |  |
| 1910-11 |  | 120,089 | 87,776 | 2,178 | 1,207 | 15,938 | 14,683 | 6,489 | 138,205 | 1,03,666 |  |
| 1911-12 |  | 120,086 | 87,820 | 2,086 | 1,071 | 15,902 | 14,687 | 6,472 | 138,074 | 1,03,518 |  |
| 1912-13 |  | 119,958 | 87,728 | 2,216 | 1,148 | 15,881 | 14,625 | 6,471 | 188,065 | 1,03,500 |  |
| 1918-14 |  | 120,600 | 87,678 | 997 | 525 | 15,788 | 14,549 | 6,452 | 137,884 | 1,02,752 |  |
| 191415 | . | .119,103 | 85,908 | 798 | 400 | 15,674 | 14,298 | 6,368 | 185,570 | 1,00,006 |  |

## 51 <br> APPENDIX O ${ }^{2}$.

Collections of assessment on Government and Indm land for the Government villages of the Mával Táluka, Poona Dietrict, in which a Revision Survey Settloment soas introduced in the year 1886-87.


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Government occripied land.

* = Soll; w. = Water.



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h-continued.



## R-coseluded.



Effect of Recision Settlement proposale a Abbreviations:- M. $=$ Motasthal ; $\dot{\mathrm{P}},=\mathrm{P}_{\text {atarthal }} 1$


## $\downarrow$ FOR INAM VILLAGES.

fovernment occupied land.
$=$ goil $; \mathrm{W}=$ Water $^{2}$


## APPENDIX $Q^{1}$

Statement shoving (1) the population and (2) the area and asgessment of the Gonernment unoccupied land in the Government villages of the Mawal Taluka at the close of the year 1314-15.

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APPENDIX $Q^{(1)-c o n e l u d e d . ~}$

| Serial No. in Appendix Q . | Name of village. | Population. | * Onoccupied Government land. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Area. | Assessment. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  | Growp 1V. |  | A. 8. | Rs. a. p. |
| 122 | Gevhanda ... .... ... | 271 | 540 | 2840 |
| 127 | Tlorna *... ${ }^{\text {c... }}$ | 377 | 4124 | $\begin{array}{llll}7 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ |
| 128 | Jamboli . ... ... ... | 69 | 113 | 300 |
| 121 | Shirda .... ... .... | 116 | 923 | 23 0.0 |
| 132 | Kusavli ... $\quad . .$. | 235 | 4227 | 800 |
| 138 | Malegaon Khurd $\quad$ :- | 230 | . 726 | 100 |
|  | Totals, Group IV ... | 1,298 | 23913 | $6512 \quad 0$ |
|  | , Grand Totals, Taluka ... | .a.s. | 792234 | $39910 \quad 9$ |

## APPENDIX U.

Summary of recorded crop experiments made in the Máwal Táluki; Poona District.


## APPENDIX U-concluded.



No. S.R.V.-11.
From
G. W' HATCH, Esquire, I. C.S., Collector of Poona;

To
THE SETTILEMENT COMMISSIONER
AND DIRECTOR ó LAND RECORDS, Poona.

Poona, 31st October, 1916.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward, herewith Mr. Bell's Revision Settlement Report for the Máwal táluka.
2. The whole of the táluka lies in the area of assured rainfall. At Lonávla within a few miles of the Ghats the rainfall averages 167 inches in the year; at Wadgaon, in the eastern portion of the táluka, the average is $43 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{8}}$ inches. One-third of the total cultivated area is under rice, while wheat and gram are important crops. The uncropped area is usually large, being 54 per cent. of the total ocoupied'area. Nearly one-half of it is returned as true fallow, due to the large amount of poor hill lands, in which long fallows are a necessity. Twenty-five per cent. of the fallow is shown as grass-land; the extent of land reservel for grass is probably even larger than the figures show. It has certainly inoreased enormously within recent years; round Talegaon, which is the centre of the grass trade, many villages have more than half their occupied ares under grass. As Mr. Bell points out the' effect has been to drive some rice lands in this tract out of cultivation.
3. Communications are good through the length of the main valley of the Indrayani, elsewhere they are bad. Mr. Bell describes the Talegaon bazar as the only one of importance, but Lonávla at the other end of the táluka is also to be reckoned as an important market.
4. Population has decreased slightly during the period of settlement, except in the neighbourhood of Lonávla, where the increase has more than made up.for the loss elsewhere. It is of interest to note that the decrease has been largest ( 21 per cent.) in the Andra Vallep, in which many villages will soon disappear under the operations of the latest Hydro-Electric Power Soheme.
5. Mr. Bell comments on the lack of facilities for local education : but it is a fact that several village sohools have had to be closed during recent years. for lack of attendance. Apparently, the Máwal population are indifferent to the advantages of education.
6. Agricultural stock is more than sufficient for the area cultivated. Ploughs have decreased, the result no doubt of the increased area under grass.
7. Mr. Bell's analysis of sale and sub-letting transactions shows that in Groups I and II dry orop land sells for 40 times the assessment, while rents average 3 times the assessment. Rice land sells for 60 times the assussment, and is rented at 4 times the assessment. In Group III dry crop land sells for 25 times and rice for 40 times the assessment. The former are let at $2 \frac{1}{2}$, the latter at 3 to 4 times the assessment. In Group IV dry crop lands are not in demand either by buyers or tenants, but rice lands sell and are leased at the same rates as in Group III.
8. Prices have risen steadily during the period of the settlement. Compared with prices prevailing before the current settlement, i.e., the period $1880-81$ to $1885-86$, present prices show an advance of nearly 40 per cent. During the past, 25 years the increase amounts to 25 per cont.
9. The revenue history is not so good as might have been expected in a - tract situated as Máwal is; but I do not consider that this indicates-as Mr. Bell suggests--that the rainfall is not so assured for the nature of the oultivation as it is commonly supposed to be (vide paragraph 28 ad finem). It is true that very large remissions were granted in the year 1901-02; but compared with the remissions granted elsewhere and in other years one can only conclude that they were granted with unnecessary liberality in 1901-02 in the Máwal táluka. -The forfeitures ordered between 1910 and 1913 were deliberately ordered in order to check contumacy and ensure punctual payment. They have had the effect intended.
10. Mr. Bell proposes to leave the existing groups unaltered; and to raise the rates throughout by 25 per cent. With these proposals I am in agreement. The inorease is moderate, and the increased assessments . Will be paid without difficulty. The patasthal rates should also have a 25 per cent. increase.
11. Mr. Bell's proposals for the seven inam villages dealt with in the report, vis., to raise their assessment by 25 per cent. except in one case (Bhadawli) where an increase of 6.6 per cent. is recommended. have my approval.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.
G. W. HATCE,

Collector of Poona.

> Bolow Pooná Collector's No. S. B. V:-11 of $\dot{3} 1$ șt October 1916, forwording the líával Settlement Report.

No. S. T.-109.
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Forwarded with oompliments to the Commissioner, CQatral Division
2. The undersigned would be glad to be able to agree on all points: with the Collector and with Mi. Bell. He has nothing but praise fart the excellent way in which the Report has been drawn up, and it is'impossible not to conour in the bulk of the proposals for rating and grouping. It would therefore be idle to devote time to any general review of the Report and the proposals in so far as they carry conviction have our suppott. But in one point some further consideration seems required. Alt the statistics are perfectly clear in showing that the rice lands are more lightly assessed and thave ai much greater residual value in proportion to their assessment than the other land. If 25 per cent. is a proper increase for the bulk of the land for the dry-crop and other soils, then it seems that it is an insuficient increase upon the rice. While dry-crop land shows an incidence of assessment upon rental value between 33 per cent. and 50 per cent., the incidence on the rice land is very much lower and lies between 25 per oent. and 30 per cent., and very rarely rises above 33 per cent. If for the next thirty years we raise the riee and dryorop assessments in the same proportion then the difference between the ratio of the assessment of the rent (which in all Settlements we should endesvour to make uniform) will diverge still more and in fact we shall be creating a sort of inám in favour of the rice lands. But let us see whether there are substantial reasons for Mre Bell's proposals to take the same inorease all round. On searching the report, we find only one reason given which is in paragraph 29, clause 4, and in his own words runs: "From the analysis of selling and letting values it will be understood that rice lands could bsar a higer rate of incresse than dry-orop lands. But I consider it best not to disturb the balance between the two sets of rates.". The undersigned has tried to imagine what this reason really means and can attribute it to nothing more weighty than this: that Mr. Bell would sacrifice everything even legitimate revenua and the equity of the settlement to a passion for having the same figures in the column of percentages forincrease. But all settlement aims not at getting a uniform figure of increase in every group and for every cattegory of land, but at a uniform incidence. It is the resultant ratio whioh should be uuiform and not the factor of multiplication: If unequal incidences are increased in the same ratio, the result is a greater inequality. 'In the opinion of the uadersigned, Mr. Bell admits the inequality and gives no reason for not rectifying it; consequently he strongly recommends that while 25 per cent. should be accepted as a proper and reasonable rate of increase for the dry-crop lands, the "increase on the rioe lands should be $37 \frac{1}{1}$ per cent. or 6 annas in the rupee. This will still keep the increase well within the limit of 33 per cent.' all round.

Below Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Recorla No. S.T.-109, dated the Srd December 1916:

No, Genl. -1677 of 1916 .
Poona, 15th December 1916.
Submitted to Government in the Revenue Department.
2. No one suggests altering the present grouping, and there is no reason to suppose that it is other than patisfaotory. I agree therefore that it should be maintained.

3: I also agrec to the proposed all-round increase of 25 por oent. It is fair and reasonable, and there is no ground for raising one group proportionately more or less than another.
4." I do not support the recommendation of the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records that rice lands should be given a higher rate of increase than dry crop lands. No doubt they are worth more, but a good deal of capital and labour has been spent on making thom. Conversion of jiráyat lands still goes on, and such newly eonverted lands are to be assessed at jiriayat rates for ever. That being so I do not like extra severity on the older ricelands." To me also separate treatment of rice lands always looks rather like a disguised form of reclassification, Where the law says that a second classifioation is final it means that the relative taluation of the soils of various fields is not again to be altered. It cannot be denied that if we add six annas to rice and four annas to dry crop assessments' we are in fact altering. the relative valuation just as much as if. we changed the classification annas.
5. I agree with alk officers as to the want of progress in education, and the necessity of making efforts to improve matters. But I do not support any suggestion to pay children to go to school. Government cannot afford to pay anything which would really make up to a parent for the loss of his child's earnings. Something like compulsion would 'be'more to the point.
6. The inadequacy of the Local Board's resourees is a bigi general question not specially relevant to our present inquiry. I have often given it as my opinion that this inadequacy is one of the two main questions in the Local Solf Governing problem.
7. Mr. Bell's Report is on the same high level as his earlier Reports.
C. N. SEDDON゙, .

Commlissioner, C.D.

## Revenue survey and Assessment.

## Poona.

Revision settlement of the Màwal taluka of the Poona district.
GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY. Revenoe Departaent. Resolution No. 7725.
Bombay Castle, 25th June 1917:
Memorandum from the Commissioner, C. D., No. Genl.-1677 dated 15th December 1916-Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified below containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Màwal tàluka of the Poona district :-

Letter from Mr. R. D. Bell, I.C.S., Assistant Settlement Oflioer, Poone, No. S.--5 dated 26 th June 1916.
Letter from the Colleator of Poona No. S.R.V. $\rightarrow 11$ dated 91st Octobar 1916.
Memorandum from the Settlement Commissiouer and Director of Land Records No. S.T.-109 dated 3rd Leoember 1916.
Letter from the Collector of Poona No. S.R.V.-11 dated 12th December 1916Forwarding petitions of objections in connection with the revisicn settlement of the Màwal tàluka.
Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S.T.--109 dated 27th December 1916.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, C. D., No. Genl.-31 dated 12th January 1917.
Resolution.-These papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of 141 Government villages and 7 inam villages of the Máwal taluka of the Poona district.
2. The proposals made by the Assistant Settlement Officer, which are concurred in by the Collector of Poona and the Commissioner, C. D., are sanctioned. The appended statement shows the rates sanctioned by Government.
3. The revised rates should be introduced in the ourrent revenue year 1916-17, levied from 1917-18 and guaranteed for a period of thirty years.
4. The petitions of objections disclose no grounds which would lead Government to modify the orders now passed.

> A. F.I. BRAYNE, Under Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Collector of Poona (with the petitions of objections),
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,

The Director of Agricalture, The Accountant General, The Public Works Department of the Secretariat,
The Government of India (by letter).

Statement referred to in paragraph 2 of Government Resolution No. 7725, dated 25th June 1917.


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## INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENOE RELATING TO THE SECOND REVISION SETTLEMENT OF HAVELI TALUKA OF THE POONA DISTRICT.



## GLOSSARY.

Kharif.-The early or autumnal harvest.
The kharif rains, during which the early crops are sown, may be said to extend from the beginning of June to the beginning of August.
Rabi.-The late or spring harvest.

- The rabi rains, during which the rabi or late crops ara sown, may be said to extend from the middle of August till the middle of October.
Jirait.-Dry-crop land as distinguished from
Bágdit.-Garden land.
The terms are also applied to the produce on each kind of land.

In this report the terms are used in the technical sense of land classed by the Survey Department as jirait or bagait. At the last settlement all land then irrigated was classed as bágait and unirrigated̀ land was olassed as jirait. Since the settlement jirait land may have

- been brought under irrigation but it continues to be classed as jiráit. Similarly some bágáit lands have ceased to be irrigated. The English terms "dry-crop" or "unirrigated" are used in the report for land not irrigated at the present day, and the vernacular term jirait restricted to lands classed as dry-crop at the time of the last settlement. A similar distinction is made between the English terms "irrigated" or "garden" land and the vernacular term bágait.
Motasthal.-(Mot: the bucket of a bullook draw-well). Land irrigated from a well. 1 The term is restricted in the report to land under well irrigation at the last settlement and classed by the Survey Department as such. land irrigated from wells at the present day, however classed, is described in English terms.
[Paitasthal.- (Patt: a water channel). Land watered by a channel turned off from a river or brook.
(Pát-Mifotasthal.-Land under command both of a well and a pát.
Bandhira or Bandh. -The dam on a river or stream from which a pát is taken.
Tal.-In the report is restricted to field embankments designed to prevent erosion of the soil and also to impound water in the subsoil collected behind the tál.
Pokb.-Hollow, empty; applied to sales of land where there is an oral agreement behind the written deed that the sale will be cancelled when the purchase money is returned. 'Ihe original owner usually remains in possession.
Aiso Poklist, unconcluded.
Saivkár. -A money-lender, banker.

No. S.-3 of 1916.
From

> R. D. BELL, Esquire, M.A., B.Sc., I. O. S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Poona ;

To:
The COLLECTOR of POONA.
7th March 1916.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit proposals for the Revision Settlement of all the Government villages, 103 in number, in the Haveli Táluka. The current settlements which, with the exception of Sángrun settled in 189 f , are all first revision settlements, were effected as follows:-

| Year of Settlement. | Number of villages settled. | Government Orders. | Settlement Report where printed. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1873-74 -... | 74 | Government Resolntion No. 3516, dated 20th June 1873, Revenue Department, and Government Resolation No. 5495, dated 3rd October 1878, Revenue Department. | Selection No. CLI-New Series, pages 397 to 504. |
|  |  | Rates modified by Government Reso lution No. 6517, dated 22nd November 1875, Revenue Department. |  |
| 1875-76 ..* | 3 | Government Resolution No. 2984, datèd 25th May 1785, Revenue Department. | Appendix $\mathbf{R}$ to this Report. See also Selection No. CLI -New Series, pages 502 to 504. |
| 1890-91 ... | 25 | Government Resolation No. 4695, dated 7th July 1890, Revenue Department. | Selection No. CCXXXVIII -New Series. |
| 1894-95 ... | 1 | Government Resolution No. 1915, dated 14th March 1894, Revenue Department. | Selection No. CCLXXXINew Series. |

2. The settlement of $\mathbf{1 8 7 3 - 7 4}$ related to 83 villages, of which seven were then and are still in the Máwal Táluka. Of the remainder Páshan and Moshi became inám villages in 1874 and 1878 respectively.

Ambegaon, settled in 1875-76, has been recently transferred to Mulshi Petha. The statistics for all the Government villages of the taluka sometimes include this village but it has been omitted from the new settlement proposals.

In the 25 villages settled in 1890-91, and in Sángrun, the assessment actually collected is one-sixth less than, the full assessment calculated at the sanctioned maximum rates. This deduction of one-sixth was ordered to be made by Government in order to limit the incresse in the to $\operatorname{tal}$ assessment of all the villages at the last settlement to 33 per cent. It was not applied to the water share of combined assessments on soil and water in the case of patasthal lands.

All the settlements expired in 1902-03 and proposals for the Second Revision Settlement of the táluka were submitted in 1903 by Mr . G. F. Keatinge, I. C. S. In Government Resolution No. 9884, dated 19th October 1911, Government directed that a fresh settlement report should be prepared, H 141-1
and I was subsequently appointed Assistant Settlement Officer for the purpose of revising the settlements in the tálukas of Purandhar, Sirur, Haveli and Junnar in the Poona District.
3. The táluka consists of 103 Government villages and 54 inam villages. All the inam villages bave been surveyed and settled and the revision of the settlements in them is dealt with separately.

The present area of the Government villages (including Ambegaon recently transferred to the Petha) is as follows:-

|  |  |  |  | Acroe. | Percentagon |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Occupied land | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\mathbf{1 9 8 , 8 0 0}$ | 70 |
| Assessed waste | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 800 | $\ldots$ |
| Forest | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 38,600 | 14 |
| Other land not available for cultivation | $\ldots$ | 44,000 | 16 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $.277,000$ | 100 |

The táluka headquarters are in Poona City.
4. No measurement or classification operations were undertaken for the purposes of this report. It may be noted that after the 1873-74 settlement had been sanctioned the assessments were reduced in 1875 , partly by' a reduction in the classification scale for soils classed at six annas and under. (Government Resolution No. 6517, dated 22nd November 1875, Revenue Department, quoted above.) In the following year a note was recorded, for guidance at the next revision settlement, that no increase of assessment had been made for indirect advantages to lands under the Mutha canals, which were then onder construction. (Government Selection No. CLI, page 482.) In the settlement of 1890-91 allowance was made for the advantage accruing from the canal to wells in the village of Nisbat Munjeri. No action has been taken in this matter at the present revision settlement. Indirect water advantages from the canals are now assessed separately by the Irigation Department.
5. The taluka lies between the Máwal tract-the broken hilly country bordering on the western gháts where the rainfall is abundant-and the arid Deshi táluka of Bhimthadi in the east. It is a typical transition tract and exhibits from west to east a regular gradation of rainfall and oultivation.]
6. The dominant physical feature is the Bhulesiwar range of hills, a spur of the Sahyadris, which separates the taluka on the south from the Bhor State and the táluka of Purandhar: conspiouous at its western extremity stands the mass of Sinhgad ( 4,322 feet) with Khadakwasla Tank stretched along the base of its northern slopes. On the north the rivers Indrayani and Bhima-the former a tributary of the latter-form the boundaries with Khed and Sirur Tálukas. Through the centre of the taluka the Mula river winds from west to east. At Dápodi it is fed by the Pawna from the north-west and near Poona by the Mutha issuing from Khadakwásla Tank. The táluka is therefore well watered. Except the mountainous tract in the south-west corner, the táluka is rough undulating country, with scattered hills and peaks. Much of it is stony and sterile and of more value for pasturage than for agriculture. Half of the whole area of the Government villages consists of land not available for cultivation, forest, and occupied fallow lands. Since the settlement of 1873-74 the construction of the Mutha canals has modified the conditions and aspect of the country commanded by them. Their use for irrigation began in 1877-78.
7. There are good alluvial soils along the bourses of the principal rivers, especially the Bhima and the Mutba. The largest continuous tract of good soil is the area commanded by the Mutha Right Bank Canal from Nánded, below Khadakwásla Tank, to the eastern border of the taluka. There are two large tracts of poor soil, one, the area lying westward of the Alandi road and north of the Mula-Mutha river, and the other the country around Sinhgad and Khadakwáala Tank.
8. The climate varies much in different parts of the taluka, but over the climate. . greater area it is dry and healthy. At Poona city, in the centre of the taluka, the rainfall is moderate from a climatic point of view and the hot weather mild.
9. The rainfall at Yoona for the last eleven years is given in Appendix A,

Rainfall: Appendix A. which shows an average monsoon kharif or early orop rainfall of 13.39 inches, a monsoon rabi or late crop rainfall of 7.27 inches and a total yearly rainfall of 24.24 inches. The latter figure is considerably short of the average ( $29 \cdot 56$ inches) of the 38 years beginning 1876. The rainfall at Poona indeed varies considerably. Thus the figures for the preceding eleven years 1892 to 1902 are:-

| Monsonn Eharif. | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | Inches. $17 \cdot 48$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Monsoon rabi | .-. | $\cdots$ | ... | 8.2 |
| , |  |  | .. | 81.92 |

These variations are explained by the situation of the eity, which marks the point in the taluka where a weak monsoon current means deficient rainfall in the east with consequent soarcity or famine, while strong. currents carry an abundant rainfall to all the surrounding country. The oharacter of the rainfall at Poona is illustrated in the following table:-

|  | Etation. | , |  | Monsoon Eherif, 5th June to 14th Angast. |  | Monsoon rabi, 15th August to 2lst October |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 1593-1903. | 1903-1918. | 1893-1903. | 3903-1913. |
| Poona | ** | $\ldots$ |  | 17.20 | $13 \cdot 39$ | 8.24 | $7 \cdot 27$ |
| Khed | -** | $\ldots$ |  | 14.22 | $13 \cdot 13$ | 6.98 | $6 \cdot 71$ |
| Séswad | $\cdots$ |  |  | 10.91 | 9.90 | 6.29 | - 6.16 |
| Ghodnadi | ... |  |  | $7 \cdot 55$ | $7 \cdot 64$ | $8 \cdot 71$ | $7 \cdot 16$ |
| Dhond | ... | $\cdots$ |  | 6.29 | 6.29 . | 824 | 6.97 |

The early rains are thus more abundant, and therefore more certain, at Poons than at Khed or Sáswad where they may be accounted as usually good and sufficient. In the last 21 years the kharif rainfall at Poona has fallen below 9 inches only twice, whereas at Sáswad it fell below 7 inches twice and at Ghodnadi below 5 inches in seven years in the same interval. The rabi rains vary little in amount over the three tálukas of Haveli, Purandhar and Sirur.

In the west the rainfall is more copious than at Poona, while towards the east it is less abundant and certain. The following table gives its distribution over the taluka; the figures are averages for the twonty years ending 1913. The variations in the total amount are confined almost entirely to the kharif or. early rainfall:-

Rainfall at different stations in or bordering on the Haveli Táluka.

| Station. | Pand (Ynlshi Petha). | Khadakwasla. | Poona. | Hadapser. | Talegaon Dhamdhere (Sirur tgluka). | Uruli | Kedgaon <br> (Barimati tálaka). | Dhond. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total annnal rainfall in inches... | 56.22 | 33.01 | 26:12 | ${ }^{1}{ }^{\mathbf{2 9}} \mathbf{}$ 08 | 19.41 | 16.14 | 14*48 | 16.78 |

The figures for Khadakwásla, Hadapsar, Uruli and Kedgaon are from the records of the Public Works Department. The correctness of the returns for Uruli and Kedgaon appears doubtful. One would expect the rainfall at Uruli to be about the same as that at Talegaon Dhamdhere and that at Kedgaon to be not less than the Dhond rainfall. The figures on the Publio Worke

Department records for Paud are also less, since 1901, than those on the records of the Agricultaral Department, though both records purport to give the readings of the same gauge. The two sets of records for Dhond also disagree. In the settlement report for Purandhar Taluka similar discrepancies have been noted. The rainfall at Uruli may be safely assumed to be greater than that entered in the table.

At Khed-Shivápur the rainfall has been registered only since 1909 and is on the average 2 inches more than at Khadakwásla. At Talegaon Dábháde (Máwal Táluka), close to the north-west corner of the Haveli Táluka, the rain gauge returns maintained up till the end of 1906 show, over a period of 16 years, that the annual rainfall is 10 inches more than at Poona.

There has been a marked diminution of rainfall in recent years. For the nineteen years ending 1894 the average annual fall at Poona was $32 \cdot 46$ inches with only 5 years in which the rainfall fell below 32 inches. For the nineteen years following 1894 the average was 26.67 inches, and in eleven seasons the rainfall was below 30 inches and in six seasone below 20 inches.

East of Loni Kallbhár the rainfall is somewhat deficient and uncertain. Its irregularity is chiefly felt in the group of villages north of the Mula-Muths river where the prevalent light soils require regular and frequent waterings. Over the rest of the táluka the rainfall may be described as good and regular.
10. Conditions are entirely favourable to kharif or early crops and rabi Coltivation and Crops: Appen. or late crops are sparse. The following is a précis. dix ${ }^{\mathrm{B}}$. for the five years 1909-10 to 1913-14:-

| Clase. | Crops. | Kharif. | Rabi. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Cereals $\quad \cdots \cdots$ |  | $72 \cdot 75$ | $8 \cdot 59$ | 81-34 |
| 2. Pulses | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { (Early)_Tur, } & \text { Múg and Odid } & \text { Math and Kulth, ... } \\ 2.07 & 1.26 & 4.03 \\ \text { (Latej_Grsm, } & \text { Others. } & \\ 1.87 & \bullet 81 & \end{array}$ | 7:36 | $8 \cdot 18$ | 9.54 |
| 3. Orchard and garden produce... |  | $1 \cdot 04$ | 1.03 | 8.07 |
| 4. Druga and narcotics $\quad$ - | -..... | " | ** | *' |
| 5. Condiments and Spices ... | ** | -36 | -0* | . 86 |
| 6. Sugar-cane ... | \%.t. | *** | $2 \cdot 80$ | $2 \cdot 80$ |
| 7. Oil seeds $\quad$..s -0. |  | $2 \cdot 26$ | 0.68 | -89 |
| 8. Fibres ... ... | Cotton, Hemp. | $\cdot 59$ | $\bullet *$ | $\cdot 59$ |
| 6. Miscellaneous ... -.• |  | $\cdot 41$ | $\cdots$ | -41 |
|  | Total $\quad$ - | 84:77 | $15 \cdot 28$ | 100.00 |

Cereals occupy over 81 per cent. of the gross area cropped. Bajri and early jowari are the principal crops. "The area under shálu or late jowari tends to increase. Rice is grown around Singgad and Khadakwasla Tank and in the west. Rági, the principal coarse grain, is grown in the same localities, chiefly in the former area. Pulses are not common in the west. Oil seeds are little grown, but khorasni (niger seed) is of some importance in the same areas as rice and rági. Cotton is practically unknown. The area double cropped is less than 5 per cent. of the whole. The figure is smalier than might be expected, but irrigated lands, which are usually largely dduhle cropped, are in Haveli táluka mostly assigned to sugarcane and ligh class garden products. Most of the double crops are secured in the eastern villages south of the Mula-Mutha river, but villages north of the river also do well in this way in a favourable year. Double crops are seldom secured in the west.
11. Irrigated crops occupy over 10,000 acres or $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the gross cropped area. This is not a notably large area but the cultivation is mostly of
a very valuable desoription. Roughly, 65 per cent. is under the Government canals. Sugarcane alone occupies nearly 4,000 acres and its cultivation has revolutionised rural conditions in villages like Mundhwa, Hadapsar and Mánjri Budruk. Vegetables, fruits, condiments, spices and green fodder absorb another 3,000 acres in the canal area around Poona City. Towards the east, cereals and pulses, which occupy the remainder of the irrigated area, are commoner.

The total area, in Government and inam villages, watered from the canals is 9,000 aores. In 1913-14 the revenue was over two lakhs of rupees. The canals benefit the villages which they command to very different degrees, in accordance not only with the area irrigated but also with the kind of irrigation practioable; there is a vast difference between a village where sugareane and high class garden cultivation is practised and one in which water is available only for a late crop. The extent of high grade cultivation may be roughly gauged by the water charges per aure. The following table as a measure of canal advantages may be consulted in considering the proposals for re-grouping and new rates. But it must not be forgotten that all villages near. the canals benefit by the opportunities offered for casual labour in the cultivators' spare time, by the market for manure, and in similar. ways. It will be shown later how even villages like Vadgaon Sheri and Kharadi on the north bank of the Mula-Mutha river are affected by conditions in the sugarcane areas on the south side of the river.
Statement showing (1) the percentage area irrigated out of the total occupied area
(Government and Inam) and (2) the charges for water per acre irrigated (Government and Inäm) and (2) the charges for water per acre irrigated in the canal villages of the Haveli Tailuka :-
[Based on returns of 1911-12 and 1912-13.]


In the villages around Sinhgad and Khadakwásla Tank and in the western villages irrigation facilities of any kind hardly exist. At the last census of wells in 1912-13 there were only 25 irrigation wells in the 21 villages of the first area, and the total area irrigated from all sources was 33 acres, of whioh 27 were in two villages. In the 13 Government villages in the west there were only 20 irrigation wells, and of the total area, $5 \overline{5}$ acres irrigated from all sources, 50 acres were in two villages.

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12. In reviewing Mr. Keatinge's report (Government Resolution No. 9854, dated 19th October 1911, Revenue Department), Government ordered that the course of area occupied, area cropped and fallow should be carefully compared with the fluctuations of cattle and population, and the causes of any excessive fallow area should be investigated and described. The fallow area in Haveli Táluka is large; it averaged no less than 64,000 acres or exactly one-third of the occupied area for the five years ending 1913-14. Mr. Keatinge reported the figure for the five years 1897-98 to 1901-02 as 71,400 acres or 37 per cent. of the occupied area. In the preceding quinquennium there was a rapid rise from 25,400 acres in 1892-93 to 67,400 acres in 1896-97, but this increase was only on paper and is explained by the appointment of Circle Inspectors in 1892 and the issue, about the same time, of special instructions for the classification of fallow areas. A similar increase has been noticed in the settlement reports of Sirur and Purandhar.

The large area of land useful only for grass growing and the great demand for fodder in Poona and for grazing around Poona account for the extent of uncultivated land, of which the value will be made manifest later. In the last twelve years the lowest fallow area recorded is over 61,000 acres. In an ordinary year the fallow is classified in the official returns roughly as follows:-

|  | Acrees. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. True fallow, i. e., customary fallow in rotation | ... | 6,000 |
| 2. Grass lands, i.e., numbers, or parts of numbers, apart for grass and never sown | et | 25,000 |
| 3. Grass bound or prickly-pear bound lands | ... | 4,000 |
| 4. Shindad or rab land | ... | 500 |
| 5. Land unsown owing to unseasonable or defici rainfall ... <br> ... ... | ..- | 5,000 |
| 6. Land left unsown for miscellaneous reasons | ... | 22,000 |
| Total | ... | 62,500 |

The area of grass lands in the second line is undoubtedly underestimated. Practically all the "' grass bound" lands are reported from one or two villages and are true grass lands. A large part of the land reported as "unsown for miscellaneous reasons" is of the same desoription. It is mostly reported from the eastern half of the táluka. There is no appreciable area left unsown anywhere on account of adverse circumstances, such as shortage of cattle or general poverty. The only unfavourable agricultural condition which ever affects the area sown is deficient rainfall in the east where, in a bad year, 10,000 acres may be added to the area ordinarily left uncultivated.
13. The history of the occupied area*also affords no grounds for anxiety. There were, at the introduction of the current settlements, 630 acres unoccupied in the villages settled in ${ }^{5} 1873-74$ and 215 acres in the villages settled in 1890-91. The average area for the five years ending 1901-02 was 195 acres. In 1910-11 the area had increased to 320 acres on account of forfeitures for land revenue arrears. In 1911-12 and 1912-13 there were further increases from the same cause, but at the beginning of 1914 the unoccupied area was only 870 acres, of which details are given in Appendix $Q^{1}$. Some of this has since been given out for cultivation. In the ciroumstances it has not been thought necessary to prepare a detailed history of the unoccupied waste in the prescribed form.

The total forest area in the taluka is about 63 square miles ( 39,900 aores), of which $15 \frac{1}{2}$ square miles are in charge of the Revenue Department. Of the whole, 26 square miles are in charge of the Military Department for grass cutting, 2 square miles are reserved for grass cutting for the public, and 35 square miles are available for grazing.
14. There is nothing requiring special mention in this paragraph except

Modes of सusbandry. the ever increasing use of improved modern implements and the ready application of new methods in: the villages under the canals.
10. The táluka, as a whole, can hardly be surpassed as regards communigations by road and rail. Poona City, the mart not merely of the taluka but of a great part of the
Deccan, is situated at its centre. It is an important station on the G. I. P. Railway from Bombay to Sholápur and Raichur, the latter the junction with the broad gauge system of the M. \& S. M. Railway to Madras. There are other threa stations west of Poona and three to the east on the G. I. P. system. The metre gauge line of the M. \& S. M. Railway from Poona to Bangalore has five stations, in addition to Paona, in the talluka. It was .opened in 1886, during the curreney of the existing settlements in the villages which it traverses, but it has had practically no effect on their development. The line winds for most of its length along the sterile slopes of the Bhuleshwar range to their summit in the south-east corner of the talluka and the stations are in somewhat inconvenient situations.

Except a few short connecting roads made by the Táluka Local Board between villages and main routes there have been no additions to the road communications of the taluka since the settlement of 1873-74. Chief of the old roads are the five excellent trunk routes maintained by the Provincial Government and leading to Bombay; Násik, Ahmednagar, Sholápur and Sátára respectively. These have been steadily improved during the last forty years. The last notable improvement was the bridge over the Bhima on the Ahmednagar road, but this confers no benefit on the cultivators of Haveli Táluka. A sixth provincial road runs from Póona to Khadakwásla with an extension to Donja maintained by the District Looal BBard. The toll bars on all these roads were abolished in 1914 at a sacrifice of annual revenue amounting to Rs. 35,000 , a sum which does not entirely measure the benefit of a notable improvement in communications.

A number of important roads are maintained by the District Local Bgard. The old Bombay road crossing the Mula at Aundh, and joining the preseritis road near Mámurti in the north-west, is maintained by Governmen ${ }^{2}$ 経贺 excellent order as far as Aundh; north of the Mula the Táluka Local Board has done its worst for a mile or two, but thereafter the condition of the unrepaired road still brings credit to the old road makers. The toll revenue at Aundh is Rs. 1,850 annually. The other old road from Bombay, north of the present route, and its connecting branoh viá Lohogaon and Wágholi with the Ahmednagar road.are now unused. Parallel to the Násik road a good road runs to the shrine of Dnyáneshwar at Alandi in Khed Táluka ; the annual revenue from the toll at Kalas is Rs. 2,400. From Hadapsar on the Sholápur road there is an excellent road over the Diva Ghát to Sáswad, the old route to Sátára: the toll collected on the Ghat amounts to Rs. 7,000 annually. The earliest road to Sátára was by the Bápdev Ghát; this has long been impracticable for carts, probably always was so, but there is still much traffic carried in head-loads and on laden animals from the villages south of the Ghât in Purandhar Táluka. The present road to Satára is by the Kátraj Ghat; there is a useful side road from Khed Shivapur to Kondhanpur. Mention may be made also of a new and good road in Bhor State which runs westward from Nasrapur on the Sátára road, passes olose to Vinzhar, and stops only a mile or two short of Antroli, so that these two outlying villages are not so isolated as the map might lead one to suppose. The last important local road is from Poona to Paud in the Mulshi Petha. The toll bar at Bhugaon yields Rs. 2,700 annually.

Around Poona City and Cantonment thére is a network of excellent roads. In the taluka there are many shorts roads connecting villages with the main routes.

There are two parts of the táluka where communications are bad, vig., the eastern portion north of the Mula-Mutha river, and the country along both sides of Khadakwasla Tank. A recent improvément at the sluices has resulted in the submergence of the road on the western side till February.

There is an important ferry at Moshi on the Násik road, and a small but busy one at Sángrun at the extreme end of Khadakwasla Tank.
16. Weekly bazars are held at Khed Shivápur, Phulgaon and the inám Markets and Fairs : Appendix C. village of Uruli-Kánchan. They are of little importance in comparison with the business done at Poona City. A cattle market is held twice weekly at Bhámburda near Poona. Fairs are held once or twice a year at Kondhanpur, Chinchwad, Wadebolai, Dehu and Hingne Khurd in connection with the local shrines; business is restricted almost entirely to sweetmeats.
17. Nearly all the surplus produce of the taluka is poured into Poona. The villages export what they grow-chiefly, therefore, jowári, bájri, kadbi and grass. From the garden lands near the city come vegetables, fruits and green fodder. Gul is sent from all the sugarcane villages; the total produce is roughly twenty lákhs of rupees in value. The only trade elsewhere than with Poona City and Cantonment is the export of fruit and vegetables to Bombay.

Exports by rail, except from Poona, are inconsiderable. On the M. \& S. M. Railway 92 per cent. are classified as sundries. In the west, on the G. I. P. Railway, there is export of grain from Chinchwad, small in comparison with the imports of the same ; other exports are mostly classified as " other articles." East of Poona the main exports are fruits and vegetables, which are sent by passenger trains and not entered in the goods returns. Thus at Loni Kálbhár the receipts from the parcels traffic were Rs. 32,000 for the year ending May 1914-more than-twice the goods receipts. The G. I. P. Railway Company makes special arrangements for the carriage of this traffic to Bombay. In the busy season, July to December, the despatches reach 700 baskets daily; little of this comes from the village of Loni Kálbhár itself; most of the baskets are, received from Alandi, some from Phussangi, and a considerable portion frơm the Purandhar Táluka. Gul is also exported by rail in all-directions, but as a rule is sent, even from as far east as Uruli Kanchan, to Poona by road.

From the Sinhgad-Khadakwásla region there is little export. The people depend largely on labouring, locally, in Bombay, or elsewhere. They retain most of the grain grown for home consumption and pay their assessments out of the wages of their labour.

The chief imports at stations other thàn Poona are jowári, bajri, rice, piece-goods, kerosene oil, and salt. East of Poona, oil cake for the sugar-cane fields is imported both by road from Poona and by rail.

The following statement gives an idea of the trade of Poona City.
Exports from and Imports into Poona by G. I. P. Railway for the
year ending 31st March 1915.


Imports far exceed exports. The chief are grain, oil seeds, fuel, building materials, kerosene oil, sugar, salt and piece goods. The return of exports shows the great importance of the cultivation of sugar-cane, fruit and vedetables in the táluka. Myrabolams are mostly received from the Bhor State. The imports of unwrought brass and copper and the exports of finished articles indicate the extent of the manufactures in these metals in the City.
18. The figures in Appendix $G$ are exclusive of Poona City. There are

Manofactures and Industries: Appendix G. only two important factories in the district, a silk and cotton mill at Munjeri and a paper mill at Mundhwa. In the villages the usual rural industries, oil pressing and spinning and weaving, hardly exist. Poona City is industrial only to a limited extent; there are about 400 cotton looms and a considerable industry in brass and copper work. Outside Poona City and the Cantonments liquor shops exist only in five villages.

Popalation: Appendices D and E. 19. The population of the taluka has varied as follows:-

|  |  | 1872. | 1881. | 1891. | 1901. | 1911. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^0]Owing to changes in area it is not easy to separate the population of the City, Cantonments and Suburbs from that of the rest of the taluka. The changes of population have been analysed in paragraph 21. The outstanding facts are the great increase of population after the opening of the canals and the complete recovery from the set-back recorded in 1901.

Poona City, the Cantonments and the Canal villages provide for. an immense amount of casual labour, which is an important source of livelihood for many villages outside these areas. There is therefore little seasonal migration elsewhere in search of employment; indeed, the sugar-cane fields attract labour from outside the taluka in the busy season; a bad season in surrounding parts means that labour is plentiful and cheap in the Canal villages. From the upper end of Khadakwásla Tank a considerable number of labourers go to Bombay in the off season for employment; many natives of these villages are now permanent mill hands in Bombay but return annually on holiday for a month or so. At the lower end of the Tank, grass cutting and carting for the Military Department and private traders give employment to many. From Loni Kand and the villages in the west numbers of agriculturists take their carts for hire to Bombay. When earnings there are good, it matters little to a small holder whether or not he misses a sowing, and a small amount of fallow may be traced to these conditions.
20. The facilities for education provided at the centre of the táluka are

Echools and Edacation: $\Delta$ ppendix H . excellent, and it is perhaps for this very reason that the schools in the villages are disappointing. The cleverest children and the children of parents keen on education are naturally sent to the city for their education. Around Khadakwásla Tank educational facilities hardly exist.

A good school is a fairly sure indication of a prosperous village; an illattended sohool accompanies decay and impoverishment. An instance may be quoted. Lohogaon is a large village of 1,500 inhabitants; land is valuabla and its letting value is exceptionally bigh; but, whatever may be the reasons, the people are not well off. In this large village close to Poona the Govern-
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ment school was closed some years ago for want of attendance and a private master can now get only 8 or 9 pupils.

The facilities for higher education at the Arts, Science, Agriculturgl, Engineering and other Colleges and Institutions at Poona need only be mentioned. The enterprising practical agriculturist in the táluka undoubtedly gets a stimulus from the scientific activity at the centre.

There is a special school at Loni Kalbhár which combines an ordinary education with practical instruction in agrioulture.
21. In Appendix $F$ the numbers of cattle, ploughs, etc., for the years 1900-01, 1905-06, and 1913-14 are compared with the averages of the three seasons ending 1895-96. The bad seasons which intervened between 1995-98 pendive $F$. and and 1900-01 had a marked but not very serious effect on the numbers of live stock. The recovery is now practically complete, and the numbers of animals for breeding and of young stock is a promising sign. Only in the north-east corner does there appear to be anything like a shortage of working cattle. One-sixth of the total number of cattle is in Poona City and the Cantonments, mostly miloh cattle and young stock.

In the following comparative statement Poona City and the villages in its vicinity in Group I (see paragraph 24) are omitted, as well as some villages settled in 1873-74, for which statistios are not available.

## Statement showing percentage variation of Population and Resources in 68 villages settled in 1873-74 and 3 settled in 1875-76.

(Figures for 1871-72 are actuals; figures for 1913-14 show percentage sariation.)


In the north-east the decrease in bullocks and in buffaloes (males, females and young) is marked.

The figures in lines (6) and (7) show how profoundly conditions have been altered by the construction of the canals. The large inorease in population, carts and draught animals in Group (2) has occurred chiefly in the villages within easy reach of Poona City and of the big canal villages to the east of the City. In Group (3) the population in the five villages nearest. Poona has increased but in the west there is a general decrease. There is much poor soil in these villages, but the grazing is good, and the increase in cows and calves may show a tendency towards cattle raising. The decrease of population in Group (4) is due to the fact that the best lands of the Khadakwasla valley are now at the bottom of the Tank. A feature common to all Groups is the great decline in the numbers of horses and ponies, and Appendix $F$ does not indicate that this decrease has yet stopped; more than half the presenit numberis of these animals are in Poona City.

Villages in Group I (see paragraph 24) and Khed Shivápur are excluded from the following statement.

Statement showing percentage varixtion in Population and Resources of
20 villages settled in 1890-91.
[Figures for 1858-89 are actuale ; figur ss for 1913-14 show percentage variation.]

| Group of Villages. | Population. |  | Working Cattle. |  | Ploughs. |  | Carts. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1888-83. | 1911. | 1588-89. | 1913-14. | 1888-89. | 1913-14. | 1888.89. | 1918-14. |
| (1) Sixteen villages aroand Sinhgad and Khadakwasla tank. | 12,950 | -19 | 8,751 |  | 1,516 | -26 | 366 | . +30 |
| (2) Four villages in Group III ... | 2,261 | -6 | 737 | +13 | 160 | -17 | 81 | +83 |
| Total .. | 15,211 | -15 | 4,488 | -14 | 1,676 | -26 | 447 | +89 |

It must be remembered that the population and, to some extent, the numbers of cattle in Group (1) fluctuate on account of migration. The increase in carts is not consistent with the other returns.

The cropped area per pair of plough bullocks in 1913-14 was $11 \cdot 1$ acres as compared with 22.3 acres in the Sirur Táluka and 13.9 acres in Purandhar. In the sugarcane aross a certain amount of work in the busy season is performed by labourers from outside' the taluka who bring working cattle with them.
22. The water-supply is generally good and sufficient. The statement

Water-supply : Appendix J. given in the preceding paragraph shows that in 71 villages settled in 1873-4 and 1870-6 wells have increased by 67 per cent. since the introduction of the Settlement. Since 1886-87 the increase in the number of wells for irrigation in all Government villages has been 30 per cent. The large rivers do not afford situations for erecting dams and except at Khed Shivápur there is not much pátasthal irrigation. Although water for irrigation is not available in the west or is the Khadakwasla-Sinhgad region there is no difficulty about the drinking supply.

|  | Numher of holders. | Percentage of total area hold. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agriculturists | 13,720 | 77 |
| Non-agriculturists whose principal source of income is moneylending. <br> Other nonagriculturists | 964 2,373 | 14 |

Only 9 per cent. of the land is held by professional money-lenders] This does not mean that this proportion of the land has passed permanently into their possession. Much of it is held temporarily on sale-deeds behind which is an oral promise that the money-lender will return the land when the purchase price is repaid. This is the common method of borrowing ; mortgages with or without possession are unusual. Most of the borrowing and lending, however, takes place among the agriculturists themselves; money is easily earned and saved by the industrious and thrifty. The non-agriculturists other than moneylenders who hold 14 per cent. of the total occupied area include Bráhmins, non-resident Kunbis, Kunbis whose principal source of income ig carting or similar employments, Dhangars, Mahárs, and artisans of all kinds.]

The land is much sub-divided. In the area around Sinhgad and, Khadakwásla Tank few cultivators pay as much as ten rupees land revenue. In the whole táluka 68 per cent. of holders cultivate dry-crop lands only and pay less than this amount of assessment. When the survey of sub-divisions of survey numbers has been completed and the village records corrected it will be found that the number of holders is greater than that hitherto recorded. *

The area of land cultivated on lease is large. The commonest form of lease is one in which the landlord takes a share of the produce. For dry-crop lands this share is one-half practically every where, except for hill lands growing coarse grains for which one-third of the crop is taken. The landlord usually provides the same share of the seed as he takes of the crop and he invariably pays the whole of the assessment. For garden lands the commonest share rent is also one-half, but other rates, two-fifths, one-third or one-fourth, are found, depending on circumstances. The landlord pays the same share of the expenses of cultivation as he takes of the crop and he pays the whole of the assessment. In comparison with share rents, cash rents are uncommon except around Poona City. Many cash rents entered, in the Tenancy Register are really payments of interest on money borrowed under a nominal sale-deed. Occasionally the money-lender takes the rent note from a third party who does not cultivate the land himself but stands as a kind of surety to the original owner; this procedure is also devised to prevent the nominal sale-deed being declared a virtual mortgage in the Civil Courts. Fixed rents in kịnd are found only in the case of rice lands.
24. Sales and leases of dry-crop lands are summarised by villages in Appendices $\mathrm{K}-1$ and M-1. Genuine mortgages

Value of Dry-crop land as ascertained by sale and subletting transactions : Appendicess K-I and Mr. with possession and mortgages without possession are transactions so unusual that the information collected regarding them is valueless. Appendix $L$ has therefore been omitted.
The following is a summary of Appendices K-1 and M-1 by groups of villages :-

| Group. | I | I-a | II | III | III-G | IV | IF-a | V | F-a | 71 | VIr | VIII |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Selling valne of land in multiples of the assesement. | 65 | ** | 65 | 78 | 68 | 45 | ..* | 68 | 68 | 45 | 88 | 2 |
| Percontage of ront represented by the assessmant. | 20 | 38 | 28 | 24 | \$4 | 37 | 32 | 58 | 88 | 41 | 4 | 4 |

The groups referred to are those of the current settlements, viz. :-


Group $I$ consists of the villages in the immediate vioinity of Poona, and Group. II of villages on the circumferenoe of Group I. Group III comprises. most of the remaining villages in the oentre of the taluka. The villages east and west of Group III form Group IV. Group V consists of villages still further east and west, and of the villages around Sinhgad. Group VI lies east of the eastern villages of Group V, and Group VII east of Group VI. Group VIII lies in the north-east corner between the Mula-Mutha and Bhima rivers. The sub-groups marked " $a$ ", oonsist of villages where the one-sixth concession of 1890-91 is in foree; all !references to the assessment in these villages are to the reduced assessments unless expressly stated otherwise. Owing to this concession, differences in situation and circumstances (among which-the Canals are outstanding), the large number of groups, and the scattered nature of some of them, there are only three homogeneous groups of villages, viz,, Group III, V-a and VIII. To these may be added 7 villages of Group IV in the west.

As might be expected the value of land near the city is high; it sells roughly at 60 times the assessment and lets for 4 times the assessment in Groups I and II. This means a return to the landlords of five per cent. on their capital-a high rate in the circumstances.

Group III is an important group in this discussion. It is the largest group of all, it is nearly homogeneous, and it is a guide to the rating of the whole taluka. "The average selling value of land for the whole group is $78{ }^{\circ}$ times the assessment and the letting value $4 \cdot 2$ times. At the large villages of Lohogaon and Wágholi the selling value is 88 times and the letting value $4 \frac{3}{4}$ times the assessment; at Vadgaon Sheri and Kharádi values are still higher. I attribute these high values to "land-hunger." Sinoe 1873 the population of the first two villages has increased by 20 per cent. and of the latter two by 73 per cent. The population of Wadgaon and Kharádi is essentially a labouring one and the land is the only outlet for their surplus earnings.
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If these four villages, as well as villages with Canal advantages, and Gorhe Budruk and Khurd (for which see remarks on Group V-a), are omitted, then the average selling value of land over the rest of the Group is 60 times and the letting value 3.7 times the assessment.

In the Gight villages of Group IV whioh lie in the west the selling value of land is 40 times and the letting value only $2 \cdot 4$ times the assessment. The values are smallest in the most western villages, except where special circumstances exist. The decrease in the population of these villages has aiready been referred to and the circumstances here are the reverse of, those at Wadgaon Sheri and Kharádi. There is no competition for land except at Kiwle, where outsiders settled near Shelarvidi station have given a stimulus to land values. Rents are low except at Thergaon, where improvidence in the past has resulted in the creation of a tenant class. Inam lands are generally let for a rent equal to the assessment. The inhabitants of this group are generally in easy circumstances; although their numbers have decreased their cattle have increased. There is less struggle for a livelihood than in villages near Poona. Just as at Wadgaon. Sheri and Kharadi the value of land is inflated by "landhunger," so in the west it seems to be low from an opposite set of circumstances. It may be mentioned that at Thergaon tenants who cultivate lands which formerly belonged to their family pay higher rents than those recorded in Appendix M-1; this is a feature noticed in other settlement reports.

Group $V$ is very scattered. The selling value ( 63 times the assessment) and the letting value (3 times the assessment) of land at Loni Kalbhár, where about one-fifth of the whole village area is under canal irrigation, may be noted.

Out of 13 villages in Group V-a, assessed at Rs. 2 minus one-sixth, 10 villages are situated around Sinhgad. In these the selling value of land is 96 times and the letting value is 5 times the assessment. Except as regards certainty of rainfall these villages labour under marked disadvantages; the soil is poor, facilities for irrigation are ontirely absent, and communications are extremely bad in most villages. I attribute the high value of land partly to the fact that the population depends for its livelihood largely on labour in Bombay; money is therefore fairly plentiful. The land too can be readily improved and much land assessed at dry-crop rates now grows rice. It is to be remembered also that the assessment in these villages has been specially reduced. If the full rates are considered the selling value is reduced to 80 times and the letting value to $4 \frac{1}{4}$ times the full assessment without the onesixth deduction. Lastly, the transactions recorded are not very numerous- 35 sales and 23 leases-and Appendices K-3 and M-3 seem to show that the true value of land is somewhat less than that shown in Appendices K-1 and M-1.

At Khed Shivápur land sells at 76 times and lets at about 4 times the reduced assessment. At Loni Kand it sells at 52 times and lets at 3 times the assessment.

In Groups VII and VIII land values are lowest. In Group VIII the selling value is 29 times and the letting value only $2 \cdot 1$ times the assessment. Bad seasons have so brought'home the benefits of migration that tenants are often hard to find; a landless man prefers labouring elsewhere to sharing his harvests with a landlord. Even Kunbi landholders have found service away from home so attractive that they have become permanent non-residents; they are, however, loathe to sell their ancestral acres. It seems that the rise in wages in recent years has caused à slump in land in this tract.

The instances collected of old sales were insufficient to show how the value of dry-crop land had changed since the introduction of the current settlements, but several cases were observed where rents had been raised since 1904. The increases averaged 26 per cent. on the old rents.

Rents are undoubtedly good when compared with the Government assessment, but landlords have often to give partial remissions when the harvest is poor even although the Government demand may not be abated in any way.
25. Land under wells varies in value; with fruit trees over Rs. 500

Irrigated Lands. agar-cane lands fetch eight to ten hundred rupees and sublet up to forty rupees per acre.
26. Rice lands appear at first sight to be much more valuable than diry

Rice lands: Appendices K-2. and $\mathrm{M}-2$. crop lands; ir the villages settled in 1873-74 rice lands sell at 102 times and sublet at 5 times the assessment; in the villages settled later they sell at 162 times and sublet for 10 times the assessment. These high values for the later settlements are partly due to the special reduction of one-sixth in the full assessment. There is also a difference between"the rice assessments of the earlier and the later settlements whioh is explained in Appendix V. Rice lands when sold separately are usuaily in small lots; thus the average area per eale transaction entered in Appendix K-2 is 25 gunthas. Even after allowance is made for this, the statistics in Appendices K-2 and M-2 are not very full. Rice lands are commonly interspersed among dry-crop lands and are sold with the latter; details by villages of sales and leases of such mixed lands are therefore given in Appendices K-3 and M-3, which seem to show that the value of dry-crop lands in Group V-a is not quite so high as shown in Appendices K-1 and $\bar{M}-1$ and that it is prudent to consider the values of rice lands entered in Appendices K.-2 and M.-2 as also higher than they are in reality. Most of the rice lands of the later settlements are in Group V-a, around Sinhgad, where the circumstances already explained tend to raise the value of land. Finally, all the " new rice" of the current settlements is assessed at specially low rates within the dry-crop maximum rate of each village. It was impracticable to distinguish between the "new rice" land and "old rice" land, and the result is that no definite estimate can be made of the selling and letting value of fully assessed rice land.

It may be explained here that rice lands formed by embankments or other improvements during the currency of the present settlements will continue to be classified and assessed as jirait (dry-orop), just as land irrigated from new wells is treated. The assessment of lands of all kinds remains entirely - unaffected by improvements.
27. The extent of land left fallow for grazing is such that its value is of importance in a Settlement Report. Appendix K.4 relates to 14 sales and Appendix M-4 to 36 leases of considerable areas of grazing lands in all parts of the

Grazing lands: Appendiceds K-4 and $M-4$ taluka. The average selling value is 84 times and the letting value $4 \frac{1}{4}$ times the full assessment. The high values at Wágholi and Lohogaon, where the grazing lands are very extensive, should be noticed, At Lohogaon land has been going out of cultivation as it pays better under grass. The high value of these lands, measured in terms of the assessment, is partly due, in the villages settled in 1873-4, to the reduction in the valuation of soils valued at less than six annas.
28. A comparison of selling and letting values of all kinds of land in the different settlement groups shows that the landlord, after payment of the Government assessment (but not the Local Fund cess), gets a return varying from 4 , to 5 per cent, on his invested capital. I recorded also thirty instances where lands of various descriptions had been bought and sublet to parties other than the original owners. The total of all the purchases was Rs. 20,050 and of all the rents Rs. 1,294, which, after payment of Government dues amounting to Rs. 249, gives a return of exactly 5 per cent. Landlords' profits are therefore higher than in the Purandhar Taluka. The only part of the táluka in which they are low is the west, where, as already. explained, there is seldom much competition for land,' so that landlords can barely make $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on their capital.

[^1]29. The recorded crop experiments are shown
in Appendix U. For dry-orops the highest incidence of assessment on the value of the gross produce is less than 9 per cent.

Statement comparing price levels at differep̣t periods in the tálukas of Haveh, Purandhar, Sirwr and Vunnar.


* Prices are for meven yeara only.

30. Prices have been discussed at length in the report on the Sirur

Prices : Appendix N. Taluka, but the method of comparing them for selected periods has since been considered open to mistrust. Any discussion on prices is ineffective, however, which does not include an attempt to estimate the extent of their rise or fall. In a report of this kind this involves a selection of at least two periods, one about the beginning and one towards the end of the settlement period. To avoid any mistrust of a method inherent in the subject a description is again given of the main circumstances connected with the periods for which sverages are shown in the tabulated statement already used in the reports on Sirur and Purandhar and repeated in this paragraph. It should be borne in mind that as jowarri and bajri occupy nearly three-fourths of the cultivated area in Haveli Táluka the prices of these grains are much the most important in this discussion.

The chief of the current settlements was introduced in 1873-74 and the original proposals were based, more or less, on the high prices which prevailed roughly from 1863-64 to 1872-73 (line 1 of the statement.) It is sufficient of this period to remark that these high prices were connected both with the great development in all direotions which commenced after the transfer of the Government of India to the Crown and with the Civil War in America. The final settlement of 1873-74 was not based on these high prices, for the rates originally proposed by the Superintendent of the Survey were greatly modified.
as prices came crashing down; even after the introduction of the settlement, permanent reductions in the rates were made as late as 1875 (see paragraph 1). It would however be unreasonable, and unfair to the cultivatons, to base, any comparisons on the low rates of the three years from 1873 to 1875 , When prices touched a level scarcely approached at any time for the last half century and moré.

The triennium of low prices was followed by four years during which prices doubled and trebled by reason of intense famine over large areas in India.

It is unfortunate that it is impracticable to make an estimate of any worth to show what prices were 40 to 45 years ago. It is not till 1880 that a return to normal conditions resulted in prices becoming steady; they then remained at about the same level for eight years. For practical purposes this is the period, or about the period, on which comparisons must be based. There appear to have been no special events in this period which deserve mention in the present discussion. During the eight years 1880-81 to 1887-88 (line 2 of the statement) prices were comparatively low, and the táluka, as will be shown later, seems to have come through the period happily; it is true that a concession was made to the cultivators, but events showed that it was unnecessary.

One reason for making the period just mentioned stop at $1887-83$ is that from 1888-89 onwards the price records are those maintained by the Agricultural Department, although it appears to be no more than a coincidence that prices made a sharp and sustained rise in this year. The rise seems to have been general all over India." I have made this third period (line 3 of the statement) extend from 1888-89 to 1894-95 partly because from the year 1895 averages have been struck for the calender year. The inclusion of the years 1895 and 1896 would have no material effect on the averages of the two principal grains. Mr. Datta in his report on the recent rise of prices in India, which was reviewed by the Imperial Government in 1914, chose as his basic period the years 1890 to 1894 . The selection of this intermediate period is obviously not so important as that of the final period, but the scarcity of 1891.92 may be referred to as affecting prices (see "Prices and Wages in India").

The years from 1896 onwards are not easy to deal with, and prices in recent years have been the subject of much discussion and of an enquiry specially instituted by the Government of India. The years 1896 to 1904 are memorable for famines and epidemics of plague; in the stress and strain of the times prices fluctuated violently; this period has therefore been omitted from the tabular statement. It has been suggested to me that by this omission the period during which the rupee was altering its foundation is ignored. -I admit shrinking from this difficult subject.

In 1905, however, things egonomic reached a position of some equilibrium, and during the next seven years prices, now much enhanced, were not very unsteady. I therefore chose, originally in 1914, the period 1905-1911 for a final comparison of prices, with those of the eight years 1880-81 to 1887-88. The selection of this final period has met with some pertinent criticism. The Collector, in his forwarding remarks on the Sirur report has expressed a preference for the inclusion, in this last period, of the years 1903 and 1904, when prices were very low. When the tabular statement was first prepared one object aimed at was the exclusion of years of extreme prices: At that time the latest figures available were those of 1912 and 1913, and prices had made a bound upwards in the first of these years. From motives of caution these years were excluded from the selected period. If the years. 1903 and 1904, when prices. were low, are added to the selected period there is no reason why the high prices after 1911 should not also be considered. But it is necessary to observe that, as the price record. for the thirteen years 1903 to 1915 is a very uneven one, the average should not be made on the prices recorded in Appendix $N$, which are in seers per rupee, but should be made on their equivalents in rupees per maund. The reasons for this have been explained in the report on Sirur and need not be repeated here. The actual differences between the averages for my selected period 1905 to 1911 and the last thirteen years

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1903 to 1915 are given in the following statement: It will be seen that it is immaterial which period is chosen for a final comparison :-


There is now the justification for the omission of the years 1903 and 1904 that they passed away more than eleven years ago; for a contrary reason the years $1912,1913,1914$ and 1915 might now be added to the selected period. As for the selected period itself it may be suggested that the years 1905 and 1906 should be omitted on account of local scarcity; but prices rose all over India in these years. The exclusion of the year 1908 may, however, be suggested on account of the widespread famine in Northern India which undoubtedly affected prices. Looking to the high prices of the years since 1911 not included in the selected period it may confidently ke said that the averages shown in line 4 of the statement are framed on cautious lines, to show what may broadly be called the level of prices in recent years. The statement, which has already been used in two reports, is, therefore, re-submitted unaltered; the remarks made above show that it is sound enough for practical purposes.

Even on the high prices prevailing before the earliest settlement there is a recorded adrance of 30 and 5 per cent., respectively, in the prices of the staple grains, jowari and bajri. Except for fodder and rice it is safe to say that recent prices, that is prices from 1905 to 1911, have not been less than 40 per cent. above those of the years 1880-81 to 1887-88, and not less than 20 per cent. above those of the following seven years ending with 1894-95. These seem cautious estimates but it must $\backslash$ not be supposed that they are quite accurate. It will be observed that the rises for bajiri and gram are less than my estimate of the general rise; these and other variations may be partly due to the method of recording prices in seers per rupee. The prices previous to 1888-89 have been taken from the old settlement reports of the taluka, for reasons which will at once suggest themselves. For Poona, however, there is a record of prices in the annual publication of the Government of India "Prices and Wages of India," in which prices are recorded for the calendar year, in the earlier issues in seers per rupee, and in the latest editions in rupees per maund. As a check the increases in prices according to this compilation are compared below with those deduced from Appendix N :-

| Percentage increase of Price. | Jowari. | Bajri. | Bice. | Wheat. | Turwdal. | Grsm. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1005-11 compared with 1888-94 according to "Prices and Wages in India." | 22 | cs | 21. | 31. | 88 | 23 |
| 1905-11 compared eith 1888-89 to 1834-95 according to | 24 | 17 | 15 | 29 | 29 | 20. |
| 1905p-11 compared with 1880-87 according to "Prices and | 49 | 48 | 30 | 48 | 59 | 44 |
| Wages in Iudis" <br> -1905-11 cospared with 1850-81 to 1887-88 according to Appendix $N$. | 86 | 38. | 14 | 49 | ... | 57 |

These figures indicate that prices have risen more uniformly than is recorded in Appendix N. Tur-dál has varied in price in a most eccentric
manner since 1860. The increase of 30 per éent. shown for rice in the Government of India publication should be noticed as there may be some hesitation about altering the rice rates on the prices recorded for this article in Appendix N .

The great rise in the prices of cereals and pulses since the close of the period 1880-81 to 1887-88 is important because the greater part of the táluka had then become under the existing settlement and had practically a clean revenue history throughout the whole of the period referred to.

The rise in the price of kadbi in recent years coincident with a fall in its price elsewhe and with a fall in the price of grass both locally and elsewhere is singular. But it is not the result of any peculiar selection of years for averaging.

Jágri (gul) fluctuated considerably in price during the first 14 years for which figures are available; the average for this period was 6 seers per rupee. During the last 10 years the price has been steady at about $5 \frac{5}{8}$ seers per rupee.
31. Wages have risen considerably in the last fifteen years but are by no Wages means so high as one might expecto The supply has kept pace with the demand. The labour supply of Poona City comes largely from surrounding villages and the labourer's cost of living is on the village and not the city scale. Five annas for men and $2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{9}}$ or 3 annas for women may be taken to be the average daily wage around the City and Cantonments, against four annas and $1 \frac{1}{2}$ or 2 annas fifteen years ago. The average grass catter for the Military Department makes 4 to 6 annas a day. In the canal areas the price of labour depends on the season in the tracts liable to scarcity in the east; ordinarily men may be obtained for 4 and women for $1 \frac{1}{2}$ or 2 annas a day, but in a good year the local cultivators have to pay 6 or 7 annas for men and 3 annas for women. Much better wages are made by those skilled in the making of gul. In the west of the táluka male labour is quoted at $2 \frac{1}{\frac{2}{2}}$ annas and female labour at 1 or $1 \frac{1}{9}$ annas in the off season, but there is practically no demand for it.
32. The Mámlatdár's office and records were destroyed by fire in 1879 and full information regarding collections is not

Revenue History: Appendices $0-1,0-2,0-3$ and $0-4$ available for years antecedent to 1878-79. The 77 villages settled before that year paid their revenue practically in full annually from 1878-79 till 1895-96. The full standard assessment of these villages was, on the average, Rs, 1,04,700 during these eighteen years. There were casual remissions for miscellaneous reasons (chiefly acquisition of land for irrigational purposes) during each revenue year which averaged Rs. 80 annually ; the largest amount thus remitted in any one year was Rs. 241. The largest outstanding balances at the close of the year were-1878-79, Rs. 636; 1850-81, Rs. 736; 1859-90, Rs. 191; 1891-92, Rs. 390. In no other year did the outstanding balance reach Rs. 100 and the average annual arrears over the whole period were only Rs. 120. All arrears were subsequently collected.

From this discussion there has been omitted a sum of Rs. 36,700 remitted out of the current revenue of the year 1883-84 in accordance with orders passed in G. R. No. 2468, dated 3rd May 1881. It was then deeided, with regard to the after-effects of the famine of 1876-77 and the low range of prices of agricultural produce then prevailing, to give the agriculturists some temporary relief. The arrangement was that •io all cases where a revision sottlement had been made remissions were to be given for three years, 1880-81, 1881-82 and 1882-83, so as to bring down the enhancements of the whole táluka (or group of villages included in each settlement) to about 20 per cent. adrance upon the old assessments. The concession seems to have been unnecessary in the Haveli Táluka because the whole revenue of the three jears to which it extended had been collected before the remissions were calculated and formally sanctioned. It thus happened that they were given in lump by a deduotion from the current demand of the year 1883-81. With this explanation of the large remission in this year it may be asserted that the revenue colleetions of the 77 villages settled before 1878-79 were excellent.up till the end of the year 1895-96.

In the villages settled in 1890-91 and 1894-95 the usual remissions were given at the introduction of the new settlements. Otherwise the full assessment was collected annually and there were no arrears at the close of any year previous to 1896-7.

In view of the simple revenue history before 1896-97 the annual collections are shown only from that year in the prescribed Appendices, O-1 to O-4. These Appendices, unfortunately, are not very informing as they convey no idea of how the collections have varied in proportion to the demand in different parts of the taluka. With the assistance of the village Circle Books, which have been found to be of great service in all tálukas, the facts are summarised below.

The year 1896-7, though adverse, had no very serious effect on revenue as only $6 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the current demand of the whole taluka remained in arrears at the close of the year. At the end of 1899-1900 (rainfall at Poona $12 \cdot 37$ inches) more than one-third of the year's demand remained uncolleoted, and in 1901-02, the third of three successive bad seasons, remissions on a considerable scale became for the first time necessary. The total amount remitted by the end of $1903-04$ was Rs. 88,000 , almost equal to two-thirds of one year's average revenue demand (Rs. 1,37,600 for the eight years ending 1903-04).

In 1904-05 the suspension and remission rules were introduced. In that year one instalment was suspended in five villages west of the Poona-Násik and Poona-Sátára roads, and in 28 villages east of these roads, while in 8 of the most eastern villages both instalments were suspended. In 1905.06 one instalment was suspended in 14 villages and both instalments in one village in the west, while in the east one instalment was suspended in. 18 and both instalments in 14 villages. In 1907-08 one instalment was suspended in 12 eastern and 3 western villages. In each of the years 1909-10 and 1911-12 there were suspensions of one or both instalments in 10 eastern villages but some or all in 1909-10 were on account of locusts. The total remissions granted from 1901-05 to $1913-14$ amounted to Rs. 62,400 or $0 \cdot 45$ times one year's average demand. This figure includes some remissions out of arrears of years.preceding 1904-05.

For the whole eighteen years 1896.97 to 1913 -14 the average annual demand was Rs. 1,37,400 and the total reaissions Ris. 1,50,400-a little more than one year's revenue. These figures relate to both Government and Inám lands.
(The arrears at the end of 1913-14 were less than Rs. 300. After taking this sum into account, the collections plus remissions, according to Appondix O , exceed the demand by Rs. 10,000 . The discrepancy amounts to only six annas in each Rs. 100 of demand.)
33. The distribution of the total amount remitted by the end of 1913-14 may now be considered according to tracts. The figures about to be given, which have been extracted from the village Circle Books, relate only to fully assessed Government land. The annual revenue from inám lands is only about Rs. 4,500 and the remissions out of this are negligeable.

The villages in which a large proportion of the land receives canal waterNánded, Hingne Budruk, Hingne Khurd, Hadapsar, Mundhwa and Mánjri Budruk-are little affected by drought, and in all but one the collections have been made in full annually. In Mánjri Budruid one-third of a year's. demand was remitted in the eighteen years ending 1913-14.

The villages of Groups I and II at the very centre of the taluka have algo a good history and the total remissions for the whole area (excluding the canal village of Higne Budruk) amounted to only 0.4 times one year's demand. Only in Bhámburda did the remissions exceed slightly one year's demand. Since 1904 both instalments have been collected annually in Poona, Máli, Parwati, Wánawdi, Kothrud and Bápodi. Suspensions, subsequently collected, have been given in bad years in the other four villages.

In the twenty-six villages of the important Group IMY (excluding four canal villages) the total remissions amount to less than 0.8 times one year's demand. The-villages for which they amount to more than one year's demand are Wágholi ( $1 \cdot 6$ ), Lohogaon ( $1 \cdot 6$ ), Kondhve Dhawda ( $1 \cdot 2$ ), Ambegaon B. ( $1 \cdot 2$ ), Kondhve B. (1.3) and Pisoli (2.6). The villages for which they amount to less than a quarter of a year's demand are Wadgaon Shind, Dhánori, Wadgaon Sheri, Kopre, Gorhe Budruk, Khadakwásla, Nándoshi, Dhayri and Mahamadwádi. Both sets of villages are scattered throughout the group, so that the distribution of the remissions alone does not indicate that any part of this group has climatic advantages over any other part. Mr. C. Swifte, the Collector who forwarded Mr. Keatinge's report, was of opinion that the villages north of the Mula-Mutha river from the eastern border upto and including Phulgaon, Loni Kand, Wágholi and Mánjri K.; together with the three easternmost villages south of the river, were "circumstanced verymuch alike" and formed a "sroup of about the worst villages in the Deccan (climatically speaking)." But the revenue history of this tract shows that this opinion must be modified. This will be clear as the discussion proceeds tract by tract. Meantime we are concerned only with Wágholi, which may be considered together with the villages on its western border. If there is a perceptible difference between these and the othe villages of Group III it is so slight as not to affect the grouping on climatic grounds. Wágholi and Lohogaon are two of the villages in the group where remissions have been heaviest, but not heavier than in four other villages where the rainfall is considered to be sure. In Wadgaon Shind and Wadgaon Sheri, lying immediately to the north and south of Lohogaon, only Rs. 124 have been remitted throughout the whole settlement period out of an annual demand amounting to Rs. 2,800. At Kharádi, adjoining both Lohogaon and Wágholi, the total remissions have been only Rs. 400 out of an annual demand of Rs. 1,300 . There was a suspension of one instalment in all these five villages and in Nirgudi in 1904-05, whereas in the rest of the group there was a suspension in only two villages.* In 1905-06 no revenue was suspended at Wágholi, but one instalment was suspended in Lohogaon, Wadgaon Sheri and Kharádi; but there were also suspensions this year in Dhánori and Dighi, further west, and in five villages $\dagger$ in Group III south of the Mula-Mutha river. In 1907-08 one instalment was suspended in Wágholi, Dhánori and Dighi. Throughout the whole group all revenue suspended since 1904-05 has been ultimately ordered to be collected except at Lohogaon, where one instalment was remitted under the operation of the suspension and remission rules; this has been included in the remissions already referred to. I do not consider that this circumstance or any other in the revenue history can support the argument that any single village now in Group III has a rainfall and climate so distinctly inferior to the average of the whole group that its removal to a lower settlement group is necessary or justifiable.

The revenue history of the south-west corner of the talluka may next be examined. In the villages grouped around Sinhgad about half a year's revenue has been remitted. Practically the whole of this was remitted in 1901-02 and 1902-03. There have been no suspensions under the rules since 1904-05. Only in Ráhạtawde do the remissions exceed one year's revenue.

In the outlying villages of Antroli remissions equal 1•2, times one year's demand.

In the six villages on the western side of the upper part of Khadakwasla Tank remissions have amounted to 0.7 times one jear's demand. They are largest ( 1.6 times the annual demand) in Aglambe, where there have been considerable remissions of unauthorised arrears since 1904-05. In Jámbli and Aglambe one instalment was suspended in 1904-05 but collected two years later.

In the west of the taluka the remissions in the villages up to the line Dudulgaon-Bhukum (excluding Pimple Nilakh, which is in Group III) are equal to $1 \cdot 1$ times a year's demand. In some villages, especially those on the western border, they have: been rather heavy, viz., Mámurti 3.6 times a year's

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revenue, Márunji 2.7, Kiwle 1.Q, Dudulgaon 17, Thergaon 13, Chánde 1.3 and Mulkhed 1.2. In Mámurti most of the remissions are previous to 1904; since then no revenue has been suspended in this village. There were sus--pensions of one instalment in 1905-06 or 1907.08, or in both years in the other villages except Bálewádi, Mahalunge and Bhukum, and one instalment was ultimately remitted in Kiwle, Kásarrsai and Dudulgaon.

It is noteasy to account for the uneven history of these villages which are generally regarded as safe from failure of the rainfall. It is difficult to reconcile the remissions of 3.6 times one year's revenue at Mámurti with those of 0.2 times the same at the fieighbouring village of Punawle, or the facts that since 1904-05 no suspensions have been given at Mámurti, while one instalment was suspended at Punawle in 1905-06 and 1907-08. I have therefore checked the facts by a comparison with the revenue history of the adjoining villages in the Máwál Táluka with a maximum dry crop rate of Rs. 2-2 as compared with Rs. $2-4$ for most of the Haveli villages. The Máwal villages probably have a slightly heavier rainfall, but the cultivation is of much the same character as in the Haveli villages. In the Máwal villages almost exactly one year's revenue was remitted in 1901-02; nearly all on account of the three seasons 1899-1900, 1900-01 and 1901-02. Since 1801-02 remissions have been only 4 per cent. of a year's revenue. The total amount is almost the same, proportionately to the demand, as in the Haveli villages, but more evenly distributed as regards individual villages. In most of the Máwal villages one instalment was suspended in 1907-08 but subsequently collected.
-The uneven revenue history of the Haveli villages may probably be due to local and special causes, such as the energy or otherwise of the village officers. But the main fact is clear, that these villages are not entirely immune from loss of crops when the monsoon is not normal.

The preceding discussion embraces the whole taluka, except Undari (one year's revenue remitted) from the western border up to a line passing along the eastern borders of Lohogaon and Hadapsar. For this area plus Wágholi but minus six important canal villages, the total remissions have been Rs. 56,500 , equal to 73 per cent. of one year's revenue. When it is considered that these remissions are not all on account of failure of the rainfall, and when the character of the seasons since 1896-97 throughout the Presidency generally is recollected, the collections throughout the portion of the taluka so far discussed may be reckoned remarkably good. Except in periods of acute and widespread famine the harvests in this area are reliable.

East of Lohogaon and Hadapsar the revenue history is not so good. For the area between the Bhima and Mula-Mutha rivers it may be compressed in the following statement :-

|  | Village. | - |  | Instalments suspended 2904-05 to 1913.14. | Instalmente remitted '1404-05 to 1918-14. | Tobal remisaions in moltiples of a gear's revenue 1201-02 to 1918-14 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bhawdi | ... | -* | . $\cdot$ | 1 | ...... | .1. |
| Phulgaon | .. | - | ... | 3 | . | $0 \cdot 6$ |
| Loni Kand | ... | $\because$ | ". | 1 | . | $1 \cdot 2$ |
| Keanand | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 2 | 1.5 |
| Kolawdi | ... | $\ldots$ | -. | 8* | 2 | $2 \cdot 4$ |
| Mánjri Khurd | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 2† | $2+$ | 2.4† |
| Wadebolai | ** | ... | ... | 2 | .....** | 0.8 |
| Dongargaon | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | 5 | .0.7.0 | 1.4 |
| Biwari | -0 | ... | $\ldots$ | $4{ }^{1}$ | 2 | 1.0 |
| 'Sirswadi | -. | ... | $\ldots$ | 4 | 1 | 1.0 |
| Burkegaon | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 6* | 3 | 3.0 |
| Ashtapar | - | 2. | $\ldots$ | \$* | 4 | 3.3 |
| Pimpri - | $\cdots$ | ** | ... | 7* | 3 | 4.0 |
| Hingangan | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 5* | 2 | 2.6 |
| Sangwi | ${ }^{*}$ | -0 | $\sim$ | 6* | - 3 | $4 \cdot 1$ |

[^2]It is clear that a village like Dongargaon, although the revenue has been collected in full since 1904-05, cannot bear such a high maximum rate as, villages only a mile or two to the westward. In Dongargaon there have been two complete failures and one partial failure of the harvests in ten years, so that most normal years have had to bear the burden of increased demands.

East of Dongargaon harvest failure is so frequent, and good harvests so few in comparison, that the latter cannot meet fully the arrears of the bad years. In the east it may be said, broadly, that every harvest has to pay the full number of instalments with which it may be taxed under the suspension and remission rules; in the central area harvests capable of paying more than a year's demand are frequent but there are seldom arrears to be paid off. In the east, therefore, a specially low rate of assessment is necessary.

South of the Mula-Mutha river the revenue history is as follows:-

| Villagear. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percentage of } \\ & \text { total sarea } \\ & \text { watered } \\ & \text { from the canals } \\ & \text { in } 1912-13 \text { and } \\ & \text { 1913-14. } \end{aligned}$ | Instaliments suspended 1904-05 to 1915-14. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Instalments } \\ & \text { remitted } \\ & 1904.05 \text { to } \\ & -1913-1 \mathrm{~s} . \end{aligned}$ | Total remissions in multiples of a year's revenue 1901-02 to 1913-14. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wadki | -** | $\cdots$ | -0.00* | 4 | 3 | $4 \cdot 8$ |
| Pharsangi | -0. | $\cdots$ | 12 | 2 | 2 | 3.5 |
| Loni Kalbhar | ... | - $\cdot$ | 18 | 2 | ..... | 07 |
| Alandi | ... | ... | ...... | 1. | ...... | 0.4 |
| Naygaon | ... | $\cdots$ | 3 | 3* | 1 | . 0.8 |
| Tarde | .. |  | ...... | 2* | ...... | 0.8 |
| Walte | $\ldots$ | -0. | -..80.9 | 2 | 1 | $1 \cdot 1$ |
| Shindawne | - |  |  | 6* | 4 | 3.1 |
| Koregaon Mul | ... |  | 6 | 3 | 2 | $\theta \cdot 7$ |
| Bhawrapur |  |  | . | 5* | 3 | 29 |
| Khámgran Tek | ... | $\cdots$ | 5 | 3* | 3 | $2 \cdot 3$ |

Only in Phursangi and Loni Kálbhár is there sugarcane and other high class cultivation; The bad record of Wadki and Phursangi is singular and must be partly due to local and special circumstances not connected with the rainfall. Remissions in both villages were heavy before 1904. The villages of Walte and Shindawne which adjoin one another, present a marked contrast in their revenue records. The local explanation is that the light soils of Walte give a harvest when the rainfall is insufficient for the heavier soils of Shindawne, On the whole the extreme eastern villages south of the MulaMutha have a somewhat better record than their neighbours north of the river.

The following is a summary of the revenue history of the eastern villages:-

| Villages. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maximum axy- } \\ & \text { crop rate. } \end{aligned}$ | Remisaions from 1890-97 to 1918-14 in multiples of a year's demand. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rs, 2. p. | , |
| Group VIII-7 Villages $\quad$.o. | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 6 & 0\end{array}$ | $8 \cdot 1$ |
| Group VII-7 Villages . .... | 110 | 2.9 |
| Group VI-5 Villages (excluding Phulgaon). | 1.120 | 1.4 |
| Phulgaon, Bhawdi, Lonikand, Mánjrí K., Lonikalbhár, Phursangi and Wadki. | $\} \text { Various. }$ | $2 \cdot 1$ |

The heavy remissions in Phursangi and Wadki must be allowed for in considering the last figure.

[^3]34. The history of unoccupied assessed lands has been given in paragraph 13. The assessed waste has increased in consequence of forfeitures. These were insignificant before 1910-11-only 134 acres in the six preceding years, In 1910-11, 1911-12 and 1912-13, 1,461 acres were forfeited for arrears, chiefly in Phursangi (398 acres), Shindawne (281 acres), Arwi ( 101 acres), Kiwle, Márunji, Aglambe, Antroli, Tarde,' Pimpri and Burkegaon (each 50 to 100 acres). These forfeitures were made at a time when steps were being taken all over the Deccan to check the slackness and contumacy in the payment of land revenue which had for some time been in evidence. In these circumstances their extent is not serious.
35. In reviewing Mr. Keatinge's report Government suggested that regrouping might be effected on broad lines so that the number of new groups should be less than the eight existing groups. In the Sirur and Purandhar Tálukas

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 effect has been given to a similar suggestion, but it is not practicable to attempt much in this direction in the Haveli Táluka. A larger number of groups is necessary in Haveli than in Sirur and Purandhar awing to the great difference in rating between the highest and lowest groups. Although the present Group VIII is only 11 or 12 miles distant from Group I the difference in rating is 30 annas. Yet so great are the advantages of rainfall and markets in Group I and so considerable are the indirect benefits conferred during the current settlement by the canals that the difference in rating seems beyond criticism. At present, Group I could be given a larger percentage increase in rates than Group VIII, but, assuming that a moderate increase of only three annas in the rupee ( $18 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent.) is given to both groups, then the difference between the new maximum rates will be 36 annas. It is difficult to spread this difference over less than five intermediate groups so that a minimum of seven groups is inevitable.In regrouping the villages of the táluka several oircumstances must be given consideration. In the 1873-74 settlement the villages of Bhawdi, Phụlgaon, Kesnand, Kolawdi and Kásársai were given special treatment on account of very large percentage increases in the revised assessments and were placed in groups lower than those to which they properly belontred. In 1890-91 Loni Kand was doubtless placed in Group $V$ as it adjoined Bhawdi and gave an increase at revision of 58 per cent. even at the low rate of this village. A considerableincrease can therefore be secured if these villages are placed in what were formerly considered to be their proper groups. Next, the big cansl villages can also be placed in groups higher than those to which they belonged before the canals were made. It has been suggested to me that the extent and value of the irrigated cultivation in these villages is not a fair reason for raising them in the grouping scheme; the idea underlying the suggestion is apparently that the benefits conferred. by the Canal should be taxed by a suitable water rate. But it is undoubied that, even after full value has been paid for the direct advantages of canal irrigation, large benefits accrue, even to the cultivators of dry-crop lands in the vicinity', not only by the greatly inoreased prosperity of the villages but in many other ways. The principle that the indirect benefits conferred by canals should be considered in the grouping has been recognised by Government in other 'settlements and need not be urged further here.

Again, there are 26 villages settled in 1890-91. which at present enjoy a deduction of one-sixth of the full assessment. The mere abolition of the concession will raise their revenue by 20 per opnt. Most of these villages form a homogeneous tract around Khadakwasla Tank and Sinhgad, and I think this area must be breated in much the same way as settlement groups are now treated and care taken that the total increase for the tract is not too heavy. For instance, if, after the abolition of the one-sixth concession, both jirait and rice rates are raised only two annas in the rupee the gross increase in the assessments now paid. will be 35 per cent. This increase is as much as it is politio to impose on a tract of this extent. The grouping in this area requires recasting however. In 1873-74 there was no tank, and it was natural to group Mándvi

Budruk and Khurd, now on the west side of the tank, with the villages near them rated at Rs. 2/4. Gorhe Budruk and Khurd, now on the other side of the tank, were rated with their neighbours at Rs. 2-8. Arwi and Ráhátawde, which are beyond the Katraj Ghat, were given the low rate of Rs. 2. At the -1890-91 and 1894-95 settlements Bahuli, Aglambe and Sángrun were rated with Mándvi Budruk and Khurd, while all the villages on the other side of the tank were rated at Rs. 2. Owing to the great increases resulting from even this moderate rate only a rough seheme of grouping was practicable in 1890-91. It cannot be asserted that the circumstances of the villages on the west side of Sinhgad, from Kalyan to Málkhed, are as favourable as at Khed Shivápur.

Since the introduction of the settlement of 1873-74, Gorhe Kd., Mandvi Bk. and Mándvi Kd., have had their most productive lands submerged, while their communications with Poona appear to have suffered. There is no difference in circumstances between the villages on either side of the tank. On the other hand, the villages on the eastern slopes of Sinhgad, from Donja to Ráhátawde, have excellent road conpections with Poona, while the villages from Kalyán round to Málkhed are most difficult of access. These circumstances require to be considered in regrouping.

The present Group III rated at Res. $2-8$ and embracing 30 villages is the principal dry-crop group of the taluka. The villages of Groups I and II differ from those of Group III mainly in proximity to the Poona market. These three groups occupy the central portion of the táluka and the new rates for them will give the key to the regrouping of the táluka. For this central area I consider that an increase in the assessments of 4 annas in the rupee or 25 per cent. can be made without difficulty. East and west of these central groups the villages are not so prosperous, except where the canal has intervened, and the rate of increase will generally be lower.

Group $I$ will, in the new settlement, remain as at present :-

| Present Group- | Preeent maximum dry-crop rate. | Villages. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rs. 25. |  |
|  | 34 | Ghorpadi, Wánawdi, Bhamburda. |
| I-a . -*. | $\begin{array}{cc} 3 & 4 \\ \min u 8 & \frac{1}{8} \end{array}$ | Nisbat Máli, Nisbat Munjeri, Parwati, Poona City. |

(The letter "a" will be used throughout to distinguish those portions of a group in which the one-sixth concession prevails.)

I have indicated an increase of 4 annas in the rupee as suitable for this group, but if, after the abolition of the one-sixth concession in sub-group " $a$ " the assessment is increased by only 3 annas in the rupee the gross increase in revenue for the whole group will be 32.8 per cent. The new maximum drycrop rate will therefore be Rs. 3-14-0. This involves an increase of $42 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for the "a" villages which at present pay 60 per cent. of the revenue collected in the whole group.

I should have urged the inclusion of Hingne Bk., Hingne Kd., Hadapsar 'and Mundhwa' in this group even if the maximum rate had been Rs. 4, but the rule limiting the increase in any group of 'villages brought under the same maximum dry-crop rate to 33 per cent. bloeks such a proposal. I merely note that in Hadapsar. one-fourth, and in the other three villages one-third to one-half, of the land is ,watered by the canal, that all are closely connected with Poona by road, and that they are exceedingly prosperous.

Group II will bear a maximum dry-crop rate of Rs. 3-6 and will be , composed as follows :-

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| Present Group. | Present maximum dry-crop rate. | Proposed increase in annas per rapee. | - Villages. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| II | $\underset{2}{\text { Re. }_{12}} \underset{12}{\text { as. }}$ | $3 \frac{1}{2}$ | Bapodi, Kothrnd, Hingne Badruk and |
| III | 2. 8 | $5 \frac{1}{2}$ | Hingne Khurd, Hadapsar, Mundhwa and Nanded. |
| IV. | 24 | 8 | Mánjri Budruk. |

The proposed rate of Rs. 3-6 does not quite give the suggested increase of 25 per cent. on present Group II villages, and is only two annas more that Group I has hitherto paid. It is therefore moderate.

There are five or six inám villages which also belong to this group and their inclusion makes the group continuous.

Nánded and Mánjri Bk. are prosperous Canal villages in which half the occupied area receives water annually. They are inferior to the four canal villages already mentioned only in being a little more distant from Poona.

The total increase in the new group exceeds the 33 per cent. limit by Rs. 135 according to the calculation in Appendix Q. If there is an excess over 33 per cent. when the new assessments are calculated in detail, the necessary reduction should be made by a proportionate concession in Mánjri Budruk.

Group III.-Proposed maximum dry-crop rate Rs. 3-2-ө :-

| Present Group. | Present maximam dry-crop rate. | Proposed increases in snnas per rapee. | Villages. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| III | Rs. as. 28 | $4$ | Bavdhan Khurd, Shiwne, Kopre, Gorhe Budruk, Khadakwásla, Nándoshi, Dhayri, Narhe, Ambegaon Budruk, Dhankawdi, Kátraj, Kondhve Budruk, Pisoli, Mahamadwádi, Wadgaon Sheri, Kharadi, Wagholi, Lohogaon, Dhánori, Dighi, Pimple-Nilakh. |
| III- $a$ | $\begin{array}{cc} 2 & 8 \\ \min u s & \frac{1}{6} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{5}+4 \text { as. } \\ & 8 \text { as. } \end{aligned}=$ | Warje, Kondhwe Dhavde, Wadgaon Shind, Nirgudi. |

[^4]Group IV.-Proposed maximum dry-crop rate Rs. 2-10 :-

| Present Group. | Present maximum dry-arop rate. | Proposed increase in $\underset{\substack{\text { annas } \\ \text { rapee. }}}{ }$ | Villages. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| III ... | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Rs. } & \text { as. } \\ 2 & 8\end{array}$ | Niv. | Gorhe Khord. |
| IV $\quad \cdots$ | 24 | 21 | Undari, Wadki, Pharsangi, Bélewádi, Mahalunge, Nande, Márunji, Punawle, Thergaon, Kiwle, Mámarti, Bhukam. |
| v | 20 | 5 | Bhawdi, Manjri Khurd, Loni Kálbhár. |
| V-a | 20 |  | Khed Shivápur, Donja. |

Growp $V$.-Proposed maximum dry-crop rate Rs. 2-4 :-

| Present Group. | Present maximum dry-crop rate. | Propose increase in annas per rape | Villaggo |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IV | $\begin{array}{rr} \text { Rs. } & \text { as. } \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} N i l . \\ 5+0 \text { annas. } \end{gathered}$ | Mandri Badruk, Mandvi Khurd. Aglambe, Bahuli, Sángrun. |
| $\mathbf{V}$ $\mathbf{V}-a$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { meniws } \\ \quad 20 \\ 20 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ \frac{3}{B}+2 \text { annas. } \end{gathered}$ | Bbare, Mulkhed, Arwi, Ráhátawde. Chánde, Loui Kand, Kondhanpur, Khánápur. |
| VI |  | 4 | Phulgaon, Kesnand, Kolawdi, Naygaon, Tarde, Alandi, Kásársai. |

The composition of the new Groups IV and $V$ requires some explanation. In new Group IV there remain only 12 out of 19 villages in Group IV of the existing settlement. The promotion of Mánjri Budruk and Dudulgaon has been dealt with; the removal to a lower group of the remaining five villages, Aglambe, Mándvi Budruk, Mándvi Khurd, Sángrun and Bahuli, will be explained below. For the villages that remain it is a matter of opinion, which must always exist in the case of border-line villages, whether Thergaon, Bálewádi, Máhalunge and perhaps Undari should not be in Group III, but in the absence of any change of circumstances since the last settlement no change is proposed.

The case of Aglambe, Mándvi Budruk, Mandvi Khurd, Sángrun and Bahuli brings foward the problem of the Sinhgad-Khadakwasla Tank region, where some variations in the present grouping are imperative. On the east side of the mountain. Khed-Shivápur has been raised one group and rated at Rs. 2-10; it has an excellent road connection with Poona, and the new rate proposed is only two annas more than that which has been recommended for the adjoining tract in the Purandhar Taluka, which is more distant from the Poons market. The increase on the present rates, $57 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent., is large, but it can easily be borne. Arwi, Kondhanpur and Ráhátawde are linked up with Khed Shivápur by a made road, and it may be that their proper placę is in Group IV, but if grouping principles are to be logically applied to this area the total increase for all villages will exceed the limit which has been already mentioned as a politic check in this revision. Donja, which is in better circumstances than the three villages just mentioned; should however be promoted with Khed Shivapur. It has been suggested, in informal discussions on this matter, that the promotion of Arwi, Kondhanpur and Ráhátawde is preferable to that of Donja, as the increases on Arwi and Ráhátawde will not be heavy. But the promotion of Donja one group above the other three villages certainly secures a better distribution of the final assessments than the other arrangement. It may be suggested that the double promotion should be made, but this would drag in for large increases Khánápur and Aglambe, and would be out of proportion with the other arrangements which circumstances necessitate in this area. The villages on the western slopes of Sinhgad, from Kalyán to Malkhed, have very
bad communications, and no facilitios for irrigation; they oan fairly be placed two groups below Khed Shivapur. Arwi, Kondhanpur and Ráhátawde in an intermediate group will then form a satisfactory link.

Gorhe Khurd has been reduced one group as the construction of the tank since the last settlement has altered its circumstances; it is now a small decayed hamlot with a population much reduced by plague; it differs from its neighbour Gorhe Budruk both in charaoter and oircumstances. Its other neighbour, 'Khánápur, is not differently placed, but its promotion to the same group as Gorhe Khurd would introduce complications at this settlement. On the other side of the Tank a division line might be drawn west of the Mándvis, as Bahuli and Sángrun have no cart tract to Poona till about February; but these refinements are impracticable at this settlement. This is a backward area with no educational facilities.

These arrangements leave Kalyán, Khámgaon, Wadadre, Málkhed, Ghera Sinhgad, Sonápur, Jámbli and Vinzhar*to form a lower group. The whole grouping is not without flaws, but it seems the best adapted to keep down the total increase in the area, and to simplify matters for the next settlement. In the former connection the importance of the rice assessments, which are dealt with in a subsequent paragraph, must be borne in mind.

Some remarks are required on the other villages of Groups IV and V. Bhawdi and Mánjri Khurd have been raised one group. They are situated not far from the part of the táluka where the rainfall rapidly becomes uncertain both towards the Sirur Táluka in the north and Bhimthadi Táluka in the east; but Bhawdi has a clean revenue history and was grouped low at the last settlement only in order to avoid too severe an increase, and it is partly for this same reason that it is not now proposed for Group III.. Despite the promotion the increase in the assessments does not much exceed that proposed for Group III.

Loni Kálbhár has now been placed in the same group as its neighbour Phursangi ; it is a prosperous canal village. Phursangi is perhaps lightly let off with $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas in the rupee, but in view of its revenue history it is not proposed to raise it in the grouping. Of its occupied area only 12 per cent. receives canal water and it should not be grouped above Loni Kálbhár.

In Group V, Phulgaon, Kesnand, Kolawdi and Kásársai have been raised in the grouping; they were placed low at the last settlement to avoid heary increases. Bhare, Mulkhed, Chánde, Naygaon, Tarde and Alandi also come into this group : the first three are situated similarly to Kásarsai, and the last three group with Phulgaon, Kesonand and Kolawdi. Alandi, although not under the canal, is a very good village. It may be objected that the rate of increase, $4 \frac{1}{2}$ annas in the rupee, for Phulgaon, Kesnand, Kolawdi, Naygaon, Tarde, Alandi and Kásársai exceeds the 25 per cent. levied in Group III, but it is impossible to avoid differences of this kind. The new rate for these villages, Rs. 2-4, compares favourably with the new rate of Rs. 3-2 in Group III.

The increases in the assessments of the two groups will be :-
Group IV.-Soil excluding rice, 23.2 per cent.; soil including rice, $23 \cdot 3$. per cent.

Group V.-Soil excluding rice, 25.6 per cent. ; soil including rice, 26.4 per cent.

Group Vİ.—Proposed maximum dry-orop rate Rs. 2 :-

| Prosent Group. | Present Maximam dry-crop rate. | Tnorease in anness por rapee. | Villages |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\nabla-a & \bullet \cdots \\ \nabla 1 \sim a\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Rs. } & \text { as. } \\ 2 & 0 \\ \text { minus } & \frac{1}{8} \\ 1 & 12 \\ \text { minus } \frac{1}{6} \end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{8}+0 \text { annas. } \\ & \frac{1}{5}+2 \frac{1}{2} \text { annas } \end{aligned}\right.$ | Kalyán, Khémgaon, Wadadre, Ghera Sinhgad, Sonápar, Jámbli. Vinzhar. | Málkhed, |

The creation of this group is necessary to accommodate the remnants of the Sinhgad region; it is proposed that these villages should in future pay 20 per, cent. more on dry-crop lands by abolishing the one-sixth deduction. Vinzhar has been raised to this group; it has now an excellent road to the bazar town of Nasrapur on the Saitarra road and is a large flourishing place. The total inorease on all soils, including rice, will be 27.9 per cent.

Group VII.-Proposed maximum dry-crop rate Rs. 1-14:-


Total increase in dry-crop assessment, 17 per cent. Antroli is near the bazar town of Vele in Bhor State.

- The new rate may be compared with that of Rs. 1-10 in the adjoining villages of the Bhimthadi Taluka, which was resettled in 1911-12. It may be assumed that the Haveli villages have à somewhat better rainfall.

Groups VI and VII cannot be combined without needless trouble. An increase to Rs. 2 is too much for the eastern villages in Group VII. In Group VI all the villages, except Vinzhar, already have the rates calculated and the survey papers completed on the Rs. 2 soale, as explained below, and an alteration of one ann in the rupee need not be considered.

Group VIII.-Proposed maximum dry-crop rate Rs. 1-9.
Villages.-Burkegaon, Siraswádi, Biwari, Ashtápur, Pimpri Sándas, Sángwi Sändas, and Hingangaon all at present rated at Rs. 1-6. Increase two annas in the rupee; equal to $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

In this group the harvests fail frequently and communications are inferior. The poor communications can easily be exaggerated however. In the report on the Sirur Tajluka the considerable traffic between Talegaon and Uruli station across the rivers Bhima and Mula-Mutha has been mentioned; the MulaMutha, except when in flood, is not the formidable obstacle which it may appear on the map to be.

The new rate, Rs. 1-9, may be compared with that of Rs. 1-8 proposed for most of the villages of the Sirur Taluka, which are further east and north. 'Of the villages immediately to the east in Bhimthadi Táluka, which were rated in 1911-12 at Rs. 1-6 and Rs. 1-10, only two of the latter aye on the north side of the river. For situation the Haveli villages should be compared with the Bhimthadi villages rated at Rs. 1-6; the Haveli villages have probably some advantage in rainfall. It may be argued that on its recent revenue history the increase in this group is large, but the revenue history would have been the same, that is suspensions and remissions under the rules would have been on the same scale proportionate to the demand; whatever the maximum dry crop rate might have been. Despite the statistics, I consider that this group can bear the increase now proposed.
36. The old and new groups and rates are compared in the following table:-

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In the " $a$ " villages the assessments have been calculated in the survey papers at the full sanctioned rates; the one-sixth deduction is shown separately; in mixed numbers, for example, dry-crop and rice, it is calculated and shown on the total assessment only. At the new settlement the increases will be made by abolishing the one-sixth concession (which is the same as adding one-fifth to the assessments actually levied at present) and making the necessary additions, if any, to the full rates of $1890-91$. Thus an entry like $\frac{1}{5}+4$ annas in the last column of the statement means that 4 annas in the rupee is added not to the present assessment as levied, but to the full sanctioned rates; the total increase is therefore not $(20+25)$ per cent. on the assessments now paid but $20+30=50$ per cent. $=8$ annas in the rupee.

Over the whole taluka the assessments affected by the changes in the drycrop rates, viz., jirait, motasthal and soil share of patasthal, which at present amount to Rs. $1,19,549$, will be increasel by Rs. 31,063 or $25 \cdot 9$ per cent. Of this increase, Rs. 4,200 is on account of the abolition of the one-sixth concession in 26 villages.
37. The following is the usual table showing the incidence of the proposed dry-crop assessments on current rents as shown in Appendices M-1 and M-4. There is no good reason why grass and grazing lands should be omitted from the statement; they have therefore been inoluded but shown separately:-


Explanation.-" Group I. "villages" means that the rent statistics are for two villages out of three villages which are in Group I of the current settlements and are included in the proposed Group I of the new settlement.

These figures can be used only as a rough check. It cannot be asserte. although they seem to show it, that if the maximum dry-crop rates proposed for Groups VII and VIII are accepted as suitable then the full proportionate rate for Group VI is Rs. 4. In Group III the inclusion of the grass lands of Wagholi and Lohogaon has materially reduced the percentage figure for the whole group.
38. Most of the patasthal assessment of the taluka has been abolished Pátasthal. under the orders of Government in G. R. No. 7323, dated 7th August 1914, R. D. The left hand side of Appendix $Q$ has been prepared after allowing for the effect of these orders. Two trifing changes more are now proposed (Appendix T). Thereafter pátasthal assessments will remain in only three villages Dhayri (settled in 1873-74), Khed Shivápur and Kondhwe Dhavda (settled in 1890-91). The assessments of the last two villages are calculated on a maximum rate of Rs. 8 for land and water combined. In Dhayri the water rate was imposed separately but on the three pats retained the result is practically the same as that given by the later system.

The assessments are practically on the same scale as in the Purandhar Taluka and they may be increased in the same ratio as for that taluka, viz., four annas in the rupee on the total assessment (land plus water).
39. The rice rates of the Poona District vary, on paper, a great deal and Rice rates. offer opportunity for so many questions that I have made a lengthy note on them in Appendix V.
In Haveli Táluka the rice land̉s of the 1873-74 and $1875-76$ settlements were classed under the Poona-Thana system and assessed at a maximum rate of Rs. 4 for villages near Poona and at Rs. 5 elsewhere. In the settlements of 1890-91 and 1894-95 rice lands were classed according to the rules of the Southern Maratha Country Survey and assessed at a maximum rate of Rs. 6.

It is not possible now to compare accurately the two sets of assessments with each other or with those prevailing elsewhere except by tests in the field. So far as I can judge the full assessments of 1890-91; without the deduction of one-sixth, are not higher than those of 1873-74 and are about the same level as the 1893-94 rice assessments in Purandhar. The note in Appendix V shows that on the basis of the revision of the rice rates of the Máwal Táluka in 1887-88 an increase of 25 per cent. or four annas in the rupee is a moderate increase on the rice lands of the 1873-74 (and 1875-76) settlements. It is the same general rate of increase as has been applied to the dry-crop lands of táluka, and as has been proposed for the rice lands of the Purandhar Táluka. I propose, therefore, that this increase should be made on the rice lands of the early settlements:

A 25 per cent. rise on the nominal maximum rate is too large for the rice lands of the 1890-91 and 1894-95 settlements, not because the new rate would be excessive, but because coupled with the abolition of the one-sixth deduction it would give a total increase greater than it is expedient to impose on so many villages at one settlement. I propose for these villages that, after the abolition of the one-sixth concession, the full rates should be increased by only two annas in the rupee. The total increase will be 35 per cent.

Even if there is any doubt about the increase in the price of rice since the introduction of the settlements it is clear from the selling and letting values of rice lands and from the discussion in Appendix $V$ that rice lands are underassessed and that the increases proposed are, reasonable.
40. The present revenue from all Government lands in the táluka is Rs. 1,28,369.
$\because$. The total increase proposed on all kinds' of land amounts to Rs. 33,743 or 26.3 per cent. of the present revenue. This is a moderate increment if the following facts are considered :
(1) The present underassessment of one-fourth of the Government villages on account of a concession amounting to Rs. 5,240 on all lands;
(2) the great benefit to the cultivators from the abolition of tolls on . the principal roads;
(3) the great and widespread prosperity connected with the Canals; and
(4) the increase in the market value of agricultural produce during the last 35 years.
41. The new settlement should be guaranteed ior the usual period of 30 years and the customary concessions in respect of increases exceeding four annas in the rupee should be given.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
R. D. BELL,

Assistant. Settlement.Officer, Poona.
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## APPENDIX A.

Statement showing rainfall recorded at Poona (Havelis), District Poona, for the years 1903-1913:

| Years | Early rain (ist Jamasry to 10th Aprij). |  | Ante Monsson (11th April to (th June). |  | Monsoon Kharif (6th June to 14th Augast). |  | Monsoon Rabi (15th Augost to 8tst October). |  | Late rains (29ad October to slat Deaember). |  | - Total |  | Remariss. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fell. | Raing daymi | Fall. | Raing days. | Fall. | Rainy day | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rainy } \\ & \text { daye. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | Raluy days. | Fall | Rainy dayio |  |
|  | Inches. | No. | Inchas, | No. | Inchea. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inohes. | No. |  |
| 1808. | 129 |  | $2 \cdot 35$ | 4 | 10.20 | 28 | 8.01 | 9 | ..1 | $\cdots$ | 88.49 | 40 |  |
| 1904 | $0 \cdot 45$ | 1 | $m$ | $\cdots$ | $4 \cdot 55$ | 18. | $8 \cdot 02$ | 13 | 2.73 | 2 | 1576 | 33 |  |
| 1805 | * | $\cdots$ | 2.45 | 4 | 11.88 | 18 | 3.30 | 10 | 0.38 | 1 | 17/43 | . 31 |  |
| 1808 | 0.08 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 11-68 | 91 | 6.50 | 18 | 0012 | 2 | 18.62 | 35 |  |
| 1907 * | 0.88 | 2 | 858 | $8{ }^{\circ}$ | 24.85 | 36, | 1984 | 15 | 0.04 | $\cdots$ | 41.40 | 61 |  |
| 1908 | $0 \times 3$ | 1 | ** | ... | 12.99 | 28 | $9 \cdot 15$ | 10 | 1.45 | 2 | $23 \cdot 38$ | 41 |  |
| 1909 | 003 | $\cdots$ | 400 | 7 | $8 \cdot 23$ | 24 | $4 \cdot 98$ | 14. | 0.07 | $\cdots$ | $18 \cdot 30$ | 45 |  |
| 1010 | ... | $\cdots$ | $0 \cdot 24$ | 1 | 1471 | 26 | 12.15 | 15 | 537 | 6 | 33.47 | 48 |  |
| 1911 | $\cdots$ | ". | $2 \cdot 58$ | 4 | $10 \cdot 33$ | 91 | 174 | 6 | 868 | 6 | . 17.84 | 85 |  |
| 1988 | -m, | $\cdots$ | 0.52 | 3 | 18.62 | 20 | $8{ }^{8} 0$ | 8 | 8.53 | 8 | $26 \cdot 9$ | 38 |  |
| 1913 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 8'80 | 7 | 18.48 | 20 | 4.58 | 14 | ** | $\cdots$ | 28.86 | 50 |  |
| Average | 0.29 | ." | $1 \cdot 77$ | 3 | 18.39 | 84 | 787 | 11 | 182 | 2 | 2ヶ24 | 41 |  |

Supplementary:


APPENDI
Details of cultivation and crops in the 104* Government villag

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of the Haveli Taluka of the Poona Oollectorate.


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## APPENDIX C.

Statement showing the villages in which the principal soeiklg Bazare are held is the Haveli Tálukä of the Poona Collectorate.


Details of population aomortimg to occupation by percentages for the Haveli Táhuka


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Details af population according to religion axd edueation in the Hsveli Talwka.


## APPENDIX F.

Statement showing the Agrigultural stock of the 104*Govermment Villages in the Haveli Taluka of the Poona Collectorate.

* Including Ämbegaon, now in Mulshi Pethon in .


Statement showing births and doaths in the 102 Governmént vitlages' (eäcluding Poona City,
Suburbs and Cantonments) of the Haveli Tátuka,PPoapg District,' for the yeara 1905 to 1914.


Statement showing shops, industries, etc., in 102 Governmint villages of the Haveli Thaluka, Poona District (Poona City is exclwded).

| Slopa. | Liquor | Hand inductripe. |  |  | - Mechanical power, |  |  |  | $\cdots$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Oil presses. | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Cotton } \\ =\text { looman } \end{array}$ | Woollen 100ma. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Suigar } \\ & \text { making } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Paper } \\ \text { making. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Diatil- } \\ & \text { lery. } \end{aligned}$ | Silk and | Others |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | $\theta$ | 9 | 10 |
| 284 | ${ }^{6}$ | *. 49 | 36 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 3: |

APPENDIX H.
Statement of Schools together with their average attendance in the year 1913.


Statement showing wellis, budkiz, tankseand, other sources of water-supply in the 104* Government villages of the Haveli Taikka of the Poona Collectorate for the years 1886-87 and. 1912-13.

* Inciuding Ambegaon, now in Mulohí Petha.



APPENDIX K.

Statement showing the selling-value of dry-crop bands in the Government villages of the Haveli TKiluka, Poona District.


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## APPENBIX K ${ }^{1}$-oontinued.





## APPENDIX K-concluded.



APPENDIX K ${ }^{(3)}$.
Statement showing the selling-value of rise lands in the Government Villages of the Haveli Taluka, Pooma District.


## APPENDIX K ${ }^{(8)}$ 。

Statement showing the selling-value of mixed dry-crop and ries lands in the Village of the Haveli Taluka, Pooma District.


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APPENDIX K ${ }^{(4)}$.
Statement showing the selling-value of grasing lands in the villages of the Haveli Tdiwka, Poona District.

| Sarial <br> No. in <br> Appan- <br> dix 9. | Name of villaga | Ares of land sold. | Assessment. | Sale-price. | No. of timen the asseas. ment represented by the price. | Remarks, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 18 \\ & 21 \\ & 34 \\ & 49 \\ & 63 \end{aligned}$ |  | A. g. 108 $10 \quad 87$ 4310 232 27 129 $45 \quad 18$ | Ra. an pr <br> 128 0 0 <br> 2 4 0 | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Bs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ \mathbf{7 , 7 6 0} & 0 & 0 \\ 200 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 83 | - Ascessment re duced by $\frac{2}{6}$. |
|  |  |  | 240 | 2000 | 80 |  |
|  |  |  | 1770 | 2,900 00 | 166 |  |
|  |  |  | 3900 | 4,150 | 106 |  |
|  |  |  | 8108 | 20000 | 55 |  |
|  |  |  | 1764 | 3,500 00 | 200 |  |
|  |  | 452 9 | 202110 | 18,700 00 | 84 |  |
|  |  | ...'.0. | + 081 |  |  | ty sidded to aasesmment Parwati. Parwati. |

## APPENDIX M ${ }^{(1)}$.

Statement showing leases of dryoerop lands in the Government villages of the
Haveli Täluka, Poona District.



APPENDIX ${ }^{(1)}$,-concluded. .


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APPENDIX $\mathrm{M}^{*}$.
Statement showing leases of rice lands in the Government Villages of the Haveli Táluka, Poona District.


Note on column 7-Rice varies in price according to quality.

## APPENDIX Ms.

Statement showing leases of mixed dry-crop and rice lands in the Government Fillages of the Haveli Täluka, Yoona District.


TYote on colamen 7--Rice varies in price according to quality.

APPENDIX M4.
Statement showing leases of grasing lands in the Government Villages of the Haveli Táluka, Poona District.


APPENDIX N.
Statement showing the prices prevalent in the Haveli Taluka from 1863-64 to 1913-14.


APPENDIX N-continued.

| Yeara | Seers per ruped (eear $=80$ tolan, chhatak $=5$ tolan). |  |  |  |  |  |  | Niger seed. | Rupees per mand of $\mathbf{4 0}$ searg. |  |
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|  | Jowari. | Bajai. | Ride cleaned. | Wheate | Gram. | Tur Lal. | Jagri. |  | Jowari kadbi. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dry } \\ \text { grass. } \end{gathered}$ |
| 1 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|  | B. ch. | S. ch. | S. ch. | A. ch. | E. ch. | S. ch. | S. che | S. oh, | H8. a. p. | Ro. as p. |
| 1898-94 | 176 | 1610 | 10. 2 | 11.10 | 1512 | 11.5 | 610 | 79 | 085 | 01010 |
| 1894-95 ... | 185 | 1414 | 109 | 1818 | 169 | 107 | 94 | *** | 000 | 0109 |
| 1896 (9 months | 208 | 168 | 1013 | 1315 | 45 | 10. 1 | 815 | ** | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 8 & 8\end{array}$ | 0102 |
| 1896 | 165 | 187 | 910 | 113 | 122 | 10.7 | 713 | *** | 0105 | 0125 |
| 1897 । | 913 | 815 | 7.6 | 70 | 79 | 6.10 | 59 | ** | 166 | 146 |
| 1898 | 1514 | 14.7 | 95 | 96 | 121 | 85 | 56 | $\cdots$ | 0911 | 096 |
| 1899 | 1412 | 1218 | 97 | 98 | 121 | 915 | 76 | 915 | 114 | 01411 |
| 1900 | - 813 | 88 | 77 | 72 | 815 | 73 | 68 | 714 | 1131 | 120 |
| 1901 | 142 | 180 | 90 | 78 | $11 \cdot 70$ | 75 | 56 | 612 | 01811 | 0910 |
| 1908 | 146 | 1314 | 95 | 810 | 1811 | 911 | 78 | 613 | 0117 | 0811 |
| Averages | 150 | 135 | 95 | 100 | 129 | 92 | 70 | 713 | 01311 | 0127 |
| 1908 -** | 211 | 1810 | 98 | 95 | 14.8 | 94 | 715 | 910 | 01011 | 0102 |
| 1904 | 206 | 181 | 91 | 118 | 1511 | 1013 | 515 | 105 | 122 | 018 5 |
| 1905 -0. | 1518 | 1214 | 96 | 1113 | 139 | 918 | 512 | 101 | 100 | 01310 |
| 1906 | 1118 | $10 \quad 9$ | 81 | 85 | 1014 | 86 | 515 | 84 | 144 | 0145 |
| 1907 | 1310 | 1311 | 710 | 81 | 120 | 7 IL | 512 | 70 | 105 | 0110 |
| 1908 ** | 115 | 915 | 618 | 72 | 810 | 67 | 57 | 56 | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 3\end{array}$ | 0150 |
| 1909 | 141 | 1211 | 89 | 715 | 1013 | 78 | 512 | 618 | 157 | 01211 |
| 1910 | 1813 | 132 | 812 | 810 | 436 | 94 | 55 | 81 | 1146 | 0131 |
| 1911 | 137 | 116 | 714 | 818 | 142 | 1018 | 52 | 613 | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 6\end{array}$ | 1010 |
| 1918 | 105 | 810 | 58 | 71 | 187 | 7 14 | 510 | 415 | 305 | 1116 |
| 1918 | 1010 | 10.4 | 58 | 712 | 117 | 618 | 59 | 514 | 1011 | 107 |
| Averages *-. | 148 | 12.11 | 713 | 812 | 127 | 810 | 513 | 79 | 1511 | 0150 |
| 2914 .. | 1114 | 106 | 611 | 711 | 88 | 64 | 59 | 57 | 154 | 0119 |
| 1915 | 1512 | 118 | ** | ** | -." | uns |  | ** | 175 | ** |

## APPENDIX $0^{1}$.

Collections of Assessment on Government and Inam lands in 74 villages of the Haveli Taluka, Poona Distriet, in whick a Revision Survey Settlement was introduced in the year 1873-74.

Colamn $2=$ Colamns $8+4+6$.


The villages to which this Appendix relates are:-

| 1. | Ghorpadi. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. | Wanawdi. |
| 8. | Bhambuxds. |
| 4. | Bapodi. |
| 5. | Kothrud. |
| 6. | Hingne Budrak. |
| 7. | KondhvetKhard, |
| 8. | Hsdapsar. |
| 9. | Mundhwe |
| 10. | Nanded. |
| 11. | Ménjxi Budrak. |
| 12. | Bawdhan Khurd |
| 18. | Shiwne. |
| 14. | GorhejBudrak. |
| 15. | Khadakwásla, |
| 16. | Nandorhi. |
| 17. | Dhayri. |
| 18. | Narhe. |
| 19. | AmbegroniBudruk. |


| 20. | Dhankawdi. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 81. | Kondhve Budrok. |
| 22. | Pisoli. |
| 23. | Mahsmadwedi. |
| 24. | Wadgaon Sheri. |
| 25. | Kharadi. |
| 26. | Wágholi. |
| 27. | Lohogron. |
| 28. | Dhenori. |
| 29. | Dighi, |
| 30. | Pimple Nilayh. |
| 81. | Dadulgaon. |
| 32. | Gorhe Khasd. |
| 88. | Undari. |
| 34. | Wadki. |
| 85. | Phursangi. |
| 86. | Balewadi. |
| 87. | Mahalange. |
| 88. | Nande. |


| 89. | Maranjit |
| :---: | :---: |
| 40. | Panamlo. |
| 41. | Thergaon. |
| 42. | Kiwle. |
| 43. | Mamurti. |
| 44. | Bhakum. |
| 45. | Bhawdi. |
| 46. | Munjri K huni. |
| 47. | Loni Kalbhir. |
| 48. | Mendvi Budruk. |
| 49. | Mindvi Khard. |
| 50. | Bhare. |
| 51. | Mulkhed. |
| 52. | Arwi. |
| 53. | Eáhatawde |
| 54. | Phalgaon. |
| 55. | Kesnand. |
| 56. | Kolswdi. |
| B7 | Naygaon. |


| 58. | Tarde |
| :---: | :---: |
| 59. | Alandi. |
| 60. | Kasarrai. |
| 61. | Dongargaon. |
| 62. | Wadebolai. |
| 68. | Koregaon Mal. |
| 64. | Bhawrapur. |
| 65. | Khamgaon Tek. |
| 66. | Shindawne. |
| 67. | Walta. |
| 68. | Burkegsom. |
| 69. | Siraswadi. |
| 70 | Biwari. |
| 71. | Anhtípur. |
| 72. | Pimpri. |
| 73. | 8ungwi. |
| 74. | Hingangaon: |

## 57 <br> APPENDIX 0*.

Collections of Assessment on Government and Inám lande in 3 villages of the Haveli Taluka, Pooma District, in which a Revision Survey Settlement soas introduced in the year 1875-76.

Column $2=$ Columns $3+4+6$.


The villages to which this Appendix relates are:-

1. Hingne. I $\quad$ Kopre. | 3. Katraj.

## APPENDIX $0^{3}$.

Collections of Assessment on Government and Inám lands in 25 villages of the Haveli Táluka, Poona District, in whick a Revision Survey Settlement soas introduced in the year 1890-91.

Column $2=$ Colomne $3+4+6$.


The villages to which this Appendix relates are:-

| 1. Nisbat Mali. | 8. | Nirgudi. | 15. | Kondhanp | 22. | Sonapur. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Nisbat Manjeri. | 9. | Khed Shiv́pur | 16. | Khanápor. | 23. | Jambli. |
| 4. Parwati. | 10. | Donja. | 17. | Kslyán. | 24. | Vinzhar. |
| 5. Poons City. | 11. | Aglambe. | 18. | Khámgàn. | 25. | Antroli. |
| B. Kondhwe Dhawia. | 12. | Bahuli. | 19. | Wadadre. |  |  |
| 7. Wadgaon Shind. | 14. | Loni Kand. | 20. | Malkhed. |  |  |

## APPENDIX $0^{4}$

Colleclions of dssessment on Government and Imán lands, in the village of Sangrun of the Haveli Taluka, Poma District, in which an original Survey Setllement woas introduced in the year 1894-95.

Column 2=Columne $3+4+6$.


Effect of Revision Settlement proposale

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on Government occupied land.


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## APPENDIX $Q^{(1)}$.

Statement showing the population, area and assessment of Government unoccupied land in the Llaveli Taluka of the Poona District.


## APPENDIX R.

The correspondence relating to 74 villages has been printed in Government Selection No. CLI, that relating to 25 villages in Government Selection No. CCXXXVIII, that relating to one village in Government Selection No. CCLXXXI, and that relating to 3 villages is printed below. Ambegaon, referred to in the following correspondence, is now ineluded in Mulshi Petha.

No. 57 of 1875.
From

> R. B. PITT, Esquiri, Acting Assistant Settlement Officer, $$
\begin{array}{l}\text { Revenue Survey and Assessment ; }\end{array}
$$

To
Colongl E. L. TAVERNER, Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, P. and N.

Camp, Peit, 8th April 1875.

Sir,
In compliance with the request contained in your Mahratta Sherayadee No. 43, dated the 3rd of February last, I have now the honour to submit English and Mabratta statements showing the revenue, remissions and collections according to Pratbandi during the 10 years preceding 1873-74, and for the latter year, as well as the proposed revised rates for each kind of cultivation for the four Government villages of (1) Hingna Khard; (2) Kátraj, (3) Kopra, and (4) Ambegaon belonging to the Haveli Taluka
2. The first three villages are situsted from four to nine miles south of Poona, and the last-named is a boundary village some sixteen miles to the west of Poona, bordering on the Pant Sucheo's estate.
3. I also beg to submit reports for each village. Nos, 1, 2 and 3, I may mention, were classed under the superintendence of the late Mr. E. A. Francis, and Ambegaon by ny establishment during the past field season.
4. The present settlement was introduced into the above villages in 1843-44, and the term of the 30 years' lease expired therefore in 1873-74.
5. Revised rates of assessment were introduced into the greater portion of the HaveliTaluka in 1872-73 by Colonel W. Waddington, the Superintendent of Survey, and as he bas folly treated upon every subjeot regarding the district in his Report No. 840, dated the 30th November 1872, it is hardly necessary for me to add any further remarks or observations than those already so ably made by him. I have, however, endeavoured to give as much information as possible with the material at my disposal in the annexed reports and statements and I have no doubt they will enable you to fix for these villages the respective class of the district to which they naturally belong.
6. A statement giving the names of the villages surrounding the four into which revised rates have now to be introduced with their present rates, and the rates proposed for introduction, is annesed. As these rates were fixed by yourself, I need not offer my explanation as to their suitability, but will leave it for you to do so in your report to the Survey and Settlement Commissioner. I would, however, respectfully state that it occurs to me that "Ambegaon" being much inferior to the other villages, especially as regards road communication, should have a somewhat lower rate than Rs. 2-12-0 fixed for the other three.
7. You will observe from the village Report of (3) Kopra that there is a considersble difference between the total Mamal and Revision acres. This is batiefactorily aocounted for from the fact of a portion of the village lands having been merged (inolading the Mhar's Inam) in the works connected with the Kurukwasla Lake.
8. In conclusion, I have the honour to add that my report, with its accompanying statements, was ready for despatch some time ago, but the alterations in the rates for Guddee entailed by your Mabratts Sherayadee No. 88, dated 19th February 1875, have delayed it until the present date.

I have, \&c.,
(Signed) R. B. PITT,
Acting Assislant Settlement Officer, Revenue Survey and Assesment.

Statement gining details reqarding the total Revenue, Remissions and Collections according to Pratbandi contrasted with the proposed Revised Survey Rates in 4 Gopernment villages of Taluka Haveli, Zilla Poona.

(Signed) R. B. PITT,

Camp Peit, Poona District, 8th April 1875.

Acting Assistant Settlement Officer,
Revenue Survey and Assessment.

Contrasted statement of the number of Houses, Inhabitants, Wells, Cattle, scr., in 4 Government Viblages of Taluka Havel: according to the Census taken in 1841-42 and in 1872-73-74.

(Signed) R. B. PITT,

Camp Peit, Poona District, 8th April 1875.

Acting As istant Settlement Officer, Reveaue Survey and Assessment.

Statement showing the sames and present maximum rates of villages surrounding the wndermentioned villages for which rates ars novo proposed.


## From

Lieut.-Colonel E. L. TAVERNER,<br>Acting Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment;

To
Colonel J. FRANCIS,
Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D.
Camp Ambegaon, 17th April 1875.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward, for the sanction of Government, the accompanying 1. Hingna Khurd. Revision Settlement Report from Assistant Settlement Officer

1. Hingna: Khurd.
2. Katraj.
3. Ambegaon.

Mr. Pitt for four villages as per margin of the Haveli Táluka which were originally settled in $1843-44$, and of which the 30 years' lease has consequently expired.
2. The first three villages lie south of and within easy range of Poona, and their maximum rates have been determined by those finally sanctioned by Government in Resolution No. 2852, dated 5th June 1874, on Colonel Waddington's final Revision Report No. 314, dated 18ti April 1874, on a portion of the Haveli Taluka for the surrounding and similarly situated villages.
3. The Jirayit rates of the 4 th village that of Ambegaon should be calculated at a maximum rate of hs. 2-4-0, 8.e., at the rate sanctioned by Government for the adjoining village of Bhare and its adjacent village of Malkhed. The maximum rate of Rs. 2-12-0 was at first fixed by me under the mistaken impression that a village of Anabegran adjavent to that of Katraj was the Ambegaon included in the Acting Assistant Settlement Oficer's report.
4. It would have been better had the Acting Assistant Settlement Officer included the items of the former cultivation acreage as well as those of the former assessment in the body of the statement which accompanies his report. He has, however, submitted that details in a separate village report, which I forward for your information, with a request that it may be returned when no longer required.

- 5. This report should have been submitted by the Acting Assistant Settlement Officer at a much earlier date. With regard to the excuss for the delay put forward in paragraph 8 of the report, viz., the order for the reduction of the maximum rice rate from Rs. 6 to Rs. 5, which was given by me on finding that the latter was the maximum rate that had actually been applied in the taluka, it should have delayed the preparation of the Acting Assistant Settlement Officer's statement by about half an hour.

6. The first revision settlement of the Haveli Táluka dates from 1873-74 to 1902-03. Should there therefore be time to introduce the rates for $1874-75$, that is, during the current season, the lease would be for 29 years otherwise for 28 years only. Should it be decided to introduce the rates this season kindly oblige me by giving the Acting Assistant Settlement Officer direot instructions to that effect, as the field season is now approaching its conclusion.

## I have, \&ce,

(Signed) E. L. TAVERNER, Limut-Colonel, Acting Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment.

$$
\text { No. } 596 \text { or } 1875 .
$$

## Revenue Department: Poona, 24th April 1875:

The accompanying. report and sitatements show the rates proposed for four villages of the Haveli Taluka which were not brought under settlement at the General Revision Settlement of that District owing to their lease not having been expired.
2. The rates have been assimilated to those applied in adjoining villages. The villages will come under the third or Rs. 2-12-0 group of the District; with the exception of Ambegaon, for which the Acting Saperintendent has fixed a Rus. 2-4-0 maximum. It was put under the Rs. 2-12-0 rate, at first under the mistaken supposition that it was the village of Ambegaon near Katraj, for which rates were proposed instead of the Ambegaon bordering on the Hant Sacheo's State, for which a Ris. 2-4-0 maximum is the appropriate rate.
3. The increase is moderate and within the prescribed limit, being under 50 per cent. in all cases. There seems no resbon to defer the introduction of these rates till the general revision of the settlement of the district according to Government Resolution No. 5739, dated 28th October 1874, as their assessment. will not be affected by the ruling in that Resolution.
4. I regret to notice that the Acting Superintendent has to complain of delay on the part of the Assistant Settlement Officer in preparing the report on the rates for these villages.
(Signed) J. T. FRANCIS, Colonrl,
Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D.
(Through the Revenue Commissioner, S. D.)

No. 1268 op 1875.
Camp, Mahabaleshwar, 29th April 1875.
Forwarded to the Collector of Poona for̀ early report and opinion.
(Signed) E. OLIIPHANT,
Acting Revenue Commissioner, S. D.

## No. 851 or 1875.

To
The Reverue Commissioner, S. D.
Tonavla, 4th May 1875.
Sir,

1. Hingna Khurd.
2. Ḱtraj.
3. Kopra.
4. Ambegaon

Referring to your Memorandum No. 1268 of the 29th ultimo on the Revision Settlement proposed for the four villages in the Haveli Taluka noted in the margin, I have very few remarks to offer.
2. The zates have been assimilated to those applied to the adjoining villages, and will, I presume, again be subject to revision with respect to individual khatas under the orders contained in Government Resolution No. 5739 of 28th October 1874.
3. The only doubt I have is with respect to Ambegaon: This village is situated among the hills to the west of Poona, about three miles .to the south-east of Paud, and at some distance from the Poona and Paud road.
4. The means of communication with Poona are not very good, but it is neverthelcas placed in the same class with Lonikalbhor, Manjri Khard and Kesnand, all of which being situated in an open part of the country are easily accessible by means of the two metalled roads leading to Nagar and Sholapar at all times of the year.
5. For these reasons 1 would recommend that Ambegaon be transferred from the fifth to the sixth class, the maximum rate to be Rs, 2 instead of Rs. 2-4-0.

I have, sco., (Signed) G. NORMAN,

Collector.

## Mbyorandum No. 1366 of 1875.

## Revenue Department :

Oamp Mahábaleshwor, 17th May 1875.

- The papers as per margin regarding the revised assessment propored to be introduced

Poonà Collector's letter No. 851, dated 4th May 1875.
Colonel Francis'-memorandum No. 596, dated 24th April 1875.
Colonel Taverner's letter No. 385. dated 17th April 1875.
Mr. Pitts' letter'No. 57 , dated 8th April 1875, and its accompanying
etatements.
in (4) four villages of the Haveli Táluka are forwarded for the decision of Government.
4. These fonr villages noted on the margin could not be brought under re-settlement 1. Hingma Khard.
leases had not expired.
3. The undersigned has no objections to urge acgainst the proposals of the Survey Department except in the case of Ambegaon, regarding which village be concurs with the Collector for the reasons given in the 4th paragraph of his report.

No. 2984.

## Revende Department.

Bombay Castle, 25th May 1875.

- Memorandum from the Commissioner, s: D., No. 1366, dated 7th May 1875Submitting, with his remarks, papers containing proposals for the revision of the assessment of the four villages of the H aveli Taluka of the Poona Collectorate, noted in the margin, the lease of which has recently expired.


## Hingue Klhard.

Kátraj.
$K$ opra and $\Delta$ rabegaon.

Resondition.-The proposals for these four villages mado by the Survey Department may be sanctioned. Ambegaon need not be reduced in its maximum rate below Rs. 2-1-0, as the increase at that rate only amounts to 30 per cent. The rates should not be introduced pending the receipt of the final orders of Government on the permanent reductions of assessment to be made in the Haveli and other tálukas in Poona and Sholápur.

> (Signed) E. JAMES,

- for Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 418 op 1876.

## Frum

Lifut.-Colonel E. L. TAVERNER,
Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment;
To
Colonel J. Francis,
Survey and Settiement Commissioner.

Sir,

1. Katraj.
2. Hiagna Khurd.
3. Kapra.
4. Ambegaon.

I have the honour to forward a statement showing the final result of the introduction of the revised Survey rates into the four isolated villages as per margin of Taluka Haveli of the Poona Collectorate.
2. The Revision Settlement report on these 4 villages was. drawn up by Assistant Settlement Officer, Mr. Pitt (No. 57, dated 8th April 1875), and forwarded with my letter No. 335, dated 17th April 1875. The rates weré sanctioned under Government Resolution No. 2984, dated 25th May 1875, which stated that they should not be introduced pending the reecipt of final orders of Government on the permanent reductions of assessment to be made in the Haveli Táluka. They were therefore first aubjected to a reduction under the provisions of Government Resolution No. 6517, dated 22nd. November 1875, after which the settlement was introduced by the Assistant Settlement Officer to take effect from the year 1875-76.
3. The revision eettlement year of the Haveli Táluka dates from 1873-74, vide page 573 of the Government Gazette of 1874. The duration of the lease for these villages will consequently be for 28 years from $1875-76$ to $1902-1903$ and the accompanying notification has been prepared accordingly.

I have, \&c.,
(Signed) E. L. TAVERNER, Lieut.-Colonel,
Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Poona and Násik.

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## - APRENDIX T. -

Patasthal to be abolished.

1. Loni Kálbhár, Survey No. 2, W'ater Cess, Rs. 85-8-0.-The flow has been greatly increased by leakage from the Canal and the Irrigation Department will charge under Section 48, Irrigation Act. The Collector has agreed to the proposal submitted by the Executive Engineer for Irrigation, Poona District, in his No. 2296, dated 12th March 1915.
2. Khed Shivapur, Survey No. 144, Water Cess, Rs. 28.-The number does not receive water as it is at the tail of the channel.

APPENDIX U.
Summary of recorded crop experiments made in the Haveli Táluka, Poona District.

|  |  |  | Average por acre. |  |  |  |  | Pricos of Produce por rupee. |  | Remarke, |
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|  |  |  |  |  | Ret at 9 . |  |  | Seer | Soers |  |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { Mr. J. Mollisgon } \\ \text { Spperintendent on } \\ \text { Farms, Bopodi. }\end{array}\right.$ | Sugarcane (Pundia) sort and j1etilarch 1502 | 18 | $\begin{aligned} & 7,189 \\ & \mathbf{G u l} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,0,06 \\ & \text { Fresb } \\ & \text { fops } \end{aligned}$ | 485 5 0 | 168 |  | $\begin{gathered} 18 \\ \text { Gul } \end{gathered}$ | 1 |  |
| 2 Do. | ugareane (Pandia), 10th april 1 seg . | $18$ |  | 3,580 Fresh topa. | $\begin{array}{llll} 388 & 9 & 2 \end{array}$ | 2104 |  | $\mathrm{Gul}^{173}$ | 5 | Same orop on black soil In good heart on which gromdnat was raised in the previons year, 40 curts poudrette per sere were applied betore, plantion. the Mutha Canal in May aud June and the crops suffered in oon-equence. It had to be harrested a month too soou for this reseon. Crop estimated at 18 annas. This ebimute is in comparison with actual retarns from similar land undor the ligh cultivation practised near Poona. Two-thirds of the tops fed to the bullocks working in the mill and not valuet. |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Mr. F. W.. T. Bag } \\ \text { nell, Assistant Caj } \\ \text { lector, Parvati. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Spiked Millet(Beajri), } \\ \text { ynd } \\ \mathbf{1 8 9 3} \text {. November } \end{gathered}$ | 18 | 908 | 3,476 | $5915 \quad 3$ | 1155 | 6.65 | 334 | 11 | Bujri on fairly good soll, partly blaok and partly bhurkhad, var,ing in depin from 8 to 2 s inches, Rotation:-12) Grouudnut, (9) Bejifi and Gram (irrisated) and (8) do. Rain not quite seasonable; but cultivation good. Yield more than bumper according to the furmula. |
| Int. T. W. Mollismon, Baperintendput of Yarms, Hadapmar. | Ref onions ( Kanda). Fih May legh | 17 | 26,974 |  | $14782$ | 148 | 083 | 183 | $\cdots$ | Fed onions on by far the beat portion of mixod bitatk soil manared with 36 earts per acre of farm yard manure before bowing and growing chilliea and fodder jownri doriug the last tro years. About 7 carta of the aame manurs agnin uged as top dreasing after trausplantation. Seacon good; and tillage careful. Crop irrigated $1 z$ times fromi a woll at an interval of 7 or 8 dayl between each watering. Soed rate compared to the fommulw. (S lbe. per serel, very higb and the outturn over ${ }^{3}$ timea the sulne atandard. |
| 6 Máajri Budrak ... | Sugarcane (Pondia) 271 F 1894 | 14 | 71,980 | $\begin{aligned} & 9,980 \\ & \text { tops } \end{aligned}$ | $53812 \quad 0$ | $149$ | $0 \cdot 28$ | $\cdots$ |  | Suparcane, Pandia, on mediam black soil growing: (1) Capsioum and (2) muize during the provious 2 years. Land heavily dressed with 25 tons of farm yand manare per acre before sowing nud a - top dressing of 2,400 lbs. per sare of lish manure a plied when crop was montha plantod. Crop irrigated 24 times irum the Khadakwasla canal. Figuroin column 5 givee the weight of canes ; the produce was not us usual, turbed into gul, but purclussed standing to turnish seta for planting. Column 7 includea de. 58 12-0 the cost of antting and stripping the aane and forming sete, stripped leaves left on the fleld accomini to agroenent. One ucre of cane mate found afflilent to give suts for planting 11 acres. |
| - Mr. H W. T. Bagnell, Aseistant Cole lector, Loni Kalbhur. | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { Spiked } & \text { Millet } \\ \text { (BAjri), 7th } & \text { Nov- } \\ \text { (ember } \mathbf{i 8 9 t} \end{array}$ | 12 | 828 | 3,28) | 15157 | $162$ | 8'67 | 37 | 58 | Bajjri aumanured on Kharvat Chopan soil, growing montly bujri but oceasionally jowxiri. Field lay fallow in 1892.88. Raiffull sutilctent and seationable but cultivation indifferent, crop 24 aunas according to the formulen. |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { : Mr. H. W. T. Bag. } \\ \text { nell, Assistant Col. } \\ \text { ector, Bhanburda. } \end{gathered}$ | Bpiked Millot(Byjri) with great millat (Hundi Jowarri) 30th Octobar 1895. | 10 | $\begin{aligned} & 672 \\ & 121 \end{aligned}$ | 8,040 | $2410$ | $175$ |  |  | 73 | Bejrl mired with jowarl on mixed black soil dressud with 30 curte per acre of cowduag and growing spparontly bajri and gram every year. Sieacuu anit tillage fair. Beed rate every hing. Oatturn represente abont maximum of the formala. Quantity of manure said to have been applied of very doubtful accuracy. |
| Mr. G. F Kestloge, AssintantColleotor, Dhayri. | Bioo (sal), 3 nd Xor enibar 1001. | 8 |  | 10,000 | 68120 | 5111 | $7 \cdot 4$ | 807 | 78 | Dritted ree on a low lying light coil field reedntly onnverted into rice land, manured every othor yesr with a out 80 carte of cowduag, rublish and ashes and growing the crome followod by gram when seaton favourable. Formerly it grew jowirl or bajrifollowed by gram. Tillage fairly good. Seamon favourable and the orop, slightly absisted by irtigntion from a nejghbruring atranat gave an excellcor yield more than equal to that obtained for a full crop from pianted rice. Luctdeave on flrat arup oul). |

APPENDIX D－continuel．

|  | Vilige snd Experimenter． | Cropand Date of Experiment． | －suutur ui eqemyma［ezon | Average per zere |  |  |  |  | Prices of Produce per rapes |  | Remarka． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Yield of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 总 | 莒 莒 家 |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 若 } \\ & \text { 品 } \\ & \text { 自 } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | $7{ }^{\circ}$ | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Dorje | Rice（821），8rd Nor－ cmber 1：02． | 10 | 2，265 | 6，000 | Re．a p．  <br> 45 5  | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Re．a } \\ 1 & 8 & p\end{array}$ | 3．80 | 698 | 73 | Whmanared and onirigerted r．janted rice on mond blackish soil growing the same orop overy $y$ tiak． Ged grawn in a bed of 4 gontbas which was rabod as usual and which furntsbed soedinge sutbicient for an acre of traneplantation．Tillaze fair： season moderate；Outiara good though lower that in the above tert． |
|  | Gorho Budrak ．．． |  | 10 | 468 | 2，500 | 27130 | $089$ | $1 \cdot 88$ | 86 | 1 | Kharit jowari on anirignted and unmanared atones mal soll of fair quality growing bajri and Jowari if alternate gears．Thlarge fair，geason fairiy gand Seed rate not ascertained．Ou＇turn fair．Kadbi valued ratber high（e）Re．is per sure．The fell contained a aprifitling of hemp which wan nos teasted． |
| 11 | Mr．P．E．Molta Depaty Director of Agricultare， dupar． dipa |  | 12. | 1，875 | $2,8,0$ | $91103$ | $149$ | $1 \cdot 4$ | 19 | 24 | Irrigated bakshi wheat as a second crop aiter udiji on medinm black soll liberaliy manuted with il tons of farmyard manare per acre．Crol frigatal 5 times by means of an oll eugine which lifte witer from a pond to which canal water is let in．Tiflipe good and mer：son favourable．Outturn exceilent Seed rate high．Jacidence on tha second cron only． |
|  | Mr．F．Ander＜on， Afsistant Collector Moshi． | Potato，16tt March 1008． | 8 . | 4，040 |  | 97 8 | 0148 | $0 \cdot 0 \pm$ | $2 \boldsymbol{4}$ |  | Potatoes poder well irrimation in dark reddifl brown soil，manure with30 cart loads of cow dung persere．The crop was irrigated 8 timen month．Twocrops are taken ench year，bat actus notation is not atated by experimenter．The are aralable was only 23 gunthás．Experiznenta gives（1）insufficient manure，（2）overwateritg （3）beglecting to earth up growing crop，at reason for yield being somerbat low，The teat we carefally womlacted． |
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## APPENDIX V.

## Rice Rates in Haveli.

At the Settlement of 1879-74, rice lands in the Haveli Taluka were assessed at a maximum rate of Rs. 4 for villages round Pooua (Vadgaon Sheri, Dhanori, Dighi, Lohogann, Wágholi, Undari, Punawle, Kescand, Wadebolai and Siraswadi) and at Rs. 5 in the west "where," to quote Colonel Francis, "the rainfall is heavier and cultivation better." The classification was made according to the schemé known as the Poona-Thána scale on soil and water advantages combined. I have been unable to trace the classers' scale as applied in the Haveli Sarvey of 1873-74 and bave found but a doubtful copy of the "jantri". or table giving the rates of assessment for different qualities of rice land.
2. After the amalgamation of the two offices of Survey and Settlement Commissioner in 187778 the rules of the Southern Maratha Country Survey were followed in tine. Decsan in revising the classification and assessment of rice lands; this appears to have been done mainly to secure a general uniformity of practice. The seale under these Rules was originally prepared for dealing with rice lands in tank districts and had six water classes and five intermediate or half-classes. The two highest water classes apply virtually only to lands with a water supply sufficient to grow sugarcane, and they are. practically never found where irrigation from tanks or streams is not available. "Practically the eight rupees maximum applied by the Southern Marátha Country scale is not higher than the five rupees maximum applied hy the Poona-Thana scale." (Vide Mr. Ozanne's report on::Máwal Táluka in Government Selection No. CCXI.)
3. In the Revision Sottlements effected after 1877-78 the riee lands in the Poona District were reclassified accorcing to the new Rules. Thus in the 35 villages of the Purandhar Taluka resettled in 1879-80 rice lands were assessed on an eight rupees scale under the Southern Marátha Country Survey Rules. I have been unable to ascertain exactly how the rules were applied or what the precise effect of their application was, The "jantris" have not been traced and the remarks in the Settlement Report regarding the effect of the scale are ambiguous.
4. An eight rupees rate was also applied under the same Rules in the revision settlement of the Junnar Taluka. Mr. Stewart, the Settlement Commissioner, then wrote of it (Government Selection No. CCV) :-"In this scale there are six classes of water advantages, from the plentiful and perennial supply, which will enable sugarcane to be produced, down to simple rainfall without drainage from the bills. In a country like western Junnar with the spplication of this scale thesattainment of anything approaching maximum rate of eight rapees is utterly impossible. The two first classes of water advantages do not exist, the third and fourth are but rarely attained, while the great proportion of lands come under the fifth and sixth classes, it being so arranged that the sixth class 'water advantages combined with the best soil should only tske a rate equal to the maximum dry crop rate of the village. While I consider that this water classification scale is well suited for inland rice tracts where the rainfall is uncertain, I do not think it suitable for the Ghat country of Junnar where there is a heavy sainfall and the relative value of lands dependent apon the fall alone is consequently greater. I think that the scale which has been applied to the western districts of Sátíra and which is less elaborate, embracing only four classes and giving a higher classifieation to pure rainfall, ahould have been applied to Junnar. In the fature classifioation of rice lands in Ghat districts due attention will be paid to this necessary distinction." It should be noticed, however, that with the insertion of the half-classes there were virtually four classes within which most of the rice lands in Junnar Táluka were classified..
5. It must not be supposed that, becanse a maximum rate of eight rapees was sanctioned for the whole of the Junnar 'rafuka, all rice lands in the taluka. were assessed on a uniform scale. The " jantris" or scales were instruments through which the actual assessment of the soil could be varied, to an extent that strikes the Settlement Officer of today at once with bewilderment and awe. Thus in the Jannar Taluka there were five jantris in use for the sssessment of rice lands, practically one for each group of villages with a different maximum dry crop rate. These jantris differ greatly in the lowest, that is, the effective water classes, so that the assessment of rice land in the lowest dry erop group is roughly only half the assessment of rice land with a precisely similar classification value in the highest dry orop group. These differences, of which other instawces will be noted below, arise from the fact that the scale for the different classes of rice soil in the lowest water class is, in any one Settlement Group, the same as the dry -crop scale of the Group.
B. The next settlement of rice lands which may be noticed is that of the Mawal Táluka in 1887-78. It is not clear that any material change was made in the system of elassifying the land, as Mr. Stewart had promised. One moditication of the scale as worked in Máwal was only nominal. Instead of a single maximam rate of Rs. 8 with different jantris for different dry crop groups as in Junnar, there was a maximum dry crop rate of Rs. 8 in the two bighest dry crop groups (with a separate jantri for eaoh) and rates of Rs. 7 and Ra. 6 in the two lowest which, like the lowest dry erop groups in Junnar Taluka, are in Ghat regions of heavy rainfall where rice grows best. The jantris for each of these maximum rates show that the scheme of olassification and assessment was essentially the same as in the Junnar Taluka. There were six water classes with five intermediate or half-elasses. The highest classes were obyiously inoperative since the jantris for them have been left blank. The different maximum rates made a nominal distinotion only, and there is not more marked difference between the six rupees rioe scale in a Máwal village with a maximum dry orop rate
of Re. 1 and the eight rupees rice scale in a Junnar village with the same maximum dry crop rate than there is between the eight rupees riee scale in Mawal villages and the', eight rupees rice scale in Junnar villages of about the same dry-crop rating.
7. In the, Khed revision of 1889 there were five maximum rates for rice, the highest, Rs. 9 , being applied in the centre of the taluka where the maximum dry crop raie was Rs. 2-8, and the lowest, Rs. 5 , being sanctioned for villages on the Ghats with a maximum dry crop rate of Re. 1. Thus in Junnar we bave five jantris under one maximum rate, in Khed one jantri under eash of five maximum rates. The actual differences are not easy to explain. In villages with the same maximum dry crop rate the actual rates may be highèr in one taluka than in the other for the lowest water, class, about the same for the second- lowest, and distinctly higher for the third lowest. Eiven when the rates are desoribed as the same for one water class this is not a precise statement. "They may be the same for soils of medium quality but much higher (or lower) for very good and very poor soils or much higher for very good soils and much lower for very poor soils, and-so on. As examples, rice lands in Khed Rs. 2-8 villages (i.e. villages with a maximum dry crop rate of Rs. $2-8$ ) assessed under a maximum rice rate of Rs. 9 are more highly assessed than rice lands in Rs, 2-4 villages in Junnar with a nominal maximum rice rate of his. 8 . Indeed, the 8 rupees rice scale used in Rs. 2 villages in Khed is higher tban the 8 rupees scale in Rs. 2-4 villages of Junnar and higher still than the 8 rupees scale in Junnar Rs. 2 villages. Thus in the highest dry crop groups rice rates are markedly higher, on paper, in Khed than in Junnar. But in the lowest dry crop groups (Re, 1) of both taiukas, with a nominal maximum rice rate in Junnar of Rs. 8 and in Khed of Rs, 5, while the rates of assessment in Jumnar are much higher than in Khed for the 4th water class (about the highest effective class for classing rice), they are less for the 6th or lowest water class. In the intermediate class and balf-classes the difference between the two scales depends on the quality of the soil, so that, if the rates for medium soils are the same, the Junnar rates for good and poor soils are higher than the Khed rates,
8. In the Máwal táluka settlement, already referred to, the 6 rupees rice scale used in the lowest dry crop group (Re. 1) is about the same as the 6 rupees scale in Khed for the second lowest dry crop group (Rs. 1,2) for soils classed from 9 to 11 annas. For better soils the Máwal scale is higher and for poor soils it is less than the Khed scale.
9. The next eettlement for notice is that of the 25 villages in the , Haveli talaka in 1890-91. These included all the excellent rice lands aronnd Sinhgad. The classirg appears to have been done in the same way as in the Khed Taluka and the maximam rate sanctioned by Government was Rs. 6. Ouly one jantri under this scale appears to have been used in all dry crop groups. It is the same as the Rs. 6 jantri used in the Khed villages with a maximum dry. crop rate of Rs. 1-2.
10. It must not be thought that the differences between these various jantris are minate. I bave not used loosely the phrases " much" higher and "much" lower. In 40 inam villages of Haveli Taluka settled at this time the rice rates actually fixed in Rs. 2-8 villages under a maximam rice rate of Rs. 3 were, in the lowest water class, twice those fized in Government villages, and higher than these fixed in Khed villages under a 9 rupees rice scale.* It is also difficult to express the connection between, say, a 7 rupees scale and a 6 rupees scale used in one settlement: it cannot be said, for instance, that the former scale is foth higher than the latter.
11. In Mulshi Petha seftled a little later the maximum rice rates were Rs. 7 (for Rs. 1-8 villages), Rs. 6 (for Rs. 1-4 and Rs. 1-2 villages, with different jantris for each group) and Rs 5 (for Re. 1-villages). Again, we have completely new jantris. The 6 rupees jantri in Re. 1-4 villages comes very near the 7 rupee jantri in Re. 1-4 villages in Khed.
12. The last settlement with which I am directly concerned is that of 21 villages in Purandhar settled in 1893. Nothing is said in the Settlement Report regarding the system of rice classification and there is no- reference to a maximum rate. The jantri is something quite new however. Ite nominal maximum rate is Rs. 8 but it contains only four water classes and three intermediate or balf-classes, so that the criticism of Mr. Stewart on the Junnar scale would condemn it strongly. The first two water classes with their two halfclasses are apparently useless for assessing true rice lands; so that the rice classification appears to have been made on two water classes with an intermediate half-class. The rates for the 4th or lowest water class are higher than those for the 6th water class in the Khed $\theta$ rupees scale, the increase on medium soils being severe. A rise of half a water class in Purandhar is equivalent to a rire of five-half classes in Khed.
13. I hasve thought it desirable to enter into the technicalities of rice classification for more than one reason. In Haveli Taluka I have to snbmit proppals for revising the assessments on rice lands assessed under scales of fout and five rupees of one eystem and nnder a six rupces scale of anuther system, I find in Purandhar and Junnar talukas that an eight rupees rate prevails under the lateŕ system, and that in Purandhar this system in some villages underwent a marked midification of which 1 can find no explanation. Proposals will shortly be prepared for the Máwal and Khed Talukas whére, instead of a single maximum rate, rates' varying nomically from Re. 5 to Re. 9 are in force. Government will doubtless desire to understand exactly what these differences imply.
14. I do not profess to have explained more than this, that there is no common standard with which one can $\boldsymbol{y}^{i t h}$ confidence compare the rice assessments prevailing in different parta of the

Poona District. The more one sees the methods by which rice rates sanctioned by Government were applied by means of jantris to the assessment of the land the more one feels that a large reliance must be placed upon the practical wisdom of the old Surves and Settlement. Officers: Professedly the main ube of jantris in the hands of the higher offcers was to correet uneven work by the elaseing staff. A comparison of jantris does not necessarily enable us to compare assessments; for a high jantri may have been designed to correct the work of a classer who classed low, and a low jantri to correct the work of a classer with a tendenny to class high. It is necessary to bear this in mind, as Mr. Ozanne's remark that a maximam rice rate of eight rupees applied by the Southern Marátha scale is not higher than the five rupees maximum applied by the old scale, and the facts that the maximnm rice rate sanctioned for Haveli in 1890-91 was not only low-six rupees-but was applied by means of a specially low pitched jantri, nsturally lead to the conclusion that the rice rates in the Haveli settlement of 1890-91 must be pery low indeed. Such a conclusion omits all considerations of the question as to how the land was actually classed.
15. The 1873-74 settlement of Haveli included seven Márwal villages which came under a second revision settlement with the rest of the Máwal Taluks in 1887-88. The maximum rice rate of five of these villages was fixed in 1873-74 at Rs. 4 (although they were in pest) under the old scale and in 1887-S8 at Rs. 8 under the new seale. A comparison of the rates for "old" rice is possible by assaming that all the portions of "old" rioe land were equal in area. It shows that in the two largest rice villages "old" rice rates were increased by 21 and 46 per cent. and over all five villages by 36 per cent. In one village with a maximum rice rate of five rapees in 1873-74 "old" rice rates adranced by 21 per cent. These facts do not confirm Mr. Ozanne's opinion already quoted, but they indicate that an advance now of 25 or 30 per cent. on the Haveli rates of 1873-74 is a moderate proposal.
16. It remains to estimate the pitch of the rice assessments fixed in the Haveli Taluka in 1890-91 and 1894-95 under the six rapees scale of the Soothern Maratha Country Survey Rules. These are not levied in full but subject to a dedaction of one-sirth. In the following table the averages are based on the full rates as this deduction will be cancelled before the increase at revision is added :-

Table comparing rice assessments fixed is 1890-91 with those in neighbouring villages fixed in 1873-74.


[^6]- No. R. I. 859/1 or 1916.

From

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> Collector of Poona;

To
THE SETILEMENT COMMISSIONER AND
DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS,
Poona.
Camp Bhimashankar, 20th March 1916.

Sir,
I have the honour to forward Mr. Bell's revision settlement proposals for the Haveli Táluka.
2. The physical features of the tract are well described in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report. Over the greater part of the taluka there is usually ample rainfall, only the villages in the extreme east (old groups VII and VIII) fall within the area 'very liable to famine'. At Poona itself in the centre of the t́luka the rainfall during the 11 years ending 1913 averaged $24 \cdot 24$ inches. Heavi falls of 34 and 37 inches were recorded in 1914 and 1915, bringing the average for the 10 years ending 1915 upto $27 \cdot 5$ inches.
3. In Poona with its large and well-to-do population, and in the Cantonments of Poona and Kirkee, the Haveli farmer has for his produce the best of markets. Excellent roads radiating from Poona in all directions enable him to market it with the minimum of inconvenience. Nor is he dependent on Poona alone; the G.I. P. Railway runs through the length of the táluka and at each of its stations a large volume of business is done in fruit and vegetables for Bombay.

A notable improvement in communieations during the current settlement has been effected by the abolition of tolls on Provincial roads, at a loss to Provincial revenues of Rs. 35,000 .
4. The live stock and economic resources of the táluka show a satisfactory increase in the course of the settlement except only in the extreme east, where there is a noticeable decrease in cattle.
5. Land commands a high value except in groups VII and VIII. Mr. Bell's summary in paragraph 24 shows that its selling value represents an average of 78 times the assessment in Group III, 66 to 55 times in Groups I, II and V, and 45 times in Groups IV and VI. In Groups VII and VIII at the eastern end of the táluka the average is 33 and 29 times the assessment. Rents paid vary from 3 to 5 times the assessment, except in group VI, where they average $2 \frac{1}{2}$ times, and in groups VII and VIII, where they approximate to twice the assessment.

The very high prices paid for irrigated and for rice lands is noteworthy, also the high value attached to grazing lands, partioularly in the neighbourhood of Poona, where there is a large demand for fodder.

Mr. Bell estimates landlord's profits, after payment of assessment, at from 4 to 5 per cent. on their investment.

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6. In his paragraph on prices Mr . Bell defends his methods of comparison by selected periods. In dealing with the Purandhar report I took objection to the fact that the last period selected, viz., the 7 years 1905-1911, left out two years 1903 and 1904, in which prices though low were not so low as in several years admitted into the selected period 1880-1881 to 1887-1888. Mr. Bell explains that the omission of the years 1903-1904 is compensated by the omission of several years of high prices following 1911. When his tabular statement was first prepared he had figures upto 1913 only, and was cautious in accepting the high prices of 1912 and 1913. Whatever the position two years ago it appears to me clear that if selected periods are to be compared, then the latest period available, viz., the 7 years ending 1915, which enjoy the advantage of boing years free from famine or severe scarcity, should be adopted. The average price of jowari during these 7 years was $12 \frac{1}{4}$ seers per rupee and of bájri 11 seers per rupee. In reviewing the proposals for the first revision settlement in 1873 the Collector took'the average prices of the preceding 7 years at 19 seers per rupee for jowari and 15 seers per rupee for bajri. The difference between the two averages is 55 per cent. in the case of jowari and 36 per cent. in the case of bajri. In the present season (1915-16) the Haveli Táluka has had bumper crops, following on two good years; yet the price of jowari in the Poona market during the first three months of 1916 has not fallen below 14, $\frac{1}{2}$ seers per rupee, nor that of bájri below 11 seers.

Perhaps even more important than the rise in price of the staple grains is the increase both in quantity and value of the produce of irrigated lands. Although these lands form a little less than 8 per cent. of the total cultivated area the valuable character of their crops has a great deal to do with the case with which land revenue is paid in the villages in which such lands áre found. Exact figures are not available for comparing the area now irrigated with that irrigated at the beginning of the settlement, but an index to the extent of the increase is to be found in the fact that 65 per cent. of the existing area is under canals which were not in existence when the settlement was introduced. An increase of 59 per cent. in the number of wells in 71 villages selected in 1873 is also recorded.
7. I am not sure that Mr. Bell has correctly appreciated the position as regards wages and the labour market. Although a limited amount of casual labour is still to be obtained at a low wage in Poona, and at certain seasons of the year elsewhere, the demand for labour has overtaken the supply to such an extent that a farm labourer who five years ago could have been hired at Rs. 6 per mensem now asks and obtains Rs. 9. The difficulty in recruiting for the Poona District police is also notorious in spite of the good pay now offered.

ع. The revenue history of the taluka is good everywhere until we reach the area east of the line bordering Lohogaon and Hadapsar. A previous Collector included all the villages east of that line and north of the Mula Mutha, together with 3 villages south of the Mula Mutha, as forming "a Group of about the worst villages in the Deccan (climatically speaking)". Included in this condemnation were the 7 villages forming Group VIII, 5 out of the 8 villages of GroupVII, 3 out of Group VI,'2 out of group V (Lonikand and Mánjri Khurd) and 1 out of group III (Wagholi). In his careful analysis of the revenue ${ }^{-}$ history of this tract Mr. Bell gives reasons for regarding Mr. S wifte's condemnation as too sweeping. It is however clear from his analysis that the further east one goes the greater becomes the chance of a failure of the crops necessitating suspensions and remissions of land revenue.
9. It is difficult to exaggerate the value of land near Poona and under the canals in its neighbourhood. On the other hand, the villages in the north-east corner of the taluka are exceptionally badly circumstanced. While the settlement of 1873 divided the villages then dealt with into 8 groups, the settlement of 1890 provided 6 additional groups. We are therefore now faced with 14 different maximum rates. It is impossible to make a large reduction in the number of groups and at the same time to obtain the increase justified by circumstances without exceeding the limit for groups enhancements, viz., 33 per cent. I consider that Mr. Bell has been correot in confining himself strictly within that limit. In consequence of that limit he has found himself unable
to propose fewer than 8 different groups. The maximum rates he proposes and the percentage enhancements he obtains in each group are as follows:-


The enhancements proposed for Groups I and II are limited only by the 33 per cent. rule. They will be paid with ease. One would have liked to include the prosperous canal villages in the vicinity of Poona in Group I, but as Mr. Bell shows to have done so would have brought the group. enhancement beyond the. permissible maximum. Four of the canal villages, Hingne Khurd, Hadapsar, Mundhwa and Nanded, are raised from Group III to Group II (enhancement equal to 35 per cent.), and one, Mánjri Budruk, is raised two classes, involving an enhancement of 50 per cent. These increases in assessment will be borne without the least dificulty.

New Group III has only one addition, Dudalgaon, from Group IV. The group enhancement of 28.7 per cent. is moderate.

Group IV takes 3 villages, Bhaodi, Mánjri Khurd and Loni-Kalbhor, from old Group V, and two, Khed-Shiwapur and Donja, from V-a. Bhaodi and Lonikalbhor can certainly bear the inorease. Their revenue history and the statistics in Appendices $K$ and $M$ make this plain. It is unfortunate that no figures of sales or rents have been obtained for Mánjri Khurd. This village has not a clean revenue history like Bhaodi, nor has it the advantage of the canallike Lonikalbhor. Mr. Swifte included Mánjri Khurd in his group of "worst villages in the Deccan', although he did not include Bhaodi. Mr. Bell treats Bhaodi and Mánjri Khurd on the same footing, but gives no reasons. Personally $I$ am doubtful of the propriety of putting Mánjri Khurd in a higher group than that in which it already stands.

The two villages proposed to be taken from old group V-a will have to bear an enhancement of 57 per cent. I consider they can do this without difficulty. They are both within the area of assured rainfall, and they have excellent communications with Poona. The percentage increase for thel group is 23 and I regard it as moderate.

In Group V Mr. Bell proposes to put 20 villages collected from the following old groups:-


The chief objection to this grouping is that some of the villages on which the heaviest enhancements fall are villages which are least able to bear them; I refer to Lonikand, Phulgaon, Kasnand, Kolavdi, Naygaon, Tarde and Alandi, . all of which lie within the zone of precarious rainfall. The first four of these
villages are included in the tract characterised by Mr. Swifte as the worst in the Deccan. In the case of two, Phulgaon and Kolavdi, he actually proposed a reduction in grouping, based on his personal knowledge and enquiries. Mr. Bell admits that it may be objected to his proposals that the increase on the 7 villages taken from old Group VI exceeds the group enhancement of ${ }^{-}$ 25 per cent. which he bas adopted as his standard for villages in Group III, $i e$. ., the central group of the taluka. The objection is, I consider, a pertinent one and an attempt should be made to meet it. It cannot for a moment be contended that these eastern villages are in as favourable a condition to meet an enhancement as the villages of Group III. If a 25 per cent. increase is. regarded as a suitable standard of increase for villages in group III it is clear that 29 per cent. is too great an increase for villages further east.

Another objection to the grouping is that two villages in the zone of ${ }^{-}$ assured rainfall, viz., the two Mandwis, get of without any enhancement whatever.

Of the Sinhgad villages four, ciz.s Arwi, Rahatwade, Kondhanpur and Khánápur, are included in new Group V. For the remainder of the Sinhgad villages Mr . Bell finds it nécessary to create a special group rated 4 annas. lower. Mr. Bell admits that the grouping is faulty, but he states he considers. it the best adopted to keep down the total increase in the Sinhgad area and at the same time to simplify matters for the next settlement. I suggest that a simpler and more satisfactory arrangement would be to constitute group $V$ as follows, and to rate it at Rs. 2-6-0:-

| From IV. | From IV-a. | From ${ }^{\text {F }}$ | From V-a. | Frcm VI. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Mandvi Budruk. | 1. Aglámbe. | 1 Bhare. | 1 Cbande. | 1 Kasarsai. |
| 2 Mandvi Khurd. | 2 Banuli. | 2 Mulkhed. 3 Arwi. | 2 Kondhanpur. | ***** |
| -...... | - Nagran. | 4 Rahatwade. | *......***********) | * |
| - $0 \cdot 0$ | ...... | 5 Mánjri Khurd. | .....0* | ...0.0 |
| Per cent. enhancement. | Per cent. anhancement. | Per cent. onhancemont. | Per cent. onhancement. | Per cent. enbancement. |
| 5.5 | 26.6 | $18 \cdot 7$ | 42.3 | $35 \cdot 7$ |

The remaining villages of Mr. Bell's proposed Group V would then go into Group VI (at Rs. 2-0-0), which would be formed thus:-

| From ${ }^{\text {P }}$ - $a_{\text {a }}$ | From VI. | Fiom VI-a. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Lonikand. <br> 2 Khanapar. <br> 3 Kalyan. <br> 4 Khámgaon. <br> 5 Wadadare. <br> 6 Malkhed. <br> 7 Ghera Sinhgad. <br> 8 Sonapur. <br> 9 Jámbli. <br> Per cent. enhancement. $20$ | 1 Phulgaon. <br> 2 Kesnand. <br> 3 Kolavdi. <br> 4 Naygaon. <br> 5 Tarde. <br> 6 Alandi. <br> Par cento enhancement. <br> $14 \cdot 3$ | 1 Vinzhar. <br> **** <br>  <br>  <br> $\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet *$ <br> *日* <br>  <br>  <br> Per cent. enhancement. $37 \cdot 0$ |

(i) that all the villages in the area of assured rainfall receive some. enhancement;
(ii) that the Sinhgad villages are treated more equally than under Mr. Bell's proposals;
(iii) the villages in the area of precarious rainfall will receive greater consideration. Lonikand will be enhanced 20 per cent. instead of 35 as proposed by Mr. Bell, the other six villages 14 per cent. instead of

29 per cent. It may be objected that one of these villages, Naygaon, enjoys the benefits of the oanal, but it will be noticed from the statement on page 23 of the report that the area in this village watered from the canal is negligible.
In Group VII Mr. Bell proposes to raise the maximum rate from Rs. 1-10-0 to Rs. 1-14-0, and in Group VIII from Rs. 1-6-0 to Rs. 1-9-0. I should prefer to see Group VII. raised 2 annas only to Rs. 1-12-0, and Group VIII left alone. It is hardly necessary to repeat the arguments in favour of treating this corner of the taluka as lightly as possible. They appear everywhere in the report. 'Two of the villages in Group VII get the canal, but the percentage of their area watered from it is only 5 in one oase and 6 in the other. The only possible argument in favour of increasing Group VIII is the fact that the maximum rates in the adjoining villages of Bhimthadi and Sirur is 1.10. I do not consider this a sufficiently good reason for making an enhancement not justified by the circumstances of the villages appearing in the present report. I would invite attention to the remarks on pages 470 and 472 of Government Selection CLI, where it will be found that in 1873 both the Collector and the Superintendent of Survey agreed in regarding the rainfall in this corner of the district as exceptionally precarious even when compared with the neighbouring táluka of Sirur. Finally, I note that my suggestion that Groups VII and VIII can bear little, if any, enhancement is borne out by the figures given on page 91 of the report, in whioh Mr. Bell exhibits the incidence of his proposed assessments on ourrent rents. Alike in Groups VII and VIII the assessments exceed 50 per cent. of the rent. I note also that my objection to the inclusion of the 6 eastern villages of old Group VI in Mr. Bell's Group $V$ is justified by the figures given on page 91. It is true that these figures are, as Mr. Bell remarks, only to be used as a cheok. It is as such that I quote them.

Summing up my recommendations I agree 'with Mr. Bell, save on the following points :-
(a) I consider that Mánjri' Khurd should remain in Group V.
(b) I desire re-arrangement of the villages in Groups $V$ and $V I$ as indicated above.
(c) I rate my revised Group $\nabla$ at Rs. 2-6-0.
(d) I propose that Group VII should be rated at Rs. 1-12-0.
(e) I propose to leave Group VIII untouched at Rs. 1-6.0.
10. Mr. Bell's proposal as regards patasthal and rice lands have my full concurrence.
I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) G. W. HATCH,
Collector of Poona.

No. S. T.- 61.<br>From<br>F. G. H. ANDERSON, Esqume; M.A., I.C.S., Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records ;

To
The COMMISSIONER, Central Division, Poona.

Poona, 10th April 1916.
Sir,
I have the bonour of forwarding the report for the revision of the Haveli Táluka Settlement prepared by Mr. R. D. Bell and transmitted by Mr. G. W. Hatch, the Collector.
2. The report has been prepared with great care, and statistics have been examined carefully. The important figures upon which we rely for settlement are derived from the sales and leases of land; these have been thoroughly sorutirized and all unsound figures exoluded, especially values inflated by accumulated debts and other such influences. Unfortunately in some eases the result has been that for some villages which are under criticism there are no accepted figures available. Partioularly I notice this for Hadapsar and Mundhwa, where I should have liked to know what selling and rental values had been lately prevalent. Now that we have in the Record of Rights an increasing body of trustworthy information, we are on much firmer ground than ever before. The old fear that all the land was passing to money-lenders is one of the bogeys dispelled by the light of these statistics, and we now know that hardly 9 per cent. is held by money-lenders at all, and that proportion is only temporarily held in most oases. The alarming figures of 'fallow' or unsown land are now found to represent valuable grass areas yielding rentals to their holders on an average 4 times the assessment, and having sale values higher of often than even cultivated land. This fact was also noticed in the Settlement Report of 1890 (paragraph 12).
3. I scarcely follow Mr. Bell when he attributes the low values of land in the east and the very high values round Sinhgad to the same cause-the improvement in the labour market outside the villages. At any rate, for assessment purposes I think we must take values as they are without too much speculation as to what may have caused them. But it is most important to note that in the east when rents appear to be little more than double the assessment, sometimes hardly double, so that it would seem that the assessment is taking more than half the net assets, we must not forget that the remission and suspension system must by this time have entered into the calculations of the people; and when we find that only 66 per cent. to 75 per cent. of the assessment is actually collected in these tracts (paragraph 34 end), then the rents and selling prices ought to be proportioned not to the full assessment but to the $7 / 10$ ths actually collected when seasons average poorly.
4. In the case of rice lands; the exemption of new rice and the impossibility of distinguishing it in sale-deeds from old rice make these statistics very difficult to handle. All we can say is that the sale prices are very high, even allowing for the exemption of certain portions of the rice land. Again, we find this high value coupled with the fact that rice is a grain which has risen as much as any other cereal. The graph shows a substantial rise but without the extreme peaks caused by famines in other graphs ; if one may hazard a theory, it has been kept under control by the wonderful development of Burma and the large increase in the exports of rice from Rangoon whioh always come into market to keep down famine rates in any part of India.

In the 25 villages settled in 1890 I find the rice area, which was then 2,408 acres, is now 3,146 , which is a rise of 33 per cent.-a further evidence of the improvement of the land and the good market for rice lands.
5. Much of the report is devoted to discussions of periods and the proper methods of areraging grain prices. It is also pertinent to remark that Mr. Bell starts his prices from 1863-64. It was in that year that prices reached the highest point at that time on record, owing to the war in America; and soon fell'away. It is therefore a very misleading point at whioh to commence and greatly obscures the facts of the rise in prices. Personally, I prefer a diagram or graph of the actual priees recorded from 1850 without the omission of any periods and without any averaging; and from these diagrams one can clearly see what has been the general trend of prices. Grass prices are also given as so large an area produces grass only. It is an irregular and spasmodio commodity because its price is purely a local matter; outside supplies cannot compete; even in famine its transport is only possible under special concessions.

Before the last settlement there had been enormous inflation due to the American war and the large imports of silver in payment for cotton. After having fallen back from that high level, we find from the commencoment of the settlement in 1873-4 a sustained increase in prices right up to the present day. The graphs show this much more clearly than tables of figures and enable one without an effort to disregard famines or exceptional reactions, and follow without faltering the general average trend of prices. In my opinion, that increase is due purely to monetary causes, and not to exhaustion of the soil or pressure of population, or any such deep-seated economic cause. I have discussed the matter in my remarks on the Sirur Settlement, and I will only now repeat that in my opinion the change of monetary standard first due to. the long fall of silver and then to the substitution of a gold standard since the settlement commenced has resulted in an increase in the prices of produce, rents and sale values of land, which are all expressed in the new currenoy, of about 36 per cent. Any priee which has increased more than this has developed an independent increase of its own (as kadbi or jowari fodder, stimulated by the increasing area under cotton), while any price which has increased less has decreased intrinsically with reference to other commodities. If therefore we increased all assessments by $1 / 3$ rd we should actually be retaining them at the same proportion of the produce which the assessments at the beginning of the settlement period were intended to represent. When therefore in the east of the táluka very much smaller increases are proposed, we should interpret these to mean reductions in the real demand; nor is there any further need of emphasizing the fact that during the latter part of the settlement the eastern part of the táluka has passed through the strain of an unusual sequence of bad seasons, from which it has perhaps not yet fully recovered. That there has been a decline in real prosperity in consequence of these famines and plague no one quéstions, and it is only in the light of the full recognition of the change in monetary standards that one can possibly reconcile this fact of deterioration with increased wages, prices, rents, and land values.
6. I have separately reported upon the compilation and the accuracy of Appendix O, but although the figures are subject to several inaccuracies, these defects by no means conceal the broad general features of the Revenue history. The result of the present rules is that revenue is suspended and remitted according to the season and without regard to the settlement rates. It might even happen that a village for which the Settlement Officer presumed that a full crop would be obtained only once in 2 years, and which he rated accordingly, might nevertheless get half its assessment further remitted, if it experienced a steady sequence of' exactly the seasons the Settlement Officer expected. These rules therefore naturally make it very difficult to disouss rents and sale values, and make one also hesitate to group according to olimate. Again, one is apt to suppose that the number of instalments suspended or remitted is an index to the climatic and agricultural conditions. Unfortunately sometimes the reports of subordinates and the local estimates of output are misleading, and some villages receive more liberal treatment than others.

Mamurti and Phursangi seem some of these (paragraph 34). Also, I recall my experience in Poona District 10 years ago that some of the village officers. were exceedingly troublesome and inefficient, as Mr. Bell himself suggests in paragraph 34, and he also knows the district. Probably many of the remissions were as much due to the indolence and insubordination of the polleoting staff as to the bad seasons.
7. Turning now to the detailed proposals, we find Mr. Bell had a very difficult task. There were actually 14 groups in the 103 villages; owing to the reduction of $1 / 6$ th upon the standard rates originally sanctioned in 25 villages in 1890; and this multiplicity ties the hands of the offioer revising the settlement in the most unsatisfactory way. In fact, in several cases it is unavoidable to propose increases in excess of 33 per cent. in individual villages which have enjoyed this concession. When we remember that increase given $x$ this reduction, these villages have enjoyed for 26 years in comparison with the rates paid by the rest of the taluka in surrounding villages what has amounted to a valuable inam, there ought to be a greater resignation to the inorease that is now inevitable.

The expiring settlement is the most extraordinary piece of patch work one could devise in a small táluka. It is twice as complicated as the coloured map indicates. The broad features of the táluka are that the climate deteriorates from south-west to north-east with considerable rapidity. Poona is in the centre and constitutes practically the only important market. Starting therefore from Poona and travelling northeeast every mile takes us farther from the market and farther from the rain. Therefore, a rapid decline in the grouping in that direction is right and proper. But when we turn the other way, each mile while taking us farther from the market, takes us into a more assured and better rainfall. Consequently, the gradation towards the west should be much less steep. Ten miles west of Poona is a much better situation than ton miles east. Unfortunately, the map shows that the grouping has been based entirely upon communication with an almost total disregard of climate and this is openly acknowledged in the 1873 and 1890 reports. If we take Poona City as a centre, we find the groups are arranged concentrically round that centre. Donje 15 miles south-west in the unfailing rainfall under Sinhgadh is grouped exactly the same as Lonikand the same distance in the opposite direction, though each of them has a high road of equal quality straight to the heart of the eity.
8. Now with these fundamental and grave defeets, a Settlement Officer, hampered by the 33 per cent. rule, cannot possibly set everything right in one. re-settlement. Mr. Bell has reduced the 14 groups to 8 . He has kept the east down, and has tried to bring the west and south-west up. He has pitched' the general rate of increase over the taluka at about 25 per cent. which the Collector and I both consider moderate, even perhaps so far as the west and centre are concerned, very moderate. Broadly speaking; therefore, we concur in his grouping. The Collector makes certain proposals for amending it, with which on the whole I also concur. But on weighing his proposals and Mr. Bell's, and considering the whole matter carefully, I come to the following conclusions which I recommend for your approval and the approval of Government.
9. Groups I to IV may be left as Mr. Bell proposes with the change of one or two villages only. I should very much have liked to include the whole or almost the whole of old Group II in Group I. I cannot see how the -Hadapsar and Mundhwa and Hingne farmers are in the least worse off for elimate or market than the holders of the lands clpser to the city. Every mile nearer the centre of the city must increase the cost of living and other expenses, and I should think that a prudent farmer would prefer land in Hadapsar or Hingne to land in Ghorpade or Wanavdi, However, this change can hardly be made at this settlement. I note it as the almost ineritable first step of the next Settlement that these two groups will be put together at the same rate. It is admitted by everybody that those villages, all heavily irri"gated and the most prosperous perhaps in the whole Deccan, could even now bear the elevation to the highest group, but it would involve about 50 per cent. increment and is not therefore pressed.
10. Next, there is the case of Muhammedwadi and Undari which I think are not rightly treated. The first village is surrounded on 3 sides by lands of Group I and Group II, and from its position, climate and statistios, so far as we have any, I certainly think it should go into Group II. Unfortunately, the Settlement Officer has not found any trustworthy statistics of rents and sales, but it is obviously unfair to rate this village lower than the lands on 3 sides of it, when there is no discoverable reason for it. It can be raised to Group II without infringing the 33 per dent. rale. When that is done, then Undari will obviously fall into Group III. If we now start to walk from the southern. end of Munjeri through Kondwa to Undari we pass in the course of no mile through 4 groups, from Group I to Group IV. There is no sufficient reason at all for such a rapid downward gradation. The incremont from the present rate Rs. 2-4-0 to the rate of Group III Rs. 3-2-0 exceeds 33 per cent. but is justifiable in this case. Statistics of rentals and sales at Undari show that its present assessment is very light ; and Mr. Bell remarks that perhaps it should go in Group III : "but in the absence of any change of circumstances" he did not propose it. The reason does not convince. We must amend and improve bad grouping when possible.
11. I next find two villages on the south-west, which in my opinion should go into Group IV instead of VI. Between khed Shivapur and Dinge (blue) we find a yellow patoh containing. Arwi, Kondhanpur and Rahatavde. All the statistios shew that these villages which are in the area of absolutely certain rainfall and whose communications to Poona differ very slightly from those of the blue villages on both sides should not be placed in a lower group. In the case of Kondhanpur, the 1890 concession is a serious obstaole, because to raise it to Group IV would entail an increase of over 50 per cent. Therefore, reluctantly, we might still allow Kondhanpur to remain rated below its neighbours to the north and south in spite of an equal climate and better communications; but Arvi.and Rahatavde can certainly be raised to Rs. 2-10-0. Mr. Bell himself remarks that on logical principles of grouping this should be done; and I do not understand why he did not do it. And Government may also agree that Kondhanpur must also be similarly rated.
12. We then come to the proposal of Mr. Hatch to reduce Manjri Khurd from IV to $\nabla$, i.e., from blue to yellow. I know something of the village and its surroundings and the villages to the north. I agree that it should not be rated with Phursangi or Loni as it now is. It has no railway, no road, no irrigation. It is true that it is only just across the river, and for 9 months of the year the river is not much of an obstacle. Once aoross the river then there are communications and a good market, plenty of demand for labour, manure, etc. If we paint Manjri Khurd yellow then we should retain Kolavdi of the same colour yellow, because its conditions are not really distinguishable from those of Manjri Khurd.
13. If these proposals for amending Groups I to IV and transferring one village to Group $\mathbf{V}$ are accepted, those groups are finished. Even if my changes are not accepted, still the proposed settlement is broadly accepted by us all and the changes proposed are of a secondary character.
14. Now we come to the proposal made by Mr. Hatch in which I concur. He feels as I do and as I have already emphasized in my general remarks, that the west and south-mest of the taluka with its perfectly assured rainfall and its substantial area of rice very much under-assessed has been graded down too much. If we were starting with a clean sheet and were not hampered by previous settlements and 33 per cent. limits and so on, I should certainly feel inclined to place the whole of the west from Vinjhar right up to Mamurti all in one elass, after deducting Groups I, II and III. But this we cannot do. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that the yellow group in the west and the pink group in the south-west are rated too low. Now, Mr. Hatch proposes and I agree that the yellow group in the west should be raised from $2-4$ to $2-6$. It is not much, but it improves the indefencible results that the villages north of Khadakwasla Lake escape with a less increase than many villages in the east. We thus raise them 27 per cent. instead of 20 per cent. Which is far more reasonable and proper. Kondhanpur will share this increase: Arwi and Rahatavde should also be rated at 2-6, if my proposal to rate them at 2-10 with

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Donje is not accepted. Khánapur just south of the Lake and the other villages in the north-west will all be treated alike and will remain yellow. But if we do this, then the yellow grotup in the east from Phulgaon on the north down to Alandi in the south cannot be raised to 2-6. Even Rs. 2-4-0 proposed for it is, I agree, too high, and I accept the proposal to bring it down to Rs. 2-2-0. If we do this, then we can take the pink block, the Sinhgadh villages on the southwest, and add them to this group whioh we might call the Lonikand group, and by lowering the eastern portion and raising the south-western we can rate them both at 2-2, which Mr. Hatch shows is fully reasonable and in accordance with the statistics. A further strong argament for its adoption is that there is every reason to suppose that at the next settlement this group of $2-2$ can be amalgamated with the higher group at 2-6. Thus, by amalgamating Groups I and II and also V and VI we could reduce the present 8 groups finally to 6.
15. If what I have said about Manjri Khurd and Kolavdi is accepted, then these two villages should be retained in the yellow group for which I am satisfied there is plenty of justification. The village of Bhavdi on the Indrar yani in the north will remain an isolated blue village, but the statistics indicate that there is no reason why this should not be so.
16. There now remains the villages Vinjhar and Antroli in the extreme south-west. There is no doubt that even though these villages can get to markets in the Bhor State' without much difficulty, they must be ranked as having lower communication facilities than any other of the south-western villages. Vinjhar is rated now at $23 \frac{1}{3}$ annas (Rs. 1-12-0 minus $\frac{1}{8}$ th), while Antroli is rated at 23 annas, practically the same. If we raise them to Rs. 2-2-0, the increased is about 50 per cent. I think it is justifiable, as they have been under-assessed for a long time and the value of land is high; but if in recognition of their greater distance we ignore their climatic advantages then they must go into the next lower Group VII. Since, however, the Collector thinks that Group VII should not even be so high as 1-14, then those two villages cannot be put so low as 1-12 but will have to be retained in Group VI in spite of the isolated increase expeeding 33 per cent. On general principles therefore $I$ should recommend that they be retained in the same group with the Sinhgadh villages.
17. There now remain only the two groups on the extreme east, the constitution of which it is not proposed to alter, but which the Collector thinks are rated too high. The chiaf statistical fact in support of this argument is that the proposed assessments will work out at 51 per cent. and 53 per cent. of the recorded rents in 6 of those 15 villages. But 1 have already pointed cut that the remission and suspension rules which come into operation with considerable frequency in these groups appreciably modify the standard assessment, and this alone will easily prevent the proposed assessments from infringing the 50 per cent. standard. Moreover, I do not feel we can so entirely disregard the ratee which have been accepted and proposed for surrounding tracts in Bhimthadi and Sirur. Again, if it should seem unjustifiable ta increase rates in villages which have plainly suffered deterioration from the succession of famine, I would observe that there is every indication that recovery from this depression is proceeding, and when we propose only an increase of $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. we are taking only about $1 / 3 \mathrm{rd}$ of the increment indicated by prices and the change in the value of the rupee and conceding. $2 / 3 \mathrm{rds}$ as a "recuperation grant" to the tract. I quite agree that the groups could not stand a real or intrinsic enhancement, i.e., an actual increase in the proportion of the gross produce, which they have been assessed to pay 42 years ago. But this we do not propose, and therefore oh the whole I support the recommendations of Mr. Bell to rate them at Rs, 1-14-0 and Rs. 1-9-0.
18. Mr. Bell's proposals for enhancing the rice rates on the villages of the carlier rettlements by 25 per cent., and those of the 1890 settlements by 35 per cent. are accepted by the Collector. In an appendix, Mr. Bell gives a most useful dissertation on the methods of assessing the rice land. It is not quite easy to follow, because he has not given full examples of the Jantris to which he refers and moreover has not been able to discover the full facts.
19. The truth is that all this rice assessment was done in a very confused and bad way. Government in response to agitation have pledged themselves not to undertake any general re-classifioation. That is a two-edged sword and may sometimes wound the very person in whose interests it was supposed the pledge would operate. It is quite olear that the rice classification of Poona District ought to be done again. But since this in not practicable, we must take up this position that riee assessments have been fixed upon past classif: cation, and Government is pledged not to alter that classification. Therefore, we have not got to consider how so many rupees, annas and pies came to be assessed upon Field A and Field B but we have got to consider only whether during the settlement period the revenue history shows that these rates have been paid without pressure and whether the statistios of sale values show that these rates have taken more than 50 per'cent. of the net profits or rental, and whether the existing rentals work out at less than half the Government assessments. There is overwhelming and unquestionable proof that throughout the taluka there is upon these standards a considerable underassessment of rice lands even as compared with dry-crop lands. Prices of rice have risen moderately, but the value of lands is extremely high and rental rates are many times the assessment. Practically nowhere in the táluka are they less than 3 times, and the average is 5 times the assessment. From this I conclude that there ought to be at the least an increase on the rice lands of the full permissible $33 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. or $5 \frac{1}{4}$ annas in the rupee on the exising assess; ments, and this should be done in every group throughout.. Mr. Bell proposes to take 25 per cent. only in the main group, because he finds that 25 per cent. is approximately a fair average increase for the dry-crop lands. I cannot see the principle of this ratiocination. The premise would seem to be that the oircumstances of rice lands and the original pitch of assessment and the profits of rice cultivation wers parallel to those of dry-crop land. But the statistics and the history shew clearly that this is not so, and therefore the argument fails. Nor am I convinced by his very hazy attempt to shew that 25 per cent. increase was imposed on Mával and from that I presume he wishes us to infer that it is a proper increase for Haveli. I cannot admit this argument either : the settlement of each táluka requires independent investigation.
20. As to the Patasthal lands, the quantity of which is now entirely insignificant, the same argument would apply as in the last paragraph. The Pátasthal lands have been very carefully weeded out, and none retained except those which were assured of water-supply, and the residue must constitute the most valuable lands in the táluka, and here too I think the increase should be an increase of $1 / 3$ rd upon present assessments.
21. It is now perhaps desirable that $I$ should summarise the points raised by the Collector and myself and requiring orders, apart from the general approval of Mr. Bell's proposals. I propose, as compared with his proposals,
(i) to raise Muhammadwadi, Undari; Arwi, Rabatarde (with or without Kondhanpur) each by one group;
(ii) to reduce Manjri Khurd by one group;
(iii) to divide Group $\boldsymbol{\nabla}$ (yellow) into twa parts, western and eastern and to raise the westorn 2 annas, and reduce the eastern (exoept Kolavdi) to Group VI (pink), but to raise this group by 2 annas to Rs. 2-2;
(iv) to put Antroli in Group VI (raised to Rs. 2-2 and not VII as proposed;
(v) to accept Mr. Bell's rates for Groups VII and VIII;
(vi) to raise all Rice and Pátasthal land 33 per cent. instead of 25 per cent. for the 1873 Settlement, and 35 per cent. for the 1890 Settlement.
22. The proposals which the Colleotor also makes have been underinind; the Collector wishes to leave Group VII and VIII unaltered ( $v$ ); as to the remainder the Collector concurs with Mr. Bell. I estimate that if my changes are accepted the increase on the whole taluka will be about 29 per cent. instead of 26 per cent. and will fall almost entirely on the centre and west;
and very little (only $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.) on the east. If the Collector's proposal is accepted the incidence on the whole will be reduced by about 3 per cent. so that the whole taluka will have an increase of about 22 per cent. only, the west being raised above Mr. Bell's proposals, and the east lowered to no increase at all.
23. It should be carefully noted that non-agricultural uses are not affected by these assessments : and this is provided for in the standard form of notification (Appendix I, Land Revenue Code) and the Collector should now proceed to revise all such altered assessments for non-agricultural usest as have not been fixed for 50 or 99 years or other periods ander special agreements, but expire with the expiring settlement. Such lands should not be assessed with the agricultural rate in preparing the new Akarbands.

Your most obedient servant,
F. ANDERSON.

# The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Revenue Department, <br> Camp Mahàbaleshwar, 22nd May 1916. 

Sir,
I have the honour to forward for the orders of Government Mr. Bell's Haveli Report together with letters from the Collector of Poona, dated 20th March and the settlement Commissioner, dated 12th May.
2. The remarks I have made about pátasthal and rice in forwarding the Purandhar Report need not be repeated here. There is nothing in the Haveli papers except a tangle of grouping. This is a very difflcult matter; partly because, as Mr. Anderson says," the expiring settlement is the most extraordinary piece of patch work one could divise in a small Taluka," and partly. because we are hampered by the 33 per cent. limit of increase. As the Collector writes :-" It is impossible to make a large reduction in the number ef groups and at the same time to obtain the increase justified by circumstances without exceeding the limit for groups enhancements, viz., 33 per cent. "Thus this rule deprives the state of money that it should have, while another rule forces the state to endure this unfair loss for a whole generation."
3. There were originally 8 groups in the taluka, and since in 1890 a reduction of 2 annas was given to certain villages in 6 groups these are now really 14. Mr. Bell proposes 8 groups in his Settlement and I could not explain them in words with nearly so much clearness as the map explains them. It may be referred to. I have had it mounted on cloth, or it would soon have been torn to pieces. Mr. Hatch wishes to make the changes which are summarised at the end of his letter. They are in brief:-A re-arrangement of the villages of Groups V and VI; a raising of the maximum rate of Group V from Rs. 2-4 to Rs. 2-6; a lowering of the rate of Group VII from Rs. 1-14 to Rs. 1-12; the leaving of Group VIII at Rs. 1-6 as at present instead of rating it at Rs. 1-9 as proposed by Mr. Bell. Mr. Anderson also has changes to suggest as propounded in paragraph 21 of his letter.
4. It is necessary to accept Mr. Bell's framework and then to consider the alterations suggested. There can be no doubt that in his paragraph 7, Mr. Anderson lays down the correct principles for the classing of Haveli. Poona is in the centre of everything-itself the chief market and the point which must be considered half way on the line from the heavy and trustworthy rain of the south-west corner to the capricious and scanty-monsoon of the north-west. Thus, as Mr. Anderson says, as we go east and north the gradation must be very sharp, while as we go west and south it should be much more gradual. We must do the best we can to get near this results-hampered as we are by the 33 per cent. rule, and the results of the last Settlements.
5. In regard to the first four groups, Mr. Hatch accepts the Settlement Officer's proposals. The percentage increases will be $32 \cdot 8,33 \cdot 8,28 \cdot 7$ and $23 \cdot 3$.

Group $I$ is to remain as at present and to consist of 7 villages; it is to be rated Rs. 3-14. Owing to the abolition of the two anna concession in the case of four villages those four villages get an increase of 42 per cent. The other three are increased 19 per cent. The proposed composition and rating are accepted by Messrs. Hatch and Anderson and I think should be approved. I entirely agree with Mr. Bell that the two Hingnes, Hadapsar, and Mundwa, ought to be in Group I, and with the remarks made by Mr. Anderson. However the 33 per cent. rule entirely blocks us and unless the rule is altered there is nothing more to be said.

[^7]Group II-at Rs. 3-6-is to take the four villages of present Group II, and four villages out of present Group III-Hingne Khurd, Hadapsar, Mundwa, Nanded-and Manjri Budruk which is now in the fourth group. The increases are 22 per cent., 34 per cent. and 50 per cent. As the total percentage increase becomes $33 \cdot 8$, it is to be reduced to 33 by the necessary reduotion in Manjri Budruk. These proposals are accepted by the Collector. Mr. Anderson suggests that Muhammadwadi should be raised from its place in proposed Group III to Group II. Its rate would thus be increased from Rs. 2-8 to Rs. 3-6, i. e., by $5 \frac{1}{2}$ annas or 35 per cent. I certainly agree, but then I do not understand what Mr. Anderson means, by saying that Muhammadwadi "c can be raised without infringing the 33 per cent. rule." Group II already exceeds 33 per cent. and special arrangements have to be made to reduce it. If we add another village at 35 per cent. the rule will be infringed just a little more. However, I agree with Mr. Anderson. The village should clearly be in Group II. It is a small one: 2 per cent. of its revenue only means Rs. 25 ; which may be added to the Manjri Budruk concession,

Group III-at Rs. 3-2-is mainly composed of present Group III at Rs. 2-8 and Rs. 2-8 minus 2 annas remission. Dudalgaon in the north on the river Indrayani is to be added from Group IV, and this may be accepted. The group increase comes to 28.7 per cent., which is, as Mr. Hatch says, "moderate". Mr. Anderson advises that Undari be added to this group. This would give Undari an increase of 38.8 per cent. I am inclined to agree with Mr. Anderson.

Group IV-at Rs. 2-10-is chiefly present Group IV at Rs. 2-4, but Gorhe Khurd is reduced from Group III and 5 villages are raised from Group V. I cannot condense Mr. Bell's reasoning and must refer to the Report itself. Mr. Hatch acoepts the group as proposed except that he would not raise Manjri Khurd. Mr. Anderson agrees with the Collector as regards this village and I think there is reason to think they are right. Manjri Khurd should remain in the fifth group as at present. Mr. Anderson also suggests that Arvi, Kondhanpur and Rahatavde should be in Group IV. I agree to this, even though Kondhanpur gets an increase of 50 per cent. owing to its present 2 anna concession. The rates per acre are still very light. Mr. Bell writes with reference to these three villages-"It may be that their proper place is in Group IV". They ought clearly to be at the same rating as Donje and Khedshivapur between which they lie. I do not clearly understand what Mr. Bell means by urging that "the promotion of Donje one group above the other three villages certainly secures a better distribution of the final assessments than the other arrangement". The suggested alteration does not contravene our 33 per cent. rule, and that is all we need trbuble about.

Group V-Rs. 2-4-leads to a good deal of discussion. It is formed out of five existing groups. Mr. Hatch attacks the Settlement Officer's proposals and indeed Mr. Bell admits that they are not perfect. There are several objections to them. The main one is that the seven villages in the east get larger increases- 28 per cent. and Loni 35 per cent.--than the group as a whole, which receives 26.4 per cent. To remedy this Mr. Hatch suggests that Group V should be formed of the villages on the west of Poona rated at Rs. 2-6, and that the rest should go into Group VI at Rs. 2. We may separate these proposals for the present and consider only the first. I think the suggestion is undoubtedly sound. The west oan cortainly be, and must in fairness be, rated more highly than the rest. The western villages can take a rate of Rs. 2-6 with ease, and it may be doubted whether the eastern ones can be raised to Rs. 2-4. At all events this proposal is muoh fairer. The Settlement Commissioner agrees, but in his proposals three of these villages, viz., Kondhanpur, Arvi and Rahatavde, are to go to Rs. $2-10$, and I have supported that proposal. If Government do not agree to the raising of these three villages, or to the raising of Kondhanpur, then they-or it-may be rated in this Group V at Rs. 2-6.

Group $\dot{V} I$-at Rs. 2-is intended by $\mathrm{Mr} \cdot$ Bell "to accommodate the remnants of the Sinhgad region". Those remnants are-cif we adopt the
proposals just suggested-Jambli, Sonapur Malkhed, Wadadare, Khangaon Vinzar Kalyan, Ghera Sinhgad. To these Mr. Hatch adds he has cut out of Group V, i.e., the two strips on the east, viz., Phulgaon, Lonikand, Kesnand, Kolavdi, Naygaon, Tarde and Alandi. Mr. Anderson accepts this grouping, except that he would put Kolavdi in Group V, bocause he considers that "its conditions are not really distinguishable from those of Manjri Khurd." I prefer Kolavdi as Mr. Hatch wants it-in Group VI. It is a little further from Poona than Manjri Khurd, and it is therefore one group lower now; I think it may remain one group lower; an increase from 1-12 to Rs. 2 is enough for it. $\mathrm{Mr}_{\text {r }}$ Anderson, it must now be observed, prefers Rs. 2-2 fot this sixth group instead of Rs. 2 . He appears to be mistaken in saying that Mr. Hatch suggests Rs. 2-2 and Mr. Hatch shows that that rate "is fully reasonable and in accordance with the statistios".' Mr. Hatch's proposed rate is Rs. 2, and I think this is perhaps enough both for the villages on the other side of Sinhgad and for the two eastern strips from Phulgaon to Kolavdi and from Naygaon to Alandi.

Group VII and Group VIII are formed of the remaining villages in the east. The formation of these groups is accepted by both the Collector and the Settlement Commissioner, but the rating at Rs. 1-14 and Rs. 1-9 is thought by Mr. Hatch to be too high ; he wishes to raise Group VII only to Rs. 1-12-it is now Rs. 1-10 and Mr. Bell proposes Rs. 1-14-and to leave Group VIII at Rs. 1-6, which it is at present. The Collector regards "the rainfall in this corner of the district as exceptionally precarious even when compared with the neighbouring taluka of Sirur". He also urges that the assessments in these two groups exceeds 50 per cent. of the rent as shown in Mr. Bell's paragraph 37. The percentage of the assessments proposed by Mr. Bell on rents are 51 and 53 , but the figures are taken only from 2 out of 8 villages in Group VII and 4 out of 8 in Group VIII. The rents dealt with are cash rents, whereas produce rents are really the only true rents. Mr. Anderson supports Mr. Bell's proposals with reason which appears to me to have considerable foroe. The rates for the odjoining villages of Sirur and Bhimthadi are Rs. I-14 and Rs. 1-10, and those villages are somewhat further from markets. When a $12 \frac{1}{\mathrm{a}}$ per cent. increase is suggested it is only about a third of the amount that corresponds to the rise in prices; so that we are not really increasing the rates but lowering them as compared with those fixed at first revision. Mr. Anderson also notes the argument from the Remission and Suspension Rules-to which I referred when dealing with the Násik Reports. It is necessary to remember that in times of famine it matters very little what the rates are. For the cultivators cannot afford to pay anything at all; nor are they now obliged to pay. I think the suggestion that the rainfall is worse in this corner of the Haveli Taluka then in Bhimthadi or Sirur is based on no scientific observation, and I observe that Mr. Bell states the contrary. I am therefore in favour of the proposals made by the Settlement Officer; we might call the new rates Rs. 1-14 and Rs. 1-9, but soften them a little by calculating the increase as 2 annas in the rupee throughout.
6. Pdtasthal only remains in three villages. Mr. Bell proposes an increase of 4 anias on the total assessments; Mr. Anderson suggests 33 per cent., or $5 \frac{1}{4}$ annas. I think the group rate should be taken for the soil and 4 annas for the water as in Purandhar. As Mr. Anderson aocepts 4 annas in Purandhar, I do not know why he suggests $5 \frac{1}{4}$ annas. here. Both tálukas may be treated the same.
7. Rice.--that is to say, original old rice and the new rice of the first revision settlement is on Mr. Bell's proposals to be increased 25 per cent. in the villages settled in 1873-74 and 1875-76 and 35 per cent. in those in which 2 anna deductions were subsequently granted. Mr. Anderson would take what he calls "the full permissible 33र्ड per cent. or $5 \frac{4}{4}$ annas in the rupee on the existing assessments . . . . in every group throughout." In the first place for reasons given when dealing with Purandhar I hold that rice lands should take the increase which other lands get, that is to say, the percentage increase of the village. I can see no reason why we should abandon when we deal with rice lands all the considerations whioh have influenoed us in grouping jaráyat lands.

What Mr. Anderson means by saying that the rice land increase is limited in each village to $33 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. I cannot imagine. That is the limit for the whole assessments of a whole group; not for a village, much less for a few lands of a particular kind in a village. However, my proposals in fact would result in a smaller increase than Mr. Anderson's, and on the whole in a trifling reduction on Mr. Bell's. Nevertheless, it is a matter of principle; it is simpler and far more consistent and logical to deal with rice lands as I suggest.

I have, etc.,
C. N. SEDDON,

Acting Commissioner, C. D.

# Revenue Survey and Assessment. 

Poona.
Second revision settlement of the Haveli taluka.

## GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY.

Revenue Department.<br>Resolution No. 7006.<br>Bombay Castle, $15^{\text {th }}$ July 1916.

Letter from the Commissioner, C. D., No. Genl.-693 dated 22nd May 1916—Submitting;

Letter from Mr. R. D. Bell, I. C. S., Assistant Settlement Oficer, Poona, No. S. -3 dated 7th March 1916.
Letter from the Collector of Poona No. R.I.-859-r dated 20th March 1916.
Letter from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S.T.-61 dated ioth April 1916.
with his remarks, the papers specified in the margin, containing proposals for the revision.settlement of the Haveli taluka of the Poona district.

Letter from the Collector of Poona No. R.I.-859-4 dated 26th June 1916-Forwarding petitions of objections in connection with the revision settlement of the Haveli taluka.
Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S.T.-6I dated 28th June 1916.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, C. D., No. Genl.-694 dated 29th June 1916
Resolution.-These papers contain proposals for the second revision settlement of 103 Government villages in the Haveli taluka of the Poona district.
2. Group I and the maximum dry-crop rate of Rs. 3-14 for that group proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer are sanctioned.
3. Groups II and III and the rates of Rs. 3-6 and Rs. 3-2 respectively proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer are sanctioned, subject. to the modification that the village of Muhammedwadi should be transferred from the proposed group III to group II, as suggested by the Settlement Commissioner and the Commissioner, C. D. As the increase in this group, even after the inclusion of Muhammedwadi, does not reach 34 per cent., Government do not consider it necessary to make any provision for concessions' for this village and for Manji Budrukh, as suggested by the Commissioner.
4. Group IV and the rate of Rs. 2-10 proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer are sanctioned, subject to the modification recommended by the other officers that Manjri Khurd should be reduced to group V.
5. Groups V and VI proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer contain twenty and eight villages respectively. After a careful consideration of the proposals made by the Collector, the Settlement Commissioner and the Commissioner for a modification in these groups, Government are pleased to direct that the seven villages

Lonikand, Phulgaon, Kesnand, Kolawdi, Naygaon, Tarda and Alandi Choráchi. group V , and included in the proposed group VI. Group V will thus comprise fourteen villages, including the village of Manjri Khiff transferred from group IV, and group VI will include fifteen villages. The rates of Rs. 2-4 and Rs. 2 respectively proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer for these groups are sanctioned.
6. The Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals for groups VII and VIII and rates of Rs. i-14 and Rs. 1-9 are sanctioned, subject to the modification suggested by the Commissioner at the end of paragraph 5 of his letter that the increase should be calculated as two annas in the rupee throughout.
7. The proposal made by the Commissioner, C. D., in paragraph 6 of his letter in respect of the pathastal rates, which follows the proposal made by him in the Purandhar report and approved in paragraph 5 of Government Resolution No. 6975 dated 14th July 1916, is sanctioned.
8. As regards the rice rates, the proposals made by the Assistant Settlement Officer for raising the rates on the lands of the early settlements by four annas in the rupee and on those of the later settlements by two annas in the rupee, after the abolition of the one-sixth concession, are sanctioned.
9. The appended statement* shows the rates sanctioned by Government.
10. The petitions of objections disclose no grounds which would lead Government to modify the orders now passed.
if. The revised rates should be introduced in the current revenue year 1915-!6, levied from $1916-17$ and guaranteed for a period of thirty years.
12. The commendations of Government should be conveyed to Mr. Bell for his carefully prepared report.

## A. THOMAS,

Deputy Secretary to Government.
G. O. No. 7006 , R. D., dated 15 th July 1916.

To
The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Collector of Poona (with the petitions of objections);
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, The Director of Agriculture,
The Accountant General,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat, R. D. Bell, Esq., I.C.S.,

The Government of India (by letter).

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Statement referred to in paragraph 9 of Government Resolution No. 7006 dated 5sth-F̛uly 1916.


# No. S.I.-3 of 1916. 

Erom
R. D. BELL, Esqutre, M.A.B.Sc., I. C. S.;

Assistant Settlement Officer,
? . Poonà ;
To
The COLLEOTOR or POONA.
30th August 1916.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit a settlement report on the 54 inam villages of the Haveli Táluka.
2. In six'villages the current settlements are old original settlements and a revision cannot be undertaken without field tests. The following villages are therefore omitted from my proposals:-

| Village. |  | Date of introduction of corrent settlement. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nhávi - ... | ... | ... | 1863-1864 |
| Wadgaon Bhikar | ... | ... | 1864-1865 |
| Gogalwádi | $\cdots$ | - | " |
| Kudje | $\cdots$ | .... | , |
| Kirkatwádi ... | ... | ... | " |
| Bakori - ... | ... |  | 1868-1869. |

3. The remaining 48 villages are dealt with generally on the same lines as the Government villages settled under Government Resolution No. 7006, dated 15th July 1916, Revenue Department.

## Group 1.-Nes maximum rate, Rs. 3-14-0.

4. One village-Yerandawna.) The current original settlement was introduced in 1864-65 and expired in 1870-71. The present maximum drycrop rate is only Rs. 1-12-0. As the result of revision the total assessment will be nearly doubled. I think that the new rate should be allowed. The inámdars have been making efforts for many years ta get the settloment of the village .revised. At length, in response to their requests, the village lands were resurveyed so long ago as 1902, but nothing further has been done towards introducing a revision settlement till now. The cultivators háve enjoyed exceedingly low rates for many years. Had the inámdár's request for a revision been met within a reasonable time there seems little doubt that they would have gained at two revisions what I propose to give them at one.
5. Group II. $\rightarrow$ Neio maximum dry-crop rate, Rs. 3-6-0.

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These villages căme under a 1st revision settlement in 1891-92 (See Mr. Fletcher's report on 40 tillages [including Sangrun], No. 337, dated 7th March 1891, in Settlement Commissioner's office. The settlement of all these villages foalt with in this report expired in 1902-03.)

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The first 4 villages remain unaltered in grouping. Yerawda has been promotedi. It is clearly as well off as any non-Canal village in Group II.
6. Group III.—New Maximum dry-crop rate Re. 3-2-0,
7. Charholi Bk.
15. Nigdi.
23. Banera.
8. Moshi.
9. Chikhli.
10. Talawda.
11. Dehu.
12. Kinhai.
13. Chincholi.
14. Riawet.
16. Akurdi.
24. : Sús.

17: Chinchrwad.
18, Pimprí Waghera.
19. Bhosri.
20. Pimple Gurav.
21. Sangwi.
22. Pimple Saudágar.
25." Bávdhan B.
26. 'Pashan. ${ }^{*}$

2ĭ. Kalas.
28, Ambegaon Kd. :

No. 8 Moshi and No. 26 Pashan came under a 1st revision settlement in 1873-74. The other villages were dealt with in Mr. Fletcher's report already quoted. All the settlements expired in 1902-03.

No change is proposed in the grouping of any of these ,illages which are at present all rated at Rs. 2-8-0. The increase in the dry-crop pate will therefore be $25^{\prime}$ per cent.
29. Rahatni is at present in Group $\dot{I} \dot{\mathrm{~V}}$ and rated at Rs. 2-4-0 (see Mr. Fletcher's report). The map shows that it is more properly placed in Group III. The increase in the dry-crop rate. will be at the rate of 6 annas in the rupee (or $6 \frac{1}{4}$ annas if increase is calculated to nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ anna).
30. Bhugaon is under an original settlement of 1864-65 which expired, in 1902-03. The village was resurveyed in 1910. The old dry-crop rate was Rs. 1-8-0.
7. Group IV.-New maximum dry-crop ratex Res. $_{0}^{2-10-0 .}$
31. Ahire now in Group IV and rated at Rs. 2-8-0 bas been lowered a group. As in the case of the Govprnment village of Gorhe Khurd the increase in the maximum dry-crop rate "is so trifling that the present assess. ments should be retained unaltered. The settlement report of this village has not been traged. The District Inspector reports that the current settlement was introduced in 1891-93 and expired in 1902-03:-
82. Tathavda

- 33. Jambe.

34. Nere.
35. Mán:
36. Hinjawdi.
37. Wákad.
38. Laula.
39. U̇rali Deváchi.

Tathavda was first gurveyed in "1864-65 but no settlement appears to have been introduced. It was resurveyed in 1885 and an original setflement introduced in 1895-96. This expired in 1902-03. The settlements in the other villages are first revision settlements included in Mr. Fletcher's report.

No change is made in the grouping of these villages. * The present drycrop rate is Rs. 2-4-0. The increase proposed is $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas in the rupee (or $2 \frac{3}{4}$ annas if calculated to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ anna):
40. Gauddara.-An original survey of $1864-65$ is in force $;$ maximura dry-crop rate Rs. 1-6-0. The village was resurveyed in 1902. The map shows that it should be grouped with Khed Shivapur. It is mach nearer the Poona market than the neiglibouring village of Arwi, which is separated from it by a steep ridge.

> 8. Group Vo-New dry-crop rate As. 2-4-0.-NiL
> Group VI.-New maximum dry-arop yate Rs. 2.
9. The group of Gov érnment villages consists of villages formerly rated at Rs. 2 and Rs. 1-12-0.

- The jnam villages now rated at Ris. 2 which will continue under this rate are :-

, Ambi was included in Mn Fletcher's report: 'Wadhu' Khurd is under an original surver: and settlement' introduced in. 1895-96 which expired in 1992-03.

Uruli Kanohan is under an original survey and settlement introduced in 1875-76 which expired in. 1902-03. The map shows that this village is really over-grouped.

The Inám trillages Row $^{\circ}$ rated at Rs. 1-12-0 which will be assessed under 4a Rs. 2 -scale are : 7 .
44. "Theur: 45. Wángni. 46. 'Tulapur. 47. Sashte,

These four villages are dealt with in Mr. Fletcher's report, but the settle ${ }^{\text {t }}$ ment at Wangni was not introduced till 1910-11, and no period was guaranteed.

The increase in the dry-crop rates will be 24 or $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas in the rypee (according as the increase is calouiated to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ anna). "in
48. Perna has a maximum rate of Rs. 1-10-0 under a revision settlement of 1889-90 which expired in 19,02-03. The dry-crop rates will be increased by $3 \frac{1}{3}$ or $3 \frac{3}{4}$ annas in the rupee, acoording as the inorease is calculated to , nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{2}$ anna.

## Motasteal.


#### Abstract

- Ihave not had time to examine the motasthal assessments but they appear to be all on the same basis as in the Government, villages. If it is found, when the new assessments are calculated in detail, that this is not the case in any village then the Superintendent of Land Heoords should reduce the assessments to the recognised scale.


## patastial.

In Pashan and Moshi there are separate water assessmentsi

- In all other villages the soale is one of 8 rupees on soil and water combined.

The water cess on all abandoned páts bas been abolished."
On precarious páts it has been retained unchànged. It has also bè̉n retained unchanged at Moshi where the old separate ate is high for the olass of cultivation.

In all other cases where the pats flow according the classification the water cess has been increased by 25 per cent. as in Government villages.

Full details are given in a separate statement.
In preparing Appendix $Q_{n} I$ have assumed that all lands on which patasthal is abolished will become dry-crop. "In some cases it will actually : - become motasthal in the survey records.

[^8]the report on the Government villages that hut for the abolition of this conicession of one-sixth, the maximum rice rate could have been increased by 25 per cent. In the inám villages the one-rixth concession does not exist and the increase on rice lands assessed under the six rupees scale may therefore be: the full 25 per cent.

In Bhugaon and Gauddara the rice lands have been resurvejed and reassessed. Old xice has been assessed on the six-rupees écale increased by 25 per cent, New rice has been assessed under the dry-orop scale after adding chads for water advantages. These chads have been given in the same way .as in the 25 Government villages resettled in $\mathbf{\$ 8 9 0 - 9 1 .}$.
10. The new settlements should be guaranteed for the period sanctioned for the Government villages in the taluka.
: . I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

> (Signed) ,R. D. BELL, Assistant Settlement Officer, Poona.

## - 1 . <br> Proposal for herision of Patasthal assegsments in Indig Villages , of Haveli Taluka. <br> [The number before eacff village is the serial number in Appendix Q.]

1. Wंadgaon Khurd.

Pat.-OOne only. Waters survey No. $58^{\circ}(4)$. Supply regulár. Water cess: should be raised by 4 annas in the rupee.

## Moshi.

The patastbal assessment in this village is not a cofabined assessment on soil and water, but the water cess is a separate one. The rates are high:

Pat 'No. 1.-Band south of survey No. 71. Classed to flow till 1st November only. Even at time of last survey the pat flowed only in favourable season. On acicount of sinking of stream bed it is not now in puse. Survey numbers assessed are $70(20-23)$, 71 ( $2-9$ and 12), and 151 ( $1=15$ ):

Survey No. 70 (20-23) is whongly entered in revenue patasthal statement under pát No. $\mathrm{s}^{2}$.
[Survey numbers $70(1-19)$ and 152 (1-10)were watered occasionally by this bandhára, but, regularly by bandhára. No. 3, under which thiey are therefore entered.]

Total water cess R, 15-2-0 should be abolished.
Pát No. 2.—Band east of survey No. 151. . Classed like No. \%. The pat is not now in use. Survey numbers assessed are $2(1-5)$ and 7.

Total water cess Rs. 19-12-0 should be abolishef.
${ }^{4} P$ at No. 3.-Band east of survey No. 60. Classed to flow till-first Decemher. Not flowing in January 1915; but oultivators stated "that it flowed regularly to date. Waters survey Nos_ 88 (2, 3, 5-7), 153, 1 (1), 70 ( $1-19$ ), and 152 (1-10).
-(Soe remarks in brackets under Pát Nó. 1.)

Total water cess Rs. 40-8-0 should be retained, but not raised as rates are high.

Pat No. 4.-Band east survey No. 67. Classed to flow till 1st February. Runs regularly; but 1st January would be a better olassification. Waterp survey Nos. $66(1-7), 1(2), 65,14(1-7), 9(7-12), 10(1-14)$ and $11(1-7)$.

Total gess Rs.'64-14-0 should be retained but not raised:
Pát No. O.-Band west of No. 28. Classed to fiow till Lst November. Flows onlý in good years. Water is raised by súp. Waters survey No. 26.

- Water cess Rs. 9 should 'be retained but not raised.
:Pát No. 6.-Band eastrof survey No. 150. Classed like No. 5.
Wảters survey No. 25 (inám).
- Water cess R.s. 4 should be retained unchanged.

Pát Nö. 7.-Band west of survey No. 26. Classed like Nos. 5 ard'6. Waters survey Nos. 18 and 19
Water cess Rs. 8 should remain unchanged.

## Summary.

To be abolished :-


Rs. a. p:
 $2(1-1), 3,4(1-4), 5(1-2), 6,7,8(1-4)$ and $9 \ldots . . .40^{\prime} 0,0$
$\begin{aligned} \text { Pát Ab. 2.- Survey ntmbers. watered :- } & \text { Government.t. } 41 \text { if } 0\end{aligned}$ $10,730,131,133$ and 135 (inám) $\therefore \quad\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Government.t. } & 41 & 0 & 0 \\ \text { Ináaz } & \text { A... } & 2 & 8 & 0\end{array}\right.$
Pát No. 3.-Surveỵ nequers 'watéred :-

Pät No. 4-Sưrvey numbers watered -
32 and 36 . . ... : "... ... ... 7 0


Remarks.-Pat. Nos, 1, 2 and. 3 are classed as flowing till last May. Some changes have occurred in the situation of the bandháras since the survey. The classification is somewhat high and only ordinary rabi crops are grown a except under No. 3, wher some sugaroane can be grown by well "aid. The water-supply is otherwise excellent and the rates can be paised 25 per cent.

Pát No. 4 is classed as flowing till ist February. there was no flow at ond of January 1916, The pat is overclassed. The water cess should be sretained unchanged:

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Dehu.
Pát one only-Survey No. 28 recelves no water. Water cess Rs. 1.8-0 should be abolished.
-Survey Nos 29 to 32 receive water regularly.
The water eess Rs. 7 on these numbers should be raised 25 per cent. . *
Chinchivad.
Pât one only. $\rightarrow$ The stream bed has suqk and water has not been obtained for many years. Survey numbers assessed are 166 and 169.

Water cess Rs. $\mathbf{1 0} 0-8$ should be abolished. (Rs, 8 is on account of inạ́m land.)

## Bhosri.

Pato one only.-Fed by a tank. Classed to flow till 1st January. No water available on. 27 th January 1915 ; said to fail immediately after rains. Waters survey Nos. 2 (1-9) ạd 3. Water cess Rs. 2-11-0 may be raised 25 per cent.

## Banera.

ext $\quad$ There are three Pats-No. 1 is classed to flow till Tsth March and Nos. 2 and $^{\text {th }}$ 3 till 30th Aprik. The watep-supply is regular and plentilul. The total water Cess is R.s. $385-10$ plug' Res 53 on inám lands.

Rates maj̀ be raised 25 per cent.


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\text { Remarks. } \because \geqslant\rangle
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Pát No. 1.-Has two branches. Classed, to flow till 15th "December. Supply very poor.

Pát No. 2.-Also classed to 13 th December. Not made for magy years $r$. but holders wish to retain their rights.

Pat No. 3. ${ }^{-}$Also classed to 15th Décember. Surveỹ ${ }^{*}{ }^{*}{ }^{*} 89$ has long been fallow but water is available.

Pát No. $\dot{4}$.-Classed to 1st December, Is similar to No. 1.
Pat No. 5.-Classed to 15th January: "Not used for séverál yèars.
General.-The páts are overclassed. The prater cess may be rẹtained unçhanged.

## Bávdhan Budrule.

Three pats classed to fow till 1st February. Théy all flow regularly. 4 Total oess Rs. $66,1200^{\circ}$ (including inám) may be raised 25 per cent.

The water cess in this village is a separate assessment as at Moshi. The rates are high.

Pat No. 1.-Class 6.-Not used for many years. No trace of pats. Owners resign rights to pat water, Survey number assessed :-63.

- Water cess Rs. 3 should be abolished.
-Part No. 2. -Class 5.-Samé as No. 1. Survey numbers assessed :-70 and $\therefore \quad 69(1,3-10$ and 12).
$\rightarrow$ The water cess oh survey No. $69(3,10$ and 12$)$ seems to have been abolished.
Water cess, Rus. 2-4-0 on survey No. 70 and 63 (1) should be abolished.
Pat No. 3. -Class 6.-Same as Nos. 1 and 2. Survey numbers assessed :16, 23 to 32 and 34 to 36.
Water cess Rs. 7-8-0 should be abolished.
Part No. 4.-Class 6. Same as "Nos 1 to 3. Suřkey number assessed :-. 120. Water cess Re. 1 to be abolished.
Pail No. 5.-Same as Nos* 1 to 4. Survey number assessed :-119 Water cess Re. 1,8-0 to be abolished.
Part No. 6.-Class 6. Same as Nos. 1 tot 0 . Survey númbers assessed tr 117, 116 (2-3). Water cess Rs. A to be abolished.
- Pat No 7. -Issues from Pashian Tank. The upper Survey numbers ares classed as class 2 and the lower as class 3.

Survey numbers irrigated :-Upper-146 (inảm), 141 (inåm), 1 (inám), - 2 (inám), $4(1-2)^{\prime}, 5$ (1), 7, 8 (inám), 10 (inám), 11 (inám) anḍ 13 (inám); Lower-12 (7-9, 16, 22 and 23).

The water cess is:-Govarnment Rs. 241-8-and an ám Rs. 211:
The second class rate is Rs. 8 for soils 12 annas and above $\cdot$ Rs. 7 for soils of 8 to 12 annas. The third class rates are Rs 7 and 6 for the same soils. These rates correspond to a maximum fate (on soil and water) of Res. 11-8-0 (for a Class 1 pat) a. This is fairly high, but with well aid the cultivation is of a high order (sugarcan etc.) and a 2 a per cont. increase. should be made
*five pats, "all fifth, class. The water-stupply is, good. Water cess to be raised 25 per cent. $\stackrel{*}{*}+$ - Jambẹ.

One pat, which is lightly classed, flows regularly according to classification.
$\dot{*}^{\prime}$ ter cess Rs. 30 to be raised 25 per cent.


One pátoclassed as perennial (class 7), but rates applied are classed 2 . The water-supply is deficient in comparison with the rates.

should be retained but not increased.

- Three páts. All very precarious and seldom used.

4. Water cess Rs. 36-2-0 (Government and Inám) to be retained unchanged.

## Hinjawdi.

- Two pats of class 3 (Howing till 15th March), but rates are nearer Çlass't rates. 'Supply regular.

Rates to be raised 25 per cent. : 1

Onie patrelassed to flow till 15 th Marrol, buṭ rates low, as at Mán, Süpply gad.

Rates to be raised 25 per cent.
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Lávla.:
Pat" No. 1.-Western survey Nos. (Class 3-flowing till 15th March), $45,46,49$ (2), 52 to $54, \quad 35$ (1-2), 59 to 62,63 (1-2), 64 to $069,76(1 \div 2), 77$, 78 (1-2), 79 to 81,82 (1-2), 83 and 86 (1-2)-,
$\therefore$ Eastern Survey Nos. (olass'4-flowhg till 1st Fehruary); 87 (3), 88, 80; 90 (1-2), 91 ( $1-4$ ), 92, $93,95,96$ (1-3), 97 (1-5); 98, 123 (1-4), 124 to $1<8$ 129 (1-2) 130 ( $1-2$ ), 133 (1-4), 134, 135 (1-2); 136 to 138, 133 (1-3), 140, 111. (1), 142, 143 (1-3), 144,147 (1-3), 148, 149, 150 (1-2), 151 (1-5).

- Total water cess Rs. 278 . A" good pát. Lghtly. àssessed. Raise rates 25 per cẹnt.

Pat No. 2-Classed to 15th December. Flow not certain. Rates high. Survey numbers watered :-10Q, $101(3-4)$, 103. ( 1.3$)_{n} 102$ (1). Retain water assessment unchangedz Total is Rs. $3-14_{7} 0 .+$. 1

Pat No 3.-Class 3, flowing to 15th March. Flowing moderately on 21st Januáry 1915. Survey numbers watered :-157, 160 (1-2), 161 ( $1-5$ ), $162(1-3)$; 163 (1ヶ3), $164(1-3), 160$ tơ'163̣, 170,171 (1-2), 172; 174, 175 (1-2) 178. "Total water cess Rs. 68,8:0.

Not so good as pát No. 1, but rates may be raised 25 percenf.



Water cesš Rs. 2. Rates can be raised 25 per cent. Additional land has - been brought under this pat, viz, sürvey Nos. 224, 2250, etó., andl. steps slquald, Be taken to assess these.

Pát Wo. 5.-Classed to, 1 1th Degémber bat not so good as No, at Waters survey No. 417.

Water cess Rs. 3 to be retained unchanged. $\because$
Pát No. 6. -Out of use.
Water coss Ro. $0.4-0$ on survey No. 437 to be abolisheed.
Pat No 7.-Classed to 15 th December. The bandluara has been changed several times since the last survey, but whe lands' assessed are still watered partly' By "percolation from rice lands añ partly ifrom a new bandlárar in connếction with No, 8. Survey numbers "watered :-440 441, 442.

Water cess Rs. 9 to remain unchanged. I
Püt No. s.-Classed to 15th December: Survoy numbers watered :-434 and 433 (ínám).

Water cess (Government Rs, 3 and "nám lis.' 2) should . be retained unckanged,

Pat No. $9 \rightarrow$ Same as Nos 5 and 8. Waters Survey Nos. 430, 431, 340 , 328, 343 and 345 (inám).

Water oess Government Rs. 13-12-0 and (inám Re. 0-4-0) should be retained unchanged.

Pat No. 10 is similar to and aided by "No. 9 .

- Survey numbers watered:-42ธ. (inám), 427 (inám), $423_{4} 429$.
- Water oess (Government, Rs. $3-8.0$ and inám, Rs. 8 ) sthould be retained unohanged,

Pât No. 11.-The owner has made a rice field on the dám sitge. The surplus waters of the rice field are available.

Water cess Rs. 3 on survey numbers 470 and 472 (2-3) td ber tetained *unchanged.

Pat No. 12.-Classed to flow till 15th December. "Supply poot:" Waters' survey Nos. 520, 522 .

Water cess Rs. 5 to be unchanged. ,
Páat No. 13. Out of use.
Abolish water cess of Re. 1 on survey No. 480 (1):
New Pât.-With bandhára on. Tulzai Odha between survey Nos. 435 and 436. Waters survey Nos. 435 and 436, It is below bandhätạ No. 5." Steps shauld be taker to assess this nevg area as patasthal.'. "

## Uruli Deváchi.

Pat No. 1.-Classed to 15 th March. Supply regular.
Suryey numbers watered:- -53 to 92,94 to 97 and $10 n$ :
Water cess Rs. 210-6-0 to be increased 25 per cent.
Pat No. 2.-Same as No. i. Survey numbers watered - "1, 2 , and 10 to 109.

Water cess Rs. 45 to be increased 25 per centt.
Pát No. 3.-A Abandoned owing to difficulty of carrying water across a sunken road. "Survey numbers assessed :- 3 . $(1-3), 4,5$ and 6 .

Water eess Rs. 12 to be abolished.
Pát No. 41-Abandoñed. Survey numbers assessed:-287 and 291F. ,
-Water cess Rs, 23 to betabolished. ".
Pat No. "b--Abandoned às the streant bed has sunky Survey numbers". assessed:-301 (1-2), 302, 303 (1-5);
$\therefore$ Water cess Rs $10-8-0$ to be abolished
Patt No. o.-Classed to 15 th December. Water is obtained.
$\because$ Surveg numbers watered : 1558,559 (1-2), $5 ¢ 2$ and 563.
Water cess Rs. 7-4- $\mathbf{Q}$ to be increased 25 per cent.
P'at No. 7.-Classed to 1st Febrüary. Supply good.

- Survey numbers watered:-434ヶnd 435 (both inám).

Water cess Rs. 18 to be increased 25 per cont.
Pat No' 8 . ${ }^{\prime}$ Abandonory as bedr of stream has sunk. Survey nimbers assessed !- $-437,438$ and 612 (Survey' No. 612 has been formed out of 'Survey* No. 464, which is the survey number shbwn in the patt takta).

Water cess Rs 14-8-0 to be abolished.
Pait No. 9.-Classed to 1 st Febriary. "Survey numbers assessed :-477 to 481, 483 to $497,507,311,31 \pm, 315,3177$ to 319 :

Survey Nos. 492 and 494 never receive-water. Water coss Rs. 5-8-0 to be abolished.

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The lead to survey Nos. 311 to 319 is very long and the supply to these numbers so preoarious that the holders have resigned their righta. The water cess Rs. 40-8-0 on these lands should also be abolished.

The remaining water cess should be increased 25 per cent.
Pat No. 10.-Classed to 1st February. Supply excellent.
Survey nụmbers watered :- 336 to 340,34 to $345,347,382$ to 384 .
Water cess $\mathrm{Rs}_{\mathrm{s}}, 40-14,0$ to be increased 25 per cent.
Pát No. 11.-Similar to No. 10.
Survey numbers watered:-350, 351; 352 and 357.
Water cess Rs. 23 to be increased 25 per cent:
$\because$ Vadhu Khurd
Assqssment to be retained unchanged. ${ }^{-}$

## Perna.

Pit No 1:-Classed to 1st February. Survey jumbers watered:-63 (1-3), $64,65,66,68(1-3), 73,74,75,76,77(1-3), 78(1-4), 79$ (2). $\therefore$ Praetically all the land belongs to one man who complained that he had received no water for preceding 3 years. "This was not confirmed by enquiry. The pat was flowing strongly on 1st February 1915.

The water cess (Ris. 46 on 17 aeres) may be incredsed 25 per cent.
Pat No. 2.-Classed to 1st February. Survey numbers irrigated :-367 (2), 368, 369, 370 (1-2), 371 (1-2), 372 (1-3) 373, (1-4), 374 (1-3). No water in 1914-15 and only a little the year before. The assessment is much the same as for Pát No. 1, viz., Rs. 47-80 on 17. acres, but the supply is much inferior.

The,water cess may be retained unchangad.

APPENDIXQ


Effect of Revision Sottlement proposals ò
Abbreviations: $-\mathrm{Mr}^{\prime}=$ Motatal, $\mathbf{P}=$ Patasthal;

supied land.
iSoil, W = Water.



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Below Mr. Bell's No. S.1.-3, dated 30th August 1916, forvarding a Settlement Report on the 54 inám villages of the Haveli Taluka.

* No. S.R.V.-23, dated 30th October 1916.

Forwarded with compliments to the Settlement Commissioner.
2. The Collector agrees with Mr. Bell's proposals except in regard to the following points:-
(a) the increase proposed for Yerandawne, amounting to over 100 per cent. on the dry crop lanfls, is excessive. This village should go into Group II with a maximum rate of Rs, 3-6-0.
(b) Ráhatni, which Mr. Bell proposes to raise from Group IV to Group III should be left in its old group. It falls as suitably in the one group as the other, and its circumstances do not justify an increase of 38 per cent.
(c) Bhugaon is proposed to be raised from Rs. 1-8-0 to Rs. 3-2-0, an increase of over 100 per cent. on-dry-crop land. The only reason given is that it is at present under the original settlement of 1864-65. The reason may be a good one from the inamdar's point of view. Neither the circumstances nor the situation of the village justify suoh a large increase. It, should go into Group IV at Rs, 2-10-0.
G. W. HATCH,

Collector of Poona.

Beloto Collector's No. S. R. V.-23 of 30th. October 1916.
No. S. T.-61.
Poona, 26th December 1916.
Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, C. D.
2. The only question upon which we need dwell is the difference between the Collector and Mr. Bell as to the grouping of the three villages : Yerandávne, Bhugaon and Rahatni. All these villages were seltled in 1864. From that day for 52 years they have enjoyed an unaltered Settlement, while all around them Government villages have twice been substantially enhanced. This does not seem to have been any fault of the people, who are passive in such matters, nor of the inámdárs who seem to have been quite willing to have a Revision. Indeed, the papers do not show why the Revision was so long delayed. The natural consequence is that now in order to bring the villages two stages up to the level of the 1916 Settlement, the enhancements are very heavy. Now, what is the proper remedy? If we group them down so as to reduce enhancement we shail be perpetuating an under-assessment and continuing their unequal treatment for several more Settlements. The limit of 66 per cent. enhancement in a single village is a standard based upon a 30 years' Settlemerst, and certainly could be setmaside, for very good reasons, if the Settlement has been delayed for more than half a century. I think these are cases in which it certainly could be disregarded.
3. But would it be fair to the people? This evidently is what the Collector feels. It is obvious that such sudden enhancements would greatly upset rental agreements and the general economical arrangements of the villages. Jut rather than place the villages permanently upon a wrong footing, I would certainly prefer to grade the enlancements in the style of the Igatpuri concesssions, though perhaps more liberally. I would suggest that we group the villages and fix their assessments accoiding to Mr. Bell's proposals uniformly with the rost of the táluka. Then we shonld say that this is their standard assessment, but to avoid abrupt and disconcerting enhancements we propose to take in the first place only 50 per cent. of the total increase ( 33 per cent. at once, and the rest after two jears, as in the Igatpuri rules) : then, we should give a respite of 10 years more before we levied the remainder which would make it nearly 15 years before the village works up to the full standard. *hould any circumstances arise within that period which make the general standard for Haveli Táluka too high, then of course any modification allowed to the rest of the taluka would operate in these villages also. I think this course, which would affect the two villages Bhugaon and Yerandávne only, is preferable.
4. It is true that in the case of all the three villages they dolie on the border of the group in which Mr. Bell would include them, and therefore their transfer to the next lower groun would not be difficult, and would not interrupt the grouping scheme of the táluka, and it is a much simpler device than that above suggested. But in the case of Yerandávne, which is the most important, we can see that if we concede it we should have a tongue of land running right into the city on its west side, which would be assessed below less favourably situated land on the east. Such grouping would be indotensible in the abstract, ${ }^{2}$ and therefore should not in my opinion be aocopted (for secondary reasons) in order to avoid the percentage increases consequent upon an undue delay in the re-Settlement.
5. There is nothing else in these pajers calling for remark. The rest of the proposals may be accepted and are in entire conformity with those already subanitted for the khálsa villages.

[^9]No. A-106 of 1917.
From
C. N. SEDDON, Esq., I.C.S,

Commissioner ,C. D.;
To
The SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER and DIRECTOR of LAND RECORDS, Poona.
.Camp Dhulia, 13th February 1917.
Sir,
With reference to your endorsement No. S. T.-61, dated 26th December last, regarding revision settlement of the 48 inam villages of the Haveli Taluka in the Poona District mentioned in the accompanying list, I have the honour to state that, though I should like to adopt the proposal made by you as to varying rates in the case of certain villages, I fear the idea must be negatived in view of the orders of Government contained in paragraph 14 of their Resolution No. 1601, dated 11th February 1916, Revenue Department. The alternative appears to me the adoption of Collector's proposals, that is to say, the sanctioning of Mr. Bell's proposals as modified by the Collector in the matter of grouping of the villages of Yerandarne, Rahatni and Bhugaon, under classes II, IV and JV, respectively. This is, therefore, sanctioned.
2. Mr. Hatch's modifications in fact only amount to the placing in the lower of two groups certain villages which are on the border and might from their situation be in either. In the case of Yerandavne-its proper group is no doubt group I. But this might also be said of Hadapsar ; and in the case of Yerandavne, as in the case of Hadapsar, the excessive increase which inclusion in the higher group would entail, should certainly be avoided.
3. The rates should be introduced as early as possible and guaranteed so as to expire simultaneously with those of the khalsa. villages in the taluka.
4. Petitions of objection have been received from six villages. But I agree with you that these petitions disclose no arguments which have not been considered already.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,
> C. N. SEDDON,
> Commissioner, C. D.

List of Inam villages in the Haveli Taluka in the Poona District, accompanying this office No. A-106, dated 13th February 1917.

## Haveli Taluka.

1. Yerandava.
2. Wadgaon Khd.
3. Aundh.
4. Dapodi.
5. Bopisel.
6. Yeravda.
7. Charholi Budruk.
8. Chikhli.
9. Moshi.
10. Talawda.
11. Dehu.
12. Kinhi.
13. Chincholi.
14. Rawet.
15. Nigdi.
16. Akurdi.

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$\checkmark$ 17. Chinchwad.

18. Pimpri Waghera.
19. Bhosri.
20. Pimple Gurav.
21. Sangvi.
22. Pimple Saudagar.
23. Banera.
24. Sus.
25. Bavdhan B.
26. Pashan.
27. Kalas.
28. Ambegaon Khd.
29. Rahatni.
30. Bhugaon:
31. Ahire.
32. Tathavda.
33. Jambe.
34. Nere.
35. Man.
36. Hinjawdi.
37. Wakad.
38. :Laula.
39. Urali.
40." Gauddar Devachi.
40. Ambi.
41. Wadhu Budruk.
42. Uruli Kanchan.
43. Theur.
44. Wagni.
45. Tulapur.
46. Sashte.
47. Perane.

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V. B. MARDHEKAR,

Superintendent, Land Records, C. D.

INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE SECOND REVISION SETTLEMENT OF KHED TALUKA OF THE POONA DISTRICT.


# G. WILES, Esq., I. C. S., <br> Assistant Settlement Officer, Taluka Khed, District Poona; 

 The Collector of Poona, Poona.Poona, 15th August 1918.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit the revision settlement report of the Khed Taluka of the Poona District, including the Mahalkari's petha of Ambegaon.

- The current settiements were effected as follows :-

| Year. | Number of villages. | Government orders. | Printed report. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1859 | 193 | 2 | No. 1390 of 19th February 1889.... | Selection No. CCXXV, |
|  |  | No. 5811 of 9th August 1889. | $\ldots$ | New Series. |

The present proposals cover 195 Goverument villages, together with 25 Inam villages. During the currency of the existing settlement one Inam village. Rase has lapsed to Government. The two Government villages Goregaon and Supe were unsurveyed at the time of the settlement. One village Chincholi (near Ghoda) was Government at the time of the settlement report, and was given in Inam in 1894. There are in all 35 Survey Settled Inam villages in the taluka. In 25, revision settlements had been introduced by sanction of the Settlement Commissioner. These are included in the present report. The current settlements of the remaining 10 are original, and a report regarding them will be submitted after the Superintendent, Land Records and Registration, has carried out the required test of the measurement and classification.

## II.-Position and Physical Features.

(a) The areas of the taluka and petha are respectively as follow :-

|  |  | Taluka. | Pethe. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Acres. | Acres. |
| Occupied land | ... | 300,882 | 94,328 |
| Assessed waste | ... | 268 | 118 |
| Forest | $\ldots$ | 53,775 | 40,938 |
| Other land not for eultivation |  | 30,308 | 12,004 |

The area of forest in charge of the Revenue Department is 18,098 acres.
(b) The petha of Ambegaon occupies the North-West quarter of the taluka from the ghat wall to the Bombay-Nasik road. Its headquarters are at Ghoda. In future references it should be understood that it is included in the term "taluka'. The taluka is bounded on the West by the Ghat wall, on the South by the Mawal and Haveli Talukas, on the North by Junnar, and on the East by Sirur. The general circumstances of the taluka are very similar to those of Junnar. The rates of assessment have always been based on those of Junnar with such minor changes as its circumstances demand. There is no such extensive plain as is found in the Eastern half of Junnar, a range of low hills being carried through the centre of the taluka, and breaking up with many ramifications as it enters Sirur.

The taluka is divided into 3 distinct river valleys (known as " nehers "), those of the Ghoda, the Bhima and the Bhama. In the west each valley is effectually cut off from its neighbour by a range of hills averaging some 6 or 7 hundred feet high, passable to foot-passengers at long intervals by steep and stony tracks.

The' Ghodneher and Bhimneher debouch at Manchar and Chas respectively into rich plains irrigated by pats and wells.

The Bhamneher throughout its entire length is more cut up than the others and it is not until it has crossed the Bombay-Nasik road and approaches its union with the Bhima that the course of the river becomes more open.

A prominent feature of the taluka is the broad wasp-waisted plateau dividing the Ghodneher from the Bhima valley. Commencing from Bhimashankar in the extreme West a broad plateau some 800 feet above the valley extends as far as Pokri, from which point it tapers to a narrow ridge inhabited only at Dhakale. It then drops several hundred feet and from Kurvandi (the source of the Vel river) expands into a rich flat plain of black soil (known as the "Sat gaoncha Pathar"), which extends as far as Pargaon and Gulani. From this point the walls of the plain close in, and the river flows through a narrow, well watered valley which opens out as it approaches Pabal.
(c) As in all parts of the 'Western Deccan the soils vary in the most eccentric way both in depth and character, wherever the land is hilly. Probably the Bhama valley contains less good soil than the others, a black soil, often very shallow, alternating with patches of an inferior red. The whole of the Khed plain is a very rich dark soil. And the Ghodneher, from Ghoda Eastward, possesses in many places a black soil of immense depth; together with a dark brown soil unequalled for potato cultivation. The whole of Avsari Khurd, probably the finest village in the taluka, is composed of this soil.

The classification of the soil followed the methods described by Mr. Bell in the Junnar report. The change of scale was introduced here also, as I think, dgreeing with Mr. Bell, wrongly. I do not propose to discuss the question, however, as the statistics which I have gathered do not support Mr. Bell's further contention regarding the general over-assessment of the inferior soils.
(d) The taluka cannot be said to be well wooded in spite of the large area of forest. In the extreme West, approximately the Western half of group $\mathbf{V}$, there is a very large area of heavy ever-green forest. From the eastern half of this group the forest rapidly thins. In groups 4 and 3 the hills are practically bare of vegetation other than grass and cactus. Eastward of a line drawn North and South through Wada teak and babul make their appearance, but in general it may be said that the hills of the Eastern half of the taluka are treeless wastes, and such 'Forest' as there is consists of a poor grazing.

Throughout the taluka however the cultivated lands have a fair proportion of mangoes and otherouseful trees. The Hirda (the myrabolam), except on the Pokhari plateau, is found only in the 5th group.

## III.-Climate, general condition of the people, and resources.

(1) The climate is pleasant, and for the most part healthy. The Western villages suffer much from malaria during the monsoon and the earlier winter months. In particular the Pokhari plateau is then bleak and cold. Only the hardy little Mavli bullock can survive a monsoon in these parts. Cattle from the east which have been sent into the "Mawal" in a year of scanty or late rainfall have died in large numbers. This happened during the present year 1917. The inhabitants are beyond reach of medical attendance, and would, I think, appreciate the establishment in each valley of a small depot (say at a centrally situated school) for the distribution of quinine.
(2) Official records have been kept at Ghoda and Khed, and are given in Rainall. Appendioes A 1 and 2. I have obtained some incomplete statistics for the last three years kept by the Executive Engineer at Peth (on the central plateau) and at Pokhari, and also the records of 5 other stations maintained by the Irrigation Department (App. A 3-5). From the nature of the cultivation and comparison of such-
statistics as we have with those of adjoining talukas, it may be laid down as a general proposition that the belts of variation in rainfall run due North and South within the taluka. This general statement must be modified in respect of the 2 plateaus, and of the range of hills that separates Khed from the Mawal Tailuka. I thinir it is undoubtedly established that these heights oarry the rainfall more Eastward than is the case with the more lowlying valleys to the North and South of them.

For instance while the usual monsoon crops of bajri oan be grown as far Westward as Koye (and even Paith) in the Bhamneher, too much rain is received in Bhamboli and Mahalunge, in neither of which villages is bajri grown. I have already mentioned that the hirda tree grows all over the Pokri plateau, while in the valleys North and South it ceases to grow Eastward of Tokavdi and Kusera. My deduction from this fact was confirmed by the rainfall recorded at Pokhari, which is considerably heavier than that recorded at Shivli exactly North of Pokhari in the Junnar Taluka (Mr. Bell reports the average as 72 inches; the average at Pokhari for 3 years being 93.7).

The difference in the records of Khed Manchar and Peth are partioularly interesting. Peth is slightly East of North of Khed but the recorded rainfall of the two years 1915-1916 (perhaps incomplete) exceeds that of both Khed and Manchar by an average of 13 inches. I am aware that full reliance cannot be placed on the P. W. D. figures, but they confirm in a marked manner the impression already given by the condition and history of the villages on the Eastern end of this plateau as compared with those of villages due North and South. There can be no doubt that the rainfall in the group of villages from Waphgaon to Kanhersir is considerably greater than that in the Nirgudsar group (North) and the Pimpalgaon group (South).

The ten years from 1900 to 1910 were a period of capricious rainfall. Patasthal assessment had constantly to be remitted, and over a large part of the taluka (chiefly of course in the East) outstandings were considerable.

The rainfall since 1912 has been consistently good, though not always wêll distributed; and it has had noticeable results in raising the sub-soil water level. A number of pats which had fallen into disuse have begun to flow again during. the last 5 years.
(3) Early crops are the rule throughout. In the Eastern villages the area of late crops expands readily with a heary fall of late rain. During the current season the early crops were almost an entire failure, , ut heavy late rains enabled extensive crops of rabi jowari to be sown. Roughly, the Western boundary of group II is the limit of monsoon bajri (the chief crop) and jowari. Late jowari (shalu) is grown in suitable soils for a few miles further West. Thence to the edge of the Ghats the monsoon crops are rice, nagli, sava, vari and khurasni. Unirrigated wheat is grown throughout the taluka both ás a single crop, and as a second crop in rice lands. Irrigated wheat is grown as a second crop after bajri or potatoes in the first 2 groups.

Of the oil-seeds khurasni is peculiar to the Maral. Groundnut is grown almost everywhere in the first two groups, and parts of Group III. Safflower is grown in the East.

Throughout the first 2 groups in favourable situations a seoond crop can be grown without irrigation.

One of the most important crops of the taluka is the potato, and the extension of the irrigated area under this crop is one of the marked features of the last few years. I have made many enquiries regarding the outturn, and my conclusions as to an average crop vary very considerably from those recorded in the last revision settlement report. They have been oonfirmed by enquiry of the Agricultural Department.

If the figures of 1888 are accepted the cultivators' statement that the yield has much decreased is confirmed. It is said to be due partly to lack of farmyard manure and partly to disease. The former can only be met by the use of some artificial manure. Both questions, I understand, are engaging the attention of the Agricultural Department. A 'palla' in the case of potatoes is
the equivalent of 140 seers. Four pallas of seed are sown to the acre and an average yield is 4-6 times the seed in the case of monsoon crops and 6-8 times in the case of rabi crops (irrigated). That is to say an average of some $6,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. (unirrigated) and 8,000 (irrigated); yields which are only about half those recorded in 1889. Much larger yields are of course obtained, and ought to be more general. The elimination of disease, more care in the selection of seed, and the discovery of some suitable artificial manure, to all of which events we may confidently look forward, will greatly raise the profits of cultivation, already very high.

The monsoon potato crop is commonly followed by a second crop, usually wheat, but sometimes jowari. Such crops are usually very excellent owing to the heavy manure required for the potato crop (averaging 3 cartloads per palla of seed).

The second crop is usually unizrigated in the Western villages, and irrigated in the more easterly.

The rabi potato crop usually follows a monsoon crop of bajri.
There is no well established order of rotation in dry crop lands except in the Maval. The following are specimen rotations in double cropped land. Liands not capable of giving a double crop grow their one crop year after year, usually without change, whether it be bajri, jowari, or wheat and gram.
A. First year: bajri followed by gram. - Second year: groundnut or chillies. Third year: jowari, or bajri again.
B. First year: Potato followed by wheat. Second year: Bajri. Third year: Potatoes again. (This rotation depends chiefly on the amount of manure available.)

In garden 18d sugar-cane sometimes is rotated with potatoes and a dry crop such as bajri, or chillies. But the tendency is for sugar-cane to be. replaced by the potato, whioh is a more quickly maturing crop, requires less outtlay, and is equally remunerative. A common rotation is bajri (unirrigated) followed by wheat (irrigated). Second year. Bajri followed by potatoes (irrigated). Or if manure is forthcoming potatoes may be grown every year, alternately as a monsoon and as an irrigated crop.

In the Maval the invariable 3 year rotation is (1) nagli, (2) sava or vari, (3) til (khurasni). The land is then left fallow for periods which vary from 3 to 10 years, the period becoming longer, as we get more Westward. There is practically no true fallow in rotation in other parts of the taluka, that is to say in groups I and II.

The following is a precis for the five years :-
1912-1913 to 1916-1917.


- Grass has very recently been treated as a separate crop, and the area is still, there is reason to believe, inaccurate. It is to be regretted that the area under potatoes is not separately recorded. The area in 1886 given by Mr. Stewart was 5,874 acres; the area under fruits, roots and tubers is now 10,349 acres.

I have already mentioned the Hirda. The fruit of this tree (the gall-nut or myrabolam) is a very important crop in the fifth group, and constantly pays the rent. Its price has recently been 13 pailis ( 52 seers) for a rupee for the best seed, and proportionally less for inferior grades.

The following statement gives the average irrigated areas during the 5 jears 1912-13 to 1916-17. The ret average irrigated area was 11,178 acres; the actual net irrigated area in 1917 was 12,682. No figures of actual irrigated area at the time of the last settlement are available ; the total area classed as garden was 12,783،ac̀res.

Average for 5 years ending $191 \%$.

| $\cdots$ Whest. | Rice. | Other <br> cereals and <br> pulses. | Sugar- <br> cane. | Other food <br> oreps. | Non-food <br> erops. | Fodder. | Total. | Deduot <br> twioe <br> oropped. | N Net <br> irrigated <br> area. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2,303 | 80 | 8,972 | 422 | 4,748 | 1,202 | 179 | 12,906 | 1,728 | 11,178 |

(4) The standard of cultivation varies considerably. Where there is irrigaModes of Husbandry. tion it is invariably good and the better class soils in the first 2 groups are generally well and carefully worked. Probably the most indifferent cultivation is found in the Bhama valley where I noticed a tendency to leave ploughing until the monsoon when it is easier, with the result that many fields are overgrown with weeda

- Throughout the taluka manure is used only on garden or double-cropped lands. Potatoes cannot be grown without a plentiful supply of manure, and where this crop is extensive the price of manure is very high, as much as -Ths. 4 a cart-load being sometimes paid.

There is a great demand for the herds of goats and sheep of wandering Dhangars. In the central villages 4 annas per khandi ( 20 animals) is paid for a night's folding, and sometimes a lump sum is fixed for a large herd. In the West where grazing is plentiful the Dhangar is content to take his food only. Throughout Groups I and II (East) considerable herds are kept by the cultivators themselves also. Further West the climate is unsuitabla.

Iron ploughs are commonest in the extreme East. In the South-East they have practically superseded the native plough. West of Khed the iron plough is rarely seen. Four to eight bullocks are yoked to a plough.

In the Maval ploughing is rarely commenced before the monsoon, when the small 2 bullock plough is all that is needed. The entire supply of farmyard manure is used for burning (as "rab") on the seed beds of rice and nagli. This is mixed with grass, and, in the extreme West only, with loppings from trees and shrubs.
(5) Communications.-During the current settlement these have improved considerably, but many parts of the taluka are still very difficult of access. Wheeled traffic in the directions of North and South, in the country West of the Poona-Nasik road, will always be difficult, if not impossible, owing to the geographical conditions ; but good cart roads are greatly needed to open up the Bhama valley and the tributary valley of the Arla (which joins the Bhima at Wada), and to feed the Ambegaon-Manchar road.

The extension of the potato cultivation has increased the demand for village cart roads, since this is a crop which cannot easily be carried to market by head loads.

I may enumerate the improvements carried out since the last revision :-
(a) Metalling and provision of culverts to the Manchar-Ghoda road; its extension to Ambegaon, and to Bhimashankar over the Pokhari plateau. The latter extension is not much used for cart traffic except in the hirda season.

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Practically no carts are maintained in the Western villages. The Ambegaon to Manchar sector is more heavily worked.
(b) Three bridges have been built on the Poona-Nasik road, over the Bhama, the Bhima and the Parit Nulla at Khed. A bridge over the Ghoda River is shortly to be constructed. These have enabled the motor service to be started between Talegaon and Junnar which is referred to in the Junnar Settlement report. A light railway, as noted in Mr. Hatch's letter below that report, is also under contemplation. The surface of this road has suffered much from the motor lorries. There is a great and constant cart traffic to Poona, Talegaon, and via.Talegaon down to the Konkan, from the central and Eastern parts of the taluka and peta.
(c) A Local Board road connects Khed with Waphgaon (unmetalled); it contains aq steep ghat ascent which demands 4 bullocks for a loaded cart. The road is continued up a second ascent on to the plateau to the East, and will eventually it is presumed reach Dhamni or Loni. The taluka map wrongly shows this road as joining, through Loni, the Narayangaon-Sirur road.
(d) A Local Board road (in bad condition) runs from Khed to Ahire through Kadus, over the Ganeshkhind pass at Talavdi.
(e) A good metalled road joins Ghoda to Junnar, but the crossing at Ghoda is only passable in the fair season. These new roads have been shown in the taluka map in red ink.

The remaining roads named in paragraph 16 of the last settlement report are kept in very fair condition by the Local Board. That from Khed to Pabal has a very bad and stony ghat between Retavdi and Gosasi, and several bad nalla crossings. The Chakan-Sirur road is in better condition, but the Bhima at Pimpalgaon is impassable in the monsoon, and is always difficult even for country carts. The villagers have a ferry of their own.

There are ferries also at Ambegaon, over the Ghoda river, and over the Indrayani on the main Poona road, which are in use during part of the monsoon.

Tolls were abolished in 1909 on the Provincial roads; and most of the District Local Board tolls in the following yearis. There are tolls still remaining at Narodi (between Ghoda and Manchar) and at Padli (Khed-Bhorgiri road). The former was sold in 1917-18 for Rs. 2,020 the price having gradually risen from 1,225 in 1908. The latter fetched Rs. 1,855 at the last auction. The table below gives the value of the abolished toll gates in the year prior to their abolition:-


The difference in the value of the Kurli and Peth toll-gates indicates how the traffic diverges to Talegaon at Chakan.

The Ghoda valley west of Ambegaon is impracticable for carts. Such goods traffic as there is carried by head loads or by donkeys.

In the Bhama valley carts with considerable difficulty manage to get as far as Amboli, and occasionally as far as Kharpud, but the road is extremely bad. In only 2 villages West of Ahire are carts to be found.

There are a number of tracks descending into the Konkan. Only one, that from Bhimashankar, is used by pack bullocks, and that now rarely. But this is the main track for unladen animals, an by it the Dhangars' with their herds of sheep and goats make their way down? The other paths, for instance one at Ahupa, and one at Wandre, are used only for passenger traffic and such little market produce as is brought to and fro by the inhabitants of the extreme West.
(6) The chief markets of the taluka are at Manchar, Chakan, Ambegaon, Wada, Ahire and Khed. There are minor weekly markets at Ghoda, Waphgaon, Kadus, Chas and Mahalunge (near Chakan). Manchar is the centre of a considerable cattle trade, and cultivators go thither from all parts of this and adjoining talukas. Chakan does a little cattle dealing, and a miscellaneous trade in grain and potatoes. Ambegaon, Wada and Ahire are the rice markets of their respective valleys. At these unhusked rice is generally the medium of exchange. Merchants from the chief towns of the district attend. Ambegaon is also a collecting station for the myrabolams of the nnper Ghoda valleys. In the rest of the hirda country traders send carts to collect from the villagers as far Westward as they can go.

I give below a tabular statement showing the chief products sold at the markets with an estimate of the weekly turnover. At all the markets the usual 'fancy goods', bangles, trinkets, sweet-meats and spices are attractively displayed by local or travelling merchants :-


The inhabitants of outlying villages attend the bazars of adjoining talukas; the chief are Junnar, Talegaon and Pabal. The Koli villages in the extreme North-West for the most part use the bazars of the Konkan side, which are easier of access than Ambegaon, the nearest bazar within the tuluka.

There are two annual fairs of importance, one at Alandi, and the other at Bhimashankar. The former is attended by some 60,000 pilgrims of all castes, the latter by something under half that number, chiefly Kolis. The festivals are entirely religions and such trade as takes place is primarily to feed the people.

A feature of the district which it is worth while to mention, since it forms a minor index to the condition of the people, is the wrestling meetings which take place annually in a number of villages, generally in conjunction with some pilgrimage to a minor village deity. It is the custom on these occasions for the village in which the meeting takes place to act as host to all comers (at any rate in the smaller meetings), and to give small prizes either in money, or in the shape of a 'phenta' or a silver bangle. The chief meeting, at which I had the privilege of being present, is held at Wada and is attended by some 5,000 people. Competitors come in from all parts of the district, from Bombay, Poona and Satara, and a considerable sum is expended in prizes. The prize in the chief contest on this day was a milch buffalo and calf.
(7) Imports and Exports.-Probably the most important article of export is potatoes. The large farmers cart-the produce into Poona, or to Talegaon for shipment to Bombay. Smaller men dispose of their produce to local dealers, or in the smaller bazars. Many of the prominent cultivators of Khed, Avsari, Chakan and other large potato-growing villages have a direot connection with merchants in Bombay. But I think the larger part of the trade is with Poona. Organization has been wanting, and differences in the measures used, and difficulties in ascertaining the market-rate, have given rise to many complaints against the Poona brokers. A Co-operative Society has recently been started at Khed; others are already working at Manchar, Peth and Chas, and it is hoped that a sale Society in Poona will finally establish the trade in conditions more favourable to the cultivator.

Carts go from several parts of the district carrying grain, chillies, betelleaves, onions, etc., to Panvel and Pen (in the Kolaba District) and bring back salt.

The hirda (myrabolam or gallnut) has already been mentioned as an important article of export. Other produce that is exported in considerable quantities includes groundnuts; oil, onions, rice, wheat, gram and green vegetables. There is a considerable number of sheep in the taluka, of which the wool must find its way to a market. It is collected by Dhangars who usually pay Rs. 5 per hundred sheep.

The taluka is not self-supporting; and quantities of bajri, the staple food of the district, are imported from Ahmednagar. Mill-made cloth, lugdis, and sadis, come from Bombay and Sholapur, and kerosine oil, salt, iron and brassware, and groceries are other important articles of import. Cattle come to the Manchar market from the Khandesh and Ahmednagar Districts, the best being of the Khillari breed; and wandering drovers also visit most parts of the taluka.

A petty trade in ghee is carried on in the Western villages with some of the Konkan bazars, Karjat being the chief mart. The ghee is carried in head loads down the Ghát tracks. The trade is said to be much less than it was in former times.
(8) and (9) Manufactures and Industries are enumerated in Áppendix E. They are quite unimportant. The village weaving industry, as in many places elsewhere, is decrepit. Five poor houses are found where 20 flourishing families existed in the past.
(10) and (12) Population and Health (See Appendix C and M). The population has varied as follows during the settlement period:-

| 1881 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 121,835 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1891 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 156,552 |
| 1901 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 149,662 |
| 1911 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 121,768 |$\quad . \quad$.

Since the records of the last 10 years show a very decided margin of births over deaths, the decrease in population must be due to emigration. This emigration being temporary for the most part and synchronising with the date on which the census is usually taken, it follows that there is in all probability no real drop in population. The increase in the temporary migration has been very marked of recent years as I have shown in paragraph 18 below. Comparatively few villages show any decided increase of population, and the decrease is evenly distributed throughout the entire taluka.

I have already mentioned the prevalence of malaria in the Western parts. Plague on the whole cannot be said to have been bad, 4,279 deaths having been reported from this cause during the 10 years ending 1917. It has been spread over a larger area during the spring of the current year than ever before, having travelled along the highways into the extreme west. The village of Ghoda has in particular suffered much, no less than 850 deaths having occurred during the years 1908-1917. I found during my tour this year a number of western villages greatly perturbed at the sudden visitation ; and in some cases cultivators had harriedly departed leaving their fields untended. But, deaths have not so far as I can ascertain been numerous, and prompt evacuation of the village, affected is now the invariable rule. Since it is a common practice for cultivators to live in their fields during the season, most find this no hardship. The majority of the agricultural population consists of Kunbis, Marathas and Malis. They are for the most part enterprising and up-to-date cultivators particularly in group 1 and the East villages. (Kolis inhabit the western villages of the Ghoda and Bhima valleys. In these valleys the 4th and 5th groups are almost entirely Koli. The tribe varies much in enterprise and in other characteristics. In the North-West for the mosilpart jungli and backward in all respects, elsewhere we find men of good physique, ready to migrate, and undistinguishable from the ordinary Maratha cultivator. A few isolated hamlets of Thakurs are found here and there in the West and make their living chielly out of forest produce.) Some Dhangars live in the East where the
climate is suited for their herds of sheep and goats, and some of them weave coarse woollen blankets.
(11) Schools and Education.-It has often been remarked that the schools are an infallible reflexion of the general prosperity of the people. This is in general true, but requires some modification. A very great deal depends on the personality of the master. A large and prosperous village generally gets a good master. Poor and out of the way villages, where there is often the makings of a good school, get too often an indifferent teacher, whose heart is not in his work. In the course of my tour I found no less than three schools which had been olosed down for considerable periods owing to the slackness of the master, who found it inconvenient or uncomfortable to live in a village where there were none of his caste-fellows. One Koli patil had in consequence sent off his sons to another village where there was a better school. But itremains true that the appreciation of an elementary education varies very greatly. The general impression left on my mind after visiting most of the schools is somewhat depressing. There are too many notes recorded in the Visiting Books of warnings to the Committee that the school will be closed, if more interest is not taken. But I think the depression is not wholly justified. There are some very excellent schools full of life and energy, notably at the two Avsaris, Chas and Waphgaon; and a number of the larger village schools had been closed owing to plague. In three small villages I found little private schools, and there are probably others. And the temporary emigration to Bombay, now almost universal, is having an effect on rustic lethargy which is bound to react on the existing indifference to education. In this respect there is little or no difference between the poorer Maratha and the Koli villages.

The following information is obtained from the Deputy Educational Inspector:-

|  | No. of schools. | No. on rolls. | Attendanoe. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Local Board | 104 | 4,216 bovs ${ }_{694}$ girls | 8,105 |
| Municipal | 1 | 4,850 196 | 128 |
| Aided | ; | 184 | 128 |

In one school the poor attendance was ascribed to the somewhat remarkable reason, that the school only taught up to the 4th standard, and the villagers thought it was not worth while sending their children, if they had to stop their education at that stage.

The importance of having well-trained masters, men who are teachers by inclination rather than by stress of circumstances, is a truism which strikes one with renewed force when one notices the great difference between adjoining schools, or even in the same school at various periods.
(13) Live and dead stock.

Appendix D gives information by groups for the Taluka and Petha separately, with totals for entire groups for purposes of future comparison. It is not possible to compare fully the present grand total with those of 1888 as the methods of enumeration differ. The total number of villages moreover is now 195 against 193 of the former settlement. But the additional 2 villages are small and will not include more than some 500 cattle. The total increase in the number of larger cattle is therefore not less than 18 per cent.

The area of cultivated land per head of plough cattle is 8 acres. Owing to the minute subdivision of land, the greater number of cultivators do not possess enough bullocks for their own needs; and co-operation in ploughing is the rule. There are complaints, as usual, whenever grazing rights are restricted (as is the case where the new forest working-plans have been introduced) that the supply of milk and manure is insufficient: But an excessive area of grazing, while undoubtedly increasing the supply of manure, invariably leads to the keeping of a large number of otherwise useless animals,
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a result of which the evil effects on the type of cattle have repeatedy been pointed out. Probably the only remedy for the complaint is the increased use of artificial manures on the one hand, and the cultivation of fodder crops on the other. There are signs in the better villages, where the grazing ares is limited, that the latter lesson is being learnt. In addition to the usual kadbi, lucerne is becoming a common crop in a number of villages where there is well irrigation, not for export but for the cultivator's own cattle.

The number of cattle is without doubt sufficient for the cultivation of the taluka. The area of forest available for grazing is 75 acre per head.

The figures of the annual cattle census recorded in the Cirole Books reveal often such remarkable fluctuations that it is clear that we must accept the earlier figures with much caution. Undoubtedly there were heavy losses throughout the whole taluka during the famine years that occurred between 1899 and 1909. While the numbers of the taluka as a whole appear to have been made up, there are individual villages which have not yet recovered their losses.

Ploughs have increased by some 20 per cent. I have already mentioned that iron ploughs have become the rule in the South Eastern villages. A few men possess their own, and let them out on hire. Others obtain them from Poona, Talegaon and other centres, the usual rate of hire being 3 annas a day.

Carts have increased in about the same proportion. In groups 4 and 5 there are practically no carts but the heavy solid wheeled type requiring four bullocks, and very few of those.

Houses.-Throughout the greater part of the taluka the common type of house has lower walls of rough shaped stones cemented with mud or mortar, and upper walls of red baked brick, the roof being tiled. In the extreme West corrugated iron often takes the place of tiles in the houses of the well-to-do, and grass thatch in those of the poorer people whether Koli or Maratha, while bricks are not often found. The grass thatch is not wholly a sign of poverty; tiles are of course difficult to obtain, as there are few or no Kumbhars in the West, but the thatoh is equally rain proof, and more comfortable than the tiles, being warmer and less draughty. A large proportion of the Kolis' houses are still built up of wattle and cowdung; but the stone and mud wall has now become usual.
(14) Water supply.-See Appendix F.

Change in the form of the statistical returns makes accurate comparison difficult. There were 2,386 wells and budkis (kacha and pakka) is use in 1,888 2,147 being for irrigation and 240 for drinking purposes. There are now 3,943 in use, $3,52.9$ being for irrigation and 414 for drinking. This amounts to an increase of 65 per cent. There are besides, among the 'other sources', 159 used for irrigation, and 230 for the drinking supply of men and animals. It is not known how these were classed in the report of the expiring settlement.
(15) (a) Distribution of Land.-

Mr. Bell has referred, as characteristic of the absence of general indebtedness to professional money lenders, to the fact that in Junnar sales of land with an oral agreement behind them are not common. In Khed such sales are the almost universal form of security for a loan. This is one result of the Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act, which has driven the professional money lender to demand an out-and-out sale in order to protect himself. It would appear that at first the change operated as a considerable check on rash borrowing, but the full sale with oral agreement is now accepted as a matter of course. In few places did I hear of any complaints of failure to return the land on repayment of the capital debt. Even in transactions among cultivators this is also the usual form of security. As a rule the vendor remains in possession and pays a rent equal to the interest due on the loan.

Purchase of land by non-agriculturists jas an investment is practically oonfined to the first two groups. Here it is not uncommon, particularly in villages where bagayat cultivation is usual or possible.) The statements prepared group by group, showing the area in possession of non-agriculturists, are particularly interesting. It will be seen that while the percentage of area
is'roughly the same in the first two groups, it drops rapidly as we go westward. (Group figures are given separately for the Petha Mahal, since there is no Eastern part in Group II.)

The figures of non-agriculturists are probably not entirely reliable, as talatis are still very vague about the definition, and have sometimes included Mahars and others as non-agriculturists. But the proportion as between groups will remain unaffected by this. II interpret the statement as showing (1) that large loans (of, say, 100 and upwards), for which the security of land would naturally be taken, are less common in the Maval than in the East; (2) that land is looked upon as an unsafe or unremunerative investment in the Maval, for non-resident landlords. A Bania of Wade told me that no savkar would sink money even in the best rice land in the West owing to the risk of damage to the land from excessive rain. In the East on the contrary in the better villages all classes, 'Wanis, Sonars, Brahmans, Suthars, Kumbhars, find it profitable to invest their savings in land, particularly in bagayt.]

I have no reliable evidence as to the proportion of non-agriculturists who are professional money lenders. If I may be allowed to hazard an estimate, I should say they are not less than 75 per cent. And the very large part of their holdings is held temporarily as security for loans. But I think it a sign of the general prosperity of the taluka that the area of land with the non-agriculturists does not exceed 14 per cent. of the total. In Junnar it amounted to 28 per cent. :-

|  |  | Agriculturists. | Non-agriculturists. |
| :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

(b) Value of land as ascertained by sales.-I have given in Appendix $\mathbf{G}$ details by groups taken from typical villages, of sales of jirayat land, patasthal, and rice. Mot irrigation being of such importance, statistics of motasthal land were also collected from a number of villages. They reveal a very high value, but the price necessarily includes a share in at least one well, and the proportion of the price to be assigned as the value of the water facilities is so -variable and uncertain that it is difficult to derive any reliable information from them. I do not, therefore, append them to the report.

Sales with an oral agreement to restore have been entirely excluded. As a rule the tendency is naturally for such sales to be for less than the true market value, though in cases where there is no immediate prospect of the land being redeemed, there is little evidence of any considerable reduction in the price. Occasionally in transactions between cultivators the contrary is the case. In Karegaon for instance, there were numerous sales (between agriculturists) with oral agreements in which the price paid was out of all proportion greater than the market value. In this village retransfers were commonly effected within a few years.

So far as I have been able to ascertain, then, the figures given in Appendix $G$ refer only to permanent transactions. They speak for themselves. I need only point out that in Group $V$ only does the value of dry crop land fall below 50 times the assessment: in no case does that of patasthal fall below 100 times; nor that of rice (or mixed rice and jirayat, where rice is the larger area) below 60 times the assessment. It is a faot which has been
pointed out before that there is no such thing as a market price to a cultivator when he has set his heart on having a piece of land. He will pay for good soil near other land of his possession whatever he can afford, and often more than he oan afford. As one farmer put it "we buy land not with a view of getting such and such interest on our money, but in order to hand it down as a possession to our children." And the pressure on the land is so great that competition often drives up the price to a point at which it could not be remunerative to a non-cultivating owner. Prices paid by agriculturists are thus often in excess of what will be paid by a non-agriculturist, rates up to 500 or 600 times the assessment being not ancommon. I have usually excluded from the returns instances of excessively inflated value. But the fact must lead us to use with caution the figures of sale value in assessing the increase which Government may fairly make in the assessments.

There are few reliable statistics available for comparison of values at different periods. At the time of the revision settlement the average value of land in the whole taluka was put at 53 times the assessment. The average of all the groups now is 64 times.

In view of Mr. Bell's contention that in Junnar the worse soils are overassessed in comparison with the better, I have composed statements for the first two groups similar to those given in paragraph 24 of the Jupnar settlement report. The same joint report scale of classification annas was introduced in Khed as in Junnar, but my statements do not lead to the conclusions drawn by Mr. Bell in the case of that taluka. I give below a rough tabular statement which shows that the average assessment remains more or less steady throughout the various classes :-


Noris.-The comparatively high sverage of the assessments is due to the fact that each alass oontains both high and low assessuments. It is not the case that the salee of poor land are very few.
While then I agree entirely with Mr. Bell in thinking that it would be possible to raise the assessment of the better soils in a greater proportion than would be advisable in the case of the worse, I arrive at this conclusion ofr more general grounds. An acre which produces, let us say, a net profit of 50 rupees from potatoes can afford to pay a larger proportion of it to Government than an acre which produces a bare Rs. 3 from an inferior crop of bajri. This is always recognised by landlords who take a rent in kind. And prima facie one would expect to find the sale price of the better land to be a larger multiple of an assessment which took the same proportion of the outturn from all lands. The greater the proportion taken the less would be the demand for the poor land. The evidence in the present case, showing that there is practically an equal demand for all kinds of land, proves at any rate that the assessment of the poorer lands is moderate, and so long as the pitch of the assessment remains approximately the same, there is no need for differential treatment in their favour.
(c) As ascertained by leases.-See appendix. H, H1, H2.-The very large number of sales with oral agreement has necessitated very careful sifting of the recorded leases. The Record of Rights which has generally been found aocurate in the case of sales and mortgages, was far from complete in the oase of leases. Unless a document is presented for record to the talati, he
often neglects the Register of Leases, with the result that not only are oral transactions, which are most numerous, constantly omitted, but leases which have been cancelled are shown as continuing. Such leases as I have given in the Appendix have with few exceptions been confirmed by personal enquiry. A very great proportion of the cash leases have been rejected as being merely interest on a loan. In a few villages only they are the rule, and then it is usually because it suits the convenience of a few large landlords, as for example in Sinoli, of a somewhat notorious Wani, who collects exoeptionally high cash rents. But the transactions are sufficiently numerous in the first two groups to be of value.

In Group I, I may point out that the cash rents in Avsari Budruk and Chakan, both exceptionally good. villages, are of lands below the average, and cannot be accepted as typical. On the other hand, I have occasionally come across cases of cash rents which the tenant has found too high, and converted in a subsequent year into a crop share.

Throughout the taluka a crop share is the usual form of rent. The share is invariably one-half, except in the inferior hill lands of the West, where a smaller share, usually one-third, goes to the landlord. Fixed rents in kind are found only in the Maval.

In the case of the half share rents, all expenses (other than the tenant's labour) are shared in the same proportion except the assessment, which is paid by the landlord. For example, in the case of an irrigated potato crop, the landlord gives half the seed, supplies half the manure, and half the cost of the mot and the ropes required therefor.

Rents in kind are usually paid in the crop whioh is being oultivated. Occasionally payment in paddy only is insisted on, and in the extreme West rents are quite commonly paid in hirda. In converting kind rents into cash I have used the rates which I have ascertained to have been current in the nearest bazar. In considering these rents it is necessary to remember that the tendency is for the actual payment to be less than the stipulated rent, if the harvest is not good. I think in most places rents in kind, in such circumstances, tend to approximate to half the produce even if the nominal rent is larger. The personality of the landlord is a factor of importance.

The cash rents, so far as they go, confirm the statistics of the selling value of the land. In Group I the rent is the equivalent of 4 per cent. return on the average price, in Group II (East) of 4.3 per cent. and in Group II (West) of $8 \cdot 3$ per cent. In the remaining groups the statistios are too meagre for comparison. Rents in kind in Group III give a return of 5.4 per cent. in the case of rice land, 4.9 per cent. in the case of mixed rice and dry crop in Group IV, and 6 per cent. in similar land in Group V.
(16) There are no crop experiment records. I have already (in subparagraph (3)) given the results of my enquiries as to the outturn of potatoes. Perhaps it will not be without service if I place on record what I believe to be average good outturns of other important crops. My conolusions are based on continued enquiries and inspection.

Bajri--In land capable of growing a second crop, 400-450 lbs. per acre of grain. In the poor land of the hill sides the sverage outturn may be as low as 50 lbs ., or even less.
Jowari (Shalu).-In potato lands, 500 lbs . an acre; when irrigated the yield reaches 900 to $1,200 \mathrm{lbs}$.
Wheat.-Unirrigated 400 lbs . : irrigated from 750 to $1,000 \mathrm{lbs} \cdot ;$ after potatoes, less after bajri.
Gram.-300 lbs. unirrigated ; 500-600 lbs. irrigated.
Rice. $-1,800$ lbs. paddy.
These are the estimated yields in the better soils, well tended.
Sales of standing crops, known as Khoti, are not uncommon; but from the nature of the case so many considerations enter into such transactions that, as it would not be possible to investigate personally every case, I have not thought it worth -while to gather detailed information. In Pimpri in

1915-16, 29 acres of potatoes were sold for Rs. 2,450. In 1916-17, 13 acres were sold for only 300. Details as to the reasons for sale, the age and condition of the crop, are necessary before one can draw any safe conclusion.

In Khed a pan garden of 1 acre 7 gunthas was sold for Rs. 1,500.
(17) Prices.-I have prepared graphs for the past two settlement periods of the six most important crops. The graphic representation is so eloquent that it would be superfluous to discuss the average level in any detail. During the currency of the expiring settlement there has been a marked and steady progression upwards of all the prices except that of potatoes, the average level of which during the entire period is exactly the price during 1916. Though the price records are marked by large fluctuations, there was no such marked upward progression during the last settlement period. In every case the rise largely exceeds the 36 per cent. which is laid down to be the apparent rise due to the fall in the value of the currency. The actual fall in the price of potatoes must be due to the extension of cultivation in this and the neighbouring talukas.
(18) Wages continue to be low, that is to say, they have not risen in proportion to the rise in the price of the staple foods. Throughout Groups I and II East the rate of wages varies from 3 to 4 annas, the former being more common in the Western part, and the latter in the East. Even 5 annas is a common wage in many of the better villages. Women get from a half to $2 / 3$ of the men's rate: The daily wage gets less as we go Westward. In Group II West and Group III and IV it varies from $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to 3 annas for men and from 2 to $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas for women. In part of Group IV and in Group $V$ it is 2 annas together with the midday meal.

These are the usual wages paid whenever there is local work obtainable. Owing to local and temporary causes double these rates may be paid ; for instance, owing to scarcity of labour on account of plague, or at the time of pilgrimages.

The rate usually paid on the Tata Company's works in the Maval Taluka seems to amount to about 9 annas a day; but the system of fortnightly payments deters many from going there.

Emigration.-Emigration to Bombay is much more popular. Forty years ago Colonel Francis remarked that emigration to Bombay was very unusual. Today it is perhaps the most important economic sign of the times.

The pressure of the population on the land is severe. The average size of a holding is much under 10 acres in spite of the very large area of poor hilly soil. A very large proportion of the population is therefore obliged to seek other means of livelihood. CIn the old days many lived from the time their store of grain was exhausted until the next harvest on loans from the savkar. This is still the case in those Koli villages of the North-West, buried among the stagnant hills, which the awakening tide of progress has not yet stirred) Elsewhere the movement is now universal. In the Eastern half of the taluka, where the emigration is most complete, whole families go off for 5-6 months, leaving immediately after harvest. In the West the men usually go for a month or two at a time, and return to prepare the rab for the rice fields, or perhaps do not go until this operation is completed. The economic-influence of this periodical migration is already most marked, though I do not wish to exaggerate it. The weight of debt has certainly decreased; I have come across numbers of cases in which cultivators have saved enough money by work in Bombay to redeem their ancestral fields. And the educative effect of the change from a deadening reliance upon the savkar to a comparative independence must be very great. That the emigrants still cling to their little plots of land is perhaps to be regretted, since it prevents the formation of economic holdings, and possibly encourages hasty and slovenly methods of cultivation. For if a scheme in regard to the latter is ever to succeed it will be largely dependent on the readiness of the peasant to migrate to ipdustrial centres. But on the other hand so long as conditions at these centres leave so much to be desired; the periodioal return to the blessings of a pure air and healthy surroundings is of undoubted benefit both to the industry and to the worker.
(19). Debt and Interest.-The average rate of interest varies from 12 per cent. to 18 per cent. in the Eastern half, to 25 per cent. in the Western half of the taluka. This is a generalization which naturally requires qualification. Men of standing in the best villages can often obtain loans at 9 per cent. ; men of straw have to pay according to the risk. Rates up to 75 per cent. are not uncommon in the West, and when calculated in grain as they often are, they not seldom exceed even this exorbitant figure.) But it remains generally. true that the average man in the Western villages pays 25 per cent. and from 12 to 18 per cent. in the Eastern.

In all the better villages, particularly of the first two groups, loans from one cultivator to another are more common than those of professional money lenders. But the operations of the latter are still very considerable. The number of income-tax payers in the taluka is 159 ; the tax paid amounts to Rs. 5,296 . The Mamlatdar estimates that about a lakh and a half (roughly 75 per cent.) of the income is derived from money-lending. (The operations (particularly in the Maval) of Pathan and Punjabi money-lenders are increasing, and in parts have quite killed the competition of the old savkar. The former charges an altogether exorbitant rate of interest, generally not less than 2 annas in the rupee per month, but he comes with the money jingling in his pocket, demands no security, no mortgage or sale, and it is not to be wondered at that his methods are successful. He usually lends only small sums, and punctual payment of interest is insisted on.)

My enquiries among the Koli villages did not reveal such pitiful conditions as Mr. Bell has described in his Junnar report. (It is true that in the backward villages probably every man has inherited some debt; )but I could find no evidence that it is increasing or was as a rule of large amounts. It is almost invariably on personal security, land being rarely encumbered. (The trouble is that the debtors seldom know the amount of the debt, and are absolutely dependent on the honesty of the savkar.) But these medieval conditions are not peculiar to Koli villages, though most evident in the poorer villages of the North-West. And the habit of emigration and the spread of education only can be looked to for a remedy.
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## IV. Revenue History.

(20) There have been no fluctuations in the revenue demand such as would call for explanation. And the area of unoccupied assessed land, except in the second group, has throughout been quite unimportant. The area in 1889 was about 3,150 acres. It is now about 350 . Most of the waste was given out for cultivation in the year or two immediately preceding the war.
(21) The revenue history of the taluka is almost exactly that of Junnar. Remissions up to the year 1896-97 were almost solely those following by rule the introduction of the settlement. In 1896 there were considerable outstandings, amounting to some 9 per cent. of the demand, most of which was subsequently recovered. The whole bf the period from 1899 to 1909 has a bad revenue history. Not all these years were equally bad agriculturally, bat the famines with which the period opened, followed by the partial or complete failure of the harvests in 1904-05 and 1905-06, seem to have created a demoralization from which a complete recovery was only obtained in 1911. It is in the latter half of the period that for the first time during the settlement coercive processes were found necessary. Neither at the beginning nor at the end of the settlement period has compulsion been generally needed, and, the revenue has been collected without difficulty. Up to the year 1912 remissions of patasthal assessment on account of failure of the pats constitute a considerable part of the total remissions. I have shown elsewhere that there is reason to believe that the water-supply in the pats has in most cases entirely recovered.

I have given full details by groups in Appendix K. The groups given in that appendix are the old groups. It was found necessary to follow the old grouping in order to obtain the figures in time from the taluka and petha offices. Since no important changes are proposed in the groups except in the case of the four villages of old group II (East), I have not thought it worth while to attempt to alter it. I give below separate figures for those four villages taken
from the Circle Books. The figures of the petha villages have been given separately for convenience. A comparison of the respective groups II will show (since the petha has no Eastern Group II) that the Eastern villages have suffered more than those of the Western group. In groups III, IV and $\nabla_{i}$, except in the actual famine years, remissions have been almost negligible.

Upto 1896 no outstandings.


From 1910 full collections are resumed.

## D.-Proposed grouping and rates.

The groups were very carefully re-arranged at the time of the last settlement, and I have very few changes to suggest. I am also fortunate in having the guidance of the very excellent settlement reports recently completed of all the surrounding talukas of the district. For the purpose of comparison I submit a small map of the district which shows at a glance the manner in which the corresponding groups of the Junnar, Haveli and Mawal Taluikas coincide with those of Khed. The fifth group of the Junnar Taluka (pale yellow) has no corresponding group in Khed. I have, therefore, in order to maintain the comparison, departed from the prescribed order of colours in the case of the fifth and sixth groups.

The groups run roughly due North and South, the first groupe being climatioally the best, and having the best communications. East and West of the first group both climate and communications deteriorate, the rainfall becoming in the East less assured, and in the West too great for the better crops other than rice.

Group I.-Is the largest of the groups. The climate permits of the growing of monsoon crops of bajri and yowari, followed by second crops of wheat or gram or of garden crops under irrigation in the dry season. The main road from Poona to Junnar runs through the centre of the group, and there are four other metalled roads crossing it or branching from it.

The changes I propose are as follows:-
Ghoda, the headquarters of the Petha Mahal, to be raised from the second group. The very numerous transactions in land in this village are proof of its. prosperity, the average value of land as shown by the sales of the last two years. being 191 times the assessment.

The rainfall on the average is only some 2 or 3 inches more than at Khed, and its revenue history shows that it is beyond the reach of scarcity. It possesses a very excellent soil over considerable areas. I found fields growing bumper crops of wheat, after monsoon potatoes. It has a small market, and is connected by an excellent road with Manchar.

On the other hand the village of Giravil opposite is very unfavourably situated. Its position under the range of hills to the West renders it liable to, deluges of rain to which the increasing area of nalas bears testimony. It was the last village of the old taluka of Pabal, and was at its first settlement put into the second group, but brought into the first by the orders of Government,
presumably because it would have been isolated. The Circle Book shows that during every year from 1896-1909 there were outstandings, of revenue, in seven years of considerable amounts. Chincholi (Inam) next to it has a better position, but is a poor village, and is cut off from Ghoda in the monsoon. I propose to reduce both of these villages to the second group.

At the recent resettlement of Junnar a small new group (with a maximum rate of Rs. 2-8-0) has been formed of the villages about Kalamb just North of the Ghoda river. Geographically the villages of the Khed Taluka which surround this group, belong equally to it ; and I find it difficult to justify any difference of treatment. Moreover the revenue history of Mahalunge, Wadgaon, Sultanpur, Eklahare and Chandoli Khurd, during the years 1899-1908 show that oycles of scarcity are liable to occur in this locality. But the high value of land in Mahalunge ( 59 times) and Wadgaon ( 48 times) proves that the incidence of the assessment is light in those villages: and I am inclined to think that the inferiority of this small group is due rather to poverty of soil than to a difference of climate.

Their situation close to the large market of Manchar, and to the main highway of the district is also an advantage which ought not to be overlooked. But it is true that the three latter small villages show no special marks of prosperity, the sale price of land ( 38 times the assessment in Chandoli), is markedly less than the average of the group, and local opinion regards them as inferior. I recommend therefore that these 3 villages be classed with Group II. The revenue involved is very small.

Gosasi and Kanhersar are Inam villages recently settled. There is no justification for raising the rates of these villages beyond those of Waphgaon and Pur from which they differ in no respect, except, in comparison with Waphgaon, somewhat better communications. I propose to continue the present rate of Rs. 2-8-0, which will bring them into the second group.

On the other hand the inam village of Retavdi belongs geographically to the neighbouring villages of Group I. There is nothing in the settlement report to show why it was placed in the lower group, the only remark being that "the proposed rate is that of adjoining Government villages". This is not the case. I propose to raise it to Group I. A fair road connects the village with Khed; the average sale price of land is high. Jaulke Budruk is another inam village recently settled and given the maximum rate of Group I. I propose to retain the rate of Rs. $2-8-0$, and thus bring it within Group II to which it geographically belongs.

In the West a glance at the map will show that the inam villages of Shelu and Askhed are surrounded on three sides by villages of Group II. The sale price of land is high, but both are poor villages, and the people are for the most part much indebted. I think their inclusion in Group I was unjustified : and propose to reduce them to the second group.

I have already remarked on the difficulty of communication in this locality. The provision of a road opening up the valley is of the first importance. The value of land is bigh, and but for this fact the inclusion of Chandus, Koregaon Budruk and Kivla in Group I could hardly be justified.

Appendix $G$ shows that the value of land in Warale is very low. This village as well as Mahalunge (Inam) belongs geographically to Group II, in that excess of rain prevents the cultivation of the better monsoon crops, while there is little or no rice. Mahalunge is a village which appears to have fallen much from a former prosperity; but it is excellently situated, and for this reason must remain in Group I. I propose to reduce Warale to Group II.

The only other village oalling for remark in Group I is Gulani. This village as well as parts of Pargaon, adjoining it, suffer from 'upal' or excess of surface moisture. They do best when the rainfall is less than normal. The low value of lard as shown by the average selling prioe of only 30 times the assessment in Gulani, confirms the complaints of the inhabitants. I saw a

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number of fields which were undoubtedly over-classed, faults of excessive moisture being neglected. I propose that a revision of the classification of these 2 villages be undertaken, in default of which I recommend that Gulani should be reduced to the 2nd Group. Neither this village mor Pargaon has a good Revenue history.

Group II has 2 sub-divisions on the East and West of Group I respectively. I propose to bring the 4 villages in the extreme North-East, viz., Pargaon, Kathapur, Devgaon and Lakhangaon into line with Group III of Junnar taluka. These 4 villages are of a distinctly Eastern type : and the revenue history as given in the Circle Books indicates a succession of poor seasons during the years 1899-1909. I give below a tabular statement showing the average sale price of land :-


The average price in Nirgudsar is 65 and in Avsari Budruk 115 times the assessment.

In Group II West the only other change I have to propose is the exclusion of Supedhar, a tiny village on the Ghoda River. In respect of climate this village belongs to Group III. It is distinctly inferior to the villages opposite which are in Group III, and its situation on the high road does not in my opinion compensate for itts other disadvantages.

The Inam village of Sakurdi seems to create an undesirable salient into Group III. But almost the entire village is in the personal possession of the Inamdar, and the rates are therefore unimportant. Wade will also come into Group II in the proposals to be submitted later, and the salient will then dis appear.

Coming to Group III the only anomaly to which I have to direct attention is the excelusion of Parale, which touches on its Eastern boundary Group II. I do not think this treatment was justified. Such few sales as there are show that the incidence of the assessment is very light. But the village is a poor one, and badly situated among the nallas of the river, and I am not therefore prepared in the present state of development of the valley to recommend a transfer which would involve a 50 per cent. increase in its assessment. The usual argument in favour of such increase that it has obtained undue leniency during the current settlement would not be justified in the case of so backward a community.

In regard to the parts of Groups III to V contained in this valley it is necessary to mention that a scheme for the inclusion of the head of the valley, from Ahire Westward, in the Tata Electric Works, is under contemplation. All transactions in land have ceased since the survey was made.

In the North the villages of Megholi, Digad and the two Panchalas belong to the backward type of Koli, If my proposals regarding the raising of the assessment in this group are accepted I would profer to exclude these villages and let the assessment remain at its present figure. If the assessment of the group is to be raised only 12 per cent. they may remain in Group III.

The construction of the Bhimshankar Road has opened up the Pokri plateau, and it may be thought that some readjustment of groups is needed here. These are, however, all Koli villages whose progress has not been commensurate with that of the rest of the Taluka. In the event of Group IV being enhanced by only $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. I would recommend the raising of Taleghar and Phaloda to this group. They are quite equal to Jambhori and Chikli in general prosperity and differ only in distance from their markets. If Group III, however, is raised as I propose I think it would be inadvisable to transfer them.

Rates. (1) Dry Crop.- Colonel Francis in his report on the original settilement expressed the opinion that in spite of its being nearer to Poona and the Railway, Group I of the Khed Taluka could not pay so high a rate as the best villages of Junnar. This view was not sustained at the time of the Revision Settlement when a maximum rate of Rs. 2-8-0 was sanctioned in Khed, and one of Rs. 2-4-0 in Junnar. Group I of Khed is less homogeneous than the corresponding group in Junnar appears to be, but there is nothing in the statistical evidence which would lead one to depart from the scale then fixed. My proposal, therefore, to raise the maximum rate by 25 per cent. ( 4 annas in the rupee) needs no further discussion. The new rate will be Rs. 3-2-0, which is that in force in the adjoining part of the Haveli Taluka, and 5 annas more than that of Group I in Junnar (roughly Re. 0-1-10 in the rupee).

The statistics of sale values throughout the two talukas are remarkably even, only Group IV differing noticeably. Supported as these statistics are by all the other information I have gathered I have no hesitation in proposing to adopt the very moderate increases accepted in the case of Junnar, in all the groups, viz., 25 per cent. in the existing Groups II (East and West), III and IV, and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in Group V. For the new group in the East I propose an increase of $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. or 2 annas in the rupee.

Rates in Groups V and VI of Junnar were on Mr. Hatch's recommendation increased by only $12 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. I have already hinted that Groups IV, $V$ and VI in Junnar correspond to two groups only in Khed, viz., IV and V. For Group V I accept Mr. Hatch's arguments. The inhabitants are almost entirely Kolis, for the most part in a very backward condition, though there are signs of improvement. But in Group IV conditions I imagine approximate more to those of Group IV of Junnar than to those of Group V. The population is almost entirely Koli in the Ghoda Valley and on the plateals, in the Bhimnaher it is half Maratha and half Koli, in the Bhamneher it is entirely Maratha. The standard of living and of housing is throughout higher than in the lower group. The value of land is high, being 46 times the assessment in the case of dry crop, and 128 times in the case of mixed dry crop and rice. I can therefore see no reason for refraining from the very moderate enhancement of 25 per cent. sanctioned for Group IV of Junnar, which is decidedly less than the average rise in the price of the staple crops.
(2) Rice Rates.-The present rates are Rs. $9,8,7,6$, and 5 . There is very little rice in the first two groups. The cultivation is for the most part of inferior rice, the average assessment being Rs. 2-8-0, Rs. 2 and Rs. 1-8-0 in the old Groups III, IV and V respectively. The statistics show that the rates are proportionally more moderate than those of dry crop, so that in proposing to raise them by the same percentage as in the adjoining talukas, I need bring no further argument. The rice rates will thus be raised by 25 per cent. in all groups but the sixth, where the rise will be $12 \frac{1}{8}$ per cent. These are the same percentages as in the case of dry crop. Although the assessment is shown to be lighter than in the case of dry crop, for the most part the poorer class of cultivator is affected, and I should moreover object to disturb the relative incidence of the assessment of the two classes of cultivation. The conditions of the rice in this taluka also differ in no way from those of the adjoining talukas, to the rates of which my proposals ought therefore to approximate. Dry crop converted into rice since the last settlement will retain its dry crop assessment. The area recorded as under rice has increased since 1886 from 5,715 to 8,123 acres.

The following table summarizes my proposals:-

(3) Patastlual.-The existing maximum rates are Rs. 10 in Group 1 and 8 in the rest of the taluka. Patasthal irrigation is almost confined to Groups I and II ; there is a little in Group III (new Group IV) but none in the remainder. The pats rarely last after mid-March even in the Western groups, and the average assessment is consequently low, viz., Rs. 2-9-6. But a pat lasting till March is capable of producing a crop of rabi potatoes, and that the existing patasthal assessment is certainly less than in proportion to the value of the water supply, is shown by the fact that the selling value of patasthal land is a far greater multiple of the assessment than is that of dry crop.

Detailed orders in regard to the pats of this taluka were passed in Government Resolution No. 164 of 6th January 1917. Under these orders practically all patasthal assessment was abolished on the East of the main Poona-Nasik road, subject to the reservation of the -right to re-impose a water-rate under any law for the time being in force. Under the late orders contained in Government Resolution No. 4967 of 20th April 1917, it yet remains to declare which parts, if any, of this taluka are precarious. In my opinion this classification cannot be applied to any part of the taluka except possibly the proposed Group III. Of this group in the little village of Devgaon only is there patasthal garden of any importance. The patasthal assessment still remains in the survey settled Inam villages, such as Retavdi, Davdi, Kanhersar in which it is paid without difficulty; and the evidence proves that many pats bave improved or re-ópened in the last few years. It is too early however to suggest any modification of the orders, and it is moreover the declared policy of Government to be lenient in the matter of irrigation.

The existing rate in Group I (Rs. 10) is the same as was in force in Junnar, where all the rates were raised by 3 annas in the rupee. That of Group II E (8) is the same, while that of Groups II W and III (viz., Rs. 8) is Rs. 2 less than was the corresponding rate in Junnar. The revised, rate in Haveli is 10. I propose to raise the patasthal rate throughout by 3 annas in the rupee.
(V) The incidence of the proposed rates of dry crop on the rental value, so far as I have been able to ascertain it, will be 36.7 in Group I, $31 \cdot 7$ in Group II, 20.9 in the third, and 18.3 in the fourth.
(VI) My proposals do not relate to the assessment of lands used for nonagricultural purposes. The new settlement should be guaranteed for 30 years, and increases of assessment exceeding $\div 5$ per cent. should be levied by instalments according to the usual practice.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
G. WILES,

Assistant Settlement Officer Poona.

## APPENDIX A1.

Rainfall recorded at Khed, District Poona.

| Year. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Early rain } \\ & \text { (2at January to } \\ & \text { 10th April). } \end{aligned}$ |  | Ante Monsoon (11th April to 4th June). |  | Monsoon Kharit (5th Jane to 14th Augast). |  | Monsoon Rebl 15th August to gist October). |  | Late rains (23nd October to 31st December). |  | Total. |  | 它 |
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|  | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rainy } \\ & \text { dayys. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Eainy } \\ & \text { daye. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | Relny days. | Fall. | Raing days. |  |
|  | Inches. | No. | Incher. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inohes. | No. | Inches. | No. |  |
| 1906 | 0.04 | ... | 0.05 | ... | $8 \cdot 20$ | 83 | $8 \cdot 48$ | 18 | 2.54 | 1 | 20.40 | 5 |  |
| 1909 | 0.15 | 1 | 8.88 | 7 | 26.61 | 94 | $7 \cdot 35$ | 18 | $0 \cdot 16$ | 1 | ${ }^{86} \cdot 56$ | 56 |  |
| 1509 | 0.27 | 1 | ... | ... | 10.92 | 91 | $8 \cdot 68$ | 18 | 9.90 | 9 | ${ }^{88} 98$ | 37 |  |
| 1900 | ... | ... | 9.15 | 6 | 10.55 | 30 | 7.86 | 15 | ... | ... | 90.96 | 51 |  |
| 1910 | ... | ... | 0.06 | ... | 1456 | 36 | 9.90 | 18 | \$17 | 5 | 96.69 | 40 |  |
| 104 | ... | ... | 1.17 | 8 | 8.27 | 18 | 2.60 | 8 | 8.18 | 6 | 16.88 | 38 |  |
| 1018 | ... | ... | $0 \cdot 11$ |  | 16.51 | 88 | 8.67 | 10 | 4.43 | 4 | 24.49 | 48 |  |
| 1988 | ... | ... | 4.88 | 7 | 22\%:33 | 35 | 6.32 | 14 | ... | ..' | 38.28 | 56 |  |
| 184 | ... | $\ldots$ |  | 3 | 21.85 | 93 | 8.97 | 11 | 0.81 | g | 3901 | 49 |  |
| 1915 | ... | ... | 184 | 5 | $24 \cdot 98$ | 88 | 11.68 | 16 | 0.76 | 8 | 88.19 | 61 |  |
| 1918 | ... | ... | $2 \cdot 60$ | 5 | $18 \cdot 80$ | 25 | 18.00 | 17 | $7 \cdot 80$ | 6 | 34.60 | 68 |  |
| Averace | 0.04 | ... |  |  | 16.25 |  |  |  | 8.00 | 3 | $27 \cdot 98$ | 47 |  |

APPENDIX AZ.
Rainfall recorded at Ghoda (Ambegaon), District Poona.


## APPENDIX A3.

Rainfall return maintained by the Executive Engineer for Peth Taluka Ihed.


APPENDIX A4.
Rainfall at Pokhari Taluka Khed.

| Year. <br> 1 | Pre monsoon. 2 | Mongoon Kharif. | Monsoon Rabi. | Late raina 5 | Total. | Remarks. <br> 7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1975 | 1st January-12th June. <br> Inehes. $9.50$ | 18th June-14th Augnst. <br> Inches. <br> 54.66 | 15th Angust-83rd October. <br> Inches. <br> $10 \cdot 14$ | ...... <br> Inches. <br> Not recorded. | Inohes. $68 \cdot 30$ | Recorde incomplete. |
| 1916 | 16t January-2ith May. <br> Inches. $140$ | 2s6.1 May-12th August. <br> Inches. <br> $45 \cdot 35$ | 18th Angust-91at October. Inoher. 18 | 28nd October-11th November. <br> Inches. <br> $13 \cdot 65$ | $88 \cdot 20$ | Do. |
| 1017 | 18t Jamaary-3rd Jane. <br> Inches. <br> 0-29 | Cth June-1Ithic <br> Incher. <br> 88.88 | 18th Augast-90th October. <br> Inches. <br> 41.06 | gist October-98th October. <br> Inches. <br> 0.50 | 188.66 | Do. |
| Average | 164 | $61 \cdot 90$ | 24.6 | 6.72 | 93.7 |  |

APPENDIX A 5.


Details of Cultivation and Crops in the Villages of the Khed Taluka of the Poona Collectorate.


APPENDIX C.
Details of population according to occupation ass per the Imporial Cousws of 1911 for the Khed Taluka (including the Ambegaon Peta).


APPENDIX $D$.
Agricultural Stock.


## APPENDIX E．

Shops，industries，dc．，in the Villages of the Khed Tailuka．

| Thouer 8hops． | Hand Induatries． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Meehanical Powek． |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | On | Cotton Loomar． | Woolen Loome． | silk Irome． | Ging． |  |  |  | Ging． | （ $\begin{gathered}\text { Rice } \\ \text { Haghing．} \\ \text { Mrohine．}\end{gathered}$ | （ Coiton | （ Rteam |  |
| 9 | 79 | 89 | 45 | ．．．Tai | ukes． |  | ．．． | － | $\cdots$ | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |
| 8 | 40 | 60 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |
| 4 | 118 | 9 |  | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | ．． | $\cdots$ | 1 | $\cdots$ | 1 | 1 |

APPENDIX F．
Wells，Bhudkis，Tanks and other Sources of Water supply in the Government villages of the

Khed Taluka
for the year 1916－1\％．

| Grous． | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { Namber } \\ \text { of of } \\ \text { vilages. } \end{array}$ | Wells，Bhadkis and the like． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tanke． |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { For } \\ \text { Irrigation. } \end{gathered}$ |  | For drinking sapply of but not for irrigation． |  | For cattle and washing and ather purposes irrigation or arinking human beings． |  | $\underset{\substack{\mathrm{In} \\ \text { dicuse }}}{ }$ |  | Frrigation. |  | For drink－ ins supply <br> of human solely． |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { d } \\ & \text { 畨 } \\ & \text { a } \\ & \text { s. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 发 } \\ \text { 品 } \\ 4 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 譄 } \\ & \text { a } \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { dig } \\ \text { 咂 } \\ 6 \\ 6 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { di } \\ & \stackrel{\circ}{0} \\ & \text { B } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { dig } \\ & \text { 卤 } \\ & 18 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 童 } \\ & \text { 品 } \\ & \text { 18 } \end{aligned}$ | 年 |
| No． 1 Talnks | 97 | 1，288 | 997 | 125 | 13 | 8 | ．．． | 186 |  | 9 | 1 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |
| No． 1 Peta | 9 | 548 | 101 | 68 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 15 | 85 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 1 |
| Total | 46 | 1，888 | 488 | 185 | 16 | 10 | 1 | 201 | 288 | 9 | 1 | ．．． | 1 |
| No． 2 Taluka | ${ }^{\text {F1 }}$ | 696 | ${ }^{298}$ | ${ }^{66}$ | 8 | 8 | 8 | 85 | 7 | － | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ |
| No． 8 Pets | 0 | 167 | 50 | 14 | 5 | ．．． | ．．． | 24 | 8 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ．．． | 1 |
| Total | 46 | 889 | 973 | 80 | 13 | 3 | 8 | 109 | 78 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 1 |
| No． 8 Talaka | 17 | 10 | $\cdots$ | 11 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 4 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ |
| No． 3 Peta | 11 | 18 | 8 | 19 | 9 | ．．． | 9 | 5 | 10 | ．．． | ．．． | $\ldots$ | ．．． |
| Total | 88 | 29 | 8 | 9 | 16 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 14 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． |
| No． 4 Talaka | ${ }^{26}$ | 5 | $\cdots$ | 11 | 9 | 8 | ．．． | 96 | 98 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | … | $\cdots$ |
| No． 4 Peta ．．． | 11 | ．．． | ．．． | 10 | 13 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | $\ldots$ | ．．． | … | $\cdots$ | ．．． |
| Total | 37 | 5 | ．．． | 81 | 15 | 8 | ．．． | 25 | 88 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |
| No． 6 Taluka | 13 | $\cdots$ | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 2 | $\cdots$ |
| No． 6 Peta－ | 25 | ．．． | ．．． | 14 | 85 | ．．． | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ．．． | ．．． | 1 | ．．． |
| Total | 38 | $\cdots$ | 3 | 18 | \％ | 1 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． |  | 3 | $\ldots$ |
| Graid Total | ${ }^{1} 195$ | 3，304 |  | ：\％ |  | 17 | © | 242 | $3 \cdot 4$ |  |  | s | $\pm$ |

## APPENDIX F-continued



ABSTRACT OF APPENDIX ' $F$ '.


APPENDIX G.
Selling value of Dry Crop lanuls in the villages of the Khed Taluka.


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APPENDIX G-contd.


Selling value of Patasthal lands in the villages of the Khed Taluka.


APPENDIX G 1-continued.


Selling value of Rice lands in the villages of the Khed Taluka.


## APPENDIX G 3.

Statement showing sales of mixed rice and dry crop, dry crop more than rice.


## APPENDIX G 4.

Sales of mixed dry crop and rice more than dry crop.

| Serial No. in Appendix L . | Narto of village. <br> 8 | Ares aud assessment of land sold. |  |  |  |  |  | Sale Rrice. | Number of times the assessment represented by the price. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Jrayat, |  | Rioe. |  | - Total. |  |  |  |
|  |  | Araa. | Actessment. | Area. | Ascessment. | Area. | Assebsment. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} 118 \\ 34 \end{array}$ | Group JII. <br> Walad Ynaim. Adgaon | A. g. | Rs. | A. g . | Rs. | A. $g$. | Re. s. p. |  |  |
|  |  | 011 | ... | 087 | ...... | 038 | 180 | 975. 0 0 | 850 |
|  |  | 15 | ...... | 134 | ...... | 939 | 380 | 8500 | 94 |
|  |  | 116 | ...... | 981 | ...... | 837 | 600 | 48000 | 88 |
|  | $\qquad$ | ...... | ...... | ..... | $\ldots$ | ..... | 110 | 11500 | 98 |
| 153 |  | 030 | ...... | 081 | ...... | 181 | 130 | 16000 | 185 |
|  | Total ... | 030 | ...... | 081 | ...... | 121 | 130 | 16000 | 135 |
| 163 | Averages per acre <br> Group $\bar{V}$ : <br> Bhorgiri | ...... | ...... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2880 | 108108 | 135 |
|  |  | 089 | ...... | 188 | ...... | 919 | 800 | 16000 | 80 |
|  | Total | 037 | ..... | 198 | ...... | 819 | 900 | 16000 | 80 |
|  | Averases per mers ... | $\ldots$ | ...... | ...... | ..... | ...... | 0189 | 6400 | 80 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | ND | H. |  |  |  |  |

Leases of Dry crop lands in the villages of the Khed Taluka (Cash).

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## APPENDIX H-continued.



## APPENDIX H.

Leases of Dry Crop lands in the villages of the Khed Taluka (Kind).


## APPENDIX H.-contd.

Leases of Dry Crop lands in the villages of the Khed Taluka (Kind)-contd.


Nore.-Crop rents have been converted at the following rates :-
Bhat 8 per maund, Nagli 4 par maund, Sava 4 per maund.

## APPENDIX H 1.

Leases of Patasthal lands in the villages of the Khed Taluka (Cash).


## APPENDIX H 2.

Leases of Rice lands in the villages of the Khed Taluka (Cash).

| Serial No. <br> in Appendix | Name of village. | Area of ling leased. | Assessment. | Rents. | Percentage of rent represented by the acsessment. | Remarisa. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24 | $\qquad$ <br> GROUP III. Inam. <br> Adgaon | A. g. | RA. a. p. 1 | Rs. a. p. | $28 \cdot 90$ |  |
|  |  | 23 | 6.80 | 2380 |  |  |
|  | Total ... | 23 | 680 | 2880 | 28.90 |  |
|  | Averages per acre ... | ...... | 3288 | 1100 | $28 \cdot 90$ |  |

APPENDIX H• 2.
Leases of Rice lands in the villages of the Khed Taluka (Kind).


APPENDIX H. 3.
Statement showing leases of mixed dry crop and rice lands dry crop more than rice.

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## APPENDIX H. 4.

Statement showing leases of mixed dry crop and rice lands rice more than
dry crop-Taluka Khed.


APPENDIX I.
Prices prevalent in the Khed Taluka from 1889-89 to 1916 (as plotted in the accompanying Diagram).


## APPENDIX $I^{(1)}$.

Prices prevalent in the Ambegaon Peta from 1888-89 to 1916 (as plotted in the acrompanying Diagram).


APPENDIX J.
Changes in occupied area for the Rayatwari villages of the Khed Taluka, Poona District, in which the revision settiement was introduced in the year 8890-1891.

| Year. |  | Ocoupied Government land paying full assessment. |  | Onoccupied asbessed -ultivable Government land. |  | Lands the revonue of which is alienated entirely or partly. |  |  | Total Iand Government ocoppied, anoccupied and Inam. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Ares. | Assespment. | Area. | Asirasmeni. | Aras. | Beverue aliensted or nakaun. 7 | Quit-reat. | Aream | Assoesment. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{890989}$ | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{800001}^{895-06}$ | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {91a }}$ | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{81618}^{97-15}$ | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

APPENDIX J2.
Changes in occupied area for the Rayatwari villages of the Ambegaon Peta, Poona District, in which the Survey Settlement was introduced in the year 1890-91.

| Yoar. | Ocoupied Government iand paying fall as_essmont. |  | Unocoupied arsented cultivalle Government land. |  | Lands the revente of which is alienated entirely or partly. |  |  | Total land Governmens occupted, onoscupied. and Inum. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Area. | Assessment. | Area. <br> 4 | Asasasment. | Area. <br> 6 | Revenne alingated or nukban. 7 | Qalt-rent. | Anea. <br> $\theta$ | Asseraniont (full). <br> 10 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | (1) |  | (1) |  |  |  |

APPENDIX K.
Collecion of Assessment on Government land in the villages of the Taluka of Khed.


APPENDIX K-continued.


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APPENDIX K.
Collection of Assessment on Government land in the villages of the Táluka of Khed.


APPENDIX K-continued.


## APPENDIX ' $\mathrm{M}_{2}$ '.

Statement showing villagewar population and area of assessable waste land in Taluka Khed, District Poona.


## APPENDIX ${ }^{\text {a }}$ M - continued.



APPENDIX ' $M$ ' 2.
Population and area and assessment of Government unoccupied land, Peta Ambegaon, District Poona.


APPENDIX L.

Effect of Revision Settlement Propos


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on Government occupied land.


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G. WILES,

Assistant Settlement Officer, Superintendent, L. R. D. Poona.
[Below No. 149 dated 15th August 1918 from Mr. G. Wiles, Assistant Settlement Officer, Taluka Khed, submitting revision settlement report of the Khed Taluka.]

No. S.R:V:-37.
Poona, 29th August 1918.
Forwarded with compliments to the Settlement Commissioner, and Director of Land Records, Poona.

Mr. Wiles' report discloses a close study of the conditions of the area under revision.
「The Khed Taluka including the Ambegaon Mahal, with which this report is concerned, is an area of very marked characteristics. A very fertile and progressive central belt along the main Northern artery of the district forms the dividing line between a hilly tract with a heavy rainfall and an area to the East in which the rainfall is to some extent precarious. 7

This central belt in which lies the small Head Quarters town of Khed is undoubtedly agriculturally the most progressive part of the district, excluding the canal irrigated tracts. The cultivation of potatoes for the Bombay and Poona markets has been for many years a characteristic of this area. Although the general complaint of late has been the alleged falling off in productivity of the local potato crops due apparently to defects in imported seed there are reasons to believe that with the care that the subject is receiving at the hands of the Agricultural Department and those working in conjunction with the department further deterioration will not only be checked, but that the cultivators, rendered independent of seed importations, will be placed in possession of a superior seed potato. The 'whole central areas is' one of undoubted agricultural prosperity. Exxcellent wheat crops follow a paying potato crop on favourable soils and the general average of productivity is undoubtedly high. $J$

Since the last settlement communication between the Taluka and the Railway has improved by the advent of mail motors for passenger traffic-the export of the produce of the area has not however been so far facilitated. Although it would not be correct to discount future possibilities of improvement, still it is worthwhile noting that the construction of a light line along the Nasik Road through the Taluka from North to South is now well within the range of practical politics. The District Local Board is about to arrange for a survey with the approval of the Railway Board and the line which should be one of the most paying of its kind will no doubt take practical shape in the years immediately succeeding the war.

As explained by Mr . Wiles the details of this settlement are governed by the recently accepted Settlements of the Taluka to the North and South in which natural conditions are similar. The report is accompanied by a map indicating how the grouping naturally falls into continuous strips running North and South through the Junnar, Khed, Mawal and Haveli Talukas in accordance with the rainfall and other corresponding conditions.

From a general study of the question I consider Mr. Wiles' proposals as summarised in the last paragraph of his report to be sound. The details were discussed with me and are in accord with such knowledge of the tract as I possess. The most important alteration in the grouping relates to the Peta town of Ghoda which is being moved up to the 1st group involving an enhancement of 50 per cent. in the rates. I have a fairly close knowledge of the area and consider the step justified for the reasons given by Mr. Wiles.

Mr. Wiles has treated the lower groups with judicious moderation. Groups V and VI consisting mainly of inacopssible valleys and ravines show no progress. The existence there is still hand to mouth in spite of the opportunities of the times.

Mr. Wiles notes that the Bhama valley has fallen into a state of stagnation since the survey conducted by the Andhra Valley Power Supply Company. I am given to understand that the Company now no longer contemplates extending their operations to that Valley which they find unsuited for their purpose. An official reference to the Company in Bombay is awaiting a definite reply.

Looking at the whole matter from the point of view of prospective prices, there can be little doubt that the rise which has taken place in the past few months is due to economic causes which will prevent a fall of prices to pre-war levels. Such a rise in general values is in itself an ample justification for any slight rise in the assessments such as is for more routine reasons included in these proposals.

With these remaris I recommend Mr. Wiles' proposals for acceptance.

> A. S. A. WESTROPP, Colleotor of Poona.

No. S.T.-169.
Poona, 7th September 1918.
Forwarded to the Commissioner, C. D., with compliments and concurrence.
2. I have had the advantage of discussing this already with Mr. Wiles, and as now submitted, the proposals have my entire support.
3. The attention of Government will be attracted, it is hoped, to the need of a dispensary or more efficient.arrangements for the supply of quinine and also to the very poor communications up the valleys in the west.
4. It may be sometimes true that investments are made in land with small thought of return in the shape of annual interest. Yet paragraph 15 of this report shows what we have also lately verified in the case of Belgaum taluka that the purchase prices do yield a fairly even return and that the rate of interest which investors expect increases substantially in the groups far remote from civilised centres. While in the most favoured localities a return of 5 per cent. or even less contents the investor, he looks for $6,7,8$ and even more in the western hills.
5. There should be reclassification of Gulani and Pargaon. When peculiar local defects in the soil have not been adequately allowed for in the classification, it is much wiser to reclassify than to alter the maximum rate in violation of the natural grouping.

> F. ANDERSON,

Settlement Commissioner and Director, Land Records.

No. B.-1266 of 1918.
To
The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Poona, 14th October 1918.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith Mr. Wiles' revision survey settlement report of the Khed taluka of the Poona district together with forwarding endorsements by the Collector of Poona and the Settlement Commissioner.
2. Mr. Wiles makes but few alterations in the present grouping, and I think that the modifications he proposes, which have been approved by the Collector and the Settlement Commissioner, are sound and may be accepted by Government.
3. I have only one small criticism about patasthal proposals. Presumably the Purandhar orders will apply, and that would mean that the soil share of the assessment would be increased by 4 annas and the water share by 3 annas. But, indeed, I am unable to understand why a smaller increase. should be given to patasthal than to Jarayat. The increase in the Haveli and Purandhar tálukas is 4 annas. In Junnar Mr. Bell proposed 3 annas, and his proposal was accepted. But the main reason was that Junnar was so far from the railway, and most of its garden produce was exported by rail. Khed is nearer to the railway than Junnar and its existing rates are somewhat lower than in that taluka. Mr. Wiles says that the selling value of the patasthal land is a far greater multiple of assessment than of the dry crop. In these circumstances I recommend that the patasthal rates should be raised by 4 annas in the rupee.
4. I agree with Mr. Anderson that the classification of Gulani and Pargaon should be examined, and, if necessary, the villages re-classified.
5. Mr. Wiles' report is a thorough and careful piece of work, and deserves the commendation of Government.

I have, etc.,
C. N. SEDDON,

Commissioner, C. D.

Poona.
Second revision settiement of the Khed táluka.

GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY.

## Revenoe Difartment.

Resolution No. 161.<br>Bombay Castle, 19th January 1920.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, C. D., No. B.-1266 dated 14th October 1918Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified below* containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Khed taluka of the Poona district, including the Ambegaon petha.

* Letter from G. Wiles, Esq.; I.C.S. Assistant Sottlement Officer, tálaka Khed, distriot Poona, No. 149 dated 15th August 1918 with accompsniments. Memorandum from the Collector of Poona Na. S.R.V.- 97 dated 29th August 1918. Memorandum from the Settlement Oommissioner and Direotor of Land Records No. S.'r. 169 dated 7th Soptember 1918.

Lettert from the Collector of Poona No. S.R.V.- 37 dated 9th January 1919Forwarding petitions of objections in connection with the revision settlement of the Khed táluka.

Memorandum $\dagger$ from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S.T.-169 dated 22nd January 1919.

Memorandum $\dagger$ from the Commissioner, C. D., No. 1266-B./ 1918 dated 29th January 1919.

Resoldtion.-These papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of 195 Government villages and 26 inam villages in the Khed táluka of the Poona district, includiug the Ambegaon petha.
2. The proposals made by the Assistant. Settlement Officer regarding grouping are sanctioned, subject to the following modification:-
(i) Government are not convinced of the necessity for reducing the villages of Sultanpur, Eklahare and Chandoli Khurd from Group I to Group II, as they have good communications and are close to the market of Manchar.
(ii) The villages of Pargaen Tarf Avsari, Deogaon, Kathapur and Lakhagaon should not be formed into a separate Group (III) on Rs. 2-4-0 but should be retained in Group II and assessed at Rs. 2-8-0 with the rest of the villages in the latter Group.
3. The increase of $25^{\circ}$ per cent. in the old maximum dry crop rates, which follows the second revision settlement proposals for the Junnar taluka, and is fully justified by statistios, is sanctioned. The lower increase of $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for the Koli villages in the lowest group is also approved. The rice rates should be increased by 25 per cen't. as in the Junnar táluka, and this percentage should also be applied to the rice lands in the lowest group of the Khed táluka and not that of $12 \frac{3}{3}$ per cent. which the Assistant Settlement Officer proposes. The appended statement shows the dry crop rates sanctioned by Government.
4. The recommendation made by the Commissioner, C. D., for raising the patasthal rates by 4 annas in the rupee is approved.
5. The remarks made by the Assistant Settlement Officer in paragraph (3) of his report, regarding the clutivation of potato, should be communicated to the Director of Agriculture, and he should be requested to submit to Government a report in the matter.
6. The revised rates should be introduced during the current revenne year 1919-20, levied from 1920-21 and guaranteed for a period of thirty years.
7. The petitions of objections do not disolose any grounds for a modification of the orders now passed. The villages of Pargaon and Gulani complain
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of wrong classification of jirait land as tari. This may be examined in connection with the Assistant Settlement Officer's proposal for reclassification of water-logged areas in the same villages which is accepted by Government.
8. The commendation of Government should be conveyed to Mr. Wiles for his careful report.
H. F. KNIGHT, Under Secretary to Government. .
G. R. No. 161, R. D., dated 19th January 1920.

To

The Commissioner, C. D., The Collector of Poona (with the petitions of Objections, The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Director of Agriculture (with extract of paragraph (3) of the Assistant Settlement Officer's report),

The Accountant General,
The Public Works Department,
G. Wiles, Esq., I.C.S.,

The Government of India (by letter).

Statement referred to in paragraph 3 of Government Resolution No. 161, dated 19th January 1920.

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V. B. MARDHEKAR,

Superintendent, Land Records, C. D.

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 Mulshi Peta of laluka Haveli, Poona District.

## Contents of the Report regarding the Second Revision Settlement of the Mulshi Peta



No. R.S.T-1 ot 1926
From
Rao Bahadur B. R. DIKSHIT, B.Sc., :
District Deputy Collector, W. D., Poona, and
Assistant Settlement Officer, Mulshi Peta;
To
The COLLECTOR of POONA.
Poona, 31st July 1926.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit proposals for the Revision Settlement of the Mulshi Peta of Taluka Haveli and attach hereto the statistical Appendices as prescribed in the Bombay Survey and Settlement Manual.

## (2) Introductory Remarks

Constitution of the Mulshi Peta.-At the time of its Original Settlement the Mulshi Peta formed a Sub-Division of the Mawal Taluka but in the year 1866-67 it was detached from that Taluka and joined to the Haveli Taluka. Similarly in the year 1914-15 the village Ambegaon Mutha-Khore was transferred to the Mulshi Peta from the Haveli Taluka proper. The Mulshi Peta therefore at present consists of 81 Government and 4 Inam villages and my proposals relate to all of them.

## (3) History of the Settlement

The Government villages of the Mulshi Peta were originally surveyed and settled along with the Mawal Taluka in 1854 and 1857. When the lease of this Original Settlement expired these villages were under Government orders resurveyed and reclassified and the Revision Settlement was introduced in the year 1893-94. The village Ambegaon Mutha-Khore which was originally settled and revised along with the Haveli Taluka being transferred to the Mulshi Peta its Revision Survey rates were guaranteed till the Mulshi Peta was resettled. Although the Second Revision Settlement of the Government villages in the Mulshi Peta was due to be made in the year 1922-23 it was postponed under Government orders till the acquisition of land for the Tata Hydro Electric Works was completed. As regards the Inam villages of the Peta the villages Daravali and Bhadas Budruk were originally settled in 1853 and 1868 respectively. The remaining two Inam villages Sangavi and Shedani were originally settled in 1894-95 and 1923-24 respectively and the rates of these settlements were guaranteed till the Government villages in the Mulshi Peta were resettled.

It will thus be seen that this settlement is the Second Revision Settlement in the case of 81 Government and 2 Inam villages and the First Revision Settlement in the case of 2 Inam villages Sangavi and Shedani and that this is the first occasion when the Settlement of all the Government and Inam villages of the Peta is made at one and the same time.
(4) Position and Peysical Features

The Mulshi Peta is an irregularly shaped tract situated in the extreme west of the Haveli Taluka and covering an area of 193 square miles. With the exception of the village Katerkhadak which is isolated and lies to the north beyond the Pant Sachiva's territory the Peta forms a compact group of villages surrounded on all sides by the Pant Sachiva's territory except for short distances on the north where it touches the Mawal Taluka, on the south where it meets the Colaba District and on the east where it seems to be an elongated strip of the Haveli Taluka. The Peta presents a bold and rugged aspect and is intersected by numerous hills which break off in a south-easterly direction becoming lower and lower as they go eastward

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and sinking in the end to the general level of the plain. Hills on the western side form a barrier inaccessible except by the three passes which are known as Vagjayi Ghat, Savasne Ghat and Garholot Ghat. The general aspect of the Peta is hilly and the country which in some respects resembles the Ghat Districts grows more and more rugged and undulating and is more and more cut-up by valleys and ravines towards the west. The hilly portion of the Peta on the west is divided into two main valleys one of which is known as the Paud Khore and the other as the Tamhini Khore. The former valley is drained by the Mula river and the latter which is comparatively smaller by the Nila river. Both the rivers meet at Paritwadi where the big dam is being constructed by the Tata Hydro Electric Company.

## (5) Climate

The climate of the Peta is generally cool throughout the year but it becomes malarial in the months of November and December especially in parts which are nearer to the Ghats and which have a heavier rainfall. Drizzling and sunless weather continue without break for several days in the monsoon and the first two months of the winter are marked out by high winds and misty mornings. In the hot season however the climate is pleasant owing to the western sea-breeze.

## (6) Rainfall

From the figures of rainfall given in Appendix A it will be seen that the Peta enjoys a regular rainfall and that in the course of the last 33 years it was only in the years 1899 and 1918 that the rainfall was much below the average. The figures in this appendix which are taken from the rainguage records at Paud which is the Head quarter of the Peta represent the rainfall of the eastern villages. The rainfall however is invariably heavier in the western villages and is believed to be fairly represented by the figures of the rainfall recorded at Lonawala (Vide appendix A-A). From these figures and from the fact that there was distress in Mulshi Peta in 1899-1900 and 1918-19 owing to scanty. rainfall it may be said that although the rainfall is heavier and more regular than elsewhere in the District the Peta is not altogether free from the danger of scarcity.
(7) Culutifation and Crops

Soil
The soil in the Mulshi Peta consists of three kinds, black, reddish and grey which blend with one another in varying proportions and get mixed at some places with silt, sand, lime-salts and other ingredients. The black soil is met with in eastern villages and in the valley drained by the river Mula in the form of a rich black loam mixed with silt. Soils in the Mulshi Peta are mainly classified as rice and warkas lands. The rice lands are low-lying rich lands and the warkas lands are generally up-lands having a colour varying from a light reddish brown to grey, lying on the slopes and tops of hills and consisting of shallow poor soil.
(8) Crops

The following table shows the percentage of the area under different crops in the Peta:-

Cereals-

| Rice | .. $17 \cdot 66$ | Jowari | $\cdots$ | 1-39 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nagli | .. 4.78 | Bajri | . | - 36 |
| Varai and Sava | $\cdot 07$ | Wheat |  | 1-22 |
| Pulses.-Gram and tur | .. 1.88 |  |  |  |
| Oil seeds.-Khurasni | .. 1.38 |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous | . $\cdot 44$ |  |  |  |
| Grass or Fallow | . 69.54 | 1 |  |  |
| Total | . 100 |  |  |  |
| Kharif | Rabi |  | * |  |

It will thus be seen that the Peta is a kharif tract and that nearly 70 per cent. of its area is under grass or fallow. The reason of this is that most of the warkas area is required to be left fallow for several years after taking two or three successive crops from it. Grass grown on this area is partly used as Rab material and partly for cattle grazing. It is only from a very few villages in the eastern part that
grass is sent out for sale. The crop which covers the bulk of the cultivated area and by the sale of which agriculturists pay Land Revenue and supply themselves with the necessaries of life is rice. Of the several varieties of rice, Ambemohor is the most important and valuable variety generally used by high class people in their daily diet. The main staple food grain of the Peta people is Nagli, while Varai which together with Sava is kept mostly for daily use and the other products are sent to Poona for sale. The six acres of garden area which were shown as existing at Paud and Ambedvet produce at present only rice and jirayet crops. The Bhudki at Ambedvet has completely gone out of repairs and the two wells at Paud are never used for irrigation.

Rice and nagli being the main crops of the Peta my remarks regarding modes of husbandry will be confined to those crops only.

There are two main varieties of rice known as Ambemohor and Sal. The former grows on rich soil and fetches better prices than the latter. Ambemohor is grown on an extensive area.

After the rice crop is reaped a small quantity of masur, vatana, wheat and gram is sown on rich soil but these crops are raised mostly in the eastern part of the Peta.

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(9) Modes of Husbandry

Sheep manure is the only manure used in respect of rice lands on which flocks of sheep are made to camp for a number of days every year. No warkas land however is ever manured. Ploughing operations commence in the hot season and continues till the monsoon sets in. Ploughs used are light and drawn by two bullocks or buffaloes. On the slopes of hills at some places land is tilled by hand with a spade. Well-to-do agriculturists secure a constant supply of water for rice lands by constructing embankments round their fields. Similarly in places where the general configuration of land is uneven the levelling is brought about by a very skilful and elaborate process of terracing according to the contour of the land. This process prevents scouring and enables the small plots to hold evenly fair depths of water all over the field. Inferior rice is sown by drilling and varai and nagli by broadcasting. Generally'however for the better cultivation of rice and nagli a small strip of land is burnt in the hot season with rab consisting of grass, dried cow-dung and leafy loppings of trees and shrubs and is then sown with rice, nagli and varai and the germinated seedlings grown on these seed-beds are subsequently transplanted. Weeding is next undertaken in respect of all the crops except khurasni (niger-seed) and sava. These transplantation and weeding operations require considerable labour which petty agriculturists secure by lending personal services to one another.

As Warkas lands become exhausted by continuous cropping it is customary to sow them with crops in rotation for nearly three years and then to leave them fallow for several years, the usual order of rotation being (1) nagli, (2) varai, and (3) khurasni.

## (10) $\dot{\text { Communications }}$

There is only one metalled road in the Peta. It starts from Poona and passing through Paud goes as far as Jamgaon, the total length of the road within the Peta being about eight miles. From Jamgaon the road extends as far as Mulshi Camp but it is a country track and is now quite out of repairs owing to the heavy cart and motor traffic due to the Tata Works. This country track from Jamgaon to Mulshi Camp branches into two fair-weather roads one of which going by the villages Bhorkas, Awalas, Ambavane and Jambulne through the Mula Valley joins the Sakar Pathar road beyond the northern boundary of the Peta and the other running through the Nila Valley by the villages Vadgaon, Shirgaion and Dawadi goes as far as Tamhini Budruk in the south-western corner of the Peta. Most parts of . these two fair-weather roads however have been now submerged in the Tata Lake and in consequence people living on the western side of the Dam are seriously handicapped or obstructed from visiting Poona, their chief market-town and even the places of weekly bazars in the Peta. As a substitute for the Mula Valley fairweather road the Tata Company constructed a kacha road from Sambhava to Valne and from Valne to Avalas but the part of this road running from Valne to Awalas is also now submerged.

The Tata Company have constructed a new kacha road which starting from the Mulshi Dam and passing. by Mulshi Kurd Gonawadi, Palse, Varak and Chachivali goes as far as Dawadi and Tamhini. This road is not likely to be submerged but it needs only to be made Pacca.

Branching from the Mula Valley road there is another fair-weather road which starting from Nimbarvadi and passing by the village Vaduste, Bhorkas and Vandra goes as far as Pimpri. It is by means of this road that pack-bullocks come to the Peta from the Colaba District with loads of dried fish, charcoal, groceries and inferior rice and millets. Whis road however is also likely to be submerged when the water in the Mulshi lake attains its* highest level.

There are also two foot-paths one near Ambavane and the other near Telbela by which people can cross the Ghats. Land is acquired for a new road from Paud to Ghotavada but it is.not known when the District Local Board will be able to construct it.

It will thus be'seen that as regards roads and foot-paths the Peta remains the same as it was at the time of the introduction of the current settlement and that owing to the Mulshi lake there will practically be no easy outlets for the people in the western parts unless Government insists on the Tata Company, making the necessary roads and supplying ferries at various places.

The new feature of the Peta is the Railway line opened by the Tata Company for the conveyance of coolies and workmen and for the transport of material required for the construction of the Dam. It extends over 32 miles from Chinchwad to Mulshi Camp and is provided with six stations. Although the future of this Railway line is not known it will best serve the interests of the Peta people if the line is permanently maintained either by the Company or by the District Local Board for the use of the public after the work at Mulshi is finished.

## (11) Markets and Falrs

At the time of the First Revision Settlement weekly bazars were held at four places in the Peta but during the Settlement period the number of the bazar towns has been reduced to two and weekly bazars are now held only at Paud and Ghotavade where the people of the Peta make petty purchases of groceries, vegetables, jagri, condiments and other daily necessaries of life. The total sales amount to nearly Rs. 500 in the weekly bazar at Paud and Rs. 700 in the weekly bazar at Ghotavade which supplies also earthen pots to all the people of the Peta. Rice in large quantities was formerly sold in the weekly bazar at Ghotavade but the place has lost its importance as the people now take the whole of their rice and other agricultural produce for sale to Poona where they get better prices.'

Annual fairs are held at six places in the Peta where one to five thousand people assemble in honour of the local idols, enjoy the fun and return home after making petty purchases of piece-goods, metal-pots, sweetmeat, toys and fruits. The total sales however do not exceed Rs. 2,000 at each place. The peculiarity of the Peta people however is that they make purchases on cash payment and never by barter or exchange of grain.

## (12) Imports and Exports

The Peta being a purely agricultural tract all the necessaries of life except the main staple grain nagli are imported from Poona and Lonavala and in small quantities from the Colaba side by means of pack-bullocks. The chief articles of export are rice, hirda, charcoal and grass. Poona is the only market where people mostly go to replenish their cattle and to sell their surplus agricultural produce. Figures however of exports and imports cannot be given as no goods are trinsported by railway.

In the dry season poor people of the Petaltake ghee, honey, Karatandas, jackfruits, mangoes and other local fruit to Poona for sale and this is their subsidiary business.
(13) Manufactures and Industries

The Peta remains completely untouched by industrial development. One husking mill of rice and four grinding mills are at present working at Mulshi but they are temporary and maintained only for the convenience of the people employed on the Tata works at the Mulshj Dam. The only local industry is the crushing of

Khurasni (Nigerseed) for culinary purposes. The number of these mills working in the Peta is now 27 as against 34 at the time of the introduction of the current settlement. The reduction is obviously due to the contraction of the cultivation area caused by the acquisition of considerable land for the Tata Company.

## (14) Population

The population of the Peta is 25,654 according to the census of 1921 consisting mainly of Kunbis, Kolis and Mahars. Brahmins, Prabhus, Gujars, Mahomedans and other people are found at some places but they form an insignificant part of the population, many of them being merely sojourners in the Peta. The main classes of the population maintain themselves solely on agriculture and agricultural labour. They are simple, innocent and law abiding people. They are on the whole industrious and thrifty and content with what they haver Their wants are few and their only luxury is tabacco which they either spoke or chew. Few of them are given to drinking and the proof of it is that the annuat sale of liquor has during the last 10 years risen from 571 gallons to 611 gallohs only notwithstanding the opening of the Tata Works in the vicinity. No illicit distillation is practised anywhere owing to the absence of Mhowra trees in the Petas. In consequence of the abnormal rise in the prices of agricultural produce the Peta pebple are financially much better off than before. Their chief peculiarity is that they geep in reserve the grain necessary for their maintenance and seed and sell their surplus produce direct at Poons without the intervention of saokars $\theta_{r}$ brokers, the natural result of which is that the majority of them have no occasion whatever to go into the clutches of saokars. When they have no agricultural ${ }^{*}$ oceupation they get employed on the Tata Works or elsewhere and earn handsome wages. The tendency to get out for employment in the off-season is gaining more and more ground in the Peta people as will be seen from the following census figures of the Peta population:-

| Year | Population |
| :--- | :---: |
| 1901 | 27,898 |
| 1911 | 26,707 |
| 1921 | 25,654 |

The decrease in the population appears to be due to the increasirg tendeney of the people to go out of the Peta to earn better wages in the off-season. . Census is taken in March that is at a time when there is the maximum of emigration to seek work elsewhere and this emigration which has increased decade by decade accounts satisfactorily for the apparent fall in population. That there has been no real fall in population is also demonstrated by the fact that cultivation has not declined. There could not be an increase of cultivated acres if the population was getting less and less. It seems to be the fact that in February and March , the population is away from home more and more as years go on.

Detalls of popalation obtained from the Director of Agriculture according to occupation as per census of 1921 for the Peta are as under :-


[^11]a fair progress during the Settlement period. At the beginning of the Settlement there were only four schools having on their rolls 95 pupils but the number of schools has now increased to 8 and that of pupils to 353 of whom 53 are girls.

## (16) Health

The health of the Peta people is on the whole good. The cool and pleasant climate all the year round make them healthy and sturdy enough to carry on the transplantation and weeding operations in the wet. Malaria prevails in the winter and the majority of the population have to suffer from it but the free distribution of quinine made on a large scale by Government has considerably mitigated the suffering of the people who have now full faith in the efficacy of that drug. Owing to the assured rainfall the people are optimistic and are naturally inclined to do hard work.

The following table shows the total number of births and deaths in the Peta for the last seven yeaps:-


[^12] tage of it are about 4,000 only in a year.

## (17) Live and Dead Stock

The following. statement shows comparative figures of the live-stock and proughs in the Peta at the beginning and end of the current settlement :-
Year

The figures show that the number of carts is more than doubled and there is also a marked increase in the number of cattle. The acyuisition of a large cultivable area for the Tata Works has naturally reduced the number of ploughs and the daily motor and cart traffic between Poona and Mulshi induced the people to dispose of their horses and ponies as being no longer. required. The increase in the number of carts and cattle is due partly to the material prosperity of the people and partly to the Tata Works which enable people to derive a substantial income from carting and milch cattle.

## (18) Water Supply

Appendix 7 gives the detaila of the water-supply and shows a decided improvement in that respect during the settlement period. There is no irrigation in the Peta and although rainfall is plentiful dearth of water prevails in the hot season. Owing to the construct:on of the Mulshi Lake however the Mula and Nila rivers now contain abundant supply of water throughout the year and the villages situated
on their banks are happier than others in that respect. The number of wells used for drinking purposes has also eonsiderably increased inasmuch as there are at present 282 wells as against 37 wells at the beginning of the current settlement.

## (19) Value of Land as ascertained by Salefs

* The development of land-values being the most important factor in testing the adequacy of the proposed rates, I scrutinised with great care the selling prices in representative villages of each group and excluded the sales relating to lands containing buildings or valuable trees or embankments, etc., and sales which were conditional or which were in fact mortgage transactions in the garb of sale. Owing to.the Satyagraha movement which was rampant in the begimning of the Tata works lands had to be acquired at exorbitant prices the general rate of which was Rs. 550 per acre for rice land and Rs. 50 per acre for jirayat lând. In order to push on the work, the Tata Company also purchased lands privately at high prices. People whose lands were thus acquired or privately purchased haying got enormous sums were eager to secure land wherever available and puichased it at high prices irrespective of the prevailing market values in the ${ }^{x}$ village and this was therefore the period of the boom of land prices. In view therefore of these facts I classified the land sales of the last five years into three divisions ene representing the purchases privately made by the Tata Company and showa in Appendix G-I, the second representing the purchases made by the people out of the compensation money gained from the Tata Company and shown in Appendix G-2 and the third representing the purchases made by the people in the ordinary course without the aid of money gained from the Tata Company and shown in Appendix G-3. For the Settlement purposes therefore I discard the prioes of the first-two classes" (Appendix $6 G-1$ and G-2) and adopt the prices of the third class (Appendix G-3) as representing the normal land-prices prevailing in each group during the last five years. In onder to show how the land values developed during the last 15 years I give in Appendix $G$ the prices paid in the years 1910-11 to 1914-15 that is during the pre-war years and find from the comparison of the Appendices $G$ and G-3 that the prices per acre of rice-land increased from Rs. 100 tq 173 in the first group, from Rs. 127 to 154 in the second group, from Rs. 156 to Rs. 190 in the third group and from Rs. 79 to Rs. 149 in the fourth group. Similarly the prices per acre of jirayat lands rose from Rs. 25 to Rs. 30 in the first group, from Rs. 18 to Rs. 28 in the second group, from Rs. 10 to Rs. 18 in the third group and from Rs. 10 to Rs. 16 in the fourth group. It is not known what land values prevailed at the time of the introduction of the current settlement as no Record of Rights existed at that time and only, a vague statement is made in the Revision Settlement report that land was sold at an average rate of Rs. 29-7-4 per acre. But this value must consist of the value of jirayat and rice land jointly:

In short I find that the values of land substantially developed during the Settlement period.

## (20) Value of Land as ascertaned by Leases

*As the reliable data of rents at which land is leased out are in my opinion the surest means available to fix the actual income from the land, to determine whether -the"current assessment is light, heavy or moderate and to test the adequacy of the proposed rates, I visited some typical villages of each group, made personal inquiries with land-lords and tenants and satisfied myself regarding the genuineness of rents appearing in the Tenancy Register. I found a few cases in which the so called rent was nothing but the stipulated repayments of capital and interest and this circumstance made me to exclude such rents altogether from my statistics. In the course of my inquiry I noticed that there was never a competition in the matter of rents'and payments of the same were on the whole made regularly. The general rate of rent is ome-half of the produce in the case of rice lands and one-third in the case of jirayat lands after deducting the seed and Baluta from the gross produce. Assessment is generally paid by land-lords and the cost of cultivation is borne by tenants. Now-a-days there-is a tendency to fix a certain quantity of grain or the value thereof in money as rent.]

In the course of my tour I visited some villages of each group and verified their statistics by enquiries on the sopt. with a view to fix the proportion of the rented
and self cultivated land. I found that nearly one-third of the area was cultivated by tenants and about two-thirds of the area by land-ownets] This proportion is supported also by the following figures of the Peta Office for the year 1925-26.

| Total cultivated area in 1925-26 |  | Area of lands cultivated by their owners |  | Lande cultivated by tenants |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Area | Assesement | Ares | ${ }^{2}$ Assessment | Area | - : Aseessmont |
| $\begin{array}{rr} \text { A. } & \text { g. } \\ \hline \mathbf{6 8 , 2 0 9} & 38 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} \text { Rs. a. } & \text { p. } \\ 35,470 & \text { 11 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { A. } & \text { g. } \\ 46,389 & 2\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Re. 3. } & \text { p. } \\ 23,600 & 0 & 5\end{array}$ | A. <br> 20,810 | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Re. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 11,780 & 1 & 6\end{array}$ |

The ease and regularity with which rents were paid will be seen from the fact that in the year 1925 there were only 27 madat suits for the recovery of rent amounting to Rs. $527-3-8$ in respect of land measuring 96 acres 39 gunthas and assessed at Rs. 145-3-0 in the Government villages of the Peta, Similarly thene were only 5 madat suits for RS. 382 in the Inam villages.

In view of these figures and of the figures for the last five years I find that the rents fixed are adequate and that they are generally paid willingly and in time ${ }^{\prime}$ by tenants. There being'no competition for taking land òn lease tenants do not generally change and land-lords as a rule allow the same persons to eontinue as tenants unless they purposely fail to pay rent continuonsly for two or three years. It will thus be seen that the relations between land-lords and tenants are smooth . and cordial and as the latter feel assured that they, will continue as tenants on payment of rent in time they generally carry out the necessary petty improvements of the land.]

From the following table of average rents for the last eight years for each. group it will be seen that the percentage of existing assessment to rent varies from .6 to 27 in the case of jirayat lands and 8 to 18 in the case of rice lands.


The crop records previous to the year 191\%-18. being destroyed no information as regards the changes in rents from year to year can be traced but it is obvious that the value of rent in money must have risen with the prices of grain. From. the report of the current settlement it seems that at the beginning of the Settlement the average rent was five times the assessment and that the rent has continuously risen since then. This proportion between the assessmett, and rent given in the Revision Settlement report has to be taken with caution as there was no Record of Rights at that time and as there were then no means to ascertain correct rents.

## * (21) Resulis of Crop Experiments

Being appointed Assistant Settlement Officer of the Mulshi Peta late in the meason I could not undertake any erop experiments. "From my experience however of the Peta and from inquiries made with local agriculturists I find that the average *outturn per acre of rice (paddy) and nagli is about 15 and 10 maunds respectively and the value of this outturn of rice and nagli is Rs. 90 and Rs. 40 respectively. It must however be borre in mind that the land producing nagli and other hill millets is required to be left fallow for several years after its cultivation for two or three years successively.
(22) Prices

Appendix I shows the prices of food-grains in the Mulshi Peta prevailing in each year of the Settlement period. It will be seen therefrom that the prices of all grains baye doubled or more than doubled. Jowari, bajri, wheat, tur and gram -are mostly imported from Poona and grow on very small area in the Peta. The Largestiarea under crops in the Peta being that of rice, and nagli being the main. staple food-grain and a crop next in importance to rice. I shall deal with the prices of these two kinds of grain only. The prices of nagali are available up to 1908 after which the prices of that grain ceased to be recorded in the office of the Peta. I tried to aścertain the prices of nagli from the Poona City Magistrate's Office and Mawal Mamlátdar's records but found that they were not recorded in those offices It appears that owing to the rise in the price of rice, agriculturists keep the whole produce of nagli for home consumption and very little nagli is now taken to the bazar for sale. Appendix I will however show that the prices of nagli were already nearly doubled even up to 1908. From enquiries made at Paud I find that nagli is sold at present at the rate of 10 seers 6 chataks per rupee that is the price of nagli has doubled during the Settlement period.

Rice being the main crop of the Peta and the price record of the same being available for each year during the Settlement period I append hereto a price-graph of that grain only. From the price-graph as well as from the Appendix I it will be seen how the price of rice went up, fell and afterwards settled between 4 to 5 seers a rupee from 1918 to date. The statistics thus show that the price of rice has morethan doubled during the Settlement period.
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(23) Wages
$\therefore$ From inquiries made: in the Peta I find that the wages of field and skilled. labour generally rise with the prices of food grains. But the peculiarity of the wages is that they take a longer time to rise than food grains but when once they rise they remain stationary at that level although the prices of food grain may fall. In short they have a tendency to rise but not to fall with the prices of food grains. Thus at the beginning of the current settlement that is in 1893 the daily tate of field and skilled labour was Re. 0-2-6 and Re. 0-6-0 respectively but when prices of food grains rose in 1897 the rate of field labour increased to Re. 0-3-0.and that of skilled labour to Re. 0-8-0. These rates of wages remained stationary although the prices of food grains came down subsequently. But in 1908 when the prices of food grains rose abnormally high owing to scarcity the rates of wages increased to Re. 0-4-0 in the case of field dabour and to Re. 0-12-0 in the case of skilled labour. These rates of wages continued stationary although the prices of food grains went.down subsequently ąndin the year 1919 when the prices of foodgrains rose abnormally high again the rates of wages went as high as Re. 0-6-0 in the case of field labour and one rupee in the case of skilled labour and continued. at that level although the prices of food grains fell subsequently. When however мо сs
the Tata.Works were opened in the Peta the rate of wages ceased to be dependent on the prices of food-grains but went high so as to be consistent with the rates of *ages paid on those works with the result that since 1922 the rate of field labour became 8 to 10 annas and that of skilled labour Rs. 1-8-0. It is not known whether these rates of wages will remain stationary or will keep themselvés consistent again with the prices of food-grains after the TTata Works are closed.

## (24) Explanation of Variations in Occupied Area and Revenue

The following table shows how the occupied area increased from the time of the original settlement till this day :-

|  |  |  |  |  | At fhe original Settlement | At the revision *ettlement | At present |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Aores | Adres | Acres |
| Dryocrop | $\therefore$ | $\cdots$ | . | . | 56,625 | 61,685 | 77,810 |
| Bice | $\because$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | ". | 9,048 |  | 12,650 |

If will thus be seen that during the current settlement period the dry-crop drea increàsed by about 16,145 acres, the garden area remained unaltered and the ricé area increased by about 1,343 acres. The garden area of six acres produced bagaik crops at the time of the Revision Settlement but as it was motasthal .bagnit the land was assessed at jirayat rates. During the settlement period however the wells situated in the land are not used and no bagait crops are grown. Advantage -however is taken of the well-water when crops wither away for want of moisture. In view of these facts therefore I allow the six acres of land to be shown as garden land asi before. The increase in the dry-crop area is due partly to the conversion of unassessed land into assessed land for cultivation purposes and partly to the addition of the village of Ambegaon Mutha-Khore to the Peta in 1915. "Similarly the increase in the rice land is due partly to the conversion of dry-crop land into rice land and partly to the inclusion of the village Ambegaon Muthankhore in the Peta. Undè Government orders conveyed in Government Resolution No. 6975, dated 14th July i916, I leave the new rice land formed during the current settlement to come under the ordinary dry-crop rate. From the present year however land measuring in all 13,399 acres 121 gunthas which has been acquired for the Tata Wbrks will be excluded from the cultivated area and mostly submerged in the Tata Lake. The revenue on the occupied land in Government-villages which was Rs. 43,455 at the beginning of the current settlement has now increased to Rs 49,821-5:10.

## (25) Remissions, Casual or Permanent <br> (25) Revenue Collections <br> (i2) Coercive Measures

The amounts shown as remitted for the first five years in the Appendix K, represent the remissions that are necessary to be granted after the introduction of the revision settlement. The remissions shown in the year $1901-0 \dot{2}$ are due to the bad season of 1899-1900 and those shown in the year 1903-04 in respect of group Nos. 3 and 4 are due to damages caused by locusts. After 1903-04 there were practically no remissions. The existing rules of suspensions and remissions being passed in 1907 authorised suspensions on a large scale had to be granted. only in the year 1918-19 which was a bad year throughout the whole district. The small amounts of unauthorised arrears which appear in the last four or five years are due to the Tata Works which induced petty cultivators to leave their lands uncultivated and to earn better income from wages offered on the works. ${ }^{*}$ People on the whole pay the land revenue with ease and in the prescribed time and coercive processes have in rare cases to be resorted to.

In short the revenue history of the Peta presents a satisfactory aspect as compared with other parts of the district.
(26) Effects of the Taita Works on Agriculture

The Tata works at Mulshi camp have almost revolutionised the whole Peta and have entirely changed the aspect and agricultural outlook of jts two main valleys. The big dam constructed at Mulshi (Paritwadi) impounda the water of
the Mula and Nila rivers together with thertain water flowing from the western hills. The water thus accumulated is passed through tunnels and cuttings near Dawadi whence it is to be taken to Bhirvadi in the Colaba District where a powers house is constructed for the generation of the electric energy for its transmission-to the Bombay City for industrial, railway and other purposes. This big reservoir of water has submerged the best rice-land of the two valleys together with a considerable part of the adjoining jirayat lands. 'The most obvious results of the Tata Works are that the village Sangavi is wholly under water, the gaothans of 26 villages being submerged together with most of their lands the people have had to shift their homes to other places and areas measuring 4,080 acres $37 \frac{1}{4}$ gunthas of rice-land and 9,318 acres 15 gunthas of jirayat land have been taken away from the people by means of the Land Acquisition Act thus converting large numbers of petty cultivators into whole-time labourers. Owing to the submersion of villages and acquisition of agricultural lands several families shifted to surrounding villages and made their new abodes there to pull on with the remaining lands; the majority of the Brahmin families residing in the tract removed to Poona or elsewhere after disposing of their lands somehow or leaving them to take care of themselves; most of the Gujars and Prabhus however shifted to convenient neighbouring villages to look after the remaining lands ; as high prices were awarded for the lands acquired many Kunbi and other agriculturists purchased lands wherever available and this caused a boom. of land-prices for some time. In short the western part of the Peta beyond the dam is at present unstable and in a state of transition and the people will take seyeral years to settle down permanently as before. One good result however from the, extensive land acquisition is that a few agriculturists who were ever in slavish bondage of their Saokars having paid off their debts from the amounts of awards are now free people entering on a new lease of life though under most trying conditions. $]$
(27) Proposed Grouping and Rates

There being no marked changes as regards modes of husbandry, communioations, markets and climate during the settlement period I retain the same four groups into which the Peta was divided at the time of the current revision settlement: "The:Tata Lake has no doubt submerged some fair-weather roads but these changes affect only group Nos. 3 and 4 and hence I find no necessity to amalgamate one group with another or to transfer individual villages from one group to another. The only change which I propose to do is to add to the second group the village Ambegaon Mutha-Khore which has been transferred to the Peta from the Haveli Taluka. This village resembles the villages of the first groupin most respects but the limit of increase to 33 per cent. (in the case of a group) 4aid down by Government leaves me no alternative but to include it in the second group.

* *As regards inam villages Daravali stands in the first group and I allow it to remain in the same group as it is in the eastern part of the Peta and quite similar to the Government villages of that group. The inam village Bhadas Budruk also stands in the first group but looking to its position and distance from the market towns, étc., I do not know why it should be in that group. But as Government Resolution sanctioning the current settlement of the village is not available and as the greunds under which it was put in the first group are not known I allow it to remain in the first group. The inam village Sangavi which is in the third group should remain in the same group as it has got many factors in common with the surrounding Government villages. As regards the inam village Shedani which has been surveyed and settled for the first time in 1923-24 I find that it is put in the first grơp. But looking to its situation, means of communications and facilities of markets, efc., I think there are no grounds whatever to allow it to remain in the first group and that it is fit to be transferred to the third group. I therefore propose that it should be included in the. third group.

From what has been said above and the information collated in the appendices and from my close connection with the Peta for the last three years I am led to believe that the Peta is situated in the tract having a healthy climate and an almost: assured rainfall, that the cultivation of riee which is the most paying crop has comparatively extended, that the communications remain the same except in the case of some fair-weather roads parts of which have been submerged in the Tata Lake, that the local markets have lost their importance and almost the whole surplus grain is poured into the Poona market for sale, that there is no development
in respect of manufactures and industries，that the population is financially much better than before，that the education has made a fair advance，that the health of －the people is normal，that the live－stock has increased，that the number of ploughs has diminished owing to the acquisition of land made for the Tata Company，that the supply of drinking water has materially improved，that the selling and letting ＊glues of land show a substantial rise，that the prices of local grains have more than
＇doubled＇and wages of field and skilled labourers quadrupled owing to the Tata Works and that the revenue history presents a satisfactory aspect as compared with other parts of the district．

Dealing with individual groups I find that group Nos． 1 and 2 have got the best advantage as regards climate，communications and markets and that they have generally developed all round without being in any way affected by the Tata Works．In view therefore of these facts and the rise in prices，labour and land values I propose to raise the existing assessment on rice and jirayat lands by 0－5－4 in a rupee that is by 33.33 per cent．in both the groups．The proposed rates compare favourably with the rates sanctioned for the Mawal and Haveli Talukas in 1915 to 1917 and are justified by the figures of average rent prevailing in the two groups during thelast 8 years as will be seen from the following figures ：－

| Group No． |  |  |  | Existing average assessment per a⿰阝⿻ | Proposed average assessment per acre | Average rent per acre | Percentage of proposed assessment to rent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{\mathbf{I I}}{ }$ |  | Rice |  | Rs，a．p． | Rs．2．p． | Rs．A．p． |  |
|  | － | － | － | $\begin{array}{rrr}1 & 13 & 11 \\ 2 & 2 & 5\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}2 & 6 & 9 \\ 2 & 13 & 11\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lrrr}14 & 7 & 10 \\ 17 & 10 & 4\end{array}$ | $16 \cdot 73$ $16 \cdot 25$ |
|  | Dry－crop |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I | － | － | － | 0711 | 0107 | 358 | 18．70 |
| II | － | ＊ | － | 0511 | 0711 | 229 | 22．70 |

As regards group No． 3 the average rent per acre both for rice and jirayat lands is higher than that in the first and second groups and would justify a greater increase in the assessment than is legitimate．But in view of the difficulty which the people in this group have now to experience in their daily life and in taking their produce for sale to Poona owing to the submersion of some fair－weather roads， I propose an increase of 4 annas in a rupee that is 25 per cent．in the existing assess－ ment on rice lands．Most of the rich rice lands in this group measuring about 2，929 acres $22 \frac{3}{3}$ gunthas being acquired for the Tata Company a much greater part of the proposed increase will have to be paid by the Tata Company in accordance with their agreement with Government．As regards jirayat lands although an area measuring 5,427 acres 39 gunthas of those lands has been acquired most of the lands remaining with the people are jirayat lands which are required to be kept fallow for several years after taking two or three successive crops from the same． As a little rice land now remains with the people and as much more rice land is necessary to enable people to take full advantage of their jirayat lands which supply grass，leafy loppings，etc．，for rab burning and as encouragement is necessary to induce people to convert jirayat lands into rice lands wherever possible I propose to keep the existing assessment on jiviayat lands unaltered．

Although this group is already lowly assessed and although I believe that low assessment leads to neglect in cultivation I cannot overlook the inconvenience ．Which the people have actually to experience by the submersion of country tracks and foot－paths in obtaining their daily necessaries of life and in taking their surplus produce for sale to the market at．Poona or Lonavla which is at a distance of twelve miles from the northern boundary of the Peta．Besides I find that most of the true agriculturists have stuck to their remainin land merely in consequence of their extreme attachment for the same although they are thereby required to shift to other places and to build new houses there．Steps are being taken to give out cultivable land out of the Government forest to these people to enable them to possess sufficient land for their maintenance but they will have to spend some money to make it fit for cultivation and to pay assessment thereon even before they begin to yield agricultural produce．Owing to the difficulty of communi－ cations in this group there will be no demand for land from outsiders and the present land values are bound to decline．In view therefore of these facts and in view of
the plight in which I saw the people while touring in this part I think that any increase in the existing jirayat assessment in this group will not at all be justifiable.

The fourth group has 839 acres 124 gunthas of its rice and 2,957 acres 28 gunthas of its jirayat area acquired for the Tata Company. The paths which led from this group to the eastern part of the Peta and to Poona have been mostly submerged in the Tata Lake but unlike the third group its former communications with the Lonavla side, the Pant Sachiva's territory and the Kolaba District reriain unaffected. In view therefore of these facts and in view of the factors which are common to this group and group No. 3 I propose an increase of 4 annas in a rupee or 25 per cent. in the case of rice lands and 2 annas or $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the case of jirayat lands of this group.

The percentage of the proposed assessment to the average rent for the last 8 years for group Nos. 3 and 4 is given below :-


The following table shows the current rates of the adjacent groups of the Haveli and Mawal Talukas as compared with the rates proposed for the Mulshi Peta:

| Proposed rates in the groups of the Mulshi Peta adjoining the Haveli Taluka as well as the Mawal Taluka |  | Current rates in the groups of the Haveli Taluka adjoining the Mulshi Peta, introduced in 1915-16 |  | Current rates in the groups of the Mawal Taluka adjoining the Mulshi Peta introduced in 1916-17 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group No. | Rate | Group No. | Rate | Group No. | Rate |
| Rice 1 4 | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } \\ 9 & \text { P. } \\ 6 & 5 & 4 \\ 6 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ | 4 |  | - $\mathbf{4}^{\text {. }}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Dry.crop } \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0\end{array}$ | 4 | 2100 | 2 | $\begin{array}{rrrr}1 & 14 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ |

The rates of assessment existing in the parts of the Pant Sachiva's territory which surround the Peta being very old and due for revision cannot be taken for comparison with the proposed rates for the Mulshi Pete.
(28) Effects of Proposals

The effect of my proposals which relate to agricultural lands only is summarised below :-


## (29) Guarantée

The usual period of the guarantee is 30 years but this will in my opinion be too long a lease in view of the present conditions of the Mulshi Peta. The future of the Tata Railway line is not known; it cannot be said when the Tata Company will provide necessary ferries and fair-weather roads as substitutes of former roads to enable people to visit local bazars and to carry their surplus produce for sale to Poona as before; it is doubtful whether the people who have stuck to their lands will be able to maintain themselves on their remaining lands without sufficient rice lands; as the dam is still to be raised 40 feet higher, the level of water reached at present, makes it very probable that the contour-line drawn by the Company will have to be extended and that further acquisition of the land will have to be made; it cannot be determined whether the big reservoir of water will improve or deteriorate the cultivation of adjoining lands and last though not least it is to be seen whether the permanent store of water affects in any way the present climate of the tract. The existance of the big reservoir of water is also likely to cause administrative changes such as transfer of the northern villages to the Mawal Taluka and of the southern villages to the Colaba District. The period of the lease should therefore in my opinion be 10 to 20 years preferably 20 years at or about which time the current Settlements of the Mawal and Haveli Talukas will also expire.

I have the honour to be,<br>Sir,<br>Your most obedient servant,<br>B. R. DIKSHIT, Assistant Settlement Officer, Mulshi Peta.

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APPENDIX A

- Rainfall recorded at, Paud (Mulshi Peta), District Poona.

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1916. The fair showers in May were very useful for the preliminary agridultural aporations. The monsoon opened early in June and gave just sufficientrain for Kharif showinge", The Julywains were very scamby and b faijure of the crops was threatened but goodsain came to their rescue in the month of August and relieved the aaxious situation. There was again gagd raipfaltio Soptenther whioh further helped the crops. The rein-during the two subsequent montlis hes satigfactory and the date arops
also progressed well. The scason on the whole ${ }^{4}$ wes good.
1917. The total fall of the year was slightly above the normal. Tho monsoon burst in early insivune and gave abundant rain which enalled the oompletion of Kharif sowings by the end of the mbnth. In July
the rainfall was meagre but as the soil was fully saturated with abundant raine in the previous month the rainfall was meagre but as the soil was fulty saturated with abundant raine in the proviotis month
the orops did not suffer much. Rainfall in August was up to the requirements. Tho September rains were useful both to the Kharif crops and also to start sowings of late crops. The fall in Ootober and November was rather heavy in places slightly injured the crops lying cut in the fields but it wes very useful to the late sown crops which throve well. The season on the whole was favourable.
1918. The good-monsoon showers induced the cultivators to preparp their lands for sowings. Rainfall in Funte was very scanty and sowings were made in anticipation of further good rain. Unfortunately the rainfall was again deficient during the subsequent month with the result that thengrowth of the ${ }^{*}$ crops was seriously checked. Some fairly heavy rain occurred in August which hetped the young

- crops but the rains in September were again very scanty while the monsoon almost completely olosed
from the end of this month. With the result that the crops withered away over large areas. The qeason on the whole was distinctly poor.

1910. The rain during the year was bout the usual quantity. The monsoon started timely in June and the Fhins continued favourable throughout the season with the result that the crops progressed well without any hitch till they were harvested and gave a satisfactory return. The season on the whola was excellent
1911. The aggregate fall of the year was slightly below the average The abundant raina in June enabled completion of Kharif sowings in time. Favourable rain in July allowed the crops to progress satisfactorily. The rainfall in August, however, was very scanty (being only about the average) and caused anxiety in places but the rainfall in September was fairly satisfactorily proved beneficial. Rain in October was agnin deficient and the crops suffered in places. There was also no further rain. The season on the whole was moderate.
1912. Years aggregate fall was a bout two third of the usual quantity. There was very little rain in June and Kharif sowings were finished off only in July when beneficial rain was received. The rainfall in August was generally upto the requirements of the crops. September rains, though below the usual quantity wese useful. Rain in October was anly slight but proved helpful to the late sown crops. There was practically no raim onwards. The season on the whole was fairly good.
1913. The total fall of the year was slightly above the normal. There was some fair rain in the pre-monsoon - period. The rain in June being suffioient and beneficial the sowings were completed in time. Rainfall in July was upto the requirements and the seedlings progressed well. The rainfall in August was very scanty but the crops did not suffer very seriously as they had ample previous moisture to fall back upon. Rain in September however was again deficient with the result that the crops suffered in many places. The situstion was much relieved at the end of October when good rainewas received. There was abnormally heavy rain in November. It was injurious to the Kharif crops lying out in the fields but was useful to the late sown crops. The season on the whole was moderate.
1914. Rain during the year was much below the normal. The rainfall in June was quite insufficient for Khatif sowings which had hence to be postponed. The falls during the next three months July, August and September, however, being sufficient and useful and all agrioultural operations proceeded smoothly and the crops throve well. Unfortunately the rains totally ceased from the end of September with the result that the crops especially the late sown suffered in places and yielded less than what was expected of them. The season on the whole was fairly good.
1915. The total rainfall was somewhat below the average. The rain in June was sufficient to start Kharif sowings. After this the rainfall was generally satisfactory and beneficial till the end of September with the result that the crops throve well without any hindrance till this time. The rains, however, were absent from the end of September with the result that the crops especially the sown crops suffered in places for want of moisture and their yield in consequence fell far short of expectations. The season on the whole was of thus a repetition of that of the preceeding year.
The total annual rainfall was much below the average. Good rain in May was useful for the prelinanary field operations. There was good rain in June and sowings were completed in time. The crops progressed satisfactorily under the beneficial rains of July. The rain in August was much below the average, but was just enough to maintain the crops Rains in September and October were again below the standard but being timely they helped the crops and saved them from withering. Some rain was also received in November. The rain though somewhat harmful to the crops ripe for harvegt or lying the threshing yards was useful to the late sown crops. There was no further
rain in December. The season on the whole may be termed satisfactory for though the rains rain in December. The season on the whole may be termed satisfactory for though the rains
were less than usual in quantity they were still well distributed and thus helped the gowth of the crops.

Roona, 26th Maxch 1926.
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Dizector of Agriculture.

## APPENDIX A-A

Rainfall recorded at Lonavala, District Pooña.

| Par- | Early raln (1st January to 10th April) |  | * Antemonsoon (11th A iril to 4th June) |  | Monsoon Kharft (6th June to 14th August) |  | Monsoon Rabi 15th August to 21st October |  | Late ram (22nd Octobat to 81st December) |  | **T Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall | $\begin{gathered} \text { Ralny } \\ \text { dnys } \end{gathered}$ | Fall | $\underset{\substack{\text { Rainy } \\ \text { onys }}}{ }$ | Fall | $\begin{gathered} \text { Ralny } \\ \text { days } \end{gathered}$ | Fall | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rainy } \\ \text { dayy } \end{gathered}$ | Pall | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Rainy } \\ \text { days } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Fall | Rainy days |
|  | Inches | No. | Inches | No. | Inchea | No. | Inches | Na, | Inches | No. | Inches | No. |
| 1005 |  | . | $0 \cdot 11$ | 1 | $70 \cdot 12$ | 55 | 26.42 | 28 | $1: 02$ | 2 | 106.67 | 86 |
| 1906 / $7^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.11 | . $\cdot$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 88.08 | 68 | $47 \cdot 02$ | 87 | - | . | /435 19 | 105 |
| 1907 - *. | 0.64 | 1 | $2 \cdot 28$ | 5 | 185'89 | 58 | 41.97 | 85 | 0.47 | 1 | $180 \cdot 70$ | 100 |
| 1008 | -• | $\cdots$ | - | $\cdots$ | $140 \cdot 16$ | 60 | $87 \cdot 88$ | 87 | - | . | 178.04 | 97 |
| 1009 | - | . | 2.95 | 8 | 152•88 | 68 | $27 \cdot 49$ | 40 | 0.67 | 1 | *8.96 | 112 |
| 1010 c. | $\cdots$ | . | 1.16 | 3 | 106.11 | 57 | $50 \cdot 80$ | 48 | $2 \cdot 20$ | 8 | - $100.32{ }^{*}$ | 106 |
| 1911. | $0 \cdot 11$ | $\cdots$ | 0.68 | 2 | 88.29 | 60 | $80 \cdot 59$ | 88 | $2 \cdot 68$ | 5 | 128.09 | 103 |
| 1912 - \% | . | $\cdots$ | 0.02 | . | 118.56 | 60 | $24 \cdot 95$ | 85 | $5 \cdot 78$ | 6 | $144 \cdot 26$ | 101 |
| 1018 | . | . | 1.21 | 2 | 140.08 | 05 | $81 \cdot 07$ | 89 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 178'24 | 108 |
| 1014 | -• | -* | 0.07 | . | 157.04 | 68 | $88 \cdot 68$ | 88 | 2.68 | 2 | 107.35 | 107 |
| 1015 | -• | 1 | $2 \cdot 89$ | 4 | 118.88 | 45 | $88 \cdot 17$ | 45 | $1 \cdot 24$ | 8 | 150.24 | 98 |
| 1916 .. | -• | - | 2.90 | 6 | $77 \cdot 49$ | 60 | 5771 | 47 | $7 \cdot 81$ | 8 | 145.91 | 121 |
| 1017. .. | 0.27 | 1 | 8.87 | 8 | $106 \cdot 87$ | 68 | 88.00 | 02 | $8 \cdot 81$ | 6 | $197 \cdot 18$ | 145 |
| 1918 .. .. | $0 \cdot 29$ | 1 | 12.34 | 14 | 49.04 | 50 | 29'70 | 80 | $0 \cdot 10$ | 1 | 91'47 | 06 |
| 1910 | . | $\cdots$ | 0.48 | 2 | 182.75 | 65 | 67.88 | 40 | 0.44 | 2 | 201.50 | 109 |
| 1020 | 0.58 | 3 | 0.81 | 2 | 124.88 | 62 | 28.32 | 38 | . | $\cdots$ | 140.04 | 106 |
| 1021 | .. | - | . | . | 113.65 | 60 | $47 \cdot 64$ | 44 | . 0.48 | 1 | 161.28 | 95 |
| 1022 | - | -. | 1.90 | 4 | 118.84 | 62 | $40 \cdot 68$ | 30 | 2.60 | 0 | 168.42 | 112 |
| 1928 - | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . | $\cdots$ | 159-24 | 68 | 82 | 27 | . | . | $191 \cdot 24$ | 88 |
| 1024-.. | 0.05 | 2 |  | . | 84.09 | 61 | $67 \cdot 10$ | 88 | $\cdots$ | - | $152 \cdot 14$ | 101 |
| 1025 | -• |  | 12.0 | 10 | 109'41 | 68 | 25.60 | 39 | 0.62 | 2 | 147 '68 | 110 |
| Average ... | 0.14 | . | $2 \cdot 11$ | 8 | 118.59 | 60 | $41 \cdot 47$ | 89 | 1.47 | 2 | 158'78 | 105 |

Note.-No remarkg were given by the Director of Agriculture, Bombay Presidency, Poona.
B. R. DIKSHIT.

Assistant Settlement Officer, Mulshi Peta.

## APPENDIX B

Details of Cultivation and Crops in the Villages of the Mulshi Peta, Haveli Taluka of the Peona"Collectorate.

B. R. DIKSHIT,

Assistant Settlement Officer, Mulshi Peta. *

APPENDIX B ${ }^{1}$
Details of Cultivation and Crops in the Villages of the Mulshi Peta, Haveli Taluka of the Poona Collectorate. for the years 1920-21 to 1924-25.

B. R. DIKSHIT,

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## APPEŃDIX D

AgriculturalStook of the 85 Villages in the Mulshi Peta, Haveli Taluka, District Poona, during the year 1924-25

*NOTE.-Animals are reckoned as calves up to the time thoy commence worls, if male, or are mature for breeding, if fomale.
B. R. DIKSHIT,

Assistant Settlement Officer, Mulshi Peta.

## APPENDIX E

"Shops, Industries, etc., in the Villages of the Mulshi Peta, Haveli Taluka, District Poona

> B. R. DIKSHIT,
> Assistant Settlement Officer, Mulshi Peta.

## APPENDIIX F

Wells, Bhudkis, Tanks and other Sources of Water Supply in 85 Villages in the Mulshi Peta, Haveli Taluka Poana District, for the year 1922-23


ABSTRACT OF APPENDIX F

| Distriot <br> 1 | Details | Wells, Bhudkis and the like |  | Tanks |  | Other Sources |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Pakka 8 | Kacha 4 | Pakka . | Kacha <br> 0 | Pabkat | Kncha <br> 8 |
| - |  | 3 188 4 7 | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ 98 \\ 39 \end{gathered}$ | 1 1 1 | $\cdot$ $\cdots$ .9 .8 | $\square$ 1 $\square$ $\cdots$ | $\because$ $\cdots$ $\cdots$ |
|  |  | 200 | 138 | 3 | 2 | 1 | $\cdots$ |
|  | Totals reconded at the previous settlements for 80 villages | 77 | 26 | $\cdots$ | 1 | $\cdots$ | . |

B. R. DIKSHIT,

Assistant Settlement Officer, Mulshi Peta.

## APPENDIX G

Selling Value of Gaddi (rice) Lands in the Villages of the Mulshi Peta, Poona District, for the years 1910-11 to 1914-15


B. R. DIKSHIT,

Assistant Settlement Officer, Mulshi Peta.

APPENDIX G
Selling Falue of dry crop Lands in the Villages of the Mulshi Peta, Poora District, for the years 1910-11 to 1914-15.


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APPENDIX G-1
Selling value of Galdi (rice) landsain the villages of the Mulshi Peta, Poona District purchased privately by the Tata Company, during the years 1919-20 to 1924-25


APPENDIX G-1
Selling value of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Mulshi Peta, Poona District, purchased privately by the Tata Company, during the years 1919-20 to 1924-25

B. R. DIKSHIT,

Assistant Settlement Offcer, Mulshi Peta.

APPENDIX G-2
Selling value of Gaddi (rice) lands in the viliores of the Mulshi Pela, Poona District, during the years 1919-20 to 1924-25 purchased by the people from the amounts obtained as compensation for the laids acquired by the Tata Company

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Assistant Settlement Officer, Mulshi Peta.

## APPENDIX G-3

Selling valie of Gaddi (rice) lands in the vithiges of the Mulshi Peta, Poona District. exclusive of the lands purchased privately by the Tata Company and lands purchased by the people from the amounts of compensation, during the years 1919-20 to 1924-25


APPENDIX G-3
Selling Value of dry-crop lands in the willages of the Mulshi Peta, Poona District, exclusive of the lands purchased privately by the Tata Company and lands purchased by the "people from the amounts of compensation, during the years 1919-20 to 1924-25

B. R. DIKSHIT,

Assistant Settlement Officer, Mulshir Peta.

## APPENDIX H

Leases of Gaddi (rice) Lands in the Villages of the Mulshi Peta, Poona District, during the years 1917-18 to 1924-25


## APPENDIX H-contd.


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Assistant Settlement Oficer, Mulshi Peta.

APPENDIX H
Leases of dry crop Lands in the Villages of the Mulshi Peta, District J'oona, during the years 1917-18 to 1924-25


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Assistant Settlëment Oficer, Mulshi Pete.

## APPENDIX I

Prices prevalent in the Mulshi Peta, Poona District, from 1891 to 1925 (as plotted in the accompanying Diagram)

| Years |  |  | Seers of 80 Tolas per Rapee |  |  |  |  |  |  | Rtmariks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Jowari | Bajri | Cleaned rice | Wheat | Turdal | Nagli | Gram |  |
|  | 1 |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |  |
|  |  |  | S. ch. | S. ch. | S. oh. | S. ch. | S. ch. | S. ch. | S. ch. |  |
| 1891 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 182 | 143 | 1015 | $12 \cdot 7$ | 100 | 211 | 1415 |  |
| 1892 | . | .. | 1513 | 145 | 1010 | 108 | 88 | 194 | 111 |  |
| 1893 | .. | . | 174 | , 1510 | 108 | 1012 | 99 | 183 | 15.3 |  |
| 1894 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1812 | 145 | 109 | 1215 | 85 | 18 8 | $14 \cdot 9$ |  |
| 1895 | $\cdots$ | .. | 187 | 151 | 107 | 1214 | 9.1 | 185 | 1411 |  |
| 1896 | . | . | 108 | 1011 | 812 | 85 | 78 | 1410 | 95 |  |
| 1897 | $\ldots$ | . | 514 | 83 | 68 | 45 | 411 | 81 | 67 |  |
| 1898 | $\cdots$ | .. | 14.1 | 113 | 107 | 73 | 610 | 122 | 814 |  |
| 1899 | . | $\cdots$ | 1414 | 132 | 913 | 100 | 815 | 1514 | 118 |  |
| 1900 | $\cdots$ | .. | . | 81 | 87 | 611 | 64 | 97 | 77 |  |
| 1901 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 129 | 1010 | 72 | 66 | 1310 | 103 |  |
| 1902 | . | .. | 139 | 1215 | 1014 | 710 | 89 | 138 | 1112 |  |
| 1903 | $\ldots$ | .. | 208 | 165 | 105 | 103 | 85 | 186 | 145 |  |
| 1904 | . | .. | 1811 | 1515 | 914 | 106 | 813 |  | 138 |  |
| 1905 | . | .. | $\begin{array}{ll}15 & 4 \\ 11\end{array}$ | 128 | 911 | 108 | 814 |  | 132 |  |
| 1906 | . | . | 116 | 1015 | 87 | 810 | 711 | 100 | ${ }^{9} 6$ |  |
| 1907 | . | . | 146 | 1215 | 714 | 83 | 614 |  | 10.2 |  |
| 1908 | . | . | 104 | 912 | 70 | 610 | 512 | 1013 | 810 |  |
| 1909 | . | . | 1115 | 1110 | 810 | 7 8 8 | 65 |  |  |  |
| 1910 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\begin{array}{ll}12 & 3 \\ 11 & 4\end{array}$ | 9 714 7 |  | $\begin{array}{ll}8 & 0 \\ 9 & 2\end{array}$ | .. |  |  |
| 1911 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1312 98 | 11 8.10 | 714 610 | 910 714 | 9 2 <br> 7  | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{ll}13 & 6 \\ 11 & 8\end{array}$ |  |
| 1913 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 97 | 71 | 81 | 6 14 | . | 11 |  |
| 1914 | . | $\cdots$ | 107 | 101 | 79 | 714 | 512 | .. | . |  |
| 1915 | $\therefore$ | . | .. | 110 | 71 | 69 | 56 | .. | $\because$ |  |
| 1916 | . | $\cdots$ |  | 108 | 612 | 74 | 60 | . | $\because$ |  |
| 1917 | . | . | 113 | ${ }^{9} 59$ | $\begin{array}{ll}6 & 9 \\ 5 & 1\end{array}$ | 7 5 | $\begin{array}{ll}6 & 1 \\ 4 & 10\end{array}$ | .. | . |  |
| 1918 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 510 4 |  |  |  |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1919 | $\cdots$ | . | 312 5 | $\begin{array}{ll}4 & 3 \\ 5 & 6\end{array}$ | 419 <br> 4 | $\begin{array}{ll}4 & 5 \\ 4 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}3 & 5 \\ 2 & 15\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1921 | $\cdots$ | . |  | 45 | 415 | 42 | ${ }_{3}{ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |
| 1922 | . | . | 79 | 512 | 50 | 41 | 313 | $\cdots$ | . |  |
| 1823 | . | . | 80 | 615 | 56 | 415 | 410 | . | . |  |
| 1924 |  |  | 97 | 64 | 414 | 411 | 40 | . | . |  |
| 1925 | .. | . | 73 | 64 | 51 | 48 |  |  |  |  |

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## APPENDIX K

Collection of Assessment on Governnment land in the villages of the Mulshi Peta, Poona District


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APPENDIX M
Showing Village, Population and Area of unoccupied assessed cultivable Government Land in the Mulshi Peta, Poona District, Taluka Haveli


## APPENDIX M-concld.



* Nors. - The census at Liulshi Camp is repe rted not to have teen focluded in this fgure.


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## APPENDIX N


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# Below No. R. S. T. 1 of 1926 dated 31st July 1926 from the District Deputy <br> Collector, Western Division and Assistant Settlement Officer, Mulshi Peta 

-No. S. R. V.-49
Poona, 4th November 1926.
Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner of Settlements.
2. The Acting Collector thinks that the increased prosperity of the inhabitants of the Peta as evidenced by the rise in the price of land, the increase in the number of live-stock and carts, the higher prices obtained for grain and the low proportion which the existing assessment bears to the rates provide ample justification for the increase proposed by the Settlement Officer.
3. The Settlement Officer has retained the grouping of the current settlement. I agree with him that there are no reasons sufficient to justify a departure from it except that the Inam village of Bhadas Khurd should in my opinion be included in Group II since it is bounded on three sides by villages of that group and is effected by the same considerations as led to the inclusion of other similarly situated villages in that group. There seems to be no adequate reason for the inclusion of Shedani in group I. I agree with the Settlement Officer that it should be included in Group III.
4. The Settlement Officer advocates the curtailment of the usual pericd of guarantee to 20 or 10 years. I agree with him. It is impossible at present adequately to gauge the effects, the formation of the Tata Company's Lake is likely to have upon the well being of the inhabitants of the Peta, especially of those residing within groups II, III and IV. It is possible that the demand for labour and food and the general stimulation of trade caused by the large camp and construction works is the only cause of the apparent prosperity of the inhabitants. The shutting down of the works and departure of the majority of workmen cannot fail to have its effects on the prosperity of the regular inhabitants. Moreover it remains to be seen whether with the decline in the level of the water yearly when the hot weather sets in, the malaria, to which many of the inhabitants are now exposed, will not be very much aggravated.
5. Lastly the efficiency of the communications which the Tata Company have to provide by the terms of their agreement, has to be tested. Hitheito it has not been possible to locate the positions of the ramps and ferries pending the filling of the Lake. Only when this has been done and the ferries are in operation will it be possible to say whether they provide a satisfactory substitute for the roads submerged.
6. For these reasons I am of opinion that the period of settlement should be curtailed to 20 years.
7. Rao Bahadur Dixit has written a very able and interesting report as is to be expected from one, who has had many years experience of the Peta as Prant Officer.

H. F. BALL,<br>Acting Collector, Poona.

Below No. S. R. V. 49 dated 4th November 1926 from the Collector of Pocna
No. S. T. 593
Poona, 23rd November 1926.

## Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, Central Division.

2. Mr. Dikshit has given us an excellent report and with what he says and also with the review of the Collector I find myself in agreement almost throughout. I do not therefore propose to elaborate anything which has been already said, but just touch on a few points which I should like to bring out a little more. The fact that at present 70 per cent. of the whole area is fallow grass, occupied but paying assessment, shows that there is an abundant area waiting for conversion to rice. Any one who knows Ratnagiri. will agree that in that district if they wanted it to cultivate they would rapidly convert large areas of this Mulshi warkas into rice. At the original settlement there were 9,048 acres of rice in Mulshi. Now there are 12,650. This is an increase of 3,602 , about 5 square miles or 33 per cent. in the course of a life time. The Tata Company has now submerged 4,081 acres therety throwing conditions back to just about where they were 60 years ago. I do not for a moment doubt that this loss ewill be replaced with considerable rapidity.
3. Again I am strongly impressed with the idea that when a lot of land is taken away many classes of people undoubtedly suffer, but there is one class who hardly ever fail to be benefitted and that is the persons who own the land which is left. Now our revised assessments are not imposed on dispossessed people or the landless labourer or any other class except only the very people who own the land which remains. This carries its own corollary. Moreover according to our present policy-in my opinion a wrong policy, but still it is there-when warkas land is converted into rice no rice aissessment is ever levied upon it but only dry-crop. Therefore if the Mulshi people create, as they easily can, 4,000 acres of new rice it takes the place of the submerged rice. That will be replacing 4,000 acres assessed as rice by another 4,000 acres growing rice but assessed as dry-crop. They have some distance to travel and some hard work to do, but when it is finished there is nothing much to shed tears over.
4. This leads me on to make another general remark about the inexpediency of putting on light assessments "to encourage the use of land." I am afraid it has the very opposite effect. In paragraph 8 page 139 of my Land Revenue Rules, Supplement II, I have made the point that the person owning and cultivating land can enjoy the rental value either as additional produce or money, or in the alternative in the form of ' laziness,'. by not having to work so hard as his neighbour in order to live. In some states of society we could afford to smile at this. But I doubt if these conditions.have not ended or are near their end. The world at large and no community in particular can afford to see its land misused or under-used. There are other greater interests than those of the individual holder. I have had occasion often to point out that the existence of inam rights (i.e., light assessment) acted as a sort of blight on the productivity of land, and I would consequently deprecate the imposition of a nominal assessment in the idea that it would stimulate better use of land. I am inclined to think that it would more likely stimulate its disuse and misuse. Let us turn to an actual example which turns up in this very report. There are six acres of motasthal bagayat, which, according to a rather mistaken and crudely considered policy, were ordered generations ago to be classed as dry-crop only ; that is to say, they were purposely given a very light assessment in perpetuity long after their holder had forgotten all a pout his labour, etc., in making the wells. What is the perfectly natural consequence, with human nature as it is? Mr. Dikshit tells us. For many years past these wells have never been used except in emergency. The people are perfectly content to drift along living on the dry-crop produce of the land and not turning it to its proper use as bagayat. If they had had to pay a bagayat assessment this would be impossible. They would have had to do one or other of two things either of which would have been equally beneficial to the public : (1) either to grow bagayat crops raising capital and energy
and enterprise required for the purpose, or (2) they would have had to sell the land to somebody else who would. But a nominal assessment has had its inevitable effect of throwing the land into misuse or under-use.
5. The restoration of communications is of course an urgent matter and I have no doubt will not be overlooked. Just as in the case of Roha-Bhirwadi Light Railway the retention of Chinchvad-Mulshi Light Railway is very desirable: far better that it should be bought up and run by the District Local Board than that it should be scrapped and I am sure that negotiations will show that it is better to make such a bargain both for the railway and permanent way and engines and rolling stock rather than oblige the Tata Company to break it up and sell it for rubbish.
6. I am glad to note that the relations between tenants and landlords are good, One-third of all the land is tenanted, and there is no such great competition for tenancies as makes tenures precarious. Having thus a practical fixity of tenure, though unprotected by law, the tenants, as is natural, are ready as a general rule to make such improvements as are within their means. The range of rents is very high? We have read with interest the Todhunter Committee's recommendations that the assessment of land should gradually be brought down till it reached what they considered the ideal of lightness, i.e., 314 per cent, upon rent. I wonder what they would have said to Mulshi where hardly a single village is paying more than 12 per cent! On general grounds there is not the least doubt that no village in the taluka could be injured if the assessment were doubled: even such villages as Sangwi and Daravale. But I now turn to Mr. Dikshit's last paragraph and I would add my strong plea to his that the land should not be settled for 30 years. I do not think it fair to either party. There are a great many reasons why one can see a shorter distance into the future in Mulshi than in almost any other tract. There could not therefore be any area in which a 30 years' settlement is more indefensible. If it were not for the fact that I recomimend a short term I should feel bound in the case of Groups III and IV to point out that they are shockingly underassessed as things are, and if assessed as Mr. Dikshit proposes will still remain badly under-assessed and moreover that the existing disproportion of assessment between Group I and Group IV [which shows that Group I is comparatively over-assessed and Group IV under-assessed] will be made worse, not better. If however, as Mr. Dikshit recommends, this assessment is to be for 10 years only, or at the very very most 15 years, then at the end of that period we shall know where we are, and it will be much fairer to the people and to Government to reconsider this area in 15 years. If Government would agree to this, then I do not press any modification in Mr. Dikshit's proposals. I would wait and see what happens. I would only point out that in an area where it is obvious that the people who live and cultivate must rely largely upon their own produce and cannot possibly have much to export, then the question of communications to markets sinks into the background.
7. It remains to say a word about Shedani. It seems to be thought that the village was badly settled in 1923-24. We had to settle it then hastily and solely in order to give basis for the acquisition. We were settling it within two years of the end of the 30 years for which the rest of the Peta was settled. Would it have been reasonable to impose the same rates as had been for 28 years in force in the Peta, or would it not rather have been better to choose rates as nearly as we could guess equal to the rates which would be fixed on the rest of the Peta two years later? Obviously the latter course was proper. We therefore assessed it at these rates, and that assessment came out equal not to the old rates of Group III but to the old rates of Group I. Therefore on the map any unthinking person would say at once that Shedani has been put in Group I although completely surrounded by Group III. Let him now, three years later, consider the fact that Mr. Dikshit proposes for Group III which surrounded Shedani a rate of Rs. 7-8-0 for rice which is 8 annas more than the old rate for Group I. Therefore he does not put Shedani lower than it was put in 1923-24 but even higher. It is true that for warkas land which is comparatively unimportant he does propose a low rate of Rs. 1-2-0 as compared with the existing rate of Rs. 1-8. I am in disagreement with this proposal to let the warkas off so lightly. However I should be content to let Shedani remain in Group III at Rs. 7-8-0 rice, and Rs. 1-2-0 warkas, and even that would yield a rather larger assessment than was imposed in 1923-24. It was
never imagined in 1923-24 that when two years later this village was again reassessed it would then be jumped regardless of rental value and regardless of its situation upto the same level to which old Group I was raised. There was nothing whatever anomalous in the rating for Shedani. If anything, its warkas rate was and is still much too low.

## F. G. H. ANDERSON,

Commissioner of Settlements, and Firector of Land Records.

## Below Commissioner of Settlements' endorsement No. S.T.-593, dated 23rd November 1926

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Camp Mahableshwar, 20th April 1927
Submitted to Government in the Revenue Department with the accompaniments detailed in the list attached.
2. These papers contain proposals for the second revision settlement of the Mulshi Peta comprising 81 Government villages and 4 Inam villages for two of which the proposed settlement is the first revision settlement. The settlement was due in 1922-23, but it was postponed till the acquisition proceedings in respect of the Tata Company's Hydro-Electric works were completed (vide Government memorandum No. 576-B, dated 1st December 1921).
3. A reference to the map shows that Groups I and II lie below the dam, and that they have not been affected by the formation of the new lake.

The rents in Group I for dry-crop and rice lands are 6.77 and 7.75 times the assessment respectively, and those in Group II are $5 \cdot 87$ and 8.20 times the assessment. The Assistant Settlement Officer writes in his report that " the general rate of rent is one-half of the produce in the case of rice lands and one-third in the case of Jirayat land ;" that is to say the customary rent is a share of the crop. Rao Bahadur Dixit informs me that he ascertained the cash value of these rents by a scrutiny of the rent notes in which cash is usually shown as payable alternatively with payment in kind. He also states that leases of dry-crop land are usually for one year only, and as this land is allowed to lie fallow for three years' after three years' crop rotation the rents shown must be reduced considerably in order to arrive at the annual rental value. The rents need not however be reduced by half, as the lands produce some useful grass for "rab" during the fallow years.

In both these groups rice is the main crop, and the price of rice has doubled during the period of the existing settlement. So also with "nagli," which is the most important of the dry crops. I have no hesitation in recommending the Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals which are supported by the Collector and the Settlement Commissioner, to increase the rates in these groups by the maximum of $33 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent.

In Group III nêarly the whole of the rice land has gone into the lake, as well as one-third of the dry-crop land. The actual figures are 2,929훌 acres of rice land acquired out of 2,967 acres, and 5,428 acres of dry-crop land out of a total of 15,997 acres. These figures are likely to be still further increased, as I am informed that the contour line has been taken at too low a level, and the dam is not yet up to its full height.

Rental statistics in this group are still more favourable than in Groups I and II, but the formation of the lake has made communications very difficult. The insignificant area of rice land left with cultivators must certainly have appreciated in value by reason of its rarity, but with the dry-crop land the case is different. This land is cropped three years in six, during its three years' fallow it produces "rab" which is used on the rice land. The owners of dry-crop land in Group III will now have no profitable use for their "rab." Accordingly I think Rao Bahadur Dixit's proposal to leave the dry-crop rate in this group untouched should be accepted. But I see no reason why the rice rate should not be enhanced by $33 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. I note that a complaint has already been made in the public press that the Tata Company are to be given preferential treatment under the Mulshi settlement proposals. If the rice rate in Group III is increased by 25 per cent. only there will be some ground for this suggestion. Rao Bahadur Dixit's reason for proposing this rate is that communications in this group will now be difficult. So far as the Tata Company's land is concerned this point may be neglected, as the Tata Company have no crops to bring to market, and if communications are worse than they were it is their operations that have made them so. So far as other people are concerned we have an area of 37 acres only to consider. The great

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enhancement in value of these few acres will make the difference between a 25 per cent. and a $33 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. enhancement of no importance. Accordingly I recommend that in Group III the rice rate be increased by $33 \frac{3}{3}$ per cent., and that the Assistant Settlement Officer's proposal to leave the Jirayat rate unteuched be accepted.

For Group IV the Assistant Settlement 0 fficer proposes a 25 per cent. increase in the rice rate, and a $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. increase in the dry-crop rate. In this Group the lake absorbs 839 acres of rice land out of a total of 1,796 acres, and 2,958 acres of dry-crop out of a total of 21,861 . Though communication with the Poona side has been affected, the villages in the group naturally find their best markets at Lonạvla, and in Bhor State and the Kolaba District. Rao Bahadur Dixit's proposals for enhancement in this group err if at all on the side of moderation. But in view of the fact that Group IV has lost half its rice land I would accept them.
4. On the question of the period of guarantee I find myself at variance with all the officers who have reported on these proposals. If there is to be an enhancement of rates then the cultivators expect an assurance that a further enhancement will not take place for 30 years. The reasons given by Rao Bahadur Dixit for shortenjing the period of guarantee might well be advanced as reasons for postponing the revision altogether ; they are not good reasons for declining to give the cultivator a 30 years' guarantee against further enhancement. The same applies to the arguments advanced by the Collector. While both these officers suggest the possibility that the lake may adversely affect the prosperity of the Petha, the Commissioner of Settlements on the other hand indicates that his reason for asking for a shorter term than usual is to enable the under-assessment under which Groups III and IV labour to be corrected in the near futtre. Mr. Anderson says a 30 years' guarantee would not be fair to either party. In practice the guarantee is binding only against Government. Assuming for a moment that the cultivation of the area left in Group II becomes impossible or unprofitable the assessment on this land can be struck off or reduced in spite of the 30 years' settlement. However I can see no ground whatever for the fears expressed by the Collector; I am more inclined to agree with the Settlement Commissioner that land hitherto neglected will be brought under cultivation and that "warkas" will wherever possible be converted into rice. But the fact that land is likely to be so converted gives the cultivator a very good reason for demanding a 30 years' guarantee in order that he may get the full fruits of his labour. While I do not think Mr. Anderson has any justification for his prophesy that the loss of 4,081 acres of rice land "will be replaced with considerable rapidity," I agree that there will certainly be some replacement. Such as it is it will only be made at the expenditure of a great amount of labour. For these reasons I recommend that the usual 30 years' guarantee be given.
5. The village of Ambegaon presents some difficulty. This village was transferred from the Haveli Taluka to the Mulshi Peta and its present rates are the Haveli rates, as fixed at the first revision settlement, viz., Rs. 5 for rice and Rs. 2-4-0 for dry-crop. The Assistant Settlement Officer proposes to put this village in group II with a rice rate of Rs. 8 and a dry-crop rate of Rs. 1-10-8. The only alternative would be to put this village in a Group of its own. After careful consideration I recommend the Assistant Settlement Officer's proposal for adoption.
6. I agree with the Collector that the inam village of Bhadas Budruk should be included in Group II instead of Group I, as suggested by the Assistant Settlement Officer.
7. The village of Shedani belongs topographically to the third group and the Assistant Settlement Officer proposes tul rate it accordingly. I agree. If my proposals are approved its rice rate will be increased from Rs. 7-8-0 to Rs. 8.
8. I have considered the question of the abolition of the Mulshi Petha as a separate revenue unit. The Collector has requested that the decision of this question should be postponed till 1928-29, when the Tata Company's dam will be completed. I have agreed to this. In my opinion it should be possible to
transfer Groups I and II to Haveli Taluka-with a corresponding transfer of certain villages from Haveli to Poona Taluka-and to add Groups III and IV to Maval Taluka.
9. I enclose certain petitions of objections with their substance in English. As remarked by the Collector and the Commissioner of Settlements they call for no modification of the above proposalsp

G. W. HATCH,

Commissioner, C. D.

# GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY. 

# Revenue Department. 

Resolution No. 576-B.
Bombay Castle, 8th June 1927.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, C. D., No. L.N.D./P.-6/X. dated 20th April 1927Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified below* containing proposals for the second revision settlement of the Mulshi Peta of the Poons District, together with certain petitions of objeetions relating thereto.

* Letter from Rao Bahadur B. R. Dikshit, Assistant Settlement Officer, Mulshi Peta, No. R.S.T.--1 dated $31 s t$ July 1926.
Memorandum from the Collector of Poons, No. S.R.V.-49 dated 4th November 1926.
Memorandum from the Commissioner of Settlements, No. S. T.- 593 dated 23rd November 1926.
Resolutron.-These papers contain propesals for the second revision settlement of the Mulshi Peta comprising 81 Government and four inam villages, for two of which the proposed settlement is the first revision settlement.

2. The revenue history of the Peta during the currency of the present settlement has been one of general prosperity. The area cultivated with rice, which is the most paying crop, has considerably extended. The live stock has increased. The supply of drinking water has materially improved. The wages both of field and of skilled labour have quadrupled owing to the activities of the Tata Company, and this general increase of prosperity is conclusively shown in the figures of the selling and letting values of land, which show a substantial improvement in the course of the past 30 years. In these circumstances Government consider themselves fully justified in increasing the rates to the extent proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer.
3. Government are pleased to approve Rao Bahadur Dikshit's proposals for the grouping, including the proposal to put Ambegaon in group II.
4. Government accept the Commissioner, C. D.'s recommendation to increase the rates in groups I and II by the maximum of $331 / 3$ per cent. Group III presents some points of interest in view of the operations of the Tata Company. The Assistant Settlement Officer proposes to leave the dry crop rate untouched and to increase the rice rate by 25 per cent. The Commissioner, C. D., recommends that Rao Bahadur Dikshit's proposal to leave the dry crop rate in this group untouched should be accepted, but sees no reason why the rice rate should not be increased by $331 / 3$ per cent. Government accept the Commissioner's proposals. They also accept the Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals which have the approval of the Commissioner for group IV.
5. The Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals for the four inam villages are approved, subject to the modification that Bhadas Budruk should be included in group II.
6. The revised rates for the Government and inam villages should be introduced during the current revenue year 1926-27 and levied from the revenue year 1927-28. Government concur with the Assistant Settlement Officer and the Collector that they should be guaranteed for a period of 20 years only. The reason for this is that the settlements of the neighbouring Talukas of Haveli and Mawal have respectively 19 and 20 more years to run, that it is not impossible that this Peta will be reabsorbed in these two talukas in the near future, and that whether this is so or not, the whole tract is a homogeneous one, and will be best resettled * at one and the same time.
7. The petitions of objections disclose no grounds which would lead Government to modify the orders now passed.
8. Rao Bahadur Dikshit should be commended for the excellence of his report.

- By order of the Governor in Council,


## H. F. BALL,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

## To

The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Collector of Poona (with the petitions of objections),
The Commissioner of Settlements,
The Accountant General,
The Finance Department,
The Public Works Department,
The Government of India.

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Effect of Revision Settlement Proposals on Gcvernment occupif


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## SPPENDIX L-contd.



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IPPENDIX L-concld.

K. L. PANJABI,

Superintendent,
Land Records, Central Division,
Poona.


## INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE SECOND REVISION SETTLEMENT OF SHRIGONDA TALUKA OF THE AHMEDNAGAR DISTRICT,



## From

J. H. GARRETT, Esq., I. C. S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Ahmednagar;

To

## The COLLECTOR or AHMEDNAGAR.

Ahmednagar, 30th August 1918.

## Sir,

I have the honour to submit proposals for the second revision settlement of Shrigonda: Tahuka of the Ahmednagar District.

The taluka boundaries have undergone no change during the current lease. There are in all 86 villages in the taluka of which $78 \frac{1}{2}$ are Government and $7 \frac{1}{2}$ Inam. Of the Inam villages, $\frac{1}{2}$ village, Bhingan, is unsurveyed and does not come under consideration.
 are contained in Seleo 4, No. CCXXXIII. The sanotion to the existing settlement is conveyed visfovernment Resolutio. Ni. 4143, dated 8th June 1889.

The taluka was dealt with as a whole at the first revision.
Measurement and classification. and classification was conducted under thy " partial" system. At the present revision- no fresa seasurement or classification is necessary.

Of the 7 surveyed and settled Inam villages, 3 (viz., Arangaon, Tandli and Yevti) appear to have been settled before the passing of the Land Revenue Code. The introduction of the revised rates will therefore be dependent on the execution of the necessary agreements by the Inamdars. There is no trace of the settlement report or sanction relating to these three villages.

It is also reported by the Survey Department that these villages will require partial measurement and classification. They are therefore excluded from this report and will be dealt with later.

## Position and Physical Features.

4. The taluka is roughly triangular in shape. The northern boundary forms the base. The apex in the south is truncated.

Across the northern part of the taluka runs a range of hills. In this part the soil is light and poor. The streams rising in these hills flow in a southerly direction into the Ghod and Bhima Rivers which form the boundary of the taluka on the east and south. Only the north-east corner of the taluka drains into the Sina River.

The centre of the taluka is less hilly but the soil is very stony. The only good soil is found in the river valleys. In the south along the Bhima River there is a strip of deep, level, black soil. In this part there is a great dearth of water for irrigation. The sub-soil water cannot be reached at.'practicable depth.

The range of hills in the north is passable for carts only at three points. *
The classification of the black soil tract is kept low. The faults chunkhad (line nodules) and karal (clay) are given as a general rule. Possibly the classers were biassed by the fact that the tract is very unproductive. The classers make a note against each number that " this land requires very good rain".

The lighter soils in the centre and north have been classed more strictly. Some of the highest assessed numbers are found along the banks of streams in the centre and north.

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The taluka conveys the impression of sterility. It is rocky and treeless. Undergrowth is scanty and flowing water rarely seen. The only perennial stream running through the taluka is the Hanga.

## Ranjpall.

5. The taluka is generally considered to have a rainfall decreasing in quantity from north to south. Local observation confirms this view. This distribution is probably due to the fact that the north is billy. The present grouping is based mainly on this assumed distribution of rainfall. I am able to give in Appendix A statistics of rainfall recorded at four places. Sirur is about a mile from the north-west corner of the taluka, Dhond is on the bank of the Bhima opposite Nimbgaon Khalu in the extreme south; Shrigonda is almost in the centre of the southern group and Visapur is fairly representative of the northern group. The actual figures recorded at these stations confirm the view hitherto held about the distribution of rainfall.

The averages for Shrigonda are a fair sample. In almost all years Dhond has the least fall, Shrigonda next, Sirur and Visapur the heaviest,

The fall at Visapur is slightly steadier than at Sirur. Sirur has a higher maximum and a lower minimum fall than Visapur.

There remains the north-east corner of the taluka comprising present Group II. No statistics are available, but it is probable that the , rainfall is rather less than at Visapur. The range of hills on the southern edge of this group is an obstruction to the monsoon current.

I think it is right to observe that the averasern lacon for the last 11 years giy's rather too favourable a view of the conditions normal to this taluka. te average is considerably raised by the unusually heavy rainfall of 1915, 1910 and 1917.

If ndoubtedly the taluka suffers from a precarious rainfall which has often in the past given rise to famine and scarcity. The southern villages in the Bhima valley are especially liable to crop failare owing to the fact that the soil is heavy and requires very heavy rain. I shall discuss later the poverty of ty is southern tract and will show that it is solely due to the deficient rainfall. f wish to lay stress on the fact that the mere totals of rainfall are likely to give a wrong impression of the conditions prevailing in this taluka. Shrigonda is more than ordinarily liable to fluctuate between drought and excess of rain. In the statistical atias Shrigonda is rightly olassed as a taluka " most liable to famine".

## Cultifation and Crops.

6. Appendix B gives details of crops. The staple crop is rabi jawari. This is usually sown with safllower as an inter-crop. The two together cover 61.50 of the gross cropped area. In the hilly parts in the north there is an important area of bajri. The area under bajri fluctuates very considerably, bat the average is 19.23 per cent. of the gross cropped area.

The general inferiority of the soil is shown by the smallness of the area under wheat ( 0.97 per cent.). The bulk of this-1,734 out of 2,247 acres-is irrigated. At the time of the first Revision there were 7,539 acres under wheat. I am unable to account for the decrease. The other crops are chiefly pulses.

I give details of irrigation in Appendix B-1 for the last five years. ' The effect of good rain is shown in the use made of kaccha pats when the rainfall allows. These pats are very precarious. They hardly come into use without at least two years of good rain. The patasthal assessment has been entirely remitted. Even the well irrigation suffers in dry years. In the better talukas like Newasa and Rahuri wells are chiefly theed when rain fails. In this taluka well water is more freely used when the water-supply is good. The crops irrigated are chiefly cereals. The better class garden crops such as sugarcane, fruit-trees and vegetables are only grown in a small area.

## Fallows.

7. It is worth noting that fallows in groups I,'II and III are respectively $10^{\circ} 24,21 \cdot 32$ and $25^{\circ} 19$ per cent: of the total occupied area. I am of opinion
that the large area of fallow in the south and north-west is due to poverty resulting from the precarions rainfall. My inquiries do not lead me to suppose that land is intentionally kept under grass nor is there any serious diversion of agricultural labour to other pursuits. It is also to be noted that the area of fallow is for the whole taluka 18.69 per cent. of the total occupied area as against 13.4 per cent. at the time of the first Revision Survey. If the earlier figures were correct, I should conclude that the condition of agriculture had declined. But I have good reason to believe that fallows have only in recent years been noted with even moderate accuracy.

## Communtoations.

8. The taluka is not well off for metalled roads. There is one provinoial road, the Nagar-Dhond road. This road is only partially bridged. It is little used south of Kashti as the crossing of the Bhima is tiresome and there is no ferry. It runs nearly parallel to the railway. The local fund roads which existed at the time of the first Revision are as follows :-
(1) Kashti-Jamkhed Road, which trayerses the taluka from west to east.
(2) Shrigonda-Pimpri Station Road, joining the above road near Shrigonda.
(3) Nagar-Jamkhed Road, runs for about six miles through the north-east corner of the taluka.
During the lease several short roads have been built as feeders to the railway.
(4) Madhe Vadgaon-Pimpri Station.
(5) Belvandi village to the Nagar road via Belvandi Station.
(6) Visapur Station to the Nagar-Dhond road.

There is also a new road leading from Visapur to Parner which has only a very short length in this taluka.
Generally the cart tracks from village to village are fair, but passable only for lightly laden carts. These tracks are stony and are not muoh affected by the rains.

## Rafimay.

9. The taluka has the very great advantage of a railway running through it from north to south. There are three stations within the taluka limits. The existence of this railway is of the highest importance to the cultivator. It has had the effect of making produce more marketable and also keeps down the prices of the few imported articles which the agriculturist may have to buy. In this precarious tract it has also the special advantage of enabling a shortage of food and cattle-fodder to be met by importation from other districts.

## Bazars.

10. There are no important trade centres in the taluka itself.

Shrigonda is a market town of moderate importance. It is the only grain market having more than petty business.

Kashti is well known as a cattle market.
There are five other weekly bazars which are shown on the map:
Just outside the taluka are the important markets of Dhond and Sirur. Villages in the extreme north have access to Nagar, distant about 20 miles.

Cultivators usually dispose of their grain to merchants who visit the village. This method works well enough on the whole as the oultivator is not under such an urgent need to sell as he would be if he had brought grain to a distant bazar. It also saves him the cost and trouble of bagging and carting the grain.

The absence of flourishing markets in the taluka is an indication that the taluka has not much to sell.

Exports and Imports.
11. The following tables compiled from information supplied by the courtesy of the G. I. P. Railway Company gives the exports and imports at Stations in the Shrigonda Taluka :-

| Exports from. . | Visapur. |  |  | Belvandi. |  |  | Pimpri. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1915. | 1916. | 1917. | 1915. | 1816. | 1917. | 1915. | 1916. | 1917. |
|  | Mds. | Mds. | Mds. | Mds. | Mds. | Mds. | Más. | Mds. | Mds. |
| Agrioultural produce | 88,063 | 24,887 | 10,744 | 62,280 | 54,476 | 41,107 | 62,636 | 1,28,696 | 77,490 |
| park, timber, grass and forest produce. | 3,782 | , 1,879 | 1,865 | 14,242 | 71,758 | 85,875 | 16,270 | 24,912 | 42,245 |
| Other artioles | 4,647 | 2,819 | 8,381 | 487 | 734 | . 841 | 5,719 | 6,769 | 5,601 |
| Total | 41,482 | 29,078 | 15,990 | 77,009 | 126,968 | 127,823 | 84,625 | 155,377 | 125,836 |
| Imports to :All kinds | 18,199 | 17,052 | 9,519 | 6,467 | 7,592 | 8,183 | 40,191 | 45,467 | 38,572 |

The exports and imports at these stations are very largely confined to the Shrigonda Taluka. The talukas to east and west are served by the main line of the G. I. P. and make very little use of the stations on the Dhond-Manmad line. The exports of agricultural produce are marked by seasonal fluctuations. But there is no possibility of any great expansion. The great demand for tanning bark and'fuel under war conditions has ceaused a remarkablé increase in exports under those heads. There is a considerable balance of trade in favour of the taluka. This balance is no doubt liquidated by purchases of cattle, cloth and ornaments from outside. None of these things are conveyed by goods train and therefore do not appear in these returns.

## Manufactures and Industrifes.

12. The taluka is purely agricultural. There are no factories in the taluka. Even the handloom is hardly found. There are no metal industries of importance.

## Popolation.

13. The occupation of the people is shown in Appendix C. According to the classification adopted at the Census of 1911, 71.93 per cent. of the people are agriculturists. This percentage is very close to that of other
 The non-agricultural population is made up of craftsmen and others whose services are required by the agricultural classes. There are no industries of any but local importance.

As one would expect from the general sterility of the land, the lack of large industries and the absence of towns, the population is very thin. At the Census of 1911 it was only 107 per square mile. This is much below the average for the district (143). It is in fact lower than that of any taluka in the district except Karjat. At the time of the first Revision the density of the population was only 89 per square mile. The actual figures of population of the whole taluka are as follows:-


It is not to be expected that a purely agricultural tract, where the land is for the most part poor, should show any marked expansion. At the first Revision the population had increased 20 per cent. since the Original Settlement. But this was to be expected by the fact that there were 77,538 acres of waste land. This was all taken up in the first few years of the original lease. There has been no room for expansion in recent years.

## Health.

14. The taluka has been visited by plague epidemica in 1903-04 and in 1916-17. Deaths from plague in these years amounted to 3,618 .

Cholera caused 449 deaths in 1900 and 606 in 1912. Both these were years of scarcity. From the last census in 1911 up to the end of 1917, the total number of births is 17,600 and of deaths 14,828 . The natural increase in population is therefore satisfactory in recent years.

The figures show that there is no reason to suppose that the economic. condition of the taluka has suffered; in fact the population now probably exceeds the figure of 1891.

## Live and Dead Stock.

15. In Appendix D I give the figures taken at the latest census (1915-16). In the same table the figures of 1909-10 are given for comparison.

The figures of chief importance in this table are those of plough cattle. At the first revision there were 26,142 male cattle in the $78 \frac{1}{2}$ Government villages. Owing to famine there has been a great fall. - In 1909-10 these cattle numbered only 19,438. In spite of the scarcity in 1911 and 1912, when many cattle died, the present total is 24,453 . This gives a pair of cattle to 19 aores. In a taluka where there is little of the better class bagait, this is quite enough for ordinary needs. It is better than Nagar, Newasa and Shevgaon with 23,22 and 21 acres respectively per pair of cattle. Any further increase is likely to result in deterioration of the quality owing to feeding difficulties. The number of carts has increased from 1,247 to 1,470 . Sheep and goats which now find a ready market in Nagar and Poona have increased from 27,634 to 40,019 . These animals cost nothing to keep and afford a regular source of profit. In spite of the fact that a good deal of land lies fallow, I do not think that it is due to deficiency of cattle.

Shrigonda is not a good tract for cattle-breeding. But there is an excellent market at Valki in the Nagar Taluka where cattle of all sorts are bought and sold. In the taluka itself Kashti has a very fair cattle-market.

## Water-Supply.

16. The water-supply in rivers in this taluka is perennial only in the Ghod and Bhima. These rivers are far below the surrounding land and are useless for irrigation. The only other river with a reliable flow is the Hanga which rises in Parner. Even this river is not perennial except in years of good rainfall. The rest of the streams rise in the hills in the taluka and dry up very early in ordinary years. Irrigation from pats is freely used in good years.

The number of wells in use has risen from 2,445 to 3,174 at the present time. This increase is very satisfactory. The Bhima valley is, however, not, able to show any improvement. The only source of water-supply in this tract is the river. This is a great drawback to agriculture as working cattle in the hot weather have to be brought back to the river by midday; when lands are at a distance from the river half a day may be wasted. Attempts to sink wells in this part are nearly all failures. The sub-soil water is at too great a depth to be reached by ordinary methods. This in itself accounts for the very poor condition of the Bhimthadi.

Valde of Land.
17. Information about the sale price of land is contained in Appendices G (a) Sales. and G-1. The figures are obtained from, the Record The sales recorded in the Appendices are those which my local iniquiry showed to be genuine cash sales. I have excluded all transactions which are in the nature of conditional sales or in which the consideration is other than cash payment. I have also excluded transactions in which there are encumbrances or douvtful title. I have recorded all genuine sales which came to my notice. The figures are therefore free from all suspicion of " selection".

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There is some doubt as to how far figures of sale can be taken as a guide for settlement purposes. In some places land may have a high sale value and yet agriculture may not be in a flourishing condition. This often occurs in the neighbourhood of large towns and in very thickly populated tracts. These conditions are likely to mask the real value of land as an investment. In the Shrigonda Taluka there are no large towns and no densely peopled areas. Land in this taluka generally sells at prices proportionate to the expected yield of the land. A field assessed at say 12 annas per acre will ordinarily fetch a higher price in the north than in the south. This fact is very clearly seen in the averages for the respective groups. The figures recorded for each are a useful confirmation of the general character of the four groups proposed.

Appendix K in the selection relating to the First Revision Settlement shows that the average sale value for the taluka was only 12 times the survey assessment. The figures recorded at the time of the First Revision Settlement are not strictly comparable with those given in this report because no attempt was made to inquire into the real nature of the transactions nor to separate sales of jirait lands from those of bagait. But I am inclined to think that figures collected 'en bloc' as at the First Revision Settlement would now show an even higher multiple than those which I give. There can be no doubt whatever that the sale value of land has increased by more than 100 per cent. This increase in value is not due to overpopulation as the taluka is still thinly populated. It is due to the rise in prices of produce and to the rise of population towards the economic optimum.

Appendices H and H-1 give the figures of leases of jirait and bagait land (b) Leases. for cash and in a few cases for a fixed rent in kind. These leases are comparatively uncommon. The customary rent is paid in the form of a crop-share of from $1 / 3$ to $1 / 2$ of the outturn. I have used every precaution to exclude all so-called leases in which the tenant is a debtor of the lessor. There is a common practice of drawing up a rent-note reserving a cash-rent while the rent is actually paid in the form of a crop-share. These rents are also excluded. The genuine cash-rents, which remain, are usually passed to a landlord who lives in another place and is unable to go to the trouble of dealing with a crop-share rent. .]

The figures of Appendix H further confirm my conclusions about the necessity of increasing the groups to four and of increasing the existing differences in maximum rate. In the first group the rent amounts to the light percentage of 29 of the survey assessment. This ratio increases to 44 in the, fourth group. In the fourth group tenants can hardly be found. ©there is a considerable area of land in which the owner is content to receive only the assessment. Leases of this kind are not included in the appendix. Fallow areas are rarge in the south.

The conclusion which I draw from the figures of leases is that the assessment is light in the north and presses with some severity in the extreme south.

I have recorded a few instances of leases of bagait land. But for settlement purposes these are of little value and may be ignored. The share taken by Government in no group exceeds the standard of 50 per cent. But in the three lower groups the assessment forms a higher proportion of the rent than in most parts of the district. Of the talukas recently revised or undergoing revision only the south-east group of Nagar Taluka shows worse figures viz., 54.91 per cent.

The datà available are scanty. Hence 1 am not prepared to base my proposals on strictly mathematical considerations.

It is reasonable to infer from the figures of sales and leases, that the assessment in the first group is a lighter burden than elsewhere. The proposed new fourth group is also without doubt relatively highly assessed.

These deductions confirm observation made on the spot. .

The value of land in this taluka is compared with that of other talukas in the following statement:-


These figures seem to indicate that Shrigonda is a little better off than Dhond Peta but decidedly inferior to Parner and Nagar. The grouping which I propose will fit in with these figures.

## Crop Experiments.

18. The following table gives details of all.crop experiments recorded in this taluka. They were carried out between 1884 and 1908 by Prant Officers and scrutinised by the Agricultural Department. They are few in number but strictly accurate :-

N.B.-Nos, 1, 2 and 5 are irrigated crops. The rest are dry cropg.

The figures show unmistakeably that the pitoh of the assessment is light.

## Kвоті.

G9. . as 'Khoti'. This is sale of the standing crop either for a lump sum in cash or for a certain quantity of produce, or for an agreed share of the produce. In the last case the purchaser practically undertakes the watching and reaping of the crop in return for a share whioh is usually from $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{7}$. In the other cases the purchaser estimates the value of the crop and the cost of watching and reaping while the cultivator takes his profit early and is relieved from all further trouble. This system of khoti is not a regular practice but cases may be found here and there througout the taluka.) I give below a list of the oases which I discovered daring the season 1916-17. They are not to be regarded as more than a rough indication of the incidence of assessment on outturn. They practically represent the incidence of the assessment on gross outturn less cost of watching, reaping and threshing. These instances are therefore
less valuable than a careful crop experiment. But taken all round they show that the Government demand takes a very small part of the yield, in most cases less than 10 per cent.

Instances of Khoti in 1916-47.

| Serial. number 86 in Appondix L. | Name of Village. | Area. | Assessment. | Area sold by Khoti. | Assessment reduced proportionately. | Price of Khoti. | Parcentage of price represented by asoessment. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group 1. | A. g. | Ro. at p, | A. g . | Rs. a. p. | Rs, a. p. |  |
| 1 | Bhangaon | 2511 | $\begin{array}{lll}9 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | 2434 | 9610 | 17000 | $5 \cdot 54$ |
| 2 | Belvandi Budruk | 9630 | 4500 | 9630 | 4500 | 54500 | 8.26 |
| 4 | Chikhli | 7234 | 3676 | 7234 | 36786 | 389 00 | 9.51 |
| 7 | Ghargaon | 1612 | 12100 | 1612 | 12100 | 11780 | 10.74 |
| 9 | Kolgaon | 9831 | 6700 | 9831 | 6700 | 91000 | 7.96 |
| 11 | Koregaon | 8686 | 6100 | 737 | $5115 \quad 5$ | 1,085 00 | 4.79 |
| 17 | Nimbvi | 10009 | $56 \quad 50$ | 9838 | 521810 | 95500 | $6 \cdot 68$ |
| 18 | Pimpri Kolandar | 2236 | 1000 | 2286 | 1000 | 69500 | 1.44 |
| 20 | Pisore Budruk | 1610 | $5 \begin{array}{lll}5 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ | 1610 | 540 | 6900 | $7 \cdot 61$ |
| 22 | Raygawhan | 6400 | 20100 | 6824 | 2059 | 62400 | 3.24 |
| 24 | Surodi | 2334 | 900 | 1906 | $7 \quad 210$ | 11000 | $6 \cdot 16$ |
| 25 | Suregaon | 2738 | 1670 | 2689 | 15155 | 89000 | $4 \cdot 09$ |
| 26 | Ukadgaon | 1016 | 8 8 | 900 | 806 | 7500 | $5 \cdot 04$ |
| 28 | Visapur | 16613 | 5776 | 16613 | $57 \quad 76$ | 988-8 0 | $5 \cdot 81$ |
| 30 | Elapne | 1716 | $16 \quad 40$ | 1716 | 16 4-0 | 362 0 0 | $4 \cdot 49$ |
| 81 | Erandoli | 917 | 500 | 915 | 4157 | 11700 | $4 \cdot 27$ |
|  | Total | 88528 | 43170 | 82720 | 415182 | $7,600 \quad 0 \quad 0$ | $5 \cdot 47$ |
|  | Grotep II. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | Ghogargaon | 1400 | $\begin{array}{lll}7 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 1100 | 580 | 10000 | $5 \cdot 50$ |
| 39 | Mandevgan | 3010 | 2000 | 1635 | 1264 | 390 | $3 \cdot 18$ |
| 40 | Ruikhel | 1037 | 5120 | 800 | 434 | 7000 | $5 \cdot 01$ |
|  | Total | 5507 | 32120 | 3535 | 2218 | 56000 | 8.95 |
|  | Group III. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 52 | Deulgaon | 3836 | 181011 | 3836 | 181011 | 21000 | 8.89 |
| 54 | Ghugalvadgaon | 1822 | 600 | 1822 | 600 | 10000 | $6 \cdot 00$ |
| 57 | Kosegavban | 2512 | 400 | 2512 | 400 | 3200 | 12.50 |
| 58 | Loni Vyankanath | 20417 | 11710 | 18317 | 109188 | 1,157 00 | $\mathbf{9} \cdot 49$ |
| 59 | Madhevadgaon | 1522 | 7126 | 1222 | 696 | 21000 | $3 \cdot 14$ |
| 61 | Pargaon Sudrik | 358 | 2300 | 8015 | $\begin{array}{llll}21 & 2 & 1\end{array}$ | 19200 | 10.34 |
| 64 | Shrigonda | 1009 | 82 0 0 | 9226 | 7818 | 900 0 0 | $8 \cdot 76$ |
| 66 | Wadiali | 2729 | 1480 | 27.29 | 1488 | 10000 | 14.50 |
|  | Total | 46530 | 273 O 5 | 42919 | 259.910 | 2,901 00 | 12.56 |
| Grous.IV. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 71 | Kashti | 11404 | $95 \quad 30$ | 10822 | 8120 | 1,557 880 | 5.21 |
| 72 | Kavthe | 1121 | $9 \quad 00$ | 1121 | 900 | . 50 0.0 | 18.00 |
| 73 | Limpangaon | 666 | 49140 | 5038 | 4318 | - 39500 | $10 \cdot 90$ |
| 74 | Nimbgaon Khalu | 4728 | 5180 | 4620 | 461011 | 1,320 00 | $8 \cdot 59$ |
| 75 | Pedgaon | 382 | 23 2 0 | 2930 | 17186 | 5000 | 13.83 |
|  | Total | 277.21 | 228110 | 24706 | 197118 | 3,372 80 | $5 \cdot 86$ |
|  | Grand Total | 1,654 1 | $96514 \quad 5$ | 1,540 00 | 89544 | 14,433 80 | 6.20 |

## Prioes.

20. In Appendix I are shown the prices of five of the principle products of the taluka, covering 86 per cent. of the nett cripped area, the figures cover a period of 30 years from 1888 to 1917. The graph attached to the appendix gives an unbroken sequence from 1848 -49 of the prices of the two principal food-grains. There are certain years in which owing to local crop failure the prices went up to abnormal heights. This is specially noticeable in 1897, 1900, 1912 and 1913. But apart from these exceptional figures there is a marked upward trend of prices which has all the signs of permanency. There are numerous ways of summarising the figures but however the figures are taken the upward tendency
comes out. Perhaps the best way of eliminating seasonal-fluctuations is to take averages over decennial periods.

| Decennial period. <br> 1 | Javari (average number of sears per rupee). <br> 2. | Percentage variation from last period. <br> 8 | Bajri (average number of seers per rupee). 4 | Percentage variation from last period. <br> 5 | Safflower (average number of soers per rupee). <br> 6 | Percentage variation from last period. <br> 7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1848-49 to 1857-58. (Original Settlement). | 49.1 | $\cdots$ | 41.3 | ..... | 456 | ..... |
| 1878-79 to 1887-88 (First Revision) | $22 \cdot 4$ | +119\% | 19.7 | +109.6\% | 20.1 | +121.8\% |
| 1908 to 1917 (Second Revision) | $34 \cdot 9$ | +50.2\% | 12.3 | +60.1\% | $10 \cdot 9$ | +86.2\% |

The rise in price of produce since the period preceding the first revision in all cases greatly exceeds the 33 per cent. which is the maximum increase in assessment allowed in a taluka. This rise is so well established as to require little comment. The inquiries conducted recently in many other talukas give similar results. For the sake of brevity I would suggest a comparison with the figures given in the second Revision Settlement Reports of Nagar, Parner and Shevgaon Talukas. In taking the averages of prices I have not attempted to weight the averages. An occasional famine year occurs in which there is little grain for sale. But the data by which averages could be accurately weighted are not available. I consider that the exclusion of exceptional years is also objectionable. It is true that very high prices as a rule go with deficient crops. But conditions vary so much from village to village and from year to year that selection would be extremely dangerous. We are concerned more with the general trend of prices than with arithmetical averages. It is quite clear that the share of the crop required to defray the Government due is much less than at the time of the first revision. If it is defrayed by selling: javari $2 / 3$ of the quantity required at the time of the first revision will meet the. dues: if by selling safflower just over half the quantity is required.

If other considerations show that the economic condition of the taluka is: satisfactory, a substantial increase in the assessment is indicated.

## Wages.

21. Statistics of wages are less easy to reduce to table than those of prices. I think it may be admitted that field labour is no more efficient now than in past years. Certainly during the last few years there has been such a demand for labour that the employer cannot enforce hard work. The labourer has become very independent especially near railways and large towns.

The Mamlatdar has supplied figures of wages from 1888 to 1917. From these records it appears that annas 3 was the ordinary wage at the time of the first revision. The rate rose to annas 4 in 1892 . In the famine years it fell as low as annas 2. From 1912 there has been a steady rise from 3 annas to 6 annas at present. These figures are recorded at Shrigonda.

My own inquiries show that annas 4 is the ordinary wage at a distance from the railway. In places like Visapur, Belvandi and Shrigonda annas 6 may have to be paid.

There is no doubt that wages have risen very considerably. This rise is an addition to the cost of cultivation. The Bhima valley appears to suffer from a deficiency of labour. This is no doubt due to the proximity of the railway junction at Dhond.

This increase in the cost of labour is a good reason for keeping enhancement well below the rates which the increase in the price of produce would allow.

## Revenue. History.

22. The area of unoccupied assessed waste land at the beginning of the lease was 2,562 acres. This clearly shows that almost all available land was under cultivation. At the present time there are 3,424 acres of waste land. This increase in waste land is an unsatisfactory sign. The increase in waste land is accounted for by Group IV. In this group there is now an area of 1,254 acres of waste land as against 289 acres gt the beginning of the lease.

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In the other groups there is no important variation. This fact confirms the view that Group IV is in an unprosperous condition.

The variation in revenue demand between the first and last year of the lease is unimportant. There was a heavy fall in the demand in 1911-12 due to forfeiture and relinquishment resulting from the famine of 1909-10. By 1915-16 most of the lands so vacated were restored to the original owners.

Remissions have been very considerable. A reference to Appendix K will show how heavy these remissions were, especially in 1899-1900, 1901-02, 1906-07, 1909-10 and 1910-11. The remissions in each of these years amounted to nearly a whole year's revenue. For the last four years there have been no remissions. No doubt some of these remissions and writing off of revenue would not have been necessary under the present system of remissions and suspensions. The present rules are almost automatic in their working. The cultivator knows that he will not be pressed to pay when the crop is below a certain figure. He also knows that it is useless to withhold payment in the hope of concession beyond that which is announced. Many an occupant who could have paid at the time eventually lost his land through holding over payment until he was no longer able to pay. This long record of remissions shows very clearly that the taluka has suffered severely from famine and makes it clear that leniency in assessment is required.

Outstandings were very heavy upto 1914-15. After that year all arrears were cleared up without difficulty. In a year of moderate to good rain the revenue is collected with ease. There is nothing like contumacy at any time. Coercive processes are rarely necessary.

## General Remaris.

23. The taluka owing to its generally poor soil can never attain to any high degree of wealth and prosperity. In years of good rainfall the economic condition of the people is satisfactory. But owing to frequent shortage of rain they suffer severe set-backs at too frequent intervals. It is therefore natural that the pitch of assessment should be kept as low as possible.
. The taluka has good communications for the most part and access to markets is easy. But good communications cannot in themselves make a taluka prosperous. When there is little or no surplus for disposal in market it does not help the cultivator to have a railway and markets at his door. The population. is much less dense than that of the district as a whole. But there has been a satisfactory increase. As long as the taluka remains purely agricultural it is hardly to be expected that any marked increase in population can occur. But the figures of births and death show that the present population has increased since the last census of 1911 and will probably be greater than in 1891.

As regards agricultural resources the taluka is well enough off. It is probable that the cattle at present are of better quality, though less numerous than at the time of the first revision. There is no doubt that the agricultural cattle are enough for the needs of the taluka.

Water supply for irrigation is very much better than at the time of the first revision. An increase of 50 per cent. in the number of wells is a certain indication that agricultural methods are improying and that capital and enterprise are not lacking. It is only in the IV Group that efforts to obtain water from wells has been unrewarded. The area irrigated from wells is now on an average 11,574 acres. There is, in addition, in years of good rainfall a considerable area (amounting to 3,224 acres in 1916-17) of land irrigated from pats for which no water rate is levied.

The value of land as shown by statistics of sales and leases corroborates the conclusions as to the relative prosperity of the various groups, and also indicates the place of this taluka relatively to its neighbours. The sale and letting value of land is very low in the south, but improves in a marked degree further north.

Finally I will recall briefly that prices have risen very greatly. There is good reason to suppose from the revenue history of the taluka that the assessment is at present light and easily borne. It is impossible to avoid arrears
remissions and forfeiture or relinquishment of land during famine; however light the assessment may be. It would be a fair deduotion that the pitch of the assessment was high only if revenue were hard to recover in normal years. This is emphatically not the case. The rise in prices therefore justifies an increase in the assessment. It is true that the cost of oultivation has also risen. Giving full weight to all these considerations $I$ shall propose increases of a very moderate degree.

Groups.
24. The Superintendent of Survey at the time of the first revision proposed two groups only. He placed 31 villages forming the north-west portion of the taluka in Group I: The rest of the district was formed into Group II with a maximum rate only 2 annas less than that of Group I.

This grouping was mainly based on (1) the superior rainfall in the north and (2) the advantage of the railway running through the western part of the taluka. The principles of this grouping were approved subject to the slight modifioation that the 12 villages in the north-east were raised from the lower group to an intermediate group on the ground that Mr. Fletcher had rather over-estimated their remoteness and inaccessibility.

During the currency of the lease nothing has occurred to modify the considerations which led to this grouping. Some new data have been obtained such as the figures of rainfall recorded at Visapur, and the statistics of fallows, crops, sales and leases distributed by groups. In addition I think that dye weight must be given to the general information which is picked up by personal inquiry in the tract under consideration.

I am reluctant to tamper with the grouping of a taluka which has been revised as a whole. I also hesitate to increase the number of groups without very strong reasons.

It is however necessary to do both these things. The present difference in maximum rates between the first and third groups is only 2 annas. There is however a most marked difference between the first group and the extreme south of the taluka. I think the following comparison between 5 representative villages in the south and 5 villages of Group I will show that the difference in rates should be greater than it is at present:-

|  | 5 villages in Group I. (Visspur, Chámbhardi Nimbvi, Yerandoli and Pimpalgaon Pisé.) | 5 villages in Group III. (Kásh ${ }^{\text {in }}$, Limpangaon, Nimbgaon-Khalu, Gár and Kavte.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | nall. | - . |
| Average ... | At Yisapur ... $24 \cdot 15$ | At Dhond ... 18.02 |
| Sale-prices of land (dry.crop): |  |  |
| Area sold <br> Assessment <br> Price <br> Number of times assessment represented by prioe. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Acres } 289 \\ \text { Rs. } 101.8 .0 . \\ \text { Re. } 6,160 . \\ 60.68 \end{gathered}$ | Acres 1,968 <br> Rs. 909-1-0 <br> Rs, 12,783 <br> 14.06 |
| Rental-value of land (dry-crop). |  |  |
| Area leased <br> Assessment <br> Rent <br> Percentage of rent repregented by asaessment. | Acres 458 <br> Rs. 170-4-0 <br> Re. 729 23.95 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Acres } 567 \\ \text { Rs. 382-18-0 } \\ \text { IWs. 729-9-0 } \\ 52.90 \end{gathered}$ |
| Population por square milo. |  |  |
| $\cdots$ | 166 | 100 |

General observation confirms the view that the difference is very great.
The grouping in adjoining talukas also shows a very great difference. The Dhond group is rated at Re. 1-4-0 while the villages of Parner and Nagar

Talukas on the north are rated at Rs. 1-12-0. Another intermediate step will be convenient. If the present Group III is not divided there must be an unnecessary loss of revenue in the northern half of this group.

I therefore propose to make a new Group IV embracing 13 villages in the south of the taluka. These villages are conveniently situated as regards markets but they are in an unprosperous state owing to the unfavourable rainfall. In this tract there is little demand for land. Tenants oannot be found in many cases. Owners are often glad to lease their lands on payment of the assessment only. The obvious remedy for this state of thinge is irrigation. But subsoil water is not obtainable at reasonable depths. Many persons have tried and failed. Many abandoned pits in these villages mark the unsuccessful efforts to overcome the deficiency of rainfall by well irrigation.

On the other hand the northern part of the taluka has prospered during the lease. No part of the taluka has escaped crop-failure : but the climate of the north is more favourable to agriculture and the rainfall is much better suited to the soil.

The division of the taluka into four groups will remove existing anomalies and will help to equalise the rates with those in surrounding talukas.

I will conclude with a few remarks on Group II. This small group of 12 villages is in the north-east corner of the taluka. This tract is hilly and stony. It is traversed by the Nagar-Karjat road; but has no made road communicating with the railway or with Shrigonda. Its trade goes entirely to Ahmednagar which is distant between 20 and 24 miles.

It is in all respects similar to the south-east corner of the Nagar Taluka. The rainfall appears to be inferior to that of the I Group. It is remote from railway and markets. Land has low selling value and leases give a very poor return to the landlord. This group should be assessed with reference to the adjoining Nagar villages but on a lower rate as it is more remote from markets.

Maximom Rates.
25. The rates in force at present are as follows :-

|  | Group. | No. of villages. | Maximum rate. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Res. a. p. |
| I | ..0 | 31 | $1{ }^{1} 40$ |
| III | ... | 12 | 130 |
| III | ... | $35 \frac{1}{2}$ | 120 |

My inquiry leads me to conclude that these rates do not give sufficient allowance for the great differences which exist between the different parts of the taluka.

I have given reasons in paragraph 24 above for dividing the present III Group. In the 13 villages in the extreme south which I propose to put in a new Group IV general prosperity 's at a low ebb. The present assessment is light but I do not recommend any increase. The rates in the adjoining villages of the Poona District, sanctioned in 1912-13 and 1916-17, are Rs. 1-2-0 and, Rs. 1-4-0. The conditions described in the Settlement Reports of the Sirur Taluka and the Dhond Peta apply very closely to the southern part of the Shrigonda Taluka.

The rates which I propose for the remaining groups are graduated according to the degree of prosperity and advantages enjoyed by each.

Group III is traversed by the railway. Its rainfall is decidedly better than in the extreme south. I shall not be thought to fall into the error of basing the maximum rate on the quality of the soil, if I point out that the soil of the III Group is not of the deep variety found in the extreme south and can therefore produce a crop with less rain than the soil of the IVGroup. This is a point which only grouping can deal with : the classer does not take it into consideration.

The sale value of land and the statistics of leases show that agriculture is not stagnant as it is in the IV Group.

In view of the great increase in prices, I consider that a moderate increase in the maximum rate, from Rs. 1-2-0 to Rs. 1-5-0 is fully justified.

Next I will discuss Group I. This group shows every sign of prosperity. The rainfall is better than in the south. The tract is traversed by a railway and road. Sales and leases show better results than elsewhere. The land revenue is recovered with ease.

I consider that the rate sanctioned at the first revision settlement was low relatively to the southern part of the taluka. In view of the great rise in prices I have no hesitation in raising the maximum rate of this group from Rs. 1-4-0 and Rs. 1-9-0.

The rates which I now propose for Groups I, III and IV merge without any serious anomaly into the rates recently sanctioned in adjoining talukas.

The villages of Parner and Ahmednagar adjoining Group I on the north are rated at Rs. 1-12-0. On the south are villages of Poona District rated at Rs. 1-4-0 and Rs. 1-2-0. The proposed rates form a suitable gradation between these extremes.

As regards Group II, I consider that the 12 villages in this tract have mach more in common with Nagar Taluka than with Shrigonda. The trade of these villages goes entirely to Nagar. They are cut off by hills from the rest of the Shrigonda Taluka. Their only means of access to outside markets is by the Nagar-Karjat road. On the map a road is shown leading to Shrigonda but it is only a rough track and is little used. The general condition of this hilly tract reminds me very much of the south-east corner of the Nagar District which I recently dealt with. It shows the same low scale of prosperity, evidenced by low sale-values and little demand for land either by purchase or lease. There are no data about the rainfall here but it is reported that the rainfall is inferior to that of the north-west of the taluka. Whether the lack of prosperity is due to bad rainfall or to inaccessibility, I consider that this tract requires more lenient treatment than the north-west part, and owing to its remoteness, more lenient treatment than the adjoining Nagar Group. I propose a maximum rate of Rs. 1-6-0.

The effect of the proposals is shown in the following table :-

| Proposed group. | No. of villagea. | Proposed maximum rate. | Increase per cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rs. 8, p. |  |
| I | 91 | 190 | 25.00 |
| III | 12 | 160 | $15 \cdot 78$ |
| III | 283 | 150 | 16.66 |
| IV $\quad \cdots$ | 18 | 120 | ... |

These increases are moderate but the Shrigonda Taluka is in a precarious tract which makes it desirable to use leniency in revising the rates.

The financial effect of the changes whybe to increase the assessment from Rs. $1,25,666$ to Rs. $1,45,499$ which gives an increase of 1578 per cent.

## Inam Vinlages.

26. Of the $7 \frac{1}{8}$ inam villages only 4 come under consideration in this report, viz., Devdaithane, Hingni, Sangvi and Shirasgaon Bodke.

Devdaithane is situated in the I Group. It bears at present a maximum rate of Rs. 1-4-0 like the surrounding Government villages. The rates at - present in force are those of the first revision settlement sanctioned in 1902. The lease will expire with that of the Government villages. I propose a rate of Rs. 1-9-0 like that of adjoining Government villages. There are 235 acres of patasthal bagait under kaccha pats. Though patasthal assessment has been remitted in all Government villages, it must be retained here. I do not however recommend any increase in the water rate.

Hingni was surveyed and settled as recently as 1912. The rate then .sanctioned was Rs. 1-14-0, which is considerably higher than the rates now proposed for surrounding villages. I see no reason to propose any change in this rate.
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Shirasgaon Bodka falls naturally in the proposed Group III. The original settlement was sanotioned as recently as 1916. The rate of Rs. 1-2-0 then sanctioned corresponded with the rate in foroe in adjoining villages. This rate gave the inamdar a revenue just equal to the revenue enjoyed before the survey. Although the settlement was so recent, I consider that the inamdar is entitled to an increase equal to that proposed for Government villages. I accordingly propose that this village should be rated at Rs. 1-5-0.

Sangvi is situated in the extreme south-west corner of the taluka, adjoining villages rated at Rs. 1-2-0 for which no increase is proposed.

Guarantre.
27. In conclusion I recommend that the rates as finally sanctioned may be guaranteed up to 1945-46. This is the year in which the rates of Nagar, Parner and Sheogaon Talukas will expire. I have proposed this year also in the case of Rahuri and Nevasa.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
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Newasa Talukas, Ahmednagar District.

## APPENDIX A.

Rainfall recorded at Shrigonda, District Ahmednagar:

| Year. | Early rain (1st January to 10th April). |  | Ante-monsoon (11th April to 4th June). |  | Monsoon Kharif (5th June to 14th August). |  | Monsoon <br> Rabi (15th <br> August to <br> 21st October) |  | Jate Rains (22nd October to 81 st December). |  | Total. |  | Remariss. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall. | Rainy days. |  | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rasiny } \\ & \text { days. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rainy } \\ & \text { days. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \text { Rainy } \\ \text { dags. } \end{array}$ |  |
|  | Ins. | No. | Ins. | No. | Ins. | No. | Ins. | No. | Ins. | No. | Ins. | No. |  |
| 1907 | 0.42 | 2 | $4 \cdot 32$ | 4 | 11.05 | 26 | 2.99 |  | 0.05 |  | 18.83 | 40 |  |
| 1908 | ... | ... |  |  | $5 \cdot 00$ | 11 | 11.74 | 10 | 0.51 | 1 | 17.25 | 28 |  |
| 1909 | ... | ... | $4 \cdot 28$ | 7 | 4.67 | 12 | $18 \cdot 47$ | 16 |  | - | 22.97 | 35 |  |
| 1910 |  | ... | $0 \cdot 10$ | 1 | $8 \cdot 10$ | 16 | $15 \cdot 30$ | 21 | 5.79 | 5 | $29 \cdot 29$ | 43 |  |
| 1911 | 0.58 | 1 | $1 \cdot 12$ | 2 | $8 \cdot 36$ | 11 | 0.54 | 1 | 0.47 | 1 | 11.07 | 16 | Vide remarkis |
| 1914 |  | $\cdots$ | 0.25 | 1 | 8.39 | 11 | $4 \cdot 98$ | 11 | $2 \cdot 25$ | 4 | 10.87 | 27 | separat ely |
| 1913 | ... | ... | $2 \cdot 75$ | 5 | 6.98 | 17 | 8.25 | 10 | 0.01 |  | 17.99 | 32 | appanded. |
| 1914 |  |  |  |  | $7 \cdot 56$ | 14 | $7 \cdot 38$ | 12 | 1.55 | 2 | $16 \cdot 49$ | 28 |  |
| 1915 | 0.56 | 1 | 0.28 | 2 | 17.56 | 19 | 12.03 | 19 | $2 \cdot 92$ | 5 | 33-35 | 46 |  |
| 1916 | 0.30 | 1 | 4.99 | 6 | 12.54 | 19 | 11-29 | 15 | 4.57 | 7 | $38 \cdot 49$ | 48 |  |
| 1917 | 1.98 | 4 | 0.80 | - | d. 46 | 6 | 15-91 | 19 | $5 \cdot 49$ | 6 | 26.59 | 37 |  |
| Total | 8.79 | 9 | 18.84 | 30 | $87 \cdot 47$ | 162 | 109.88 | 142 | $23 \cdot 61$ | 31 | 237.59 | 374 |  |
| Average | 0.34 | 1 | 1.71 | 9 | 7.95 | 15 | $9 \cdot 44$ | 13 | $2 \cdot 15$ | 3 | 21.60 | 34 |  |

Rainfall recorded at Visapur tank in the Ahmednagar District.

| 1907 |  | 0.45 | 2 | 4.06 | 4 | 13.22 | 24 | 3.21 | 9 | 0.08 |  | 21.02 | 89. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1908 |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | .. | $5 \cdot 24$ | 12 | $12 \cdot 96$ | 14 | $2 \cdot 31$ | 2 | $20 \cdot 49$ | 28 |  |
| 1909 |  | ... | ... | 5-20 | 8 | $4 \cdot 14$ | 8 | 12.21 | 16 |  |  | 21.55 | 82 |  |
| 1910 | ...) |  | $\ldots$ | 0.15 | 1 | 12.80 | 17 | 17.72 | 22 | 4.05 | 4 | 34.72 | 44 |  |
| 1911 | ... | 0.19 | 1 | $1 \cdot 91$ | 1 | $17 \cdot 47$ | 14 | $2 \cdot 98$ | 4 | 1.04 | 2 | 13.59 | 22 |  |
| 1918 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 0.99 | 2 | $5 \cdot 41$ | 11 | 6.51 | 8 | $2 \cdot 73$ | 2 | 15.64 | 23 |  |
| 1918 |  | ... | $\cdots$ | 5.01 | 7 | 14.37 | 19 | 2.98 | 9 |  | , | 22.36 | 35 |  |
| 1914 | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | 0.50 | 2 | 7.61 | 11 | $12 \cdot 48$ | 14 | $2 \cdot 34$ | 3 | $22 \cdot 88$ | 80 |  |
| 1915 | $\ldots$ | 0.83 | 3 | 4.55 | 4 | 18.15 | 19 | $7 \times 7$ | 15 | 3.57 | 2 | 35.07 | 43 |  |
| 1916 | $\cdots$ | $0 \cdot 13$ | 1 | 1.5 | 6 | 14.50 | 18 | 14.89 | 20 | 3.41 | 6 | 34.48 | 51 |  |
| 1917 | - | $2 \cdot 15$ | , | 1.83 | 2 | 3.82 | 6 | 13.04 | 19 | 8.01 | 4 | 23.85 | 34 |  |
| Total | ... | 8.75 | 10 | 25.75 | 37 | 106.61 | 159 | 106.90 | 150 | 22.64 | 25 | 265.65 | 381 |  |
| Average | $\cdots$ | 0.34 | - 1 | 2.34 | 8 | 9.69 | 15 | 9.72 | 14 | 2.06 | 2 | 24.15 | 95 |  |

Rainfall recorded at Dhond, District Poona.

| 1907 ...) | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $2 \cdot 58$ | 7 | $9 \cdot 61$ | 26 | 5.38 | 9 | $0 \cdot 10$ | 1 | $17 \cdot 61$ | 43 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1908 ... | - | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $3 \cdot 80$ | 12 | $7 \cdot 45$ | 14 | 0.99 | 8 | 12.24 | 29 |
| 1909 ...' | $\cdots$ | ... | $5 \cdot 23$ | 6 | $2 \cdot 87$ | 10 | $7 \cdot 68$ | 16 | $\cdots$ | ** | $15 \cdot 78$ | 32 |
| 1910 ... | $\ldots$ |  | ... | ... | $8 \cdot 71$ | 17 | $10 \cdot 35$ | 18 | $1 \cdot 47$ | 5 | $20 \cdot 53$ | 40 |
| 1911 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $4 \cdot 45$ | 12 | 2.44 | 9 | 1.01 | 4 | 7.90 | 19 |
| 1912 ... | $\ldots$ | -• | 0.55 | 2 | 6.75 | 11 | 8.02 | 9 | 2.01 | 2 | 11.38 | 24 |
| 1918 ... | ... | ... | 2.86 | 7 | $9 \cdot 62$ | 16 | $5 \cdot 77$ | 8 | $\cdots$ | ... | $15 \cdot 39$ | 81 |
| 1914 ... |  | ... | 0.23 | 1 | $7 \cdot 56$ | 17 | 6.50 | 11 | 2.51 | 3 | $16 \cdot 80$ | 32 |
| 1915 | $0 \cdot 28$ | 1 | $2 \cdot 57$ | 7 | 12.97 | 18 | $10 \cdot 89$ | 20 | $1 \cdot 52$ | 3 | $28 \cdot 23$ | 49 |
| 1916 | 0.18 | 1 | 3.95 | 4 | 11.49 | 21 | -8.95 | 18 | $5 \cdot 48$ | 10 | $30 \cdot 00$ | 54 |
| 1917 | 1.45 | 4 | 2.78 | 3 | 8.99 | 7 | 13.04 | 17 | 4.45 | 5 | $24 \cdot 66$ | 86 |
| Total | 1.86 | 6 | 20.70 | 37 | 80.82 | 167 | 80.41 | 143 | $19 \cdot 54$ | 96 | 200*47 | 389 |
| Avarage ... | 0.17 | 1 | 1.89 | 3 | $7 \cdot 95$ | 15 | $7 \cdot 31$ | 18 | $1 \cdot 78$ | 8 | 18.02 | 95 |

Rainfall recorded at Sirur, District Poona.


## Remarles as to the character of eeason during 1906-17 for Shrigonda, Rahuri and Newasa Talukas, 1 District 4 hmednagar.

1006. Rain duxing the year slightly above the average at Shrigonds : elsewhere below it. Ante-monsoon rain was absent. The usual sowing rain came early in June and kharif sowing was started everywhere and was completed in July under sufficiant rain. The fall in August way much above the average and the kharif cropg promised wain. Bat the September rain was deficient affecting the standing orops. Rsbi sowing was proceeded with. October rain did not improve the prospects as the fall was meagre. Further rabi sowing was checked. November fall was partial. Slight rain in Decamber helped but little. Season on the whole was fair for kharif and poor for rabi.
1007. Total fall of the year was in defect of the average. Ante-monsoon rain was genarally good. Monsoon opened in the third week of June but the fall being inadeguate kharif sowing wae confined to moist places only. In July the rainfall was suffloient and seasonable and kharif sowing was completed. August fall was generally in excess of the average and the standing orops did well. The fall in September was much in defect of the usual quantity and was reoeived in the last week whioh partially relieved the standing orops and rabi sowing was commenced. October had only light rain in the beginning and there was no rain subsequently. Thus rabi sowing was retarded. Standing arops suffered for want of rain. Rabi crops, required more rain which soffered in comsequence. Season on suffered for wan
1008. Annual main below the svarage. There was no rain in the ante-monsoon period. Monsoon set in in the second week of June but the fall was insufflcient for general kharif sowing which was undertaken only in places of sufficient moisture. July rain was far short of the average and gensral kharif sowing was in places of suffioient moisture. July rain was far short of the average and gensral kharif sowing was
retarded. The fall in August was again deficient and the orops where germinated began to wither. retarded. The fall in August was again defoient and the orops where germinated began to wither. the surviving kharif crops and facilitated rabi sowing. Larger area was put under rabi crops. In Ootober the fall was confined to the last week and was mach below requirementa. November gave a few drops and December was rainless. Rabi crops zequired more moisture for their development. Season on the whole very poor for kharif and poor to fair ipr rabi.
1009. The total fall of the year slightly above the average at Shrigonda and below it elsewhare. Fairly good ante-monsoon rain was useful for the preparation of land. The usual sowing rain began early in June and affording sufficient moisture kharif cowing commenced everywhere and completed in July though the fall in that month was below the average. August rain was beneficial and all crops faired well. The tall in September exceeded the average except st Newasa and was beneficial to the kharif crops. Rabi jowari sowing was started. October rain was confined to the first week and was insufficient. Rebi sowing was completed. November was dry and only light partial showers were received in Decamber. Rabi crops on light soil suffered much from want of moisture. Season on the whole was fairly good for kharif and poor to fair for rabi.
1010. Rain during the year much above the usual quantity. Ante-monsoon rain practically absent. Regular monsoon commenced in the second week of June and the fall being sufficient kharif sowing started everywhere. In July light rsin in the first week was followed by a fortnight's braak whioh enabled kharif sowings being completed and the seedlings wexe favaured with rain in the last week. Fall in August wre good but the heary rain at the end of month and in September proved injurious to early crops turning them yellow in places. Grass-hoppers did serious damage to crops in Rahuri. Rsbi sowing was retarded for want of a break which was taken up in October. Boneficial rain fell in November for rabi crops the prospects of which wiere very bright. December was rainless but a severe frost late in the season damaged the rabi crops to a great extent. Season on the whole was moderate to fair.
1011. Annual rain much in defect of the average. Fairly good ante-monsoon rain. Monsoon burst early in June but the fall being inadequate general kbarif sowing was retarded which was proceeded with in July when the fall was sufficient. Rain in August was up to requirements especislly at end of the month which benefitted the standing orops. The fall in September was less than an inch against 4 to 6 inches which benefitted the standing orops. Tha fall in September was less than an inch against 4 to 6 inches
of the average. This had a bad effect on the standing crops which withered in places. Rabi sowing of the average. This had a bad effect on the standing crops which withered in places. Rabi sowing was retarded. October rain did not improve the situation as the fail was meagre. Rabi sowing was the whest sowing. Some people tried to sow jowari also though its season was over. No rain in December though it was badly needed for the rabi crops. Season on the whole was almost a failure for kharif crops and very poor for rabi crops, except in Newasa where it was fair. In the Collector's opinion the year was disastrous.
1012. The year's total fall was largely below the average. Light partial fall in ante-monsoon period. Monsoon started st end of second week of June but the faill was insufficient and kharif sowing was confined to light soils only. In July the rain was good and helped to continue the kharif sowings but more rain was wanted for their completion. August fall was deficient and the seedlinge where germinated began to wither for want of sufficient moisture. The fall in Saptember did not improve matters as the month's rain was very light. Kharif crops withered and rabi sowing was retarded in consequence. In October some rain fell but it was "extraordinarily partial". Rabi sowing was commenced in places but for it more rain was still required. In the third week of November some beneficial rain was received and sowing of wheat and other crops was resumed. There was practically no rain in December; rabi crope required more moisture. Season very poor. The Collector observed, "the year was one of severe famine of grain, fodder and water following a year of severe scaxcity ".
1013. Rain during the year much in defect of the average especially at Newasa. Fairly good rain in ante-monsoon period. Monsoon opened early in June and the fall being sufficient and general khaxif sowing was started everywhere and completed in July under favoursble rain. The fall in August though deficient was useful and the crops did well. Rain in September was below requirements and more rain was needed for the standing crops and for rabi sowing. October fall was again defective and rabi sowing was undertaken in favourable situations only. There was no rain in Novamber but December gave only light rain useful for rabi. Season on the whole fair.
1014. Annual fall much below the average at Shrigonds and Rahuri and slightly above it at Newasa. Antemonsoon was partial. Monsoon commenced early in June and the fall being sufficient kharif sowing was started timely everywhere and was continued in July under seasonable fall and the seedlings wers in good condition. They were further helped by rain in Auguit but more rain was needed in places. The fall in September was almost continuous which threatened the standing crops but this gave a good The fall in september which was taken in hand and completed in October for whioh the fall was start for rabi sowing which was taken in hand and completed in October for whioh the fall was
sufficient. The rabi seedings promised well as they were further favoured by rain in November. There sufficient. The rabi seedings promised weil as they were further favoured by rain
was no rain in December and none was needed. Season on the whole was good.
1015. Rain during the year far in excess of the avarage. Ante-monsoon rain pas good at Rahuri and light elsewhere. Monsoon started in the third week of June and the fall being general and sufficient kharif sowing was started and continued in July but retarded in places owing to continuous rain. August rain was light and confined to the first week followed by a break. The standing arops required rain badly which they got in Deptember improving them everywhere. Rabi sowing was comanenced but retanded
owing to the excossive ram. It was resumed and completed in October under favourable conditions. Rabi seedlings ware thriving. Thers was useful rain in November and December and the rabi crops throve well Beason in the whole good.
1016. Total fall of the year considerably over the avarage. Good rain in the antemonsoon period was usetul for the land preparations. Monsoon burst early in June but the fall being inadequate general kharif sowing was retarded. In July the fall wae more than sufflcient retarding bajri sowing and a break was desired for agricultural operations which occurred in August and was beneficial for the crops. But the heary fall in September damaged the standing crops and retarded rabi sowing which commenced with the break in the last weak. October rain was again above the average injuring bajri which suffered both in quality and quantity. Jowric was sown in fields where bajri was ruined. Rabi sowing was completed in November under favourable rain. There was no rain in December and the rabi orops wero promising; but they suffered o little later on owing to untimely rain early in February. Season on whole fair for sharif and good for rabi.
1017. Annual fall generally in excess of the average. Ante-monsoon rain was light exoept at Newasn which had none. Monsoon opened early in June but the fall being inadequate kharif sowing was confined to favourable situatione, Rain in July was less than half an inoh against the average of 2 to 4 inches retarding general kharif sowing for which the rain was urgently required. August opened with light cain but the rain in the third week was benefioial improving standing kharif crops. Rain much in aroess of the average wes received in September facilitating rabi sowing whioh was retarded in places for want of a braak. The fall in October was again heavy damaging standing crops and a break whs needed for pushing on retarded rabi sowings. November fall was beneficial. Rabi sowing was completed and the crops promised well. No rain in December. Season on the whole poor for kharif and good for rabi.

APPENDIX
Details of cultivation and crops in the $78 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ Government villages



APPENDIX


B.
of the Shrigonda Taluka of the Ahmednagar Collectorate.


## APPENDIX ${ }^{1}$ ．

Showing area（in⿳ acres）irrigated from different sources of irrigation and acreage of sopos grown under them in $78 \frac{1}{2}$ Government Villages of the Shrigonda Táluka，district Ahmednagar，during the years 1912－13 to 1916－17．


APPENDIX $C$.
Details of population according to occupation as per the Imperial Census of 1911 for the Taluka Shrigonda，district Ahmednagar，

| Agricultural population． |  |  |  | Non－8gricaltural population． <br> 5 | Remarks． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having interest in land， |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tenants and sub－sharers， | Other Iand－ holders． | Labourers， | Nota |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 |  | 6 |
| 38，857 | 954 | 12，468 | 47，279 | 18，448 |  |

APPENDIX D．
Agricultural stock of the 781 Government villages in the Shrigonda Táluka， during the year 1915－16．

|  | Cattle． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 荡 | $\begin{aligned} & \dot{\mathbf{\theta}} \\ & \text { 品 } \\ & \mathbf{u} \end{aligned}$ |  <br> 15 | Plough． |  | Carte． |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ForDlough． |  | For＇breeding， |  | For otber עurposes． |  | Mileb cattle． |  | Young stock． |  |  |  |  |  |  | E． |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 喈 } \\ & \text { R } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { घ. } \\ & \text { H. } \\ & \mathbf{2} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 畠 } \\ & \text { 邑 } \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 鬼 } \\ & 0 \\ & 8 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  | 営 O 10 |  |  |  |  |  | 픕 |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Group } r . \\ \mathbf{s 1} \quad . . \end{gathered}$ | 10，989 | $\ldots$ | 18 | B | ${ }^{96}$ | ${ }_{2} 8$ | 8，152 | 675 | 7，455 | 381 | 27，602 | 1681 | 6，637 | 0，516 | 169 | 853 | 800 | 400 | ．．． |
| $18$ | 2，641 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 108 | 14 | 1，873 | 148 | 1，718 | 86 | 6，694 | 189 | 9，920 | 4，547 | 19 | 206 | 80 | 61 | $\cdots$ |
| $\begin{array}{ll} \text { Group } I I I! \\ \text { B6 } \end{array}$ | 10.668 | 10 | 11 | 4 | 180 | 26 |  |  |  | 900 |  | 679 | 7.900 | 10，419 | 908 | 50 | 518 | 970 |  |
| Whole <br> Taluka． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | 24，000 | 14 | 29 |  |  | 68 |  |  | 16，045 | 767 | 68，988 | 1，899 | 15，847 |  |  |  | 699 | 881 | ${ }_{\text {acres }} 19$ |

[^14]APPENDIX E．
＊Shops，industries，etc．，in the 78⿺⿸⿻一丿又丶 Govervment villages of the Shrigonda Tdiuka．

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \& \multicolumn{5}{|c|}{Hand industries．} \& \multicolumn{6}{|c|}{Meohanical power．} \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Remarks．
$$
18
$$} <br>
\hline Liquor shops．
$$
1
$$ \& Oil
pressea，

9 \& | Cotton |
| :---: |
| loomb． | \& Woollen

loomer
a \& Sllk，
Looms，
.5 \& Ginc．

-68 \& Gings． \& $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { Rice } \\ \text { husking } \\ \text { machine．} \\ 8\end{gathered}\right.$ \& Cotton presses． $\theta$ \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Steam－ pamps． <br>
10

 \& 

011 engine pumpa． <br>
11
\end{tabular} \& Flour mills． \& <br>

\hline 1 \& 56 \& 85 \& 51 \& ＊＊ \& $\cdots$ \& ．．． \& ．．． \& ：． \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 9 \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

APPENDIX F．
－Wells，Bhudkis，Tanks and other sources of water supply in the 781 Government villages of the Shrigonda Taluka for the year 1917－18．

| Groad． | No．of villages． | Wells，Bhedkis and the like． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tenks． |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { For } \\ \text { irrigation. } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  | In dianse． |  | For irrigation． |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { For drinking } \\ \text { supply of } \\ \text { human beings } \\ \text { Bolely. } \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  |  | Pakka． | Kacha． | Pakka． <br> 5 | －Tacha． | Pakks， | Kache． <br> 8 | Fallen in or in dis repair． 9 | Other causes． | Pakka， | Ksoha． | Pakka． <br> 18 | Eacha． |
| $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { I } & \cdots \\ \text { II } & \cdots \\ \text { III } & \ldots \\ \end{array}$ | 31 <br> 18 <br> 951 | 699 019 1,010 | 1118 | 164 14 713 | 7 10 98 | 4 5 1 | 8 8 1 | 189 77 805 | 89 <br> .. <br> 88 | ＂． $\cdots$ $\cdots$ $\cdots$ | ．． ．． ．． | ．．． $\cdots$ $\cdots$ $\therefore$. | $\cdots$ |
| Talaka | 781 | 1，928 | 301 | 876 | 40 | 10 | 16 | 415 | 107 | －． | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | ＊－ |


| Group． | Tanks－oontinued． |  |  |  | Other sources． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | For cattle and washing and other purposes bat not for irrigation or drinking supply of haman beinge． |  | In diguse． |  | For Irrigation． |  | For drinking supply of humen beinga solely． |  | For oattle and washing and other purposes but not for irrigation or drinking supply of human beings． |  | In aisase， |  |  |
|  | Pakks． <br> 15 | Kacha． <br> 18 | Fallen in or in dig－ repaix． 17 | Other ARDBes． | Pakka． <br> 18 | Eacha， $80$ | Pakka． g | Kaoha．造 | Palka． <br> 93 | Kacha． <br> 84 | Fallen in or in dis repair． <br> 95 | Other canges． |  |
| $\begin{array}{cc}\text { I } & \cdots \\ \text { II } & \cdots \\ \text { III } & \cdots\end{array}$ | ．．＂ $\cdots$ $\cdots$ | $\overbrace{8}^{8}$ | 1 <br>  <br> 1 <br> ¢． | ．． $\cdots$ $\cdots$ | ＂． $\cdots$ $\cdots$ | ．．． $\cdots$ $\cdots$ $\cdots$ | 28 170 88 | ＂． 1 .. | 4 10 1 | $\cdots$ $\cdots$ | 81 1 10 | $*$ 6 6 | ， |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Whole } \\ & \text { TAluka. } \end{aligned}$ | $\cdots$ | 11 | 9 | ＊＇ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 889 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 38 | 10 |  |

APPENDIX G.
Selling value of dry-crop lands in the village of the'Shrigonda Taluka.


APPENDIX G-continued.


## APPENDIX $\mathrm{G}^{1}$.

Selling value of garden lands in the villages of the Shrigonda Taluka.


## APPENDIX H

Leases of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Shrigonda Tailuka.


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APPENDIX H-continued.

|  | Name of village. 2 |  | Ares of land leased. | Assessment. | Rents. | Percentage of rent represanted by the assesement. <br> 6 | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group No. TV. |  | A. g. | Rg. a. p. | Hs. a. p. |  |  |
| 67 | Ajnaj | ... | 15024 | 85130 | 15606 | 55.01 |  |
| 69 | Arvi | ... | 64.4 | 4100 | 14000 | $57 \cdot 40$ |  |
| 70 | Gar | ... | 226 | 2000 | 25120 | $77 \cdot 67$ |  |
| 71 | Kashti | ... | 13417 | 10950 | 194150 | 56.07 |  |
| 72 | Shedgaon | ... | 3016 | $24 \quad 46$ | 7500 | 12.87 |  |
| 72 | Kavthe | ... | 38 2 | 2600 | 68 8-0 | 87.87 |  |
| 73 | Limpangaon | ... | 38830 | 19280 | 38200 | 50.89 |  |
| 74 | Nimbgaon-Khalu | ... | 3183 | 3500 | 5200 | $69 \cdot 23$ |  |
| 75 | Pedgaon | ... | 20138 | 11340 | 33000 | 34.29 |  |
| 76 | Shedgaon | ... | 8016 | 2446 | -7500 | $12 \cdot 37$ |  |
| 77 | Takli-Kadevalit | ... | 50 | $\begin{array}{lll}39 & 8 & 6\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}96 \\ \hline 0\end{array}$ | $40 \cdot 80$ |  |
| 78 | Vangdari | ... | 9415 | 6840 | 20200 | 98.78 |  |
|  | Total, Group $\mathbf{T V}$ | $\ldots$ | 1,147 16 | 754150 | 1,722 130 | 48.82 |  |
|  | Grand Total | ... | 6,020 29 | 3,039 4 4 | 8,074 100 | 37.64 |  |
|  | Average per acre |  | ... | 080 | 155 | . ${ }^{\text {. }}$ |  |

## APPENDIX H.

Leases of garden lands in the villages of the Shrigonda Taluka.


## APPENDIX I.

Preces prevalent in the Shrigonda Taluka from 1888-89 to 1917.
(As plotted in the accompanying Diggram.)


## APPENDIX K.

Collection of assessment on Government land in the $78 \frac{1}{2}$ Government villages of the Táluka of Shrigonda.


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## APPENDIX K-concluded.

| Yeas. |  | Demand, | Out of which remitted in same or subsequent year. | Outstandings at end of year. |  | Remarks.$6$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Authorised. |  | Unauthorised. |  |
|  | 1 |  |  | 4 | 5 |  |
| Gro | III-concluded. |  | Res. a. p. | Re. a p. | Rs, ab p. |  |  |
| 1902-03 | $\cdots$ | $67,06314.6$ | ...... | 18,486 611 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1903-04 | ... | 67,07066 | …" | 89,513 65 | ... |  |
| 1904-05 | ... | 67,046 06 | 9,428 5 5 2 | 75,263 5 6 | .... |  |
| 1905-06 | ... | 67,046 06 | 12,786 965 | 1,38,948 4 4 5 | ...... |  |
| 1906-07 | ... | 67,030 0 6 | 92,001 88 | 1,25,635 102 | ...... |  |
| 1907-08 | $\ldots$ | 66,935 46 | 53,593 116 | 1,29,406 510 | - ... |  |
| 1908-09 | ... | 66,907 8 6 | 20,206 487 | 1,31,006 121 | ...... |  |
| 1909-10 | ... | 66,91806 | 54,243824 | 1,35,482 108 | ... |  |
| 1910-11 | ... | 66,923 06 | 65,895 1210 | 85,793 49 | .... |  |
| 1911-12 | ... | 65,090 112 | 19,587 27 | 68,444 911 | ...... |  |
| 1913-18 | ... | 64,790 11 2 | 738 2 4 | 1,29,171 510 | ...... |  |
| 1913-14 | ... | 64,828 12 | 5,568 110 | 85,778 139 | ...... |  |
| 1914-15 | $\ldots$ | 64,850 5 2 | 86150 | 26,67056 | - |  |
| 1915-16 | ... | 68,798 07 | -..*** | 8710 | ... |  |
| 1916-17 | ... | 68,79088 | *-...** | ...... | ... |  |
| 1917-18 | *** | 68,788 118 | ...... | *...** | $\cdots$ |  |

APPENDIX L.

Effect of Revision Settlement proposa


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ion Government occupied land.



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## APPENDIX M.

Population and area of Government unocoupied land in the Shrigonda Tailuka.


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## No. Land 111-1917 of 1919.

Ahmednagar, 23rd June 1919.
From

C. A. BEYTS, Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,<br>Collector of Ahmednagar,

## To

Tha COMMISSIONER, C. D.,
Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith the second revision settlement report of the Shrigonda taluka and to state that I conour in Mr. Garrett's recommendations, which are made after consultation with me.
2. The remarks made in the Newasa report with regard to famine apply with even greater force to Shrigonda. The fact that the number of persons on relief works was not large is due to the extensive migration to Bombay and to remunerative work elsewhere. But only seven villages had a crop of more than two annas. Very large numbers of cattle died, the strain thrown on the agricultural population was exceptional, and it will take more than one good year for the agricaltural population again to reach its normal level of prosperity.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
C. W. A TURNER, for Collector of Ahmednagar.
(Through the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Poons.)

Beiow letter No. L. N. D. 111-1917 of 23rd June 1919 from the Collector of Ahmednagar.

No. S. T-228

## Poona, 30th October 1919.

Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, Central Division.
2. The statement required by Government Order No. 1601 dated 11th February 1916 showing the increases in rates proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer is appended.
3. A noteworthy feature is the thoroughly satisfactory number of plough cattle in this taluka; there being a pair of such cattle to each 18 (not 19, as stated by Mr. Garrett) acres of cropped area, as contrasted, for instance, with 22.7 acres in Newasa. As the number of cattle a cultivator may prudently keep must depend in great measure on the amount of fodder his crops produce, the main reason for this difference is probably to be found in the relative areas under jowari and bajri on the one hand and wheat and cotton on the other in the two talukas. The percentage figures on cropped area are:-


The relatively unfavourable position of Newasa as regards plough oattle can certainly not be accounted for by any relative laok of prosperity as compared with Shrigonda.
4. I agree with the proposed grouping and rates.
5. It is quite clear that the southern portion of group III ought to be cut off to make a new group IV, as proposed by Mr. Garrett. But Mr. Garrett appears to have assumed that group II and new group III ought still to remain separate, with a difference of one anna in maximum rate; and this is a matter which seems to me to deserve investigation. Group II may possibly have a better climate than group III ; but the latter has very great advantages in the way of communications and has the chief market of the taluka in its midst. The following are some statistics which I have collected for revised groups II and III:-

| Group. |  | Acres of ocoupied land to unit of |  |  |  |  | Multiple selling price is of assersment | Per cent. assessantent is of rent. | Per cent. of assessmant ramitted from 1898 -99 inclusive. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Irrigation welle. | Plough cattle. | Milch cattie | Fallow area. | Unocoupied area. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Acres. | Aores. |  |  |  |
| II |  | 128 | $11{ }^{\circ}$ | 15 | 4.7 | 57 | 21.06 | 41.79 | 87-88 |
| III |  | $89 \cdot 4$ | 17 | $18 \cdot 4$ | 4.2 | 79. | 24-28 | 42.62 | 58.98 |

The balance of advantage lies with group II. At any rate there is no decisive case for amalgamating them, and to retain them as separate groups eases the transition from the Rs. 1-2 rate in the south of this taluka, as one goes north to the Rs. 1-10 rate in the south of Nagar taluka.
6. The rates proposed seem to me suitable. The total inorease in assessment will be considerably less than in Newasa or Rahuri; but the difference is fully justified.
7. The proposals for the inam villages are suitable.
8. I recommend that in view of the severe trial through which the taluka has just passed the rates be introduced in 1919-20 and guaranteed for 30 years from 1920-21; but levied only from 1921-22.

## A. MACKIE,

Acting Settlement Commissioner and
Director, Land Records.

Statement showing the increases proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer.

|  | Propos |  |  | No. of villages in batahes of existing groups. | Current dry-orop rate of emoh batch. | Proposed dry-crop rate for group of each batch. | Increase per cent. | Increase per rupee to nearest quartar anna. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Re. a. p. | Res. a. p. |  | A. ${ }^{\text {p }}$. |
| I | ... | ... | . | 31. | 140 | 190 | 25.00 | 40 |
| II | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 12 | 130 | 160 | 15.79 | 26 |
| III | ... | ... | ... | 28 | 120 | 150 | 16.66 | 29 |
| Iv | ... | ... | ... | 18 | 120 | 120 | Nil | Nil |

A. MACEIE,

Acting Settlement Commissioner and
Director, Land Records.

No. 2610-446-A of 1919.
T'o
The CHIEF SEORETARY to GOVERNMENT, Revenue Department.

Poona, 19th December 1919.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward papers connected with the second revision settlement on the talukas of Shrigonda, Nevasa, and Rahuri in the Ahmednagar Collectorate. The reports have been drawn up by Mr. Garrett and are, as usual with Mr. Garrett's work, interesting and sound. I agree with most of Mr. Garrett's proposals, except in one particular which I shall specify directly. Support is also given by the Collector and the Settlement Commissioner. These reports remained in the Collector's office for ten months-apparently because Mr. Beyts thought it useless to submit them during famine. This delay was contrary to the orders of Government and was not justified. In the Settlement Commissioner's remarks a curious feature is his criticism regarding the number of plough cattle per acre. When Mr. Garrett wrote, his observations on this point were useful, but Mr. Mackie deals with it after a very considerable destruction of cattle in the famine; and yet completely ignores this well known fact: The loss of plough cattle in the Ahmednagar district as a whole was 27 per cent.
2. Shrigonda.-There are now three groups rated at 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4. Mr. Garrett keeps the first two groups as they are and raises their rates to 1-9 and 1-6. He divides the present third group into two which he proposes to raise to 1-5 and 1-2. This arrangement leaves thirteen villages of the present third group unchanged. I am inclined to support this for the reasons given by Mr. Garrett; but I do not think it is necessary to have two adjoining groups at 1-6 and 1-5, and I propose amalgamation of these two at 1-6. Seeing that the average classification is about 8 annas in the rupee a difference in the maximum rate of 1 anna is quite inappreciable.

The total increase in Shrigonda amounts to less than 16 per cent. Bearing in mind the rise of prices this means a very much smaller burden than was imposed by the present rates thirty years ago. If Government accept it it means an undoubted sacrifioe of revenue. The taluka is however situated in what is probably the most famine-stricken track of the Presidency; and for this reason I think that leniency is wise.
3. Rahuri.-Rahuri is supposed to suffer less from famine than Shrigonda, and probably this is a correct appreciation of the fact. Accordingly Mr. Garrett's proposals provide a percentage increase of nearly 26. This again is very moderate. Mr. Garrett has a few little changes to make. He reduces two of the villages now in the first group to the second group. He also puts four villages, viz., Belapur Budruk, Belapur Khurd, Ainatpur, and Kesapur, from the third group to the second; and one village (Trimbakpur) from the second to the third. These proposals appear to be correct, and may be approved.

As regards the rates, Mr. Garrett adds 6 annas to each group, stating that. he maintains the present gradation. Strictly speaking to add 6 annas all round is to raise the last group by a greater proportion than the highest; but the differencef is trifling and may be ignored.
4. Nevasa.-Here the grouping.is left alone without any change at all, the rates being raised by 6 annas in each group in the same way as at Rahuri. But inasmuch as the present rates are lower than in Rahuri the 6 annas increase produces a total enhancement of nearly 31 per cent. It might seem hardly fair to increase Nevasa by a greater percentage than Rahuri; but the increase still leaves rates lower. And in addition to the reasons given by the Settlement Officer we must remember that communications in Nevasa are likely, before many years have passed, to be considerably improved by the construction of the Belapur-Shevgaon Railway. The taluka will also benefit from the Pravara Canal.

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5. There are four Inam villages in Shrigonda, three in Rahuri, and no less than 26 in Nevasa, dealt with in these reports. I think Mr. Garrett's proposals are judicious and may be approved. His suggestion that the old bagait rates in Nevasa should be kept unchanged is of oourse opposed to settlement principles, but as we make special efforts to avoid loss of revenue to Inamdars this small inconsistency can be overlooked.
6. There is some difference of opinion as to the year in which the new rates should be introduced and the duration of the settlement. Mr. Garrett would like the settlement to be for 26 years expiring in 1945-46, so that these talukas and the talukas of Nagar, Parner and Shevgaon can then be dealt with together. Mr. Mackie prefers the usual 30 years, but he would not levy the enhanced rates till 1921-22 in the case of Shrigonda and Nevasa. For Rahuri he would levy the increase at once on the ground that it has suffered less from the famine than Nevasa or Shrigonda. I do not think this discrimination can be fairly made. Whether the usual 30 years should be accepted or not is for Government to deoide. I myself prefer Mr. Garrett's proposal, and think that we can fairly make the settlement period slightly shorter as our enhancements are so extremely moderate. I see no sufficent reason why the enhanced rates of the new settlement should not be taken at once. It is true that these talukas suffered severely last year, but the relief given by sacrificing revenue in the way the Settlement Commisssioner suggests .would really have very little effect upon the cultivators. Very much more relief would be given without sacrificing Government revenue by some slight postponement of the demand on account of takavi repayment. These talukas now owe Government on account of takavi Rs. 2,39,700, Rs. 3,82,150 and Rs. 2,56,200 respectively; and the payment of instalments really is a somewhat serious matter to a man who is recovering from such a disaster as that of last year.
7. There are three villages in the Rahuri taluka, viz̈., Songaon, Satral, and Dhanore, which were settled with the Sangamner taluka with the maximum rate of Rs. 2. Their period will expire in 1935-36. Their case, I think, may be'considered when they are due for revision. It may probably be advisable to extend them so as to bring them into line with the rest of the taluka. But this matter may be considered when it arises.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
C. N. SEDDON,

Commissioner, C. D.

## Reverus Survey and Assessment.

Revision settlement of the Nevasm, Ráhuri and the Shrigonda tajukas of the Abmednagar district.

## GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY.

# Reveniug Department. 

Resolution No. 2156.
Bombay Castle, 19th July 1920.
Letter from the Commissioner, C. D., No. 2610-446-A, dated 19th December 1919Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified below containing proposals for the second revision settlement of the Newasa, Rahuri and Shrigonde tálukas of the Ahmednagar district:-

Iretter from Mr. J. F. Garrett, I. O. B., Asgistant Settiement Offiaar, Ahmednagar, dated 80th August 1918, ralating to the second revision settlament of the Nevisa thlula, with accompaniments.

Letter from the Coilector of Ahmednagar No. Lagnd -111-1917 dated 88rd June 1919.
Memorandum from the Settlement Commissions and Directos of Land Mecords No, S. T.- 172 dated 29th October 1919.

Letter from Mr. J. H. Garrett, I. C. S., Assistant Sottlement Officer, Ahmednagar, dated soth August 1918, relating to the second revision settlement of the Rilumi tollaka, with accompaniments.

Letter from the Colleetcr of Ahmednagar No. Land-111-1917 dated 29rd June 1919.
Memorandum from the Settlament Comanissioner and Director of Land Becords No. S. T.-F297 dated 29th October 1919.

Letter from Mr. J. H. Garratt, I. G. S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Ahmednagar, dated 90th Auguat 1918, celating to the second revision settlement of the Shrigonds taiuka, with accompaniments.

Letter from the Collector of Ahmednagar No. Land-111-1917 dated 2ard June 1919.
Memorandum from the Settlemant Commissionar and Director of Land Reoords No. S. T.--288 dated 30th Ootober 1919.
Letter from the Superintendent of Land Reeords; C. D., No. S. T. T. dated 1st April 1920 :-
"I have the honour to report that Mr. Garrett has submitted proposals for the second revision settlement of villages (both Government and inàm) in Newása tazuka of the Nagar district and that they are now before Government. A list showing the inám villages in the Newasa táluka to be included in his report was sent to him by this office. The inam village Newása budrak was omitted from the list as the village is due for revision survery, and measurement and classification operations on partial system will have to be carried out. From a reference received recently from the Collector, Ahmednagar, I gather that the inám village Newása budruk has been included by the Assistant Settlement Officer in bis second revision settlement report on the tajluka. This was probably due to some oversight. The original survey was introduced in the village in 1885-86 and guaranteed up to 1911-12. The measurement and classification, being done many years ago, require a thorough revision. (Vide Government Order,Revenue Department, No. 2653 dated 3rd March 1917). I therefore request that the village may kindly be omitted from the revision settlement report of the Newása táluka submitted by Mr. Garrett."

Memorandum from the Commissioner, C. D., No. 2610-446-A.-1919 dated 13th April 1920 :-
"Submitted to Government in the Revenue Department in continuation of this office No. 2610-446-A.-1919 dated 19th December 1919."

Resolution.-These papers contain proposals for the second revision settlement of the Newasa, Ráhuri and Shrigonda talukas of the Ahmednager district. .
2. The Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals for grouping and rating are approved, subject to the following modifications:-
(i) Proposed groups II and III of the Shrigonda taluka should be amalgamated as recommended by the Commissioner, C. D., and a rate of Rs. 1-6-0 per acre should be levied on the amalgamated group.
(ii) In the Newása táluka, the village of Punatgaon should be transferred from the third to the second group as proposed by the Settlement
Commissioner and Director of Land Records.
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The appended statement shows the rates as sanctioned by Government.
3. The Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals for inám villages, whioh are supported by the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records and the Commissioner, C. D., are sanctioned subject to the modification that in consequence of the amalgamation of proposed groups II and III of the Shrigonda táluka with a rate of Rs. 1-6-0 per acre, the rate for the indm village of Shirasgaon Bodka should also be Rs. 1-6-0. The ${ }_{p}$ village of Newása budruk in the Newasa táluka should be omitted from consideration in the present proposals as suggested by the Superintendent of Land Records, C.D., in his letter No. S.L.T. dated 1st April 1920.
4. The revised rates should be introduced during the current year 1919-20, and levied from the year 1920-21. As regards the durstion of the settlement Government agree with the Commissioner, C. D., and the Assistant Settlement Officer that the settlement should be guaranteed for a period of 26 years expiring in 1945-46, so that these tálukas and the tálukas of Nagar, Párner and Shevgaon can then be dealt with together.
5. Government concur in the remark made by the Commissioner, C. D., in the last sentence of paragraph 7 of his memorandum No. 2610-446-A. dated 19th December 1919.
6. The petitions of objections do not disclose any ground which would lead Government to modifiy the orders now passed.

'H. F. BALL, Under Secretary to Government.



APPENDIX L.

Statement showing the effect of Revision settlement proposals on Gover,


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occupied land in the Shrigonda Taluka of the Ahmednagar District．

| By Revision Setilement． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Name of village． |  |
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| Maximum rates． |  |  | Dry－orop． |  |  | Rice． |  |  | Garden． |  |  | retal． |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Rs．b．p． | Rs．a．p． | Ra．a．b． | Acres． | Re． | Re．8．p． | Acres． | Re． | Esa．a．y． | Acrea． | Re． | Rs．A．p． | Acres． | Bi． | Be，s．d． |  | －Growp 1. |  |
| － 190 | －－ | ．．． | 4.810 | 2.817 | －． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 356 | 246 | ．．． | 4，914 | 3．068 | ．．． | 85． | Bhangaon | 1 |
| 10 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 6，785 | 4.451 | ＊＂ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | －＊ | 488 | 392 | ＊＊ | 7.834 | 4.778 | $\cdots$ | 28. | Belvendi Budrak | 2 |
| 100 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 8，951 | 1，110 | ＂• | ．．． ． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 0 | 12 | ．．． | 8，953 | 1，180 | ．．， | 850． | Ohamblurdi | 3 |
| 180 | ．．． | ＊＊ | 2.915 | g，130 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．＊ | $\cdots$ | 4 | 8 | － | 2，819 | 2，182 | ＊．． | 28. | Ohikhali | 41 |
| 190 | ．．＊ | ．．． | 1，638 | 665 | ．． | －．． | ．．． | ．＂ | 88 | 10 | ．．． | 1，660 | 565 | $\cdots$ | 95． | Dhavalgaon＂ |  |
| 190 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 2.818 | 1，467 | ＊＊ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 175 | 97 | $\cdots$ | 9，094 | 1，658 | ．．． | 25． | Dhorje | 6 |
| 180 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 4，616 | 2，106 | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 108 | 90 | ．．． | 4，814 | 9，106 | ．．． | 95＊ | Elapne |  |
| 100 | $\because$ | ．．． | 3，083 | 1，655 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 118 | 56 | $\cdots$ | 8，196 | 1，611 | ．． | ${ }^{25} 5$ | Erandoli | 8 |
| 100 | － | ．．． | 4，719 | 2，964 | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 106 | 181 | ．．． | 4，913 | 3，085 | ．．． | 250． | Ghargaon | 0. |
| 100 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 3，191 | 1.71 | ．＂ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 959 | 187 | ．．． | 3，483 | 1，838 | ．．． | 95． | Ghotvi | 10 |
| 190 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 18，985 | 8，005 | －＊ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 664 | 858 | ．．． | 19，360 | 8.857 | ．．． | $25 \cdot$ | Kolsaon | 11 |
| 190 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1.617 | 718 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 108 | 49 | ．．． | 1，080 | 761 | ．．． | $85^{\circ}$ | Kondegavhan | 12 |
| 190 | ．． | $\cdots$ | 9，041 | 2，094 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 18 | 18 | $\cdots$ | 9，859 | 2.036 | －． | 85． | Koregaon | 13 |
| 100 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 1.6880 | 1，005 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 59 | 59 | ＊＊ | 1，679 | 1，044 | $\cdots$ | 95－ | Korgevan |  |
| 190 | $\cdots$ | ．． | 2，871 | 1，24 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | 09 | 60 | ．．． | 9，470 | 1，951 | ．．． | $25 \cdot$ | Kothul | 15 |
| 100 | ． | $\cdots$ | 2，011 | 1，186 | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | ．．． | ．．． | 99 | 88 | ．．． | 8，060 | 1，507 | ．．． | 88． | Math | 16 ： |
| 190 | － | $\cdots$ | 8，498 | 959 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 68 | 88＇ | ．．． | 8，566 | 881 | ．．． | 85 | Mhese | 17． |
| 190 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1，505 | 852 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 5 | 46 | － | 1.978 | 898 | ．．． | 95－ | Mangaegaon | 18 |
| 100 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 3，067 | 1，840 | ．＂ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 119 | 71 | ．．． | 8，188 | 1，911 | ．．－ | 85. | Nimbvi | 19 |
| 100 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 2，808 | 1，166 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 45 | 19 | ．．． | 9，859 | 1，185 | $\cdots$ | 85 | Pimpri Kolandar | 80 |
| 100 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 6，817 | 3，918 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 975 | 191 | ．．． | 6，688 | 8.410 | －．． | 88＊ | Pimpalgaon Plea | 81 |
| 190 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 1，719 | 1.184 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | 64 | 41 | ．．． | 1，768 | 1，165 | ．．． | 95 | Pisore Budrak | 98 |
| 100 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 7，060 | 8，806 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 186 | 103 | ．．． | 7,846 | 8，988 | ＇．．． | 95＊ | Rejapur | 88 |
| 10 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 9，008 | 14.7 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 19 | 6 | ．．． | 8，119 | 768 | ．．． | 85－ | Raygavhan | 94 |
| 100 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 1，688 | 006 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 80 | 49 | ．．． | 1，757 | 955 | ．．． | ${ }^{5} 5$ | Sarole Somavandhi | 96 |
| 190 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 1，405 | 981 | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 87 | 24 | ．．． | 1，468 | 056 | －． | $95 \cdot$ | Surodi | 28 |
| 100 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 8．980 | 2.861 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | $\because$ | 75 | 44 | $\cdots$ | 4，005 | 2，806 | －． | 95＇ | Suregeon | 87 |
| 10 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 8，466 | 056 | $\cdots \cdot$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 48 | 19 | ．．． | 8，514 | 876 | $\cdots$ | － 25 ＇ | Okadgaon | 28 |
| 106 | ．．． | ．．． | 9，295 | 1，910 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 2 | 1 | ．．－ | 9，917 | 1,811 | ．．． | 95． | Ukhalgaon | 29 |
| 100 | ＊．．． | ．．． | 2，175 | －1，095 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 88 | 11 | ．．． | 2，198 | 1；636 | ．．． | 95 | Vibapur |  |
| 100 |  |  | 1，199 | 677 | ．．． |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 73 | 41 | ．．． | 1．872 | 718 |  | \％ | Vedgbon Sindodi | 81 |
| $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 101.688 | 66，786 | 0811 | ．． | ．．． | ．．． | 4.023 | 2，298 | 091 | 105．560 | 59．079 | 0811 | \％ | Total of Groap I | ． |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | － |  |  | － |  |  |  |  | Group 12． |  |
| 10 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 6．888 | 3，259 | ．．＂ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 878 | 805 | $\cdots$ | 6，954 | 9，497 | ＊． | 82．83 | Adhulgaon | 8 |
| 180 | ．． | ．．． | 1，778 | 180 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | 357 | 68 | ＊＊ | 1，938 | 848 | $\cdots$ | 28819 | Baburdi | 89 |
| 160 | $4 \cdot$ | $\cdots$ | 1，918 | 888 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．＂ | 11 | 6 | ．．． | 1，0：9 | 888 | －． | 16.78 | Bangarde | 8 |
| is 0 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 8，188 | 1，151 | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 88 | 44 | ．．． | 2，885 | 1，196 | ．． | 16．78 | Banpimpri | 85 |
| 160 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 2.578 | 1，488 | ．＂ | ．．＂ | $\cdots$ | ＊ | 61 | 34 | ．．． | 2，693 | 1，478 | ．．． | 88.96 | Belvandi Kothar | 86 |
| 160 | ．．． | ．．． | 801 | 858 | ．．． | ．．． | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 75 | 89 | ．．． | 988 | 881 | ．．． | 989，19 | Bhevdi | 67 |
| 160 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 187 | 114. | －．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\ldots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 187 | 114 | $\cdots$ | 29.68 | Bhingan Khalsa | 88 |
| 160 | ．．． | ．． | 1，089 | 659 | ．．． | ．．． | $\ldots$ | ．．． | 40 | 16 | ．． | 1.780 | 685 | ．．． | 20．58 | Bori | 89 |
| 160 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 2，808 | 1，461 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | 245 | 128 | $\cdots$ | 3．147 | 1，673 | －•＇ | 98229 | Uhandgaon | 40 |
| 160 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 691 | 896 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．＊ | $\ldots$ | 14 | 9 | ．．． | 685 | 404 |  | 15.78 | Chavarsangwi | 41 |
| 160 | ．．． | ．．． | 0.981 | 4.089 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 4．． | 498 | 208 | ．．． | 10．484 | 4，900 | ．．＊ | 88.28 | Ohimbhls | 42 |
| ${ }^{1} 660$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1.087 | 1，788 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 899 | 808 | ．．． | 2，889 | 1，061 | ．． | 98．28 | Deulgaon |  |
| 160 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | －9，087 | 1，184 | ．．＇ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 68 | 97 | ．．． | 9，000 | 1，981 | ．．．． | 929．48 | Ghodegan |  |
| 100 | ．．． | ．．． | 9．515 | 1，693 | ．．． |  | $\ldots$ | ．．． | 189 | 126 | ．．． | 9，714 | 1.716 | ．．． | 15.78 | Ghorargeon |  |
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INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE SECOND REVISION SETTLEMENT OF RAHURI TALUKA OF THE AHMEDNAGAR DISTRICT.


From

J. H. GARRETT, Esq., B. A., I.C.S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Ahmednagar; To

The COLLECTOR of.AHMEDNAGAR.

## Ahmednagar, 30th August 1918.

Sir,
I have the honour to submit proposals for the Second Revision Settlement of the Rahuri Taluka of the Ahmednagar District.
2. At the time of the First Revision Settlement the Taluka consisted of 111 Government and seven Inam villages.

Five villages in the extreme North-East of the Taluka, Vangi Khurd, Vangi Budruk, Khirdi, Sangam and Pachegaon were transferred in 1912-13 to the Newasa Taluka; and in the same year three villages in the NorthWest, Satral, Songaon and Dhanore were added to the Rahuri Taluka from Sangamner.

During the current lease three Inam villages, viz., Chedgaon, Taharabad and Jambhulban lapsed to Government.

There are now 112 Government and four Inam villages.
There was confusion at the time of the 1st Revision between Chandegaon and Chedgaon. Chándegaon lapsed to Government during the ourrency of the original lease. While Chedgaon lapsed to Government between the submission of the 1st Revision proposals in 1880 and the final orders of Government in 1884. I have ascertained that the village spelt Chadegaon on page 84 of the Selection is really Chándegaon and the village Chaddegaon on page 129 of the Selection is really Chedgaon.
3. The following table shows the authority for the present Settlement :-

| No. of villages. | Government or Inam. | Year of introduction of settlement. | Year of expiry of guarantee. | Authority. | Where printed. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Total... 116 |  |  |  |  |  |

The present inquiry deals with 109 Government and three Inam villages.
The period of guarantee of three Government villages, Songaon, Satral and Dhanore, received from Sangamner has not expired. One Inam village, Eklahare, is also excluded from this inquiry as it is unsurveyed.

Position and physical features.
4. The Rahuri Taluka is situated in the centre of the District of Ahmednagar. It is the only taluka which does not touch the external boundaries of the District.

The taluka has undergone changes in boundaries both during the first lease and during the current lease. It is now compact, nearly square in shape with the Headguarters town nearly in the centre.

The country is hilly and broken in the South-West. Elsewhere there are no bills. The land slopes gently towards the Pravara and Mula rivers which meet at Tilapur in the extreme North-East.

[^15]Both the Mula and the Pravara are Ghat-fed rivers with a perennial flow. The other streams are liable to dry up in the cold weather and are not used for irrigation.

The taluka lies at a lower level than the adjoining Nagar and Parner Talukas. Only in the extreme West there is a tract of hilly ground whioh merges into the Nagar-Parner plateau.

## Soil.

5. The taluka has a large area of level, deep black soil of fine quality. In the plain country this soil is decidedly better than the soil prevailing in the Newasa Taluka. In the hilly parts of the West the soil is shallow and stony with small areas of good soil in the valleys.

There is generally no dearth of sub-soil water. But in many places especially on the Pravara valley the water is brackish.

The soil in the hilly parts is for the most part suitable only for kharif crops such as bajri, til and kulith. The plain country has the advantage of growing either kharif or rabi according to the character of the season.

## Climate and $\dot{\text { rainfall. }}$

6. Appendix A gives the figures of rainfall recorded at Rahuri and Malunje for the last eleven years. Statistics of the last few years are available for Devlali, Songaon and Belapur where rain-gauges have been recently established.

It will be observed that the rainfall at Rahuri and at Malunje is practically. the same in total. But there is a considerable difference in the distribution. The kharif rainfall at Malunje, and indeed at Newasa still further East is rather too heavy for the regular cultivation of Bajri and other kharif crops. At Rahuri on the other hand the rainfall is about equally suited to the growth of kharif or rabi crops.

In the hilly part of the taluka there are no rain-gauges. But it is generally believed that this part on the whole enjoys a more regular rainfall than the rest of the taluka.

Generally speaking, the Rahuri Taluka has suffered less from famine than the Newasa and Parner Talukas which adjoin it. This may be nothing more than a fortunate chance: It is well known that the rainfall in the Deccan is capricious and follows no regular rule. It may be that the hills in the West of the Rahuri Taluka cause precipitation. But the hills are of no great height. There is some indication that the rainfall at Songaon which is decidedly heavier than at any other recording station, is influenced by the hills. The other four recording stations are in the open plain and show a very uniform average.

Whatever the cause may be, whether chance or special suitability of the rainfall to the soil or to an actually more favourable situation, the taluka has always been regarded as better off as regards rainfall than most of its neighbours. I see no reason to differ from this view.

Apart from the question of markets and communication, I shoald on this ground alone prefer Rahuri to Newasa Taluka.

The rainfall in Rahuri Taluka is usually heavier than that at Sangamner. This may be due to a merely local condition which has been observed at Sangamner town. But even if the figures are accepted as representative of the two talukas, it must be remembered that a light rainfall suits the light soils of Sangamner but would not be enough ibr the better soils of Rahuri. Undoubtedly Sangamner suffers less than Rahuri from the irregularity of rainfall.

Colonel Laughton gives rainfall statistics for Lakh. These figures show a heavier rainfall than at Rahuri. But I believe that they are wrong. For instance in 1870.71, a famine year, the rainfall at Sangamner was $5 \cdot 60^{\prime \prime}$, at Rahuri $9^{\circ} 72^{\prime \prime}$, at Newasa $5^{\prime} 37^{\prime \prime}$ and at Lakh $31^{\prime} 41^{\prime \prime}$. Clearly there is a mistake.

## Crops.

7. Appendix B gives the details of the crops grown in the Taluka.

The principal crops are jowari and bajri. The relative proportion of these crops varies considerably according to the season. In ordinary years bajri exceeds jowari in the proportion of about 5:3. But in a year like 1916-17 the proportion is reversed. Jowari can be grown in all, but the very light soil in the hilly region. In the heavy black soil of the Mula and Pravara valleys bajri does not do well.

Next in importance is wheat which covers about 8 per cent. of the total cropped area. The wheat is for the most part dry crop. Out of an average of 15,134 acres only 2,454 acres were irrigated.

Safflower is grown as a regular inter-crop with jowari in the proportion of about 1:8. Gram is frequently grown as a second crop after bajri and occasionally in rotation with wheat.

The only other crop of importance is cotton. But this taluka is by no means important as a cotton producer. I am of opinion that the prosperity of the taluka is based on firm foundations chiefly because its mainstay is the growth of food ${ }^{2}$ crops. The five years' average of cotton is rather high because in 1914-15, 21,989 acres was sown. The normal area is only about 8,000 acres.

The area left unsown in this taluka is, on an average of five years, $11 \cdot 1$ per cent. of the gross occupied area. This is low enough but it is unduly swollen by the large area unsown in the unfavourable season 1912-13. There was more unsown land in that year than in the succeeding four years taken together. If the average of the last four years is taken it amounts to only 6.5 per cent. of the gross occupied area. The figures of fallow appear to show that cultivation is not hindered by any lack of resources. The fallow area in all the surrounding talukas is greater than in Rahuri. There has been a great improvement in this respect since the 1st Revision: at that time the unsown area was between 19 and 22 per cent.

## Irrigation.

8. Appendix B-I gives the details of irrigated crops. I give the-figures for the last five years in detail as a mere average will not bring out the fact that irrigation is, to a great extent, used only to protect crops in bad years. The steady dropfrom 20,054 acres in 1912-13 to 4,496 acres in 1916-17 is not due to any falling off in prosperity. It is simply due to the fact that irrigation was not needed for wheat and other cereals. There is always a residue of crops such as sugarcane, vegetables and fruits which cannot do without water. In a year of good rainfall these are practically the only crops that are irrigated.

## Communications.

9. The only metalled road in existence in 1880 was the Nagar-Nasik Road with a branch from Kolhar leading to Kopargaon and Manmad. It is a Provincial road, free from tolls and kept in good repair. The chief drawbaoks at present are the crossings of the Mula and Pravara Rivers. There are ferries over these rivers but they only work for a few months. For the rest of the year carts have to pass through the heavy river beds. These drawbaters will be removed shortly as the construction of causeways at Rahuri and Kolhar is already begun.

There are several important additions to the metalled roads of the Taluka:-
(i) Road from the Nagar-Manmad road passing through Vambori Station, Vambori town and joining the Nagar Shevgaon road at Khospuri. This road has given Vambori a great impetus as a trade centre by opening up the Southern part of Newasa and the Northern part of Shevgaon Talusas.
(ii) Vambori-Nagar Road.-This road enters the Nagar Taluka by the Dongargan Ghat. This road is useful to Vambori and other villages in the South-East corner.
(iii) Belapur Town-Belapur Station Road.-This is a valuable feeder road four miles long which has enabled Belapur to develope into an important grain and cotton market. It joins the Belapur Station-Sangamner Road.
(iv) Ralıuri Town-Raluuri Station Road.-This is a short but very useful piece of road which joins the Nagar-Manmad Road.
(v) Devlali Road.-This is a short piece of road connecting Devlali Bưngalow with the Nagar-Manmad Road.
(vi) Devlali Belapur Khurd.-This road is still under construction but is already passable for traffic. It is likely to be very useful to the tract irrigated by the Pravara Right Bank Canal.
(vii) Lakh Station Karegaon.-This road is under construction and will be carried as far as Belpimpalgaon in the Newasa Taluka.
This road is not likely to do much to assist trade. Lakh Station is little used at present. The new road will not divert trade from Belapur which is an established trade centre and equally near the tract opened up by this road.

The greater"part of the Taluka is well off for cart tracks. Owing to cannal irrigation and in some places owing to boggy nalas there is some difficulty in travelling across country until the cold weather. But by the time the rabi crops are ready the cart-tracks are in good order.

In the South-West communications are very bad. The village of Taharabad is on a plateau and can be reached by a roughghat. - But the other villages from Kharshinde to Jambulban are practically inaccessible to carts. The produce. is still conveyed to market chiefly in head-loads or on animals' backs. The region is thinly populated and yields very little produce for export, so that the construction of roads would not be justified.

Lastly there is the railway which runs across the Taluka from North to South. The effect of this railway cannot be overestimated. Though the cultivator does not himself send produce away, still he is enabled to get the better prices which are always given at places near a railway. Take, for instance, Vambori. In the old days exports were sent by road to Nasik. Now owing to the railway, the traders inform me that the trade of the place has quadrupled. Prices re-act immediately: there is a temporary shortage of foodgrains in Berar. Vambori comes to the rescue at a price. The "trader gains the immediate profit. But the cultivator will receive much of that profit 盍 the increased readiness of the trader to buy the next season's crop. Looking at the other side, in case of famine, grain is imported at high prices but at prices which are nothing to the ruinous rates which could be charged before the railway existed.

In respect of communications the Rahuri Taluka is second to none in the District.

The map appended to this report sbows all the existing roads.

> Markets.
10. The Rahuri Taluka contains two of the most important produce markets in the District, viz., Vambori and Belapur. These centres have reached their present importance largely owing to the existence of the railway. Merchants from these towns purchase at the weekly bazars and also in the villages and at their shops. At the time of the 1st Revision Settlement Vambori was recognisetan an important market and a special addition of annas 2 given to the village. At that time Belapur had not reached its present development and received no increase. The figures of exports and imports given in the next paragraph show how important Belapur now is.

At Rahuri there is a very fair bazar devoted more to retail trade. This village is not equal in commercial importance to Vambori or Belapur but is extremely well off from the agricultural point of view. Being the Taluka town it has advantages which justify its present gyouping at 2 annas above the surrounding villages.

There are several other small bazars which are shown on the map. None of these have more than local interest and are not important enough to affect the rates of assessment.

If markets were the only consideration the groups would naturally fall away in lines running roughly parallel to the railway.

## Imports and Exports.

11. There are four railway stations serving the taluka. Of these Vambori and Belapur are by far the most important. Both these stations serve other talukas besides the Rahuri Taluka, so that no estimate can be made of the actual imports and exports of the taluka. The figures supplied by the courtesy of the G. I. P. Railway Company are, however, useful to show the great importance of these two places as trade centres. Belapur especially shows signs of great progress. It has now passed Vambori while at the time of the lst Revision it does not appear to have been a place of any special importance.

The figures of Rahuri are of interest because the exports and imports belong entirely to the Rahuri Taluka. One may hazard a guess that the exports and imports belonging to the taluka are probably of equal bulk at Belapur and Vambori Stations. Even if we put the low valuation of Rs. 5 per maund on all articles of trade the value of the local exports by rail alone comes to over $7 \frac{1}{2}$ lakhs.' The value of the imports on the same basis comes to over 5 lakhs.

The following statement gives the actual totals of exports and imports by rail :-

| Exports from | Belapur. |  |  | - Lakh. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | '1915. | 1916. | 1217. | 1915. | 1916. | 1917. |
| Agrioultaral produco Bart, Timber, Grase and Forest Produce. Other articlea | Mds. | Mds. | Mds. | Mds. | Mds. | Mds. |
|  | $\begin{array}{r}215,147 \\ \hline 54\end{array}$ | 299,183 637 | 208,249 1,817 | 16,859 | 6,374 $\mathbf{2 9 9}$ | 7,363 $\mathbf{2 5 7}$ |
|  | 5,673 | 7,044 | 8,714 | 3,755 | 1,999 | 4,810 |
|  | 220,874 | 306,864 | 218,780 | 21,163 | 8,872 | 12,430 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 103,039 | 94,844 | 95,010 | 5,082 | 2,756 | 2,959 |
| Exports from | Rahuri. ' |  |  | Vambori. |  |  |
|  | 1015. | 1916. | 1917. | 1915. | 1916. | 1917. |
| Agricultural produoe  <br> Bark, Timher, Grass and <br> Forest Produce. $:-$ <br> Other erticleas  | Mds.$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{4 8 , 2 7 8} \\ \mathbf{3 , 0 3 1} \\ 1,667 \end{array}$ | Mds. <br> 48,053 3,593 <br> 3,050 | Mds. <br> 34,401 6,848 <br> 3,428 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mds. } \\ \mathbf{2 0 1 , 4 3 4} \\ 2,108 \\ 25,414 \end{gathered}$ | Md. <br> 244,698 959 | Mds.$120,777$$2,500$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 14,866 | 28,735 |
| -Total Imports to. | 52,976 | 54,736 | 44,677 | 231,956 | 260,523 | 152,012 |
|  |  |  |  | 1 | , | , - |
| All kinds | 39,120 | 34,879 | 30,061 | 90,798 | 80,821 | 49,370 |

There is a considerable export by the two roads to Nagar in addition,
After defraying Government dues of about two lakhs there is still a considerable balance left, which is for the most part hoarded either in the form of cash or ornaments, or goes to swell the circulating wealth of the taluka.

## Manufactures and Industries.

12. The Rahuri Taluka is almost entirely agricultural.' Appendix E shows' that even the ordinary hand-weaving of blankets and lugdis supports only a few hundred families. There are seven cotton gins situated at Vambori and Belapur. But these gins are for the most part idle. Cotton is not much grown in the taluka. The cotton from Newasa Taluka is mostly taken to Nagar' where there is a better market and facilities for pressing as well as for ginning. A press is under construction at Vambori but there seems little hope of diverting the cotton trade from Nagar.

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The absence of large industries is on the whole an advantage to the agriculturist. The rate of wages is thereby kept low.

Population.
13. The population of the Rahuri Taluka when it comprised 118 villages was as follows:-


There was a considerable fall in population between 1901 and 1911. This is the only taluka in the District which shows a decrease. The decrease is only apparent. It is explained by the fact that at the time of the 1901 census large famine works were open in Rahuri Taluka to which many outsiders were attached. There has been a steady increase since 1881.

From 1911 to the end of 1917 the number of births is 21,530 and the number of deaths $\mathbf{1 6 , 6 4 8}$. The natural increase is therefore very substantial.

The occupation of the people is chiefly agriculture. 72.6 per cent. of the whole population is engaged in agriculture.

## Health.

14. The taluka has been visited by plague epidemics in 1903, 1904, 1905, 1916 and 1917. In these five years there were 5,303 deaths from plague. This is a serious loss, but the natural increase in ordinary years is so great that nothing but a temporary set-back occurred. Cholera is rather prevalent in this taluka especially in the Pravara and Mula valleys where the villagers rely chiefly on river water for all purposes. The worst year was 1912 when 508 deaths from cholera. are recorded.

The loss from epidemics has been considerable but has been more than counterbalanced by the large natural increase in population. The people have now completely changed their view about plague and readily evacuate the villages at the first warning. Living in the fields, they are probably better able to work on their land than when at home. In time they will perhaps come to live ordinarily on their holdings rather than in the villages.

## Live and Dead Stock.

15. Appendix $D$ gives the figures of agricultural stock obtained at the census of 1916. These figures are likely to be more trustworthy than figures obtained by a census specially carried out for settlement purposes.

The figures of male cattle show 20 acres to a pair of bullocks. This figure is not unsatisfactory and compares favourably with 22 acres in Newasa, 21 acres in Shevgaon and 23 acres in Nagar. I consider that the cultivator has, at the present time, about as many plough cattle as he can feed. The cattle are now in good condition owing to a succession of good seasons. There is more garden - land in Rahuri Taluka, so the cultivator maintains a slightly larger head of plough cattle. Cattle are bought and sold freely at the markets of Mamdapur in Kopargaon and Pachegaon in Newasa. For the purchase of cattle people even go to Walki in Nagar Taluka.

At the time of the 1st Revision Settlement there was a considerable shortage of plough cattle. . The total number in 114 villages was only 14,190 which gives 31 acres to the pair of bullocks. It is clear that there has been an enormous improvement under this head. Carts have increased from 1905 to 2,902, and milch cattle and calves from 14,192 to 28,909 . Sheep and goats have also increased enormously from 27,778 to 57,541 .

All these are signs of a high degree of *agricultural prosperity.

## Water Supply.

16. Appendix $F$ gives the details of water supply in the year 1918. The following statement gives information about the wells used for irrigation at the 1st Revision Settlement:-

|  | Year. | 1 | Number of villages. | Wells used for Irrigation. |  | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Pakka. | Kacha. |  |
| 1918 | -• |  | 112 | 3,023 | 269 | 3,292 |
| 1880 | .. |  | 118 |  |  | 1,827 |

There have been some changes in the composition of the taluka, but it is clear from these figures that the number of irrigation wells has nearly doubled during the lease. This is a sign of prosperity, improved husbandry and credit. The building of wells has been greatly helped by the grant of tagai. 4 It is also the desire of every land-owner to have a well. This is a security against famine and brings him into the class of economic holders.

Thegrowth of wells is however a small thing compared with the building of the new Right and Left Bank Pravara Canals. These two canals when fully develop. ed will command the whole area North of the Pravara and the triangle between the Pravara and Mula Rivers East of a line running from Rahuri Budruk to Dhanore. The Right Bank Canal is already open.

The old Lakh Canal on the Left Bank of the Pravara is available for irrigation to a small extent. It is not in the best repair and will probably be abandoned when the Left Bank Canal is opened.

These canals will be a complete protection in the tract which is most liable to famine.

I do not propose to base any proposal for increase of the assessment on the existence of these canals. The direct benefit of the water will be paid for by the water charges. But the existence of the canals must be allowed to weigh somewhat against the drawback of erratic rainfall. At the next settlement it may be found that the canals have had a marked effect on the general prosperity of the tract. If this is the case, it will be fair to raise the rates indirectly o wing to the canals.

## Value of land.

17. Appendix G gives the details of sales of dry-crop land during the last four years. I have added in Appendix G-I sales of garden land. But I leave these sales out of consideration. The value of garden land depends so much on considerations other than those of soil. In all cases the value of garden land is so great that the assessment is almost a negligible tax.

Taking the villages at present in the first Groep, there is no doubt that Rahuri Budruk shows good results. This village is remarkable for the high value of bagait land. It is well known for its orange gardens. There is also a good chance of finding water in most parts.]
$\checkmark$
The other villages of the scattered Group I do not show any special feature from sales.

With regard to Group II there might be found considerable variations. But in whatever way we select the villages showing exceptionally high or exceptionally

- low sale values there is no particular tract which calls for notice: The value of land fluctuates with no apparent system. I would invite notice to Taharabad, a lapsed inam village. This village has at present a higher rate than the surrounding villages but its sale values are low.

Group III gives results very closely approximating to those of Group II : Group IV has unusually high sale values.. This is probably accounted for by the construction of the canal.

The average sale value for the whole taluka is 58.59 multiples of the assessment. This is a better figure than the $48 \cdot 79$ of Newasa. The adjoining Group of Nagar Taluka has a multiple of only $\mathbf{3 5} \cdot 20$. The Parner taluka with $68^{\circ} 30$ is better but not in any important degree.

Figures of sales recorded by the Superintendent at the 1st Revision Settlement show that the average sale price at the time of the 1st Revision Settlement was 25.7 times the assessment. This figure is based on sales of all kinds, many no doubt nominal and some probably of bagait land.' The sale value of land has undoubtedly increased more than 100 per cent. since then.

## Leases.

18. The attempt to collect statistics of cash leases in this taluka has not been very successful. It is the usual practice to let land on crop-share rents. TThere is always a feeling that whatever care is exercised in recording only true cash leases between a genuine landlord and a free tenant, the transaction is not a normal transaction. I used every effort to get together a respectable total ; but the result, 1,664 acres for the whole taluka, is disappointing. On such scanty data it is impossible to base any firm conclusion.

In Group I Vambori and Rahuri Budruk give returns which show that the assessment is 31 per cent. of the rent.
$\because$ Groups II and III give a better result-25 per cent. of the rent. Group IV shows a still better figure, but on such a small area I do not care to institute any comparison with the other Groups.

The figure of the whole taluka is quite satisfactory. Even if the assessment were raised throughout by 33 per cent. the assessment would still be well under 40 per cent. of the rental value. Without insisting too, much on the deductions from these rental statistics, it is. fair to conclude that they give absolutely no counter-indication to any increase in assessment which may be found reasonable on other considerations.

No comparison with the letting value of land at the time of the Ist Revision is possible as the Superintendent has lumped together leases for varying terms of years.

## Crop Experiments.

19. The following table gives the details of all crop experiments performed by Prant Officers and scrutinised by the Agricultural Department :-

| Village. | Crop. | Average per acre. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yield of |  | Talue in 1917. | Survey aesessment by lst Revigion Settlement. | Tncidence of ascese: ment on value of crops |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 'Prinoipal product. | - Bye product. |  |  |  |
| Rahuri | Wheat and safflower | Lubs. | Lhbs, | Re. 8. p- | Re. a. p. | - Por eant |
|  |  | . |  | 4099 | 1101 | ¢ 001 |
| Belspur Khurd | Wheat | - 457 |  | 24.35 | 130 | 4.90 |
| Rehori | Jowari and safflower. | -12 | 3,140 | 20211 |  | $7 \cdot 43$ |

N.B. -The above are all dry orops,

The experiments are very few in this taluka. Such as they are they show that even in the highly assessed land, the assessment is light. .

> Prices.
20. Appendix I gives the prices for 30 years from 1888. To facilitate the understanding of the general trend of prices a graph is also appended. There is a hiatusin thestatistics between 1879-80 and 1888-89. No statistics of these years are available. Inquiries of local merchants give certain figures. But I am not satisfied of their accuracy and accordingly omit figures for these years. The crops for which price statistice are recorded cover 87 per cent. of the cropped area. They are fully representative.

Prices fluctuate very much under the influence of the season and also show slow and steady movements over a series of years. Any attempt to weight the prices according to the quantity of produce available for sale appears to me to be beyond the scope of practical statistics. It is no doubt true, for instance, that in 1900 when the price of jawari was 8 sers 5 chataks per rupee, there was not nearly as much surplus produce as in 1902 when the price was 17 sers 14 chataks. It may be that in 1902 four times as much was available for sale as in 1900. The true average would then be 15 sers 9 chataks: instead of the arithmetical average of 13 sers 1 chatak. But any such calculation is mere guess-work. We are not concerned so much with the question of how much money the cultivator gets in each year as with the question of the general change in prices. It is therefore better to abandon any attempt to weight prices and to consider averages over long periods. In this way the law of probability tends to eliminate errors due to seasonable . fluctuations.

In the following table I give average prices calculated on decennial periods :-

|  | A verage price in sere per rupee. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| , | Yavari. | Bajri. | Whast. | Gram. | Sofflewer seed. |
| 1849-50 to 1858-59 | 51 | 44 | 33 | 34 |  |
| 1859-60 to 1868-69 | 29 | 23 | 16 | 16 |  |
| 1869-70 to 1878-79 | 24 | 21 | 14 | 16 |  |
| 1888-89 to 1897 | $21 \frac{3}{4}$ | 18 | 15 | 151 | 191 |
| 1898 to 1907 | $18 \frac{1}{1}$ | $16 \frac{1}{2}$ | $10 \frac{1}{8}$ | 123 | 13 \% |
| 1908 to 1917 | 15 | 131 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 98 | 114 | 101 |
| Increase per cent. last decade over last decade of previous lease | 52.69 | '55.55 | 51.35 | $42 \cdot 22$ |  |

If the figures of each of the above decades are examined year by-year it will be seen that there is one year in which prices are abnormally high owing to scarcity (see 1877, 1897, 1900, 1913). This bears out the argument that over long periods seasonal fluctuations are eliminated.

The general rise in prices in India is so well established that no further evidence need be given. In this taluka the prices at the present time are shown to have risen about 50 per cent. over those prevailing at the time of the lst Revision. This means in other words, that if a landlord was able to discharge his Government dues in 1880 by selling 15 maunds of grain, he is now able to do it by selling 10 maunds. It is not denied that his expenses for labour, manure, seed, cattle, and clothes have risen. But there is plenty of margin still left for an increase in the assessment without imposing any heavier burden than was borne in 1880.

## Wages.

21. The statistics of wages are difficult to deal with. Records are kept in the Mamlatdar's office. But little reliance can be placed on the figures. From 1888 to 1892 the rate of field labour is put at annas 4 in the three centres of Rahuri, Vambori and Kolhar. In 1893 the figures are shown as follows :-

## As.

| Rahuri | $\ddots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Vambori |  | $\ldots$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Kolhar |  | . | 6 |

The discrepancy is so great that I can only suppose the figures are wrong. After 1897 the rates fell as low as 2 annas. From 1903 onwards there has been a gradual rise to 4 annas again. While in 1916-17 the average rate at Rahuri is put at annas 8.

I made special inquiries in 14 villages in various parts of the Taluka. The rate usually found was annas 4. In one village the rate was as high as $5 \frac{1}{2}$ annas. But there is nothing to confirm the rate of annas 8 reported by the Mamlatdar.

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It is however an undoubted fact that wages have risen. The rise appears to be more marked owing to the depression which existed about 1900.

This rise in wages is generally most marked near large towns and the railway. Rahuri has no large towns and on the railway in this taluka there are no important centres. There is generally speaking no serious shortage of agricultural labour such as is found round Nagar City.

## Revenue History,

22. The area of waste land now remaining in the 109 Government villages under consideration is only 1,275 acres. At the beginning of the lease there were 14,015 acres. The land spitable for cultivation has nearly all been taken up while some land, mostly of the poorest description, has been included in forest. The disappearance of waste land has been so definite that no necessity exists for retaining the Appendix J. This absorption of waste land is a strong indication that the assessment is no undue burden.

The recovery of the land revenue was regular and easy upto the year 1899-1900. Two bad seasons caused a serious state of things which necessitated nearly complete remission of two years revenue and a succession of heavy outstandings. The arrears were reduced to moderate dimensions in 1910-11. But again in the two following years suspensions were necessary on a large scale. Thereafter all arrears were recovered. In ordinary years the revenue is recovered with the greatest ease. Coercive measures are rarely required.

Now that suspensions and remissions are brought under a simple system of rules, collection is greatly simplified. Much of the arrears in past years accumulated because rayats withheld payment on the chance of some concession.

The actual figures may be seen in Appendix K. The increase in demand in the earlier years is due to the taking up of waste land. From about 1898 to 1913 there is no change of importance. The-increase in demand in 1914-15 and 1915-16 is due to the lapse of Inam villages.

Under this head some remark about the holdings of agriculturists and nonagriculturists may be given.

The following statement gives the details for the last 5 years:--


The figures are not free from error. Up to 1915-16 pot kharab was included. In the same year agricultural labourers paying less than Rs. 5 assessment were treated as non-agriculturists. This is not in accordance with the definition in the Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act. This change explains the apparent decrease in the percentage held by agriculturists. The true percentage is undoubtedly about 90 . There is no indication that the agriculturist is being ousted by the nonagriculturist.

## Summary.

23. The preceding paragraphs together with the appendices give all the data available for forming an opinion on the present economic condition of the taluka and its bearing on the question of assessment. The rainfall of the taluka is on the whole more regular or better distributed than in the surrounding talukas.

In the South-Wंest where the country is hilly there is comparatively little risk of drought. The rainfall decreases towards the North-East. The present grouping is based on this distribution. There are more figures available at the present time but these figures do not throw any doubt on the previous conclusion. The taluka has suffered from famine on several occasions. It is perhaps owing to its situation on the railway that it is classed in the Statistical Atlas as less liable to famine than the talukas adjoining. But whatever the cause may be Rahuri has not been as hard hit as other talukas.

Rahuri is particularly well off as regards communications. The railway traverses its whole length. It has metalled roads giving access to all parts of the taluka except in the hills. Here the surplus produce is scanty so that the difficulty of cart traffic is not seriously felt.

The disposal of produce is facilitated by the great trade centres of Belapur and Vambori. Belapur has risen in importance during the lease: . This fact will be duly considered in the discussion of grouping.

Population has risen steadily during the last 4 decades. The slight set-back in 1911 is explained by the inflation of figures by temporary immigration in 1901.

The figures of agricultural stock and wells are very satisfactory. The increase noted is a certain sign of agricultural prosperity.

The value of laind is shown by the figures of sales and leases to have reached a high level. It is safe to conclude that the economic condition of the taluka has improved during the present lease. There have been years of famine, but the recuperative power of the people is shown conclusively by the present prosperous conditions.

Lastly the price of produce has risen by 50 per cent. or so all round. Expenses have risen too but the net profit of the cultivator has largely increased: The present pitch of assessment is so light that in a good year two years' revenue has been. recovered without any hardship: The introduction of a definite rule for suspen: sions and remissions has done much to relieve the cultivator from the effect of bad seasons.

T have no hesitation in proposing that the assessment should be raised all round. I now proceed to discuss in detail the groups and the increase of assessment which may be imposed.

## Groups.

24. There are at present four groups. The first group comprises four scattered villages only. All of these belong to Group II by situation but are under a higher rate for special reasons.

Group II is the largest. It embraces nearly two-thirds of the taluka. Group III is a narrow strip running along the Eastern edge of Group II. Group IV contains only 8 villages in the extreme North-East corner.

It is necessary to go into the question of this grouping at some length as there were considerable changes from the original grouping and considerable modification of the Survey Officers' proposals before the sanction of Government:

The original grouping divided the taluka into three groups of nearly equal size with dividing lines running from North-West to South-East. These groups were based purely on relative advantages of rainfall. The grouping finally approved by Government followed this general idea closely enough. But by giving due weight. to the advantages of communications and markets enjoyed by the old Group II -which ran nearly parallel to the Nagar-Manmad road raised the villages of this group to the highest group.

The old third group was sub-divided by the formation of Group IV. The Settlement Commissioner writes: "In this sinip the precariousness of the rainfall commences to be much felt, and in the 13 villages in the elbow to the North-East of the Taluka which I have proposed to form into the fourth group the precariousness becomes very marked. These last villages possess fine soil, but requiring a. good rainfall to render them productive, while good rainfalls are the exceptions rather than the rule".

I consider that the rainfall statistics now available do not give any reason to differ from the views held in 1880 .

Iam also satisfied that the existing grouping gives proper weight to the advantage of communications and markets enjoyed by the villages of the Eastern half of Group II.

I see no reason to object to the small additional rate imposed on the very prosperous village of Rahuri Budruk and on the important trade centre of Vambori.

On the other hand Rahuri Khurd has no special advantage. It is separated from Rahuri Budruk by the Mula river. It is a small place with no signs of great prosperity. Land has no great value. Its advantages are decidedly less than those of Tandulvadi which is not given the additional rate. I accordingly propose to put Rahuri Khurd in its natural place, viz., Group II.

One other village Taharabad at prèsent stands in Group I. 'It belongs naturally to Group II and has no advantage over its neighbours. At the time of the introduction of the Settlement Taharabad was an Inam village, and took a specially high rate in order to save the Inamdar from loss. There is no longer any reason to keep this village in Group I.

On the other hand, I find no mention anywhere of the special advantages of Belapur Budruk. This town is now one of the leading markets in the District. It is connected with the Station by a metalled road. It has a ferry for crossing the Pravara during the rains. The population of the joint village Belapur BudrukAinatpur has increased from 2,888 to 3,808 . Taking into consideration the general prosperity shown by sale and lease statistics, growth of population and resources, and from local observations, I propose to place the four villages of Belapur Budruk, Ainatpur, Belapur Khurd and Kesapur in Group II.

There is only one other doubtful point about the Grouping. This is the village Trimbakpur. This village is in Gropp II, but its village site is at Lakh, a village in Group III. The "Distance-from-village Scale" gives due allowance for this inconvenience. But there is no reason to suppose that Lakh has any worse rainfall than the lands of Trimbakpur. I accordingly propose to place Trimbakpur in Group III to which it properly belongs.

## Maximum Rates.

25. The following rates are at present in force:-


The introduction of these rates resulted in the considerable increase of $31 \cdot 1$ per cent. over the original rates. This increase was not wholly due to the rise in rates. The area of occupied assessed land was found to be $7 \cdot 3$ per cent. above the original area. The superintendent was of opinion that the former measurements- were very inaccurate.

It is evident from the rapid disappearance of waste land that this considerable increase in assessment was by no means burdensome.

I have shown that the condition of the taluka is at present very prosperous. The course of prices is steadily upwards. It is therefore proper to increase the assessment in such measure as will give Government a share approximately equal to that which it received at the beginning of the present lease. There has been no change in the customary share paid by a tenant to his landlord. It still remains at one-half or one-third according to the kind of land. But it is clear that. Government now- receives a very much smaller share of the produce. This is the result of the great rise in prices. There is no indication that an increase based on the rise in prices should not be imposed. Such increases have been imposed recently in several of the neighbouring talukas.

It is therefore a fairly simple matter to bring the rates of Rahuri Taluka into line with those of its neighbours.

- The four groups have rates rising by a regular gradation of 2 annas in the rupee. I propose to maintain this gradation by increasing the rates by 6 annas all round. The rates I propose, are therefore as follows:-


The rate of Group IV will be the same as that proposed for the adjoining villages of Newasa which were originally part of Rahuri Taluka and settled with this group.

Group III will have the same rate as Newasa villages for a portion of its length in the South-East. Further North it touches a 1-10-0 group. The higher rate is due to the natural increase from East to West. In the extreme North this group touches a 1-8-0 group but there is a marked falling off in the character of the rainfall about here.

Group II at 1-14-0 covers the greater part of the taluka. The higher rate here is explained by advantages of markets and by the steady improvement of the rainfall towards the West. The rates in the adjoining villages of Nagar Parner and Sangamner are 1-12-0 but I am of opinion that Rahuri.has advantages of markets and communications over Parner and Sangamner, and advantages of climate over Nagar.

In the North-West of the taluka there are 3 villages which were settled with Sangamner Taluka at 2-0-0. These villages project into the proposed 1-14-0 group. The rate of $2-0-0$ is borne with ease. Probably an increase to $2-0-0$ for Group II wrould not be excessive but I prefer to give the benefit of the doubt to the land-owner.

- The 2-0-0 Group will contain only the two important towns of Rahurị Budruk and Vambori.


## Financial effect of new rates.

26. The following table shows the effect of the proposals:-


The increase for the whole 109 Government villages is Rs. 42,204 or 25.87 per cent.

## Inam villages.

27. The three alienated villaget call for no special remark. They were settled along with, and under the same rates as the adjoining Government villages.

Kuranpur and Pimpalgaon Phunagi fall naturally in Group II and will take the same increase of 25 per cent.

Matapur is at present in Group II though its natural possession is in Group III. It appears that the grouping was not corrected when the proposals of the Superintendent for Government villages were modified. This* village naturally belongs to Group III and may now be put in its proper group.

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## Guarantee.

28. In conclusion I would submit that the guarantee of this taluka should be for 26 years so as to expire in the same year as the guarantee of the adjoining talukas of Nagar and Parner. It is much more convenient to carry out the revision of large tracts at one time. There is a further reason in the case of this taluka, to shorten the period of guarantee in that the existing lease expired in 1908-09 and was extended by special order.

It is also for consideration whether this occasion should not be taken to extend the guarantee of the three villages Songaon, Satral and Dhanore so as to expire in the same year as the rest of the taluka.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
J. H. GARRETT,

Assistant Settlement Officer, Rahuri,
Shrigonda and Newasa Talukas,
Ahmednagar District.

APPENDIX A.
Rainfall recorded at Rahuri, District Ahmednagar.


Rainfall recorded at Malunja Budruk, taluka Rahuri.


Rainfall recorded at Deolali Pravra, district Ahmednagar.


Rainfall recorded at Songaon, taluka Rahuri.

| 1013 | : | .. | 6.46 | 32 | 11.62 | 16 | -01 | 0 |  |  | 22.00 | 87 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1014 | $\cdots$ | .. | 0.88 | 2 | 15.94 | 15 | 9.20 | 18 | 0.68 | 2 | 26.79 | 31 |  |
| 2015 | 0.36 | 2 | $1 \cdot 08$ | 2 | $20 \cdot 30$ | 16 | 15.48 | 17 | 2.09 | $1$ | 89.20 | 98 |  |
| 1016 | \%. | .. | 1.81 | 3 | 17.97 | 19 | 7.45 | 11 | 6. 31 | 6 | 38.54 | 88 |  |
| 1017 | 0.62 | .. | 0.76 | 8 | 6.67 | 10 | 12.03 | 15 | 0.07 | 2 | 21:05 | 80 |  |
| total | 0.08 | 2 | 10.97 | 22 | 72. 50 | 76 | $48 \cdot 26$ | 64 | 10.05 | 11 | 148.70 | 176 |  |
| Average | 0.20 |  | - $2 \cdot \mathrm{~T} 9$ -1 | 4 | 14.50 | 15 |  | 18 | 2.01 | 2 | 28.55 | 85. |  |

Rainfall recorded at Belapur, taluka Rahuri.

| Year. | Elarly rain (Ist January to 10 th April). |  | Antemonsion (11th April to ith June). |  | Monsoon Kharif (5th June to 14 th August). |  | Monsoon 12abi (15th August to 2list October). |  | Iste ralnt (22nd October to 31st December). |  | Total. |  | Ramackl |
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|  | Fall. | Ralny days. | Pall. | Ralny days. | Fall: | Ralny days. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Ralny days. | Fall. | Ralay day. |  |
| 1914191510161017 | Ins. | No. | Ins. | No. | Ins. | No. | Ins | Ko. | Ino. | No. | Ins. | No. |  |
|  | . | $\cdots$ | $0 \cdot 27$ | 2 | 11.79 | 16 | 4.98 | 10 | 1.01 | 4 | 18.05 | 82 |  |
|  | 0.68 | 1 | 2. 75 | 8 | 9. 23 | 13 | $0 \cdot 86$ | 12 | 2.00 | 18 | $24 \cdot 47$ | 32 | - |
|  | 0.40 | 1 | 1.60 | 4 | 15.69 | 20 | 9.04 | 17 | 6.50 | 8 | +33. 28 | 56 |  |
|  | $0 \cdot 09$ |  | . 0.07 | $\cdots$ | 4. 67 | 7 | 15.65 | $\underline{2}$ | 1164 | 4 | 21.82 | 83 |  |
| Total | $2 \cdot 12$ | 2 | 4.89 | 9 | 41:28 | 62 | 39-43 | 61 | 11. 15 | 10 | 197.67 | 158 |  |
| Average | 0. 28 | 1 | 1.17 | 2 | 10.32 | 15 | $9 \cdot 86$ | 15 | 2.79 | 5 | 24.42 | 38 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## 'Remarks as to the character of scason during 1906-17 for Shrigonda, Rahuri and Newasa talukus, district Ahmednagar.

1906.-Hain during the year slightly above the averape at Shrigonda; elsewhere below it. Antemonsoon rain was absont. The ugual sowing rain came carly in June and kharlf sowing was started everywhere and was completed in July under sufficlont rain. The
iall in August was nuich above he average and the kharif crope promised well. But the September rain was defcieat affectiog the standing crops. Rabl sowing was proceeded with. October rain did not inforove the proapects as the fall was meagre. Further rabi soning was checked. November fall was partial. Slight rala in Decomber helped but little. Season oa the wholo wat fair for kharif and poor for rabi.
1907.-Total fall of the year was in defect of the average. Antomonsoon rain was generally good. Monsoon opencd in the third weok of rasonsble and klianif sowing was completed. Augast fall was generally in places oniy. in July the ralnfall was sufhcient and The fall in september was nuch in defect of the usual quantity and was received in the lant week which partially relleved the atanding crops and rabi sowing wascommenced. October had only light rain in the beginning and thexe was no rain sabsequently. Thus rabi sowing was retarded. Standing crops suffered for want of rain. Rabl crops required moro rain which eaficred in
1208.-Anmual rain below the average. There was no rain in the Anternossoon period. Monsonn get in the serond week of Juns, but the chort of the average and general kharif bowing was retarded. The fall in Angust was again defcient and the crops was far germinated began to wither. Good seasonable ratin wae recived in saptember and reltoved the situation to some extent. It
 crops required more moisture for the development. Season on the whole very poor for kharif and poor to falt for rabl
1009.-The total fall of the year sijightly above the average at Bhrigonda and below it elsewhere. Fairly good antemonson rain was unefut for the preparation of land. The usual gowing raln began early in June and affording suffictent molsture kharff sowing commonnced overywhere and completed in Jnly though the fall in that month was below the average. Angust raln was benoficial and all crops fared wcll. The fall to September exceeded the average except at Newasa and was beneticlal to the tharif cropa. Rabl
 of molsture. Season on the whole was fairly good for kharif and poor to fair for rabl.
1910.-Rain during the year much above the usual quantity, Antemonooon ratn practically absent. Regular monsoon commenced in ne second week of June and the fall being auficient kharif sowing started everywhare. In July hit rain in the frrst weak was last week. Fall in A ogust was good but the heavy raln at the end of month and in saptember were fayourtd with rain in the turning them yellow in places. Gisse-hoppers did serlous damage to crops in Rahuri. Rabl powing was retarded for want of a break which was taken up in October. Heneficial rain fell in November for rablacops the prospects of which were very bright Doccmber was rainloss but a severe frost lato in the scason damaged the rabi crops to a great extopt. Beason on tho whole was

1911,-Annusl rain much in defect of the average. Fairly good antemonsoon ratn. Moneoon burst esily in June but the fall being nadequate gencral kharif sowing was retarded which was proceeded with in July when the fall was sumplent, Raln in August an inch agninit 4 to 6 inches of the everage. This had a bad effect on the standing crope which withered in places. Rabi sowing pas relardid. Octobrr rain did not mprove the stuation as the fall was meagre. Babl sowing was done in placoe in antict pation of rain. Sain In November was recelved in the last weck faclitating the wheat sowing. Some people tried to sow jowari
also though fit ecason was over. No rain in December though it was badly needed for the mbi arops, Saason on the whole was almost a fallure for sharif crops and very poor for rabit crops, except in Newasa where it was falr. In the Collector's opinion the year was disastrous
1912--The year's total fall was largely below the average. Light, partlal fall In. antemonsoon period. Monsoon started at ond of second. to continue the kharif sowings but more rain was wanted for their completion Angust fall way deficlent nud the seediling where germinated began to withier for want of sufficlent moisture. The fall in september did not improve mntters as the month's raln was very light. Kharif crops withered and rabl sowing was retarded in consequence. In October some rain fell but it was "extradinary partial Rabi sowing was commenced in places but for it more rain was stil required. In the tilird weak of November some benefictal rain was received and sowing of wheat and other crops was resumed. There was practically no raln
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fanine of grain, fodder and water following a year of severe scarcity.":
1018.-Rain during the year much in defect of the average especially at Newara. Falry qood raln in antemonsoon period. Monsoon ppened carly in June and the fall belng sufficient and general kharif sowing was started everywhere and completed in July under lavourable rain. The fall in August though deficient was uselul and the copos did well. Rain in September was belown regatiomat undertaken in favourable altuations only. There was no rain in November but December gave only light rala uafol for rabl. Season on the whole iolr.
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Details of oultivation and crops in the 112 Goor

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villages of the Rahuri taluka of the Ahmednagar Collectorate.


## APPENDIX B－I．

Showing area（in acres）irrigated from different sources of irrigation and averaige of crops grovon under them in 112 Government villages in Rahuri taluka of Ahmednagar district from 1912－13 ta 1916－17．

|  | Area intgated trom |  |  |  |  |  | Cropping of irrigited area． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2512－13 <br> 1013－14 <br> 191415 <br> $.1915-16$ $1018-17$ | Acres． <br> 8，678 <br> 8，165 <br> 4，026 <br> 8，205 <br> 080 | ： | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Aares. } \\ 11,860 \\ 0,809 \\ 4,072 \\ 2,820 \\ 8,516 \end{array}$ |  |  | $\triangle$ Acras． <br> 20，638 <br> 10，064 <br> 8，098 <br> 6，125 <br> 4，480 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Acrea. } \\ & \text { ' } \mathbf{4}, 820 \\ & 8,228 \\ & \mathbf{1 , 5 8 6} \\ & 1,791 \\ & 1,898 \end{aligned}$ | 1 <br> 1 <br> $\cdots$ <br>  <br> $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Acres } \\ 18,675 \\ 4,772 \\ 4,340 \\ 1,848 \\ 4,910 \end{array}$ | Acres． 349 310 452 511 669 | Aosen <br> 1，187 <br> 868 <br> 800 <br> 028 <br> 1，836 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Acrea } \\ 876 \\ \hline 817 \\ 1,088 \\ 707 \\ 521 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Acres. } \\ 1,287 \\ 628 \\ 878 \\ 281 \\ 280 \end{array}$ | Acres 21,504 10,487 8,880 0,125 4,600 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Acrea } \\ 1,061 \\ 888 \\ 288 \\ \because \\ 118 \end{gathered}$ | Acres． <br> 20，58s <br> 10，04 <br> 8，008 <br> $0 ; 125$ <br> 4，496 |
| Avarage | 4，008 | ．． | B，855 | －• | $\cdots$ | 0，808 | 2，454 | 1 | b， 047 | 460 | 081 | 708 | 560 | 10，217 ${ }^{\text {－}}$ | 854 | 0，808 |
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Details of population according to occupation as per the Imperial Census of 1911
for the taluka Rahuri，district Ahmednagar．

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| Thenants and sub－sharers． | Other Land－ holdere． | Labourera． | Tota |  |  |  |
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| 35，936 | 756 | 19，826 | 66，518 | 21，309 | ． | ， |

APPENDIX $D$ ．
Agricultural Stock of the 112 Government erllages in the Rahuri taluka during the year 1916.


## APPENDIX E .

Shops, industries, etc., in the 112 Government villages of the Rahuri taluka.

[FORM V. F. 16].
Wells, Bhudkis, Tanks and other Sources of Water supply in the 112 Government villages of the Rahuri taluka, Ahmednagar district, for the year 1917-18.

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APPENDIX G.
Selling value of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Rahuri taluka.

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APPENDIX G-continued.

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\end{tabular} \& Name of village. \& \begin{tabular}{l}
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\end{tabular} \& Assesement.
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5. \& No. of times the assessment represented by the price.
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\] \& Remarken

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\hline \& Group No. IV. \& A. go \& Re. a. p. \& Rs. \& \& <br>
\hline 102 \& Bherdapur .. .. \& 765 \& 5780 \& 5,290 \& 92.00 \& <br>
\hline 103 \& Karegaon ... .. \& 11622 \& 7650 \& 5,710 \& $74 \cdot 82$ \& <br>
\hline 105 \& Malunjo Badruk .. . .- \& 2125 \& 1940 \& 1,399 \& $72 \cdot 67$ \& <br>
\hline 106 \& Manji $\quad$ - \& $\begin{array}{ll}34 & 21 \\ 33\end{array}$ \& 25150 \& 3,085 \& 118.92 \& <br>
\hline 107 \& Shanvadgaon .. .. \& $\begin{array}{r}33 \\ 7 \\ 78 \\ \hline 8\end{array}$ \& 22480 \& 1,648 \& 74.06
140.00 \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{109} \& $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Tilapur } \\ \text { Vanjulpai } & \cdots & . . \\ \end{array}$ \& 7126
5216 \& $\begin{array}{rrrr}5 & 0 & 0 \\ 40 & 3 & 0\end{array}$ \& 700
2,200 \& $140 \cdot 00$
54.74 \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Total
Grand total} \& $342 \quad 13$ \& 246.70 \& 20,032 \& 81-29 \& <br>
\hline \& \& 3,709 26 \& 2,542 0 \& 1,48,926 \& 58.50 \& <br>
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Average per acre
alienated villagen.} \& \& 0110 \& 4024 \& $\ldots$ \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} <br>
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 110 \& Kuranpur \& 214 \& 340 \& . 200 \& 61-53 \& <br>
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\end{tabular}

## APPENDIX $\mathrm{G}^{1}$.

Selling value of garden lands in the villages of the Rahuri Taluka.

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\end{tabular} \& Name of village. \& Area of
land sold. \& Assessment.
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\hline \& Group No. 1. \& \& Re: a. p. \& Re. a p. \& - \& <br>
\hline 1 \& Rahuri Budruk \& 218 \& 33134 \& 4,200 00 \& 124.14 \& <br>
\hline \& Group No. II. \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 4 \& Amalner ... .. \& 937 \& 5120 \& \& 52.17 \& <br>
\hline 5 \& Ambi - $\because \cdot$. \& 611 \& 8100 \& 60000 \& 69.56 \& <br>
\hline 7 \& Babhleshwar Budruk \& 212 \& 190 \& 2000 \& 128.00 \& <br>

\hline 11 \& Belapur Budruk .. \& | 4 | 38 |
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| 10 |  | \& 740 \& 800

300 \& 110.34 \& <br>
\hline 14 \& Chandegran .. -.. \& 1610 \& 27120 \& 3,75000 \& 126.12 \& <br>
\hline 18 \& Chinchrihiro.. .. \& 88 \& 10.0 \& 90000 \& 90.00 \& <br>
\hline 22 \& Deolali ${ }^{\text {a }}$. \& $\begin{array}{ll}9 & 19 \\ 5 & 19\end{array}$ \& 1326 \& 8480 \& 64.45 \& <br>
\hline 23 \& Deswandi ${ }_{\text {Dhamori Budruk }}$ \& 5119
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29 \& Dhamori Budruk
Ganegaon
.. \& $\begin{array}{lr}4 & 29 \\ 23 & 17\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{rrr}6 & 0 \\ 250 \\ & 6 & 0\end{array}$ \& 400
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\hline 30 \& Gangapur $\quad \because \quad$ \#, \& 326 \& 430 \& 1,500 00 \& 119.40 \& <br>
\hline 31 \& Gahu .. .. \& 1510 \& 19140 \& 1,118 00 \& 56.31 \& <br>
\hline 38 \& Kangar Budruk \& 12.18 \& 1300 \& 1,500 00 \& $115 \cdot 38$ \& <br>
\hline 40 \& Kөяapur . ${ }_{\text {¢ }}$ \& 608 \& 4274 \& 4,676 00 \& 84.46 \& <br>
\hline 42 \& Khadambe Khurd \& 138 \& 1109 \& 2750 \& $164 \cdot 54$ \& <br>
\hline 43 \& Khalainde $\quad \therefore$ \& 028 \& 0130 \& 8600 \& $117 \cdot 38$ \& <br>
\hline 48 \& Kondwed .. \& 48 \& - 5128 \& 49000 \& $86 \cdot 16$ \& <br>
\hline 48 \& Kolhar Khurd ... \& 1819 \& 18120 \& 1,300 0 0 \& 65.82 \& <br>
\hline 52 \& Nimbhere -. \& $1{ }^{6}$ \& $-1313$ \& 200 0 \& 237.03 \& <br>
\hline 56 \& Rahuri Khurd \& - 435 \& 320 \& 1,000 00 \& $320 \cdot 00$ \& <br>
\hline 58 \& Sade . . \& \& 460 \& 34900 \& 80.35 \& <br>
\hline 60 \& Silegaon ${ }^{\text {* }}$. \& 12 \& 0120 \& 5000 \& 66.66 \& <br>
\hline 64 \& Tambhere .. \& 111 \& 1140 \& 2000 \& 108.66 \& <br>

\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{| Total |
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| Group No. IIII. |} \& 21104 \& 23813 \& 21,571 00 \& 90-60 \& <br>

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\hline 75 \& Brahmangaon Baxdh \& 725 \& 000 \& 95100 \& $95 \cdot 10$ \& <br>
\hline 81 \& Daimabad .. .. \& 11.1 \& 9120 \& 75000 \& 76.92 \& <br>
\hline 82 \& Jatap .* .. \& $25 \quad 35$ \& 3360 \& $875{ }^{\circ} 0$ \& 37.44 \& <br>
\hline 84 \& -Karajgaon .. \& 223 \& -40 \& 25000 \& 58.88 \& <br>
\hline 85 \& Katrad . $\quad .$. \& 225 \& 400 \& 30000 \& 75.00 \& <br>
\hline 88 \& Khudsargaon \& 111 \& 150 \& 25000 \& $100 \cdot 47$ \& <br>
\hline 89 \& Ladgaon . \& 3.28 \& 280 \& 1750 \& 70.00 \& <br>
\hline 95 \& Padhegann .. \& 112 \& 1500 \& 83800 \& 56.26 \& <br>
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108} \& Umbargaon .. \& 432 \& $\cdots 80$ \& 40000 \& 50.00 \& <br>
\hline \& Valadgaon .. \& 926 \& 10150 \& 1,225 00 \& 112.00 \& <br>
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S} \& 8008 \& 8920 \& 6,01500 \& 67-49 \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 105 \& Bherdapur .. . \& 284 \& 18880 \& 1,449 000 \& 83.78 \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{5}{*}{108} \& $\underset{\text { Karegaon }}{\text { Molunje Budruk }}$ \& $\begin{array}{ll}17 & 25 \\ 20 & 27\end{array}$ \& 14.90 \& 1,855 00 \& $128 \cdot 75$ \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& Total \& 6816 \& 5470 \& $5,823 \bigcirc 0$ \& 108.57 \& <br>
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Grand total} \& 37836 \& 41577 \& 37,709 00 \& 90.76 \& <br>
\hline \& \& . \& 117 \& 9614 \& .... \& <br>
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## APPENDIX $\mathbb{H}$.

Leases of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Rahuri Taluka.


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## APPENDIX $\mathrm{H}^{1}$.

Leases of Garden lands in the villages of the Rahuri taluka.


APPENDIX I.
Prices prevalent in the Rahuri taluka from 1888-89 to 191\%.
(As plotted in the accompanying Diagram.)


## APPENDIX K.

Collection of assessment on Government land in the 12 Government villages of the Rahuri Taluka of the Ahmednagar District.


## APPENDIX L.


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Fovernment occupied land.


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J. H. GARRETT,

Assistant Settlement Officer.

APPENDIX M.
Population and area of Government unoccupied land in the Taluka Rahuri.


APPENDIX M-concluded.


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From

> C. A. BEYTS, Esquire, O.B.E., I. C.S., Collector of Ahmednagar ;

To

> THE COMMISSIONER, Central Division, Poona.

Ahmednagar, 23rd June 1919.
Bir,
I have the honour to forward herewith second revision settlement report of Rahuri taluka and to state that I concur in Mr. Garrett's recommendation which was made in consultation with me.
2. Rahuri taluka as a whole has not been the most stricken by famine in the district. There has been great activity in the digging of wells and about 100 have been constructed with the aid of tagai alone. But there in no doubt that except in the case of irrigated lands which comprise only a portion of a few villages the famine has thrown an exceptional strain on the people. This is particularly true of the hilly tracts. The jirait "anawari" was under 2 annas in 95 villages and 2 and 4 annas in 15. There were 3 villages between 4 and 6 annas and 3 villages with more than 6 anna crops.

Accordingly I recommend postponement of the introduction of the enhanced assessment for at least one year.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,
> C. W. A. TURNER, for Collector of Ahmednagar.

Through:-
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Liand Records, Poona.

# Below letter No. Land-11-1917 of 23rd June 1919 from the Collector of Ahmednagar. 

No. S. T.-227.
Poona, 29th October 1919.
Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, Central Division.
2. The statement required by Government Order No. 1601 dated 11th -Febriary 1916, Revenue Department, is appended.
3. The facts enumerated by Mr. Garrett show a great increase in prosperity, and justify a considerable enhancement of the rates. In Newasa the stationary position as regards plough-cattle appeared at first sight an anomaly amongst the many signs of prosperity ; but here there has apparently been a huge increase during the currency of the settlement. Mr. Garrett is very probably correct in considering that the cultivator has now about as many cattle as he can feed, there being 20 cropped acres to a pair of bullocks; for the taluka grows a fair amount of wheat and cotton, viz., 12.36 per cent. of the cropped area.
4. The changes in grouping are, I think, justified. Vambori which is raised to group I is an important market with excellent communications which have been considerably improved since last settlement. The reasons given for raising Belapur Budruk and three neighbouring villages to group II are also adequate.

The proposal regarding Trimbakpur-which is to transfer it from group II to group III-savours rather of tinkering; but since the change has been proposed I think it may be approved. The village is on the margin of the two groups; and since its site is at Lakh it forms to all intents and purposes part of Lakh village, and may most appropriately be grouped with that village.
5. As regards the rates, the total increase proposed is less than for Newasa, being 25.87 per cent. as compared with 30.93 for the Government villages. The sale and lease statistics are not less favourable for Rahuri than for Newasa; but that the increase should be somewhat less here may be regarded as consonant with the more moderate average increase in prices here ( 50 per cent. as against 68 per cent.) and with the greater development of cotton cultivation in Newasa, that crop being presumably more profitable than the supplanted crops. An increase of 25.87 per cent. seems both safe and sufficient, and is bigher than that approved by Government for Parner.
6. Groups III and IV correspond with and bear the same rate as groups of Newasa, and the increase proposed for them is the same in both talukas. The smaller total percentage increase in Rahuri results from the fact that in both talukas the rates of all groups are proposed to be incieased by six annas, and as the existing rates of groups I and II of Rahuri are higher than those of any other groups in the two talukas, it inevitably follows that the percentage increases in them are least of all. Whether this is justifiable requires examination. The following statistics compiled from the figures given in the report and its appendices do not indicate that group II requires more lenient treatment than group III; but rather the contrary:-


[^16]I have therefore been much inclined to propose rates of Rs. 2-1-0 and Re. 1-15-0 for groups I and II respectively.
7. But the total increase for the taluka would thereby become higher; and that I do not like. Moreover, group II is a big one and will be almost entirely surrounded by groups rated lower than itself, the result being that there is a considerable number of villages in it, lying along its limits, which would be apt to suffer unless a cautious rate is adopted. On the north and west rates of Re. 1-8-0 and Re. 1-12-0 were sanctioned in 1905 but it was not found advisable to levy them till 1914-15 (G. O. No. 183 of 8th January 1912, R. D.)

On the other hand, part of a Rs. 2 group penetrates group II from Sangamner taluka and the rainfall in Rahuri is heavier than Sangamner and it has got a railway. But Mr. Garrett points out that a light rainfall suits the light soils of Sangamner but would not be enough for the better soils of Rahuri. "Undoubtedly," he "adds, "Sangamner suffers less than Rahuri from the irregularity of the rainfall."

In these circumstances I think it will be the safer plan to accept the proposed rate of Re. 1-14-0, which is certainly a cautious one.
8. Whe proposals for the inam villages may be accepted.
9. As the taluka has suffered less in 1918-19 than Newasa or Shrigonda the rates may, I advise, be introduced from 1919-20 and levied from 1920-21.
10. I think the guarantee of Songoan, Satral and Dhanore should be extended so as to expire in the same year as that of the rest of the taluka.
A. MACKIE,

Acting Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

- Statement showing increases proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer.

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20 \& $\begin{array}{rrr}1 & 8 & 0 \\ 1 & 6 & 0\end{array}$ \& ) 1120 \& $\left\{\begin{array}{l}16 \cdot 66 \\ 27 \cdot 27\end{array}\right.$ \& 29 <br>
\hline IV \& 8 \& 140 \& 1100 \& $30 \cdot 00$ \& 49 <br>
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A. MACKIE,

Acting Settlement Commissioner - and Director of Land Records.

# The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Revenue Department. 

Poona, 19th December 1919.

Sir,
I have the honour to forward papers connected with the second revision settlement on the talukas of Shrigonda, Nevasa, and Rahuri in the Ahmednagar Collectorate. The reports have been drawn up by Mr. Garrett and are, as usual with Mr. Garrett's work, interesting and sound. I agree with most of Mr. Garrett's proposals, except in one particular which I shall specify directly. Support is also given by the Collector, and the Settlement Commissioner. These reports remained in the Collector's office for ten months-apparently because Mr. Beyts thought it useless to submit them during famine. This delay was contrary to the orders of Government and was not justified. In the Settlement Commissioner's remarks a curious feature is his criticism regarding the number of plough cattle per acre. When Mr. Garrett wrote, his observations on this point were useful, but Mr. Mackie deals with it after a very considerable destruction of cattle in the famine; and yet completely ignores this well known fact. The loss of plough cattle in the Ahmednagar district as a whole was 27 per cent.
2. Shrigonda.-There are now three groups rated at 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4. Mr. Garrett keeps the first two groups as they are and raises their rates to 1-9 and 1-6. He divides the present third group into two which he proposes to raise to 1-5 and 1-2. This arrangement leaves thirteen villages of the present third group unchanged. I am inclined to support this for the reasons given by Mr. Garrett; but I do not think it is necessary to have two adjoining groups at 1-6 and 1-5, and I propose amalgamation of these two at 1-6. Seeing that the average classification is about 8 annas in the rupee a difference in the maximum rate of 1 anna is quite inappreciable.

The total increase in Shrigonda amounts to less than 16 per cent. Bearing in mind the rise of prices this means a very much smaller burden than was imposed by the present rates thirty years ago. If Government accept it it means an undoubted sacrifice of revenue The taluka is however situated in what is probably the most famine-stricken track of the Presidency; and for this reason I think that leniency is wise?
3. . Rahuri.-Rahuri is supposed to suffer less from famine than Shrigonda, and probably this is a correct appreciation of the fact. Accordingly Mr. Garrett's proposals provide a percentage increase of nearly 26. This again is very moderate. Mr. Garrett has a few little changes to make. He reduces two of the villages now in the first group to the second group. He also puts four villages, viz., Belapur Budruk, Belapur Khurd, Ainatpur, and Kesapur, from the third group to the second; and one village (Trimbakpur) from the second to the third. These proposals appear to be correct, and may be approved.

As regards the rates, Mr. Garrett adds 6 annas to each group, stating that he maintains the present gradation. Strictly speaking to add 6 annas all round is. to raise the last group by a greater proportion than the highest ; but the difference: is trifling and may be ignored.
4. Nevasa.-Here the grouping is left alone without any change at all, the rates being raised by 6 annas in each group in the same way as at Rahuri. But inasmuch as the present rates are lower than in Rahuri the 6 annas increase produces a total enhancement of nearly 31 per cent. It might seem hardly fair to increase Nevasa by a greater percentage than Rahuri ; but the increase still leaves rates lower. And in addition to the reasons given by the Settlement Officer we must remember that communications in Nevasa are likely; before many years have passed, to be considerably improved by the construction of the Belapur-Shevgaon Railway. The taluka will also benefit from the Pravara Canal.
5. There are four Inam villages in Shrigonda, three in Rahuri, and no. leas than 26 in Nevasa, dealt with in these reports. I think Mr. Garrett's proposals

[^17]are judicious and may be approved. His suggestion that the old bagait rates in Nevasa should be kept unchanged is of course opposed to settlement principles, but as we make special efforts to avoid loss of revenue to Inamdars this smali inconsistency cạn be overlooked.
6. There is some difference of opinion as to the year in which the new rates should "be introduced and the duration of the settlement. Mr. Garrett would like the setilement to be for 26 years expiring in 1945-46, so that these talukas and the talukas of Nagar; Parner and Shevgaon can then be dealt with together. Mr. Mackie prefers the usual 30 years, but he would not levy the enhanced rates till 1921-22 in the case of Shrigonda and Nevasa. For Rahuri he would levy the increase at once on the ground that it has suffered less from the famine than Nevasa or Shrigonda. I do not think this discrimination can be fairly made. Whether the usual 30 years should be accepted or not is for Government to decide. I myself prefer Mr. Garrett's proposal, and think that we can fairly make the settlement period slightly shorter as our enhancements are so extremely moderate. I see no sufficient reason why the enhanced rates of the new settlement should not be taken at once. It is true that these talukas suffered severely last year, but the relief given by sacrificing revenue in the way the Settlement Commissioner suggests would really have very little effect upon the cultivators. Very. much more relief would be given without sacrificing Government revenue by some slight postponement of the demand on account of takavi repayment. These talukas now owe Government on account of takavi Rs. 2,39,700, Rs. 3,82,150 and Rs. 2,56,200 respectively; and the payment of instalments really is a somewhat serious matter to a man who is recovering from such a disaster as that of last year.
7. There are three villages in the Rahuri taluka, viz., Songaon, Satral, and Dhanore, which were settled with the Sangamner taluka with the maximum rate of Rs. 2. Their period will expire in 1935-36. Their case, I think, may be considered when they are due for revision. It may probably be advisable to extend them so as to bring them into line with the rest of the taluka. But this matter may be considered when it arises.

I have the honour to be,
'Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
C. N. SEDDDON,

Commissioner, C. D.

Revenue Survey and Assessment.
Revision settlement of the Nevása, Ráhuri and the Shrigonda tálukas of the Ahmednagar district.

## GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY.

## Revenue Departaent.

Resolution No. 2156.

Bombay Castle, 19th July 1920.
Letter from the Commissioner, $\dot{\text { C. }}$ D., No. 2610-446-A. dated 19th December 1919Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified below containing proposals for the second revision settlement of the Newása, Ráhuri and Shrigonda tálukas of the Ahmednagar district :-

Letter from Mr: J. H. Garrett, I.C.S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Ahmednagar, dated 30th August 1918, relating to the second revision settlement of the Novasa toluka, with accompaniments.

Letter from the Collector of Ahmednagar No. Land-111-1917 dated 23rd Iune 1919.
Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S.T.-172 dated 29th October 1918.

Letter from Mr. J. H. Garrett, I.C.S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Ahmednagar, dated 30th Augast 1918, relatitg to the second revision settlement of the Rahuri taluka, with accompaniments.

Letter from the Collector of Ahmednagar No. Land-111-1917 dated. 23rd June 1919.
Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S.T.-227 dated 29th October 1919.

Latter from Mr. J. H. Garnett, I.C.S., Assistent Settlgment Officer, Ahmednagar, dated 30th August 1918, relating to the second revision settlement of the Shrigonda táluka, with accompaniments.

Letter from the Collector of Abmednagar No. Land-111-1917 dated 23rd June 1919.
Mamjrandum from the Settlement Commisaioner and Direotor of Land Records No. S.T.-223 dated 30th Ootoher 1919.
Letter from the Superintendent of Land Records, C. D., No. S.L.T. dated 1st April 1920 :-
"I have the honour to report that Mr. Garrett has submitted proposals for the second revision settlement of villages (both Government and inám) in Newása táluka of the Nagar district and that they are now before Government. A list showing the indm villages in the Newásà táluka to be included in his report was sent to him by this office. The inám village Newása budruk was omitted from the list as the village is due for revision survey, and measurement and classification operations on partial system will have to be carried out. From a reference received recently from the Collector, Ahmednagar, I gather that the inśm village Newasa budruk has been included by the Assistant Settlement Officer in his second revision settlement report on the táluka. This was probably due to some oversight. The original survey was introduced in the village in 1885-86 and guaranteed up to 1911-12. The measurement and classification, being done many years ago, require a thorough revision. (Vide Government Order, Revenue Department, No. 2653 dated 3rd March 1917). I therefore request that the village may kindly be omitted from the revision settlement report of the Newása táluka submitted by Mr. Garrett."

Memorandum from the Commissioner, C. D., No. 2610-446-A.-1919 dated 13th April 1920 :-
"Submitted to Government in the Revenue Department in continuation of this office No. 2610-446-A.-1919 dated 19th December 1919."

Resolution:-These papers contain proposals for the second revision settlement of the Newása, Ráhuri and Shrigonda tálukas of the Ahmednagar district.
2. The Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals for grouping and rating are approved, subject to the following modifications:-
(i) Proposed groups II and III of the Shrigonda táluka should be amalgamated as recommended by the Commissioner, C. D., and a rate of Rs. 1-6-0 per acre should be levied on the amalgamated group.
(ii) In the Newisa táluka, the village of Punatgaon should be transferred from the third to the second group as proposed by the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Lrand Records.
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The appended statement shows the rates as sanctioned by Government.
3. The Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals for inam villages, which are supported by the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records and the Commissioner, C. D., are sanctioned subject to the modification that in consequence of the amalgamation of proposed groups II and III of the Shrigonda taluka with a rate of Rs. 1-6-0 per acre, the rate for the inam village of Shirasgaon Bodka should also be Rs. 1-6-0. The village of Newása budruk in the Newása'táluka should be omitted from consideration in the present proposals as suggested by the Superintendent of Land Records, C. D., in his letter No. S.L.T. dated 1st April 1920.
4. The revised rates should be introduced during the current year 1919-20, and levied from the year 1920-21. As regards the duration of the settlement Government agree with the Commissioner, C. D., and the Assistant Settlement Officer that the settlement should be guaranteed for a period of 26 years expiring in.1945-46, so that these tálukas and the tsllukas of Nagar, Párner and Shevgaon can then be dealt with together.
5. Government concur in the remark made by the Commissioner, C. D., in the last sentence of paragraph 7 of his memorandum No. 2010-446-A. dated 19th December 1919.
6. The petitions of objections do not disclose any ground which would lead Government to modify the orders now passed.

H. F. BALL,<br>Under Secretary to Government.

To
The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Collector of Ahmednagar (with the petitions of objections),
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

Statement referred to in paragraph 2 of Government Resolution No. 2156 dated 19th July 1920.


INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE SECOND REVISION SETTLEMENT OF THE NEWASA TALUKA OF TH゙E AHMEDNAGAR DISTRICT.


## From

J. H. GARRETT, Esq., I.C.S.,

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Assistant Settlement Officer, Ahmednagar ;
To
The COLLECTOR or.AHMEDNAGAR.

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\text { Ahmednagar, 30th August } 1918 .
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Sir,
I have the honour to submit my report on the Second Revision Settlement of the Nevása Taluka of the Ahmednagar District.
2. The taluka now consists of 114 Government and 26 alienated villages.

Ten Government villages and 3 alienated villages * in the east of the táluka were transferred to the Shevgaon Táluka in 1912-13. To balance this 5 Government villages $\dagger$ on the left bank of the Pravara River, which formerly belonged to Ráhuri Táluka were added to the táluka in the same year.
3. The First Revision Settlement of the Government villages was effected in the years and under the authority given below:-


Nows.-Owing to some confusion between the village Vadule, Vadala Mahadev and Vadala Bahirobs, the lastnamed village was omitted at the time of the first revision. The number of villagea then dealt with was 118 only. However the mistake appears to have been detected at the time of preparation of the akarbands as the notification printed on pages 182 and 183, Bombay Government Gasette, dsted 12th March 1884, apamerates 119 villages whigh the taluks then comprised.

## General Features.

4. The taluka is compact in shape. It is bounded on the north by the river Godavari which separates it from the Hyderabad State. One village, Bhamthan, belonging to the State is on the south side of the Godavari and forms an inconvenient re-entrant. There is one village, Malunje Budruk, which lies about 10 miles from the British border in the midst of the territory of $H$. E. H. the Nizam. The Kopargaon and Ráhuri Tálukas adjoin the táluka on the west, Ahmednagar Taluka on the south and Shevgaon Táluka on the east. Except for a short distance where the Pravara and Mula Rivers flow along the western boundary there are no natural features to mark the boundaries on the three sides.

The táluka is almost entirely without hills. It consists of an undulating plain with a general fall of about 300 feet from the Ahmednagar boundary in the south to the Godavari in the north. The bed of the Godavari where it is joined by the Pravara is only 1,550 feet above. sea level.

The táluka is drained by streams which all flow into the Godavari or its tributaries.

The beds of the Godavari, Pravara and Mula are very much below the level of the adjoining country and are not used for irrigation. The smaller streams in ordinary years flow only for a few months and are therefore. useless for irrigation.

## Climate and Rainfall.

-5. The climate is of the ordinary Deccan type. Owing to the absence of thick vegetation and hills there is little malaria.

[^18]The important question of rainfall is no less difficult to analyse here than elsewhere in the Deccan. It would be supposed that in the absence of hills the rainfall would be fairly evenly distribated throughut the taluka. Rainfall statistics are available for Nevása, Toka, Miri atd Pachegaon. Nevása and Toka are less than 8 miles apart with no hills anywhere within 20 miles: yet the rainfall at Toka is consistently heavier than at Nevisa with a consistently larger number of rainy days.

Pachegaon is about as far from Nevása on the west as Tioka on the northeast. The records are for so few years that no certain conclusions can be drawn. But as far as one can judge, this village is as well off as Nevasa.' The average rainfall for the five years is 26.81 inches at Pachegaon and 26.07 at Nevasa.

The rainfall at Miri for the last 5 years is 25.25 inches. But it is generally reported that the rainfall on this border of the taluka is rather more regular than in the north. Or at any rate, the rainfall is better suited to the prevailing type of soil.

As regards the distribution of rainfall in different parts of the taluka the data are incomplete. It is seen from the figures of the recording stations that considerable differences occur at short distances.

There is some reason to believe that the rainfall in the extreme south on the Ahmednagar border is slightly more regular than elsewhere.

As regards the villages in the north-west of the taluka there is a difficulty. Mr. Stewart, the Survey Commissioner, writes in 1882* that "there is no doubt that the villages on the north-west border have a deficiency of rain such as is experienced in no part of the Ráhuri Táluka." I am not prepared to say that Mr. Stewart, who had an intimate knowledge of the district was wrong. But there is no certain data to prove the assertion. The only fact that helps to a conclusion is that the rainfall at Belapur in the last four years has been slightly less than that at Pachegaon and Nevasa. From local inquiry I think that this corner is probably drier than the central part of the taluka but only to a slight extent. Fortunately this portion of the taluka is all protected by the new canals.

It is clear from the data available that the taluka is not immune from scarcity and famine. It is not in the worst tract but is still within the danger zone. In the Statistical Atlas it is rightly classed as "very liable to famine."

## Soil.

6. The soil in the valleys of the small streams which are found all over the taluka is of good quality. The best soil is in the northern part of the taluka in the neighbourhood of the large rivers. It is here that the greater part of the wheat is grown.

The rising ground between the streams is of poor quality. Much of it is taken by reserved forest. This poor land yields scanty grazing of inferior quality but is quite unsuitable for tree-growth or for the better crops.

The chief defect in the good soil of the Pravara and Godavari valley is that subsoil water is not found except at an excessive depth. This drawback will be palliated in the tract in the north-west between the Godavari and the Pravara by irrigation from the Pravara Left Bank and Godavari Right Bank Canals. Only a negligible area will be without the benefit of canal water.

The classification of the better soils appears to have been lenient. I examined a number of classers' books and searched in vain for a 16 -anna field. It was the regular practice to put in a fault pf valsar (sand) or karal (clay). But I was more surprised to find that in all the black soil villages the Superintendent reduced the bhag annas by about 1 anna in the rupee almost throughout. No explanation of this is forthcoming. In the interior of the taluka the Superintendent varied the bhag annas more judiciously but with a decided tendency towards reduction. These facts appear to show that the classification has been kept low.

## Crops and Cultivation.

7. Appendix B gives the details of all crops grown in the taluka during the last 5 years. The figures are unfortunately open to suspicion. The village totals are prepared by Talathis and are not properly checked in the taluka office. It is possible that the areas may.approximate to truth as there is no reason to suppose bias in any particular direction although very large errors exist in individual villages.

The staple crops are jawari and bjijri. These two cereals together cover 61.82 per cent. of the gross cropped area: their respective areas fluctuate greatly according to the character of the season. Next in importance is cotton which covers 14.38 per cent. of the gross cropped area. The cotton cultivation is a new development. At the time of the First Revision Settlement only $2 \cdot 29$ per cent. was under cotton.

There is an important amount of wheat grown in this taluka, especially in the Godavari and Pravara valleys. In the extreme north-east of the táluka round Khamgaon some of the best wheat in the district is grown but the best villages are alienated.

The remaining area is accounted for chiefly by gram, safflower and a few other oil-seeds and pulses.

The táluka is treated for revenue purposes throughout as a rabi tract. But the crop statistics show that it is practically half kharif. The present conditions are largely due to the great increase of cotton cultivation.

The area of occupied land left unsown is 17 per cent. This percentage is the same as at the time of the first revision. In Shevgaon the fallow is only 12.4 per cent. of the whole: in Nagar it is 18.5 per cent. Nevása is therefore in a fairly satisfactory condition in this respect. It is to be noted that the fallow area is normally much less than 170 per cent. In the year 1912-13 the area unsown, chiefly owing to unfavourable rains amounted to 85,877 aores or nearly half the occupied area. The normal area unsown may be taken at about 21,000 acres which gives about 7 per cent. as the normal fallow area.

## Irrigated Crops.

8. Appendix B-1 gives the details of irrigated crops for the last 5 years. The taluka has no kaccha pats and in the tracts of best soil has few wells. Irrigation is therefore not much used. It is very noticeable how in years of good rainfall irrigation is neglected. Wells are used chiefly to protect the dry crops in years of drought. Garden cultivation of the better kinds is very rarely attempted. The figures of $1912-13$, a dry year, show this very clearly.

There is one canal, known as the Lakh Canal, irrigating parts of 7 villages. But it is little used. The irrigated area is now 1.6 per cent. of the gross cropped area. This shows a slight improvement over the 0.5 per cent. of the first revision. It is to be expected that the opening of the Pravara and Godavari Canals will in the next few years result in a great increase in irrigation.

## Ccmmunications.

9. The traffic of this taluka follows two main routes to the railway and outside markets. One of these is to Belapur, the other to Ahmednagar and Vámbori.

The only made roads in the taluka at the time of the First Revision Settlement were the Aurangabad-Ahmednagar Road traversing the táluka from north to south and the Shevgaon branch of that road which passes through a few villages in the extreme south. During the current lease a new road from Belapur Station to Shevgaon has been built. This road traverses the táluka from west to east, passing through Nevása Town. There is a ferry at Nevása and another at Pravarasangam.

The approach to Vámbori has also been improved by a new road which joins the Aurangabad Road just where the Shevgaon Road joins it.

The cart-tracks which give access to villages are good on the whole and passable at all times. There are no hills to obstruct cart-traffic anywhere.

The táluka has not the advantage of a railway running through it, but it is so easily traversed in all directions that it suffers little in accessibility. It is regularly visited by traders from Ahmednagar, Vámbori and Belápur who compete for the produce at all the local bazars and thereby ensure good prices to the cultivator.

The new roads to Belápur and Vámbori are improvements which must carry weight in deciding the question of revising the maximum rates.

## Markets.

10. There are small markets at many villages but no great trade-centres. It is usual for cultivators to sell their surplus produce in the village to local traders who bag the grain and cart it to Belápur, Vámbori or Nagar.

The best of the local markets are at Ghodegaon, Kukane and Pachegaon. At these bazars there are considerable numbers of live stock of all kinds. On an average day about Rs. 15,000 worth of animals are brought for sale at each of these bazars. In the season sales of produce up to about Rs. 2,000 also take place.

The other bazars shown on the map are of the mit-mirchi class and merely supply the small needs of the locality.

All the great trade-centres are on the railway and outside the táluka.
But as I have already remarked, traders come in large numbers from outside the Taluka and take up all that is brought for sale.

## Trade and Industries.

11. There are no manufactures of any importance. There is one steam cotton gin at Kukana, but it seems to be a failure from the commercial point of view. Nearly all the cotton is exported to the railway unginned.

The absence of manufactures is probably an advantage to the agriculturist. Labour is not diverted. It is certain that agricultural labour is plentiful and cheap as compared with adjoining tálukas such as Nagar and Kopargaon.

## Population.

12. The population of the 147 villages which constituted the taluka until 1912-13 shows a marked rise:-

|  |  |  | 1891. | 1901. | 1911. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population $\quad$. | $\ldots$ | ... | 88,149 | 65,508 | 80,565 |
| Number of persons per sq. mile | $\cdots$ | ... | 142 | 105 | 146 |

The density of the population in 1881 was 110 per square mile for 138 villages. The great set-back in 1901 has been more than made up. The population now is higher than ever before. The decrease in population seen in 1901 is due to the famines of 1896-97 and 1899-1900. It is, not confined to Nevása but is found in all the eastern talukas of the district.

Appendix C shows that the population is mainly agricultural.

## Health.

13. The taluka has suffered from plague in 1903, 1904, 1905, 1916 and 1917. In these 5 years there were 7,706 deathe from plague. Cholera occurs almost every year especially in the $\mid$ villages on the Pravara and Godavari. In the famine year 1912 there were 698 deaths from cholera. In spite of these losses the population has increased; from 1911 to 1917 the number of birthis is 23,942 and the number of deaths 19,660 . It is therefore probable that the next census will show a still further increase over the previous maximum in 1911.

The talluka has not suffered any loss of efficiency or noteworthy hindrance to agriculture by the outbreaks of plague and cholera.

## Live and Dead Stock.

14. Appendix D gives the figures of cattle, carts and ploughs for 114 Government villages in 1915-16. Comparison with former years is difficult owing to changes in the taluka boundaries.

The most important columns are those for male cattle. The number of acres of occupied land to each pair of plough cattle is now 22.2 as against 23.8 for 138 villages at the time of the First Revision Settlement. There has therefore been a slight improvement since the First Revision Settlement. The figures of Shevgaon and Nagar are 21.4 and $23 \cdot 15$, respectively. Nevasa is therefore much on a level with those talukas. The area per pair of plough cattle is not excessive considering that there is so little bágait.

There was naturally a great loss of cattle in the famine years but at the present time this has been completely restored. I consider that the táluka carries sufficient cattle for its purposes. The number of sheep and goats is large. This is due to the large area of poor grazing available. The cattle would be improved by the removal of the enormous herds of old and inferior cowe. In the natural course this will follow from the increasing demand for such cattle for Ahmednagar and Poona markets. I made careful inquiries throughout the taluka. There is no complaint that cattle are too few. The chief difficulty is to feed those that the cultivators own. The fodder problem is already pressing. The further extension of cotton cultivation is impossible owing to the necessity of growing fodder crops. No attempt is made to restrict breeding from useless cows; but judging from the number of these animals that are brought for sale at Ghodegaon, Kukana and Pachegaop markets they are being weeded out to some extent. Those that are not sold will doubtless be victims of the next famine.

Another sign of the prosperity of the taluka is the increase in the number of carts. There are now 2,680 carts in 114 Government villages as against 2,558 in 138 villages in 1832. There has clearly been a very great increase under this head.

So also sheep and goats in 114 villages amount to 45,784 as against 32,029 in 138 villages in 1882. These animals cost nothing to keep and are a valuable asset to agriculturist.

## Water Supply.

15. The táluka has a good enough supply of water from wells except in the black soil tract of the Godavari valley. There is no irrigation from Kaccha " pats " in any part of the táluka. It is probable that well irrigation will continue to extend as agriculture improves and becomes more profitable. The lack of well irrigation in the black soil is unavoidable as the subsoil water is at too great a depth to be raised by the ordinary bullock " mot." The figures of bagait in Appendix L for villages in this tract clearly show the conditions. The whole of the area between the Pravara and Godavari will soon be watered by the Pravara Left Bank and Godavari Right Bank Canals : this will remove the difficulty about water for irrigation. Both these rivers are perennial in their flow. There is therefore never any shortage of water for drinking or other domestio purposes.

At the census taken in 1918 the total number of wells in use in 114 Government villages is 2,303 . There has been a very large addition to the number of wells since 1882. In that year there were only 1,645 wells in 137 villages.

This increase in the number of wells is a sign of improved methods of agriculture. It is also a considerable protection to the taluka during years of drought.

## Sales of Land.

16. Appendix $G$ gives the figures of sales of dry crop land during the last 5 years. I have given in Appendix G-I details of the sales of garden land: but this appendix is of little use in the present inquiry; the price of garden land varies according to so many factors other than soil that it has little bearing on the assessment.

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In all cases the figures were obtained in the village concerned. Every example of genuine cash sale that was found was recorded. All donbtful cases in which the nature of the transaction is not clear or in which the consideration isnot cash are excluded.

The price of land is seen to be very. even throughout. It is just under 50 times the assessment for the whole taluka. The figures for each group seem to shaw that the assessment is very equitrbly distributed. Even if the figures of sub-groups are taken, no marked variation is seen. For instance the average sale'price in the 5 villages received from Rihuri is $52 \cdot 65$ times the assessment. The sale price in the north-east block of villages is $45 \cdot 10$ times the assessment. That of the north-west villages which are practically all under command of the new canale is $53^{\circ} 42$ times the assessment.

The present price of lan 7 shows that there is a healthy demand but no unnatural inflation through overcrowding.

The Superintendent of Survey at the First Revision collected a number of examples of sales. These sales were taken from the registration records without local inquiry. They cannot therefore be compared closely with the statistics given in Appendix $G$. No doubt many of them are sales of garden land and many, sales in which the consideration is the wiping off old debts. The average sale price shown by these figures is only 20.4 times the original assessment which is equivalent to only 15.09 multiples of the revised assessment. It appears therefore reasonable to conclude that the value of land has risen by about 200 per cent during the lease. This rise in land-value is remarkable. It shows conclusively that the assessment is light and in no way deters people from investing in land. It is often urged in the petitions of objections received on the introduction of a new settlement that the profits of agriculture have fallen. If there were any truth in these objections it is certain that the selling value of land would fall. The fall in the value of agricultural land in England in the latter part of the 19th Century is a concrete example of this.

## Rents.

17. Appendix H gives figures of rents. These with few exceptions relate to the year 1917-18. I recorded every case in which the lease was free from any collateral transaction such as loan, mortgage or sale. It is shown by this appendix that cash leases are not very common. The ordinary form of rent is that of crop-share.] Such rents are of no assistance to the Settlement Officer.

From an inspection of the group averages, it is seen that rents vary very little in any part of the taluka. This fact confirms in a remarkable degree the conclusion already drawn from the sale-value of land that the present grouping is correct.

The average rental value compares very favourably with the sale-value. Land purchased at 50 times the assessment will yield 5.68 per cent. net profit after paying the assessment. This yield is good. The owner of land never expects as high a yield on his capital as the trader.

It is permissible to make deductions as to the pitch of the assessment from the rental figures. As long as the Government share does not exceed 50 per cent. of the market rent, the assessment oan be considered reasonable. When the Government share amounts to only 26 per cent. of the rental value the assessment must be regarded as very moderate. Even if the assessment were increased by the maximum amount of 33 per cent. the assessment would amount to only 35 per cent. of the rental value.

In the First Revision Settlement Report Colonel Laughton has fallen into a curious error. He states that the rental value is 18 times the assessment. But it is seen from the figures in Appendix D that the leases are all for terms of years and not for a single year. The transactions are apparently "budit gaháns" or leases for various terms in which the whole consideration is paid in advance. It is not possible therefore to form any conclusion from these figures as to whether rents have risen. I merely refer to the matter in case any one should fall into the error of arguing from Colonel Laughton's figures that rents have fallen.

- From the figures of cash leases which I have collected after careful scrutiny and exclusion of all doubtful cases, I conclude that agriculture in this taluka gives a satisfactory yield in spite of the rise in the cost of labour, seeds, implements and manure. The rise in the price of produce evidently more than counterbalances the increased cost of production.

In Appendix H-I I have recorded leases of garden land. These are few in number and of no use for settlement purposes for the reasons given in the case of sales of garden land.

In using the figures of sales, and more especially of rents, I do not argue from individual villages. These naturally show considerable tariations. But if the figures are taken by groups, scoidental causes are neutralised.

The following table gives a comparison with the adjoining talukas :-


It may be argued from this that Nevasa is fully as lightly assessed as Shevgaon and much more so than Nagar. There are none of the signs of poverty and lack of demand for land which are so marked in part of Shrigonda Táluka.

## Crop Experiments.

18. A few crop experiments are recorded in this talluka. These experiments, if more numerous, would give a clear idea as to the absolute pitch of the assessment. Those that I give in the following table are taken from the printed reports of crop experiments carried out by Prant Officers and checked by the Agricultural Department :-

N.B.- All the above are dey onops.

The incidenoe of the assessment is in all cases light.

## Sales of standing Crops.

19. In some cases cultivators find it convenient to sell their crops before they are cut. They are thereby relieved of the trouble and expense of watching, reaping and threshing. The cost of these operations may be assumed to swallow up about one-sixth to one-eighth of the gross outturn as this proportion is usually paid when these operations are done by contract. The statement given below gives instances of "Khoti." sales which I collected during the season 1917-18. These figures show that in nearly all cases the assessment is a very small tax on the outturn of a field. Prices of produce this year are high but the anewari of the crops was in almost all cases below normal, being on an average only 8 annas:-

Sales of standing crops (khoti) in 1917-18 in Nevása Tailuka.


These figures may be considered to throw light on the pitch of the assessment. They are not as exact as the figures of crop experiments but may be used as a supplementary source of information.

## Prices.

20. Appendix I gives the prices of the principal grains of the taluka since 1888-89. A graph showing the course of prices of Jawari and Bajri since 1851 is also appended.

The diagram shows'very great fluctuations from year to year with a steady trend upwards.

Thers are many ways in which the bare figures may. be used to show points of interest in the important question of prices.

The study of the following decennial averages will give a fair idea of the course of prices by eliminating the larger fluctuations :-

Average price of grain for decennial periods in sers per rupee.


The rise in prices is partly due to the change in the value of the rupee and partly due to the real increase in the value of produce. For the purpose of the present inquiry, it is immaterial to which cause the rise in prices is due. The fact is that the cultivator gets for his produce on an average 68 per cent. more at the present time than in the period immediately preceding the First Revision. In other words he is able to discharge his liability to Government by selling $3 \mid 5$ of the amount required in 1880.

The price of cotton is a factor which must not be overlooked. I have no data of the price of cotton in Nevása. Prices depend on the prices at Nagar as the cotton nearly ail goes there. In a táluka like Nevása it is possible that prices would rule lower than at a market on the railway. This does not appear to be the case. The average prices for the last 10 years at Ráhuri are practically identical with those recorded at Nevasa.

## Wages.

21. Exact statistios of wages are extremely hard to obtain. Wages of agricultural labourers छary from village to village and from season to season. Labourers as a rule do not work outside their own villages. There may be a local surplus or a local deficiency. Even at the present time I have found villages where labourers receive only 3 annas a day and a few miles away other -villages where 4 or even 5 annas are obtained. There is at present a fairly strong tendency to regard 4 annas a day as the ordinary wage in the Nevasa Taluka. In the neighbourhood of railway this rate is no longer sufficient. On the whole Nevásai is not suffering from labour difficulties like Nagar Táluka. There are no records of the rates of wages in the years preceding the First Revision Settlement. There has been a considerable rise in the cost of laßourand that without any increase in efficiency. But Nevása, Taluka is on the whole well supplied with labour. The general air of the agricultural prosperity is no doubt due in a large degree to the fact that the labour difficulties are slight.

The statistics of wages recorded at the táluka date from 1887. The rate of agricultural labour rose gradually from annas 2 to annas 4 in 1874-75. The various famines about 1900 caused a fall once more to annas 2. The rate
again rose to annas 4 in 1909-10. With a slight fall in 1912 and 1913 it has, since, risen steadily to its present level. The lowest rate is now annas 4-in a few villages it goes as high as 6 annas.

## Revenue History.

22. Appendix K gives the figures of collections, remissions and outstandings as far as records are available. The figures of outstandings before 1909-10 are not ascertainable owing to the destruction of records. Suspensions on a large scale were given in the bad years 1911-12 and 1912-13. But these arrears were subsequently recovered without difficulty. There has been a clean sheet for the last three years. It is found that in ordinary years the land revenue is recovered in full with ease. Coercive processes are rarely required.
23. Appendix $M$ gives the details of waste land. During the lease nearly all the land which is fit for cultivation has been. taken up. The total area of waste land has shrunk from 12,318 acres in 1885-86 to 2,935 acres in 1916-17. The improvement is most marked in the north-west villages Vadale-Mahadev, Taklibhan, Bhokar, Belpimpalgaon, Vangi Bk. and Kd. and Khirdi. Several of these villages were thinly occupied and are now fully under cultivation. This is an exceedingly good indication that the assessment is moderate.

## General Remarks.

24. In the preceding paragraphs I have given the facts bearing on the question of revision of the land revenue.

It has been shown that the taluka has had its share of famine. It is rightly classed in the statistical atlas as "very liable to famine." But the rainfall is on the whole very little inferior to that of Rạhuri which comes in the class " less liable to famine."

The effect of famine has been very temporary. At the present time agricultural resources are fully adequate. In fact the returns of cattle and carts are better than at any other time.

The táluka is now well protected by canals north of the Pravara, where the rainfall is generally less favourable than elsewhere. Elsewhere numerous new. wells have been dug. These wells are, under the Bombay system exempt from all taxation. But they are an indication that agriculture is improving and that capital is available. It is quite consistent with the land revenue principles to give due weight to this indirect sign of prosperity.

Agriculture generally is in a better condition than at the time of the 1st revision. There is an important development in the use of iron ploughs in the better class soils. While the growth of cotton on a large scale is helping to fill the pookets of the cultivator.
'Communications have been improved by the opening of good roads to Belapur and Vámbori.

The revenue history is equally satisfactory. The assessment is recovered with ease and waste land has been absorbed.

The statistics of land value show that the assessment is equitable in all parts, and that it is so light as to allow very good retarns on land as an investment.

In conclusion it may be noted that the rise in prices has made the assessment a very small part of the cultivator's outgoings.

All the points whioh I have considered fully justify a substantial increase in the land revenue.

Groups.
25. The groups finally sanctioned by Govirnment at the First Revision are three. The Superintendent of Survey proposed no changes in the original grouping. Government sanctioned, on the recommendation of the Survey Commissioner, the removal of 19 villages in the north-west of the táluka from the 2nd to the 3rd group on the ground that experience showed these villages to be in a tract of deficient rainfall. The second group therefore now comprises all the villages in the centre of the taluka and the 3rd gronp covers the whole of the northern strip.

The first group is a narrow strip on the border of the Nagar Taluka oontaining 5 villages only.

The grouping is based primarily with reference to nearness to the great market of Abmednagar. The first group has this advantage. It is also favourably situated as regards rainfall. The range of hills which runs near the taluka boundary in the Nagar Taluka seems to give better rainfall in the villages on this side. The fact was noticed in the 2nd revision of the Nagar Táluka. I consider that the existing first group should be kept unchanged.

The existing second group is rightly given a lower rate. It is more remote from markets and has a slightly less rainfall than the first group. It will be seen that a few villages (Malevadi-Khalsa, Madki and Jalke Bk.) appear to encroaoh on the third group. No doubt these villages are on debateable ground. But I think that the advantage of the main road which runs near is sufficient justification for the present grouping.

The chief difficulty is in the case of the third group and the five villages received from Ráhuri Táluka in 1912-13. In the case of the villages in the north-east of the taluka, it is fair to allow a reduction on the ground of distance from markets. The original grouping was to some extent based on the assumption that the rainfall in this part was inferior to that of Rahuri. Comparison between such dissimilar tracts is hardly possible. But I think it is safe to presume from the records of Pravara Sangam that the rainfall is fully as good as that of the central tract of the Newasa Taluka. The villages in this part appear to be prosperous. Agriculture is decidedly inproving. For instance in Khamgaon there were more than 20 iron ploughs in use this year. I propose to retain these villages in the third group solely owing to their distance from markets.

The villages in the north-west of the táluka were placed in the 3rd group solely on the ground of inferior rainfall. There are no records to show conclusively that the rainfall here is less. But there is reason to suppose from the appearances of the country that the general repute is correct. The records of Pachegaon, Newasa and Pravara Sangam show that rainfall varies considerably at places very near to one another. It may be urged on the other side that these villages have the advantage of a railway station and market at Beldpur and will receive the advantage of protection from famine as soon as the new canals are fully open.

Had it appeared that the value of land, rents and general prosperity were higher here than in the north-east villages, I would have proposed a revision to the grouping proposed by the Superintendent at the 1st revision settlement.

But statistics do notshow any advantage in these respects. I prefer therefore to retain the present grouping. The symmetry of the grouping appears to be slightly broken by the village Punatgaon. It lies between villages of group II and the highly rated Inam village of Newasa Bk. There is however no indication from sales, rents, or other data that this village should be raised from group III to group II.

There are five villages on the north of the Pravara which have been added to this taluka from Ráhuri. Geographically they appear to fall in the 3rd group, but are in the 2nd group like the adjoining villages of Rahuri. They may well remain in this group. Pachegaon is a very fair bazar village. The other villages show development in population, occupied area and have done well in all respects. I therefore propose to retain them in the 2nd group.

## Maximum Rates.

26. The rates at present in force are as follows:-

| Group. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | No. of villages. | Maximum rate. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Re. a. p. |
| II | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ |
| III | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | 68 48 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ & 2 & 0\end{array}$ |
| III. | ... | ... | ..- | $\cdots$ | ... | ... |  |  |  |

The introduction of the 1st revision settlement resulted in an increase of 27.9 per cent. in the revenue. This increase was not seriously felt. Unocoupied land fell from 12,318 acres to 2,935 acres. There is a keen demand for the stmall quantity of land still left. It is only the restrictions on the grant of more land for cultivation that prevents this being taken up at good prioes.

The revenue in ordinary years is collected with the greatest ease. The value of land has increased greatly during the lease. The general condition of the villages shows signs of a sound prosperity.

I am convinced by my inquiries that the present pitch of the assessment was very moderate at the time of the 1st revision settlement.

I have shown in paragraph 20 that the level of prices has risen by about 68 per cent. In other words, where Government would receive the price of 100 maunds in 1882, its demand 'would now be satisfied with the price of 59 maunds.

On the other hand there has been a serious rise in the cost of labour. This rise swallows up some of the excess profits. But it is only a small part of the profits that is so taken. I find that in the Nevása Taluka the labour question is by no means acute. In certain parts of this district the soarcity and dearness of labour is a real drawback to agriculture. Much labour has been diverted to railways, public works and Military duties. The Nevása Taluka being untouched by the railway is well supplied with labour. It was the exception to meet with complaints on this score.

I am satisfied that there has been a great increase in the profits of agriculture and that Government is entitled to a share in that increase.

The measure of the increase may very well be taken with reference to the rates sanctioned in 1916 for the adjoining talukas of Sheogaon and Nagar.

The 1st group will naturally take the same increase as the adjoining villages of the Nagar Taluka. The rates sanctioned at the 1st revision settlement are the same on both sides of the boundary. The rate I propose will therefore be Rs. 1-12-0 giving an inoreuse of $27 \cdot 27$ per cent.

The large group II adjoins villages rated at Rs. 1-10-0 in Shevgaon Taluka. The imposition of this rate will give an increase of 30 per cent. This increase is, in my opinion, fully justified by the general level of prosperity in this tract.

Group III adjoins Shevgaon villages rated at Rs. 1-10-0 on the east. On the north is the territory of His Exalted Highness the Nizam. In this territory the British system of settlement is in force. A revision settlement has been introduced during the current year 1917-18. . The maximum rate is Rs. 2-8-0 except for a few villages adjoining the extreme north-east corner of the taluka where it is Rs. 2. These rates are fixed in Usman Sikka rupees ( 1 Usman Sikka rupee $=0-13-3$ British) and are equivalent to Rs. $2-0-2$ and Rs. 1-10-6, respectively. I propose a rate of Rs. 1-8-0 for group III. This gives an increase of 33 per cent. Even under this rate the British villages are far better off than those across the border. That this rate can be paid with ease is shown by the fact that 3 Inam villages in the group are already assessed under maximum rates of Rs. 1-10-0, Rs. 1-8-0 and Rs. 1-8-0, respectively. Even in these villages there are no arrears. It may also be borne in mind that the Superintendent marked down the classification annas in these villages wholesale

There is one village Malunje Budruk which is situated in the midst of villages of the Hyderabad State. These are assessed at Rs. 2-8-0 (Usman Sikka) or Rs. 2-0-6 (British money). This village is included in group III at present. I propose to let it remain there. It is situated in a prosperous and highly assessed tract ; but is remote from the talyya and is hampered in access to markets by the Hyderabad Customs restrictions.

The effect of these proposals is shown in the following statement.

| Group. |  |  |  |  |  | No. of villageb. | Proposed rate. | Increase per cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | ..* | เ., | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 5 |  | 27.87 |
| II. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | -... | 67 | 1100 | 80.0 |
| IIF | ..- | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 42 | 189 | 83.3 |

## Inam villages.

27. The rates in force in inam villages in this taluka are at present somewhat irregular. In many cases rates much exceed those of the adjoining Government villages. This is due to the fact that the Inam villages were settled at various times, and that in several cases the imposition of the same rate as in adjoining Government villages would have caused a loss to the inamdars.

Now that the whole Taluka has oome under settlement it will be possible to bring most of the inam villages into line.

There is a further anomaly that in a few villages motasthal bagait is assessed at special rates. On survey principles these bagait lands should be assessed within the maximum dry-crop rates. But this reduction would cause a needless loss of revenue to the Inamdars. I therefore recommend that. the special rates now in force on old bagait should be kept unchanged. Such land oan well pay high rates. New bagait will be treated as jirait.

I propose to put all inam villages, in the usual way, under the same rates as the Government villages. In the following table I show the effect of these proposals with explanation of exceptions where they oocur.


Effect of Proposals.
28. The proposals for Government villages will oause an increase in the land revenue from Rs. $1,44,403$ to Rs. 1,89,061. This is ian increase of $30 \cdot 93$ per cent.

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The increase in the assessment of Inam villages will be from Rs. 60,912 to Rs. 74,188.

## Guarantee.

29. In conclusion I would suggest that the revised rates may be guaranteed for 26 years so as to expire in the same year as those of the adjoining tálukas of Shevgaon and Nagar. There is a great advantage in carrying out the revision of large areas at one time and the difference between 27 and 30 years is hardly worth considering.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant, J. H. GARRETT, Assistant Settlement Officer, Råhari, Shrigonda anḍ Nevása Talukas, Ahmednagar District.

## APPENDIX A.

Statement showing rainfall recorded at Newasa, District Ahmednagar, for the
years 1007-1917.


Remarks as to the character of season during 1906-17 for Shrigonda, Ralhuri and Nevasa Talukas, District Ahmednagar.
1906.-Rain during the jear slightly above the average af Shrigonds; elsewhere below it. Ante-monscon rain was absent. The usual sowing rain came aarly in June and kharif sowing was started everywhere and was completed in July under sufficient rain. The fall in August was much above the average and the kharif orops promised vell. did not imprese the prospects as the fall was meagre. Further rabi sowing was cheoked. November fall was pertial. Slight rain in December helpad but little. Season on the whole was fair for kharif and poor for rabi.
1907.-Total fall of the year was in defect of the sverage. Ante-monsoon rain was generally good. Monsoon opened in the third week of June, but the fall being inadequate kharif sowing was confined to moist places only. In July the rainfall was sufficient and seasonable and kharif sowing was completed. August fall was generally in excess of the arerage and the standing crops did well. The fall in September was much in defect of the usual quantity. and was received in the last week which partially relieved the standing crops and rabi sowing was commonotd. October had only light rain in the beginning and there was no rain subsequently. Thus rabi sowing was retarded. Standing crops suffered for want of rain. Rabi orops required more rain whioh suffered in consequence. Season on the whole poor.
1908.-Annual rain below the average. There was no zain in the ante-monsoon period. Monsoon set in in the second week of June but the fall was insufficient for general kharif sowing which was undertaken only in places of sufficient moisture. July rain was far short of the average and general kharif sowing was retarded. The fall in August was again deficient and the crops where germinated began to wither. Good seasonable rain was received in August was again deficient and the crops where germinated began to wither. Good seasonable rain was received in
September and relieved the situaticn to some extent. It improved the surviving kharif orops and faoilitated rabi September and relieved the situaticn to some extent. It improved the surviving kharif orops and faoilitated rabi
sowing. Larger area was put under rabi crops. In October the fall was oonfined to the last weak and was much sowing, Larger area was put under rabi crops, in October the fai was besow requirements. November gave a few drops and December was rainless. Rabi crops
for their development. Season on the whole very poor for kharif and poor to fair for rabi,
1909.-The total fall of the year slightly above the average at Shrigonda and below it elsewhere. Fairly good ante-monsoon rain was useful for the preparation of land. The usual sowing rain began early in June and affording sufficient moisture kharif sowing commenced everywhere and oompleted in July though the fall in that month was below the average. August rain was benefioial and all crops fared well. The fall in September exceeded the average except at Newasa and was benefioial to the kharif crops. Rabi jowari sowing was started. October rain was confined to the first week and was insufficient. Rabi sowing was completed. November was dry and only light partial showers were received in Decamber. Rsbi crops on light soil suffered much from want of moisture. Season on the whole was faicly good for sharif and poor to fair for rabi.
1910. - Rain during the year muoh above the usual quantity. Antemonsoon rain practically absent. Regular monsoon commenced in the second week of June and the fall being sufficient kharif sowing started everywhere. In July light rain in the first weels was followed by a fortnight's break which enabled kharif sowings baing complefed and the seedlings were favoured with rain in the last week. Fall in August was good but the heavy rain ai the end and the seedings were favoured with rain in the last week. Fall in August was good but the heavy rain at the end of month and in September proved injurious to early crops turning them yellow in places. Grasshoppers did serious damage to crops in Rahuri. Rabi sowing was retarded for wart of a break which was taken up in October. Benencial rain feli in November for rabi crops, the prospects of which were very bright, December was rainless-but a
severe frost late in the seasan damaged the rabi crops to a great extent. Season on the whole was moderate to fair.
1911.-Annual rain much in defect of the average. Fairly good ante-monsoon rain. Monsoon burst early in June, but the fall baing inadequate general kharif sowing was retarded which was proceeded with in July when the esll was sufficient. Rain in August was up to requirements especially at and of the month which benefitted the standing crops. The fall in September was less than an inch against 4 to 6 inches of the average. This had a bad effect on the standing crops which withered in places. Rabi sowing was retarded. October rain did not improve the situation as the fall was meagre. Rabi sowing was done in places in anticipation of rain. Rain in Novomber was received in the last week facilitating the wheat sowing. Some people tried to sow jowari also though its season was over. No rain in December though it was badly needed for the rabi crops. Season on the whole was almost a failure for kharif orops and very poor for rabi crops, except in Neprasa whera it was fair. In the Oolleator's opinion the year pras disastrous.
1912.-The year's total fall was lazgely below the average. Light partial fall in antz-monsoon period. Monsoon started at end of second week of June, but the fall was insufficient and kharif sowing was confined to light soils only. In July the rain was good and belped to continue the tharif sowinge, but more rain was wanted for their completion. August fall was deficient and the seedlings where germinsted began to wither for want of sufficient moisture. The fall in September did not improve matters as the month's rain was very light. Kharif crops withered and rabi sowing was retsided in consequence. In October some rain fell, but it was "extraordinarily partial." Rabi sowng was commenced in places, but for it more rain was still required. In the third weok of November some beneficial rain was received and sowing of wheat and other crops was resumed. There was practically no rain in December; rabi crops required more moisture. Season very poor. The Collector observed "the year was one of severs famine of grain, fodder and water following a year of severe scarcity."
1913. - Rsin during the year much in defect of the average especially at Newasa. Fairly good rain in antemonsoon period, Monsoon opened early in June and the fall being aufficient and general kharif sowing was started everywhere and completed in July under favourable rain. The fall in August though defioient was useful and the crops did well. Rain in September was below requirements and more rain was needed for the standing cropa and for rabi sowing. October fall was again defective and rabi sowing was ufdertaken in favourable situations only. There was no rain in November, but December gave only light rain pseful for rabi. Season on the whole fair.
1914.-Annual fall much below the average at Shrigonda and Ráhuri and slightly above it at Newasa. Antemonsoon was partial. Monsoon commenced early in June and the fall being sufficient tharif sowing pas started timely everywhere and was continued in July under seasonable fall and the seedlings were in good condition. They were further helped by rain in August, but more rain was needed in plsces. The fall in September was almost continuons which threatened the standing crops, but this gave a good start for rabi sowing which was taken in hand and completed in Ootober for which the fall was sufficient. The rabi seedings "promised well as they were further favoured by rain in November. There was no rain in December and none was needed. Sesson on the whole was good.
1915.- Rain daring the year far in excess of the average. Antemonsoon rain was good at Rahari and light elsewhere. Monsoon started in the third week of June and the fall being general and sufficient kharif sowing was started and continued in July but retarded in places owing to continuous rain. August rain was light and confined to the first week followed by a break. The standing crops required rain badly which they got in September improving them everywhere. Rabi sowing was commenced but retarded owing to the excesgive rain. It was resumed and completed in October under favourable conditions. Rabi seedlings were thriving. There was useful rain in November and December and the rabi crops throve well. Season on the whole good.
1916. Total fall of the year considerably over the average, good rain in the ante-monsoon period was useful for the land preparations. Monsoon burgt early in. June, but the fall being inadequate, general kharif sowing was retarded. In July the fall was more than sufficient retarding bajri sowing anci a break was desired for agricultural retarded. In July the fall was more than sufficient retarcing bajri cowng anc a braak was desired for agricultural
operations which occurred in August and was beneficial for the crops. But the heavy fall in Septembar damaged the operations which occurred in August and was beneficial for the crops. But the heavy fall in Septembar damaged the
standing orops and retarded rabi sowing which commenced with the break in the last week. October rain was again standing orops and retarded rabi sowing which commenced with the break in the last week. October rain was again
above the average injuring bajri which suffered both in quality and quantity. Jowari was sown in fields where bajri above the average injuring bajri which suffered both in quality and quantity. Jowari was sewn in fields where bajri
was ruined. Rabi sowing was completed in November under favourable rain. These was no rain in Deoember and the rabi crops were promising; but they suffered a little later on owing to untimely rain early in February. Season on the whole fair for kharif and good for rabi.
1917.-Annual fall generally in excess of the sverage. Ante-monsoon rain was light except at Newasa which had none, Monsoon opened early in June, but the fall being inadequate kharif sowing was confined to favourable situations. Rain in July was less than half an inch against the average of 2 to 4 inohes retarding general kharif sowing for which the rain was urgently required. August opened with light rain, but the rain in the third week was beneficial improving standing kharif orops. Rain much in excess of the average was recived in September facilitating rabi sowing which was retarded in places for want of a break. The fall in October was again heavy damaging standing crops and a break was needed for pushing on retarded rabi sowings. November fall was beneficial. Babi sowing was completed and the crops promised well. No rain in December. Season on the whole poor for kharif and goodior rabi.

APPENDIX A.
Statement shooing rainfall recorded at Miri, Taluka Nevdsa, for the years
1913-191\%.


Statement showing rainfall recorded at Pachegaon, Tatuka Nevasa, for the years 1913-191\%.


Rainfall recorded at the Dispensnry at Toka, District Ahmednagar, for the year 1910-1917 (inclusive).


Details of cultivation and crops in the 114 Governm


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willages of the Newasa Taluka of the Ahmednagar Collectorate.


## APPENDIX B-I.

Statement showing area (in acres) Irrigated from different sources of Irrigation and acreage of crops grown under them in 114 Government Villages in Newdsa Taluka of the A hmednagar District during the years 1912-1913 to 1916-191\%.


APPENDIX C.
Detoils of population according to occupation as per the Imperial Census of 1911 for the 140 villages of táluka Newdisa, district Ahmednagar.

| Agricultural population. |  | Non-agxicultural population. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having interest | nḍ. |  |  |  |
| Tonaints and sub-sharers. 1 | Other land-holders. <br> 2 | $8$ | 4 | . 6 |
| 86,424 | 1,227 | 28,514 | * 66,165 | 24,400 |

APPENDIX D.
Agricultural stock of the 114 Governmnent villages in the Newasa Tailuka during the year 1915-16.


* Note.-Animais are reekoned as oslves up to the time they ocmimence work, if maie, or are mature for breeding, if
female.

APPENDIX E.
Shops, industries, etc., in the 114 Government villages of the Neroasa Taluka.

| Liguor shops. | Hand Industries. |  |  |  |  | Mechanioal Power. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underset{\text { Presge日. }}{\text { Oll }}$ | Cotion Looms. | Woolen Loome. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { sikg } \\ \text { Lioome. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Gins. | Gins. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rice } \\ \text { Husking } \\ \text { Mrohine. } \end{gathered}$ | Cotton <br> Presbes. | Steam Pumps. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oil } \\ & \text { Engine } \\ & \text { Pumpg } \end{aligned}$ |
| Groud 1. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ...... | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ..... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... ${ }^{*}$ |
| Group II. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 ... | 80 | 135 | ... | .. | ...... | 1 | ..... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| Group III. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ..... | 10 | 11 | ..... | ...... | ..... | ....* | $\cdots$ | . $\cdot$ | ... | $\cdots$ |
| 1 Total ... | ${ }_{41}$ | 146 | ..... | ..... | ....." | 1 | $\cdots$ | .." | ... | ... |

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## APPENDIX F.

Wells, Bhudkis, Tanks and other Sources of Water supply in the 114 Government villages of the Newása Tdluka of the Ahmednagar District for the year 1917-18.


## APPENDIX $G$.

Selling value of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Newasa Taluka.


APPENDIX G-continued.


## APPENDIX G.

Selling value of dry-crop lands in the Alienated villages of the Newasa Taluka.


APIENDIX G!.

- Selling value of garden.lands in the Government villages of the Ntwasa Taluka.


APPENDIX $G^{1}$.
Selling value bf Garden lands in the Alienated villages of the Newasa Taluka.

| Serial <br> No. in <br> Appen <br> $\operatorname{diz} \boldsymbol{L}$ |  | ville |  | Arsa of land sold. | Assessment. | Sale price. ${ }^{\text {. }}$ | Number of times the sesessment represented by price. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 116 | Bhende Khura: | ** | ... | $\begin{array}{rr}\text { A. } & \mathrm{g} \\ 6 & 14\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Bs. } & a_{4} & p_{1} \\ 2 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | 18 s. ar <br> el   <br> 200 0 0 | 80.00 |
| 117 | Devgaon $\quad$ | $\ldots$ | ... | 19.4 | 1600 | 60000 | 97.50 |
| 130 | Mini | An | -** | 5 | 1100 | 35110 0 | 81.95 |
| 185 | Ranjangaon | ... | - | 025 | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | 20000 | 139.33 |
| 136 | Shingve Kealisy | ... | ** | 14.6 | 1900 | 76500 | $40 \cdot 26$ |
| 139 | Usthal Damala | *.* | . | 17 7 | 1900 | 500 0. 0 | 26.81 |
|  |  |  | Total | 5819 | 6900 | 2,616 $10 \quad 0$ | 97.92 |
|  |  |  | per more | -a, 1 | 147 | 48, $7 \quad 5$ | .....* |

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## APPENDIX H

Leases of dry-crop lands in the Government villages of the Newasa Taluka.


APPENDIX H -continued.
Leases of dry-crop lands in the Alienated villages of the Newasa Taluka.


APPENDIX H.-1
Leases of garden lands in the Government villages of the Newasa Taluka.


APPENDIX H.-continued.

## Leases of Garden lands in the Alienated villages of the Newasa Taluka.

| Serial No. in Appendix L. | Name of village. |  | Ares of land leased. | Assessment. | Rents. | Percentage of rent represented by the assessment. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | A. g. | R. 8. p. | Re, à: p. |  |
| 116 | Bhende Kturd | -•• | 2128 | 1880 | 7100 | $17 \cdot 60$ |
| 117 | Devgaon | $\cdots$ | 2130 | 50.00 | 1788 | $28 \cdot 82$ |
| 118 | Ghodegaon | ... | 1618 | 1700 | 6700 | $25 \cdot 37$ |
| 125 | Khamgaon | ... | 819 | 500 | 2500 | 20.00 |
| 180 | Miri . | ... | 164 | 3400 | 90110 | $84 \cdot 10$ |
| 182 | Newasa Budruk | ... | 789 | 24.00 | 50 0 0 | 48.00 |
| 140 | Make | *. | 1127 | 12150 | 5500 | $28 \cdot 52$ |
|  | * | Total | 9900 | 154. 70 | 58280 | $28 \cdot 02$ |
|  |  | Average per acre | . | 190 | 560 |  |

## APPENDIX I.

Statement showing the prices prevalent in the Newasa Taluka from 1888-89 to 1917.


APPENDIX K.
Collection of Assessment on Government land in the 114 Government villages of the Taluka of Newasa.


## APPENDIX K-concluded.

Collection of Assessment on Government land in the 114 Govornment villages of the Tdluka of Newasa.


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## APPENDIX M.

Population and area of Government unoccupied landof the Taluka Newasa.


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Population and area of Government unocoupied land in the Taluka Newasa


## APPENDIX M—concluded.

Population and area of Government unoccupied land in the Taluka Newasa.


No. Land $\frac{\mathrm{m}}{\frac{1197}{}}$ of 1919.
From

C. A. BEYTS, Esquire, O.B.E., I.C.S., Collector of Ahmednagar;

To
The COMMISSIONER, Central Division, Poona.

Ahmednagar, 23rd June 1919.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith the second revision settlement report of the Nevása Táluka and to state that I conour in the recommendations for enhancement.
2. The difference in rainfall noted by Mr. Garrett between Toka and Nevása may be due to the Godavari river.
[3. Although the taluka is very liable to famine the north-west corner as far east as Bel-pimpalgaon will as a tract be rendered immune by the Pravara Left Bank Canal.]
4. The number of wells has been increased by 600 , and the talluka will be in a better position to meet a future famine of equal intensity. Otherwise this year has shown that not only is the táluka not immune from famine, but may chance to be as badly affected as any other part of the district. No village had a crop of 4 annas, and 56 had a crop under 2 annas. High prices and severe distress have severely strained the resources of the people, and the area of land mortgaged to non-agriculturists will be found to have increased greatly. The smaller the burden that has to be borne by the non-agriculturist during the next two or three years the better will it be for the prosperity of the tract, and I do not consider that the next year or two will be opportune for the imposition of any increase in the land revenue assessment. Although the increase in prices has, as remarked by Mr. Garrett; made the assessment a small part of the cultivators' outgoings, the enormous increase during this year of famine has been nothing but a burden to all except the few owners of wells. Debts incurred at prices of 7 lbs . of grain to the rupee will have eventually to be repaid with produce selling at half the price at which debts were incurred.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
C. W. A. TURNER, for Collector of Ahmednagar.

Through the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Poona.

# Below letter No. Land 111-1917 of 23rd June 1919 from <br> the Collector of Ahmednagar. 

No. S: T. -172.
Poona, 29th October 1919.
Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, Central Divison.
2. A statement exhibiting the increases proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer as prescribed by Government Order No. 1601, dated 11th February 1916, is appended.
3. The existing grouping is proposed to be retained unaltered; and the only matters that call for remark in this connexion are whether (1) Punatgaon and (2) the villages in the north-west corner of the taluka, ought not to be raised from group III to group II.
4. As for Punatgaon I think it would be but the correction of a manifest anomaly to transfer it to the higher group. Mr. Garrett was prevented from raising it by the fact that there is "no indication from sales, rents and other data" that this ought to be done. The only data given are those for sales and leases; and to use them in this way for a single village is to render them worse than useless. And in fact the figures for Punatgaon are quite satisfactory, and if the necessary adjustments are made in them for an increase of 2 annas in maximum rate, that village could take its place in these statistios amongst the villages of group II without the slightest anomaly. But what I base my view on is simply the fact that from its position it must be as well off as the group II villages adjoining it on west, south; and south-east. The Inam village on the East of it is proposed to be rated even higher than group II. Pachegaon, which adjoins Punatgaon is as good a market as there is anywhere in the taluka.
5. How the anomaly arose is evident from an inspection of the map at the beginging of the selection containing the first revision settlement report. At the time of the first revision settlement the taluka was differently constituted here and Punatgaon formed an isolated neck of land joining the villages in the north-west corner of the taluka to the main body of the taluka, which now forms group II. Colonel Laughton, who compiled the report, included these north-west villages in group II; but Mr. Stewart, Survey and Settlement Commissioner, cut them off and added them to group III; and it will be evident from the old map how natural it was for him to cut off Punatgaon along with them.
6. As regards the other villages in the north-west $I$ agree that they ought to be retained in group III. They are close to the important railway centre of Belapur, and since last settlement a road has been constructed giving them easy access to that centre. In fact they appear to be better off in the matter of markets and communications than the majority of the villages of group II. But on the other hand they have a somewhat more unfavourable rainfall. In attempting to determine where the balance of advantage lies, I have examined the statistics of sales and leases, selecting for the purpose not the whole batch of villages in the north-west, but only the six most favourably situated, viz., -Wadale-Mahadeo, Nipani-Wadagaon, Bhokar, Khokar, Taklibhan and Belpimpalgaon, which lie along the road to Belapur and immediately adjoin group II. As might be expected, the statistics indicate that these villages are the best of group III. After adjusting the figures to a maximum rate of Rs. 1-4-0, that of existing group II, so as to admit of comparison with the statistics of that group, I get the following result:-


Such statistics must be used with great circumspection and my conclusion is that they are not decisive enough to confirm an otherwise doubtfully desirable change:
7. The various facts enumerated by Mr. Garrett show that there has been a great increase in prosperity during the current Settlement. I need not enumerate his points; but there is one matter which calls for remark, beoause it is apparently anomalous amongst the signs of increased prosperity and that is the practically stationary position in the matter of plough cattle. Mr. Garrett gives the No. of cropped acres (he writes "occupied" instead of "cropped", but that is a slip) to each pair of plough cattle as $22^{2} 2$ (it is really 22.7) as against 23.8 at the previous settlement. Whence he gets the figure for the previous settiement I do not know; but I presume it is correct. These figures indicate little improvement and there may even have been a set back, for in bis review of the first revision report Mr. Stewart gives the area of occupied land to a pair of plough cattle as 26 acres, whereas it is now 28.
8. Mr. Garrett considers that "the taluka oarries sufficient cattle for its purposes". I hardly think it does. Mr. Stewart did not think so at the time of first revision, nor do I think Mr. R. D. Bell would think so, to judge by his remarks on the Nagar and Parner reports. Mr. Bell considered that with a pair of plough cattle to 20 cropped acres Parner had no more than would suffice for moderately good cultivation; and the difference between $22 \cdot 7$ and 20 is fairly substantial.

But I do not think that this state of affairs is inconsistent with the great increase of prosperity which other statistios indicate. It seems not an unreasonable view that in a precarious tract, where the outturn violently fluctuates, the cultivator will be influenced in fixing the No. of cattle by (amongst other things) a consideration of the number experience has shewn him he can adequately provide for in the great majority of seasons in order that he may limit the frequency and seriousness of his losses. Such a consideration of course tends to keep the number down. And where, as in Newasa, the tract, besides being precarious, is one in which a considerable proportion of the cropped area is occupied with such poor cattle sustaining crops as cotton and wheat,-the percentage under these crops is $18 \cdot 9$ as oontrasted with $4 \cdot 4$ for Parner-this consideration greatly gains in force and effect, and it may even result in the cultivator judging it inadvisable to maintain even the number required for the thorough cultivation of his average cropped area. I venture the opinion that such considerations as these account in some measure at least for the number of plough cattle not being as high as one could wish. The cultivator might of course provide a reserve of fodder when it.is cheap; but the fact is he does not. Perhaps Government will do it for him.

In any case it seems clear that the fact that the No. of plough cattle in proportion to occupied area has not increased in no way contradicts the inference drawn from the other facts of a great increase of prosperity.
9. Mr. Garrett proposes an average increase in assessment of 30.93 per cent. ; which I think is quite ample, but justified. Prices have increased on the average 68 per cent. since the last deciade of the original settlement and 45 per cent. as compared with the decade 1888-1897, and the cultivation of cotton is a new development, no doubt more profitable than the crops it has displaced. Some of the statistics gathered from the appendices are as follows :-

|  | Gronp, | Ocoupied acres to unit of |  |  |  |  | Multipla sale price is of assessment. | Per cent. rent is of assessment. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Plough cattle. | Miloh cattle. | Walls, eto., for irrigation. | Fallow area. | Unoocupied assessed ares. |  |  |
| I | ... | 15 | 30 | 88 | 9 | 94 | 47'63 | 26.22 |
| LI | ... | 14 | 29 | 128 |  | 63 | $45 \cdot 68$ | 27-18 |
| III | ... | 14 | 27 | 151 | 7 | 67 | 63.70 | 26.02 |

One might argue from these figures for variations in the proposed rates in the direction of making the percentage increases in the three groups more nearly
equal. But these variations would be of small practical importance, and the resulting rates would not harmonise so well as the proposed ones with the rates -already fixed in adjoining talukas. On the whole, therefore, I recommend that the rates proposed by Mr. Garrett be adopted.
10. As regards the inam villages, the increase in rates in Newasa Budruk and Tulajapur produces anomalies ; but I think the most sensible way of dealing with them has been adopted:
11. Mr. Garrett proposes a guarantee for 26 years in view of the advantage involved in carrying out the revision of large areas at one time. I admit some advantage; but I do not think it would be advisable for Government to depart from the well established practice of 30 years settlements on such a ground as this. In view of the severe trial the taluka has just come through, I recommend that the new rates be introduced in 1919-20, and guaranteed for 30 years from 1920-21 inclusive but that the excess of the new assessments over the old be remitted for 1920-21. This gives the taluka 2 years for recovery before levy of the new rates while avoiding any further postponement of the beginning of the new settlement period.
12. As usual, Mr. Garrett does not waete words, and writes a telling report.
$-\quad$ A. MACKIE,
Acting Settlement Commissioner and
Director, Land Records.

Statement showing increases proposed by the Assistant S ettlement Officer.

| Proposed group. |  | No. of villages in batohes of existing group. | Corrent dry orop rate of each batch. | Proposed dry crop rate for group of each batch. | Increase par cont. | Increase per rupee (to nearest quarter anna). |
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| I |  | 5 | 160 | 1120 | 27.27 | $4 \quad 9$ |
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| III |  | 42 | 120 | 180 | $39 \cdot 38$ |  |

A. MACKIE,

Acting Settlement Commissioner and
Director, Land Records.

No. $2610-446-\mathrm{A}$ of 1919.

# The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT. Revenue Department. 

Poona, 19th December 1919.

Sir,
I have the honour to forward papers conneoted with the second revision settlement on the talukas of Shrigonda, Nevasa, and Rahuri in the Ahmednagar Collectorate. The reports have been drawn up by Mr. Garrett and are, as usual with Mr. Garrett's work, interesting and sound. I agree with most of Mr. Garrett's proposals, except in one particular which I shall spécify directly. Support is also given by the Collector and the Settlement Commissioner: These reports remained in the Collector's office for ten months-apparently because Mr. Beyts thought it useless to submit them during famine. This delay was contrary to the orders of Government and was not justified: In the Settlement Commissioner's remarks a curious feature is his criticism regarding the number of plough cattle per acre. When Mr. Garrett wrote, his observations on this point were useful, but Mr. Mackie deals with it after a very considerable destruction of cattle in the famine; and yet completely ignores this well known fact. The loss of plough cattle in the Ahmednagar district as a whole was 27 per cent.
2. Shrigonda.-There are now three groups rated at 1-2, 1-3 and 1-4. Mr. Garrett keeps the first two groups as they are and raises their rases to 1-9 and 1-6. He divides the present third group into two which he proposes to raise to 1-5 and Y-2. This arrangement leaves thirteen villages of the present third group unchanged. I am inclined to support this for the reasons given by Mr. Garrett ; but I do not think it is necessary to have two adjoining groups at 1-ú and 1-5, and I propose amalgamation of these two at 1-6. Seeing that the average classification is about 8 annas in the rupee a difference in the maximum rate of 1 anna is quite inappreciable.

The total increase in Shrigonda amounts to less thàn 16 per cent. Bearing in mind the rise of prices this means a very much smaller burden than was imposed by the present rates thirty years ago. If Government accept it it means an undoubted sacrifice of revenue. The taluka is however situated in what is probably the most famine-stricken track of the Presidency; and for this reason I think that leniency is wise.
3. Rahuri.-Rahuri is supposed to suffer less from famine than Shrigonda, and probably this is a correct appreciation of the fact. Aocordingly Mr. Garrett's proposals provide a percentage increase of nearly 26. This again is very moderate. Mr. Garrett has a few little changes to make. He reduces two of the villages now in the first group to the second group. He also puts four villages, viz., Belapur Budruk, Belapur Khurd, Ainatpur, and Kesapur, from the third group to the second; and one village (Trimbakpur) from the second to the third. These proposals appear to be correct, and may be approved.

As regards the rates, Mr. Garrett adds 6 annas to each group, stating that he maintains the present gradation. Strictly speaking to add 6 annas all round is to raise the last group by a greater proportion than the highest; abut the difference is trifling and may be ignored.
4. aNevasa.-Here the grouping is left alone without any change at all, the rates being raised by 6 annas in each group in the same way as at Rahuri. But inasmuch as the present rates are lower than in Rahuri the 6 annas inorease produces a total enhancement of nearly 31 per cent. It might seem hardly fair to increase Nevasa by a greater percentage than Rahuri; but the increase still leaves rates lower. And in addition to the reasons given by the Settlement Officer we must remember that communications in Nevasa are likely, before many years have passed, to be considerably improved by the construction of the Belapur-Shevgaon Railway. The taluka will also benefit from the Pravara Canal.
5. There are four Inam villages in Shrigonda, three in Rahuri, and no less than " 26 in Nevasa, dealt with in these reports. I think Mr. Garrett's proposals are judioious and may be approved. His suggestion that the old bagait rates in Nevasa should be kept unchanged is of course opposed to settlement principles, but as we make special efforts to avoid loss of revenue to Inamdars this small inconsistency can be overlooked.
6. There is some difference of opinion as to the year in which the new rates should be introduced and the duration of the settlement. Mr. Garrett would like the settlement to be for 26 years expiring in 1945-46, so that these talukas and the talukas of Nagar, Parner and Shevgaon can then be dealt with, together. . Mr. Mackie prefers the usual 30 years, but he would not levy the enhanced rates till 1921-22 in the case of Shrigonda and Nevasa. For Rahuri he would levy the increase at once on the ground that it has suffered less from the famine than Nevasa or Shrigonda، I do not think this discrimination cam be fairly made. Whether the usual 30 years should be accepted or not is for Government to decide. I myself prefer Mr. Garrett's proposal, and think that we can fairly make the settlement period slightly shorter as our enhancements are so extremely woderate. I see no sufficient reason why the enhanced rates of the new settlement should not be taken at once. It is true that these talukas suffered severely last year, but the relief given by sacrificing revenue.in the way the Settlement Commissioner suggests would really have very liftle effect upon the cultivators. Very muoh more relief would be given without sacrificing Government revenue by some slight postponement of the demand on account of takavi repayment. These talukas now owe Government on account of takavi Rs. $2,39,700$, Rs. $3,82,150$ and Rs. $2,56,200$ respectively; and the payment of instalments really is a somewhat serious matter to a man who is recovering from such a disaster as that of last year.

7 There are three villages in the Rahuri taluka, viz., Songaon, Satral, and Dhanore, which were settled with the Sangamner taluka with the maximum rate of Rs. 2. Their period will expire in 1935-36. Their case, I think, may be considered when they are due for revision. It may probably be advisable to extend them so as to bring them into line with the rest of the taluka. But this matter may be considered when it arises.

I bave the honour to be,
Sir, Your most obèdient servant,
C. N. SEDDON, Commissioner, C.D.

Revenue Survey and Assessmentt.
Revision settlement of the Nevasa, Ráhuri and the Shrigonda talukas of the Ahmednagar district.

## GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY.

## Revende Departigent.

Resolution No. 2156.

## Bombay Castle, 19th 'July 1920.

Letter from the Commissioner, C. D., No. 2610-446-A. dated 19th December 1919Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified below containing proposals for the second revision settlement of the Newása, Ráhuri and Shrigonda tálukas of the Ahmednagar district:-

Ietter from Mr. J. H. Garrett, I. O. B., Assistant Settlement Officer, Ahmednagar, dated 80th Augrati 1918s relating to the second revision settlement of the Nevése toluks, with accompenimenta.
Iretter frojn the Collector of Ahmednagar No. Jand -111-1917 dated 23nd June 1919.
Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Becords No, S. T:-178 dated 29th October 1919

Cetter from Mr. J. H. Garrett, I. C. E., Assistant Eettilement Offor, Alimedinagar, dated g06n August 1916, relating to the second revision settlement of the Rashuri.taluka, with accompaniments.

Letter from the Collector of Ahmednagar No. Land-111-1917 dated 23xd June 1919.
Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S. T.-227 dated 29th Ootober 1919.

Ietter from Mr. J. H. Garrett, I. C. S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Ahmednagar, dated S0th August 1918, relating to the second revision settlement of the Shrigonda taluka, with mocompaniments.

Letter from the Collector of Ahmednagar No. Land-111-1917 dated 23rd June 1919
Memorandum from the Settlemont.Commissioner and Director of Land Reaords No. B. N,- $\mathbf{2 8 8}$ dated 30th October 1919.
Letter from the Superintendènt of Land Records, C. D., No. S. L. T. dated Ist April 1920:-
"I have the honour to report that Mr. Garrett has sabmitted proposals for the second revision settlement of villages (both Government and inám) in Newd́sa táluka of the Nagar district and that they are now before Government. A list showing the inám villages in the Newása táluka to be included in his report was sent to him by this office. The indm village Newása badrak was omitted from the list as the village is due for revision survery, and measurement and classification operations on partial system will have to be carried out. From a reference received recently from the Collector, Ahmednagar, I gather that the inám village Newdsa budrult has been included by the Assistant Settlement Officer in bis second revision settlement report on the táluka. This was probably due to some oversight. The original survey was introduced in the village in 1885-86 and guaranteed up to 1911-12. The measurement and classification, being done many years ago, require a thorough revision. (Vide Government Order, Revenue Department, No. 2653 dated 3 rd March 1917). I therefore request that the village may kindly be omitted from the revision settlement report of the Newasa taluka submitted by Mr. Garrett."

Memorandum from the Commissioner, C. D., No. 2610 $-446-\mathrm{A} .-1919$ dated 13th April 1920:-
" Submitted to Government in the Revenue Department in continustion of this office No. 2610-446-A.-1919 dated 19th December 1919.'

Resolution.-These papers contain proposals for the second revision settlement of the Newása, Ráhuri and Shrigonda tálukas of the Ahmednager district.
2. The Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals for grouping and rating are approved, subject to the following modifications :-
(i) Proposed groups II and III of the Shrigonda tajluka should be amalgamated as recommended by the Commissioner, C. D., and a rate of Rs. 1-6-0 per acre should be levied on the amalgamated group.
(ii) In the Newása táluka, the village of Punatgaon should be transferred from the third to the second group as proposed by the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

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The appended statement shows the rates as sanctioned by Government.
3. The A'ssistant Settlement Officer's proposals for inám - villages, which are supported by the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records and the Commissioner, C. D., are sanctioned subject to the modification that in consequence of the amalgamation of.proposed groups II and III of the Shrigonda taluka with a rate of Rs. 1-6-0 per acre, the rate for the inam village of Shirasgaon Bodka should also be Rs. 1-6-0. ‘The village of Newása budruk in the Newasa talluka should be omitted from consideration in the present proposals as suggested by the Superintendent of .Land Records, C.D., in his letter No. S.L.T. dated 1st April 1920.
4. The revised rates should be introduced during the current year 1919-20, and levied from the year 1920-21. As regards the duration of the settlement Government agree with the Commissioner, C. D., and the Assistant Settlement Officer that the settlement should be guaranteed for a, period of 26 years expiring in 1945-46, so that these talukas and the tálukas of Nagar, Párner and Shevgaon can then be dealt with together.
5. Government concur in the remark made by the Commissioner, C. D., in the last sentence of paragraph 7 of his memorandum No. 2610-446-A. dated 19th December 1919.
6. The petitions of objections do not disclose any ground which would lead Government to modifiy the orders now passed.

H. F. BALL, Under Secretary to Government.

To

| The Commissioner, . D., | The Director of Agriculture, |
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| The Colletor of Ahmednagar (with | The Acountant Generat, |
| The petitions of objections), |  |
| The Setlement Commisisioner and | The Public Works Department, |
| Director of Land Records, | The Government of India (by letter). | Director of Land Records,


|  | ement referred to in Resolution No. 215 |  | ph 2 of Go 9th July | ernment <br> 20. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group. |  |  | Number of villages. | Maximum dry crop rate. |
| Navása taluka. |  |  |  |  |
| 1 |  | ... | 5 | Rs. 112 |
| II |  | ... | 68 | 110 |
| III |  | ... | 41 | 18 |
| Rähuri tạluka. |  |  |  |  |
| I | $\cdots$ | . | 2 | 20 |
| III | ... | $\cdots$ | 72 | 114 |
| IV | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 8 | 110 |
| Shrigonda tdluka. |  |  |  |  |
| I | ... | $\cdots$ | - 31 |  |
| II | ... | $\ldots$ | + 341 | 16 |
| III | ... | $\cdots$ | 13 | 1. 2 |

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Statement showing the effect of Revision Settlement proposals on Govermma


## APPENDIX $L$.

occupied land in the Newasa taluka of the Ahmednagar District.


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V. B. MARDHEKAR,

Superintendent, Lend Records, C. D.
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## INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE SECOND REVISION SETTLEMENT OF JAMKHED MAHAL OF AHMEDNAGAR DISTRICT.



> No. S. T.-153 of 1922. $$
\text { Camp Ves, dated 13th December } 1922 .
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From

A. H. DRACUP. Esquire, B.A. (Cantab.), Assistant Settlement Officer, Ahmednagar ;

To
The COLLECTOR of AHMEDNAGAR.
Sir,
Thave the honour of submitting for the consideration of Government, proposals for the Second Revision Settlement of 46 Government and 4 Inam villages of the Jamkhed Mahal of the Ahmednagar District. These villages were formerly contained in the Jamkbed Taluka, which consisted of 61 Government, 6 surveyed Inam and 8 unsurveyed Inam villages. However, in 1913, the decision to create the Pathardi Petha wes put into effect and the contribution of Jamkhed, including - one village, Shirasmarg, formerly Inam and now Government, was 16 Khalsa and 2 Dumala villages. The remaining area was renamed the Jamkhed Mahal and forms the subject of the preseni report,

Proposals for the first revision were formulated in the year 1885 by Mr. W. M. Fletcher, Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Settlement, and received the sanction of Government in its Resolution No. 2981, dated the 28th April 1886. The papers relating to this measure are contained in Government Selection No. CLXXXIII, New Series.
2. Situation and Boundaries.-The tract under consideration consists of 6 groups of villages, which lie to the south-east of the Ahmednagar District and to quote Lrom Mr. Fletcher's report: "It is not only surrounded on all sides by, H. E. H. the Nizam's districts but it is also intersected by them in all directions." This description is equally applicable today inspite of the mutilation to which the Jamkhed Taluka was subjected in 1913.
3. Physical Features.-The area under reference displays two well marked divisions. A series of groups of hilly villages form the northern section: the remaining portion, which in fact forms the main body of the Mahal, hes almost directly south. As I am unable to better or even to equal the terse and wonderfully accurate description of the upper or Baleghat tract given by Captain Black, the Officer who carried out the original classification, I venture to quote himo ver-batim:-
"The plateau which is known as the Baleghat is gently undulating and has in Jamkhed an average height of about 2,500 feet above the sea. The soil on it is poor and shallow towards the west but becomes richer towards the east of the Taluka, where some good black soil is found. The plateau is, with the exception of a tree or two near the villages, almost treeless. The villages which lie below the plateau to the north are composed to a great extent of the slopes and spurs of the Baleghat and the valleys between them. The soil on the slopes is generally shallow and poor, but the valleys are more fertile and in one or two villages to the north there is some fair black soil. The slopes of the Baleghat are in many places well covered with jungle and in most of the valleys there are a considerable number of mangoes and other trees: plantations of young mangoes are by no means an uncommon sight."

For a similar reason I append Mr. Fletcher's remarks on the southern portion of the Mahal:-
"The remaining portion of the Taluka lies at the foot of Baleghat to the south and east, and is drained by the affluents of the Sins. It is flat with glight undulations, the provailing soil being a ahallow black, with stany surfaen though in some plase a fairstrotch of deep soir is met with, and along the streams aso whe soil is ortan good. Whith the exception of a fow clumps of mangoes and jambhals, which in places fringe the nalas, the face of the country ind nearly treelese. With no great pretensions to fertility, however, from an agricultarist s point of viow, it may be sair of this Taluka that grazing is good and plentiful for a Deccan district ; and this is due to the faot that the poorer sracts are never of that grey sterile soil isnown se Barad, which covera arge areas in mont parte of the Deccan anc yietas no graring to prevent the use of the plough, produce almost alfays grases of good quality."

4. . Rainfall.-


The Mahal possesses but one recording station, viz., Jamkher itself, and therefore, the figures given above are based on the fall at that town; but the central position of the taluka headquarters, when considered in conjunction with the comparatively modest area of the entire Mahal, tends to establish that the figures do really indicate the actual fall throughout the area under consideration. There is, however, abundant testimony for the assertion that the fall in the Baleghat tract is almost, alweys more, and certainly not less, than in the plain country to the south. Nevertheless, recent figures do tend to support the almost universal complaint that a noticeable decrease in the rainfall has occurred since 1896, which year appears to be indelibly branded in the memory or the local inhabitants as marking a year of peculiar disaster and commencing a period of frequent drought; the basis for this impression would seem to rest as much on a dimunition of the total volume of the rainfall as on the irregularity and untimeliness of incidencs. Still it is apparent not only from the scrutiny of the annual records but also from the general condition of the tract, that the Jamkhed Mahal experiences lewer vicissitudes of fortunein this respect than the adjacent talukas of Karjat, Shrigonda and the neighbouring portion of the Sholapur Collectorate.
5. Communications.-Its very location has operated to prevent considerable wetivity in road building. Moreover, the nature of the country in the Baleghat area renders road-making a difficult and expensive task, and hence there is but one somewhat neglected track, which connects the plateau and morthern villages to the market of Pathardi in the north-west. However, a good metalled road leads up from the headquarter town over the ghat to the top of the plateau. The southern area is better off; a local board road which needs more attention than it seems to have received of recent years, connects Nagar via Kada with Jamkhed, a distance of 46 miles; another good road running in a south-easterly direction through the very heart of the Mahal, links Jamkhed with the Municipal town of Kharda, 13 miles distant. Yet another more or less metalled track runs from Jamkhed to the important market of Karmala; but its condition is such that both trade and traffic prefer the longer route via Mahijalgaon, where a junction with the Nagar Sholapur road permits of the use of three Provincial roads to Karmala in the south, 36 miles distant, to Nagar to the north, 58 miles distant, and on to Pimpri Sitation to the west, 49 miles distant.

Mr. Fletcher writing in 1885 makes mention of two avenues of approach to Nagar from the north : the one via Pathardi and the other through a pass to Kada; this latter route is now impracticable for any otler form of transport save packtransport and is never used by wheeled conveyances.
6. Markets-There are in all 13 villages at which weekly markets are held. All save the three trade centres ot Kada, Jamkhed and Kharda assemble primarily for the convenience of the neighbouring villages and serve as convenient collecting centres for the agents of the more important traders who reside at either Kada, Jamkhed or Kharda. The first of these three was formerly a market town of some importance, commanding not only the western villages of the Mahal, but a large number of villages from Ashti taluka. It may be observed that a surprisingly
large number of merchants, whose operations are wholly confined to villages of H.E.H. the Nizam, reside in, and conduct their business from, bordering British villages, the explanation given being a greater sense of security and freedom from petty annoyance and harassment. A combination of these circumstances engendered the prosperity of Kada for a time, but owing to the difficult nature of the route to Nagar and to the fact that it is surrounded on all sides by the Nizam's territory, and the rigid imposition of the toll levied by the Nizam's state authorities, and the search to which all trade transport is subjected, primarily in the interest of the salt tax, which amounts to no less than Rs. 12 per bag, both the outward and inward trade has tended slightly to diminish, though it is still the place of residence of some 50 Marwadi houses, who combine the practice of money-lending with any other form of enterprise which yields a suitable dividend.

The significance of the remarks made above will be appreciated by reference to the fact that Jamkhed, the headquarter town, but not a border town, possesses only 17 trading establishments. Situated on the most convenient, and in fact only practical, route to Nagar on the northwest and to Kharda on the south-east and Karmala to the south, and, therefore, able to tap, so to speak at the frontier the whole of the southern Baleghat and Dongarbari area, it is matter for some astonishment that its operations are not on a larger scale : but the fact remains that it is totally eclipsed by the town of Kharda which in turn is dominated by the superior advantages of Karmala.

Nevertheless, Jamkhed is the weekly place of assembly of some 20 villages, and as it is a cattle market, and as cotton is the local money crop, and linseed and safflower are also sown to a moderate extent, trade is fairly brisk. The market at Kharda is on a larger scale. It is not only a municipal town, with a population of some 6,000 inhabitants, but is situated on the main road to Barsi, some 30 miles distant, and is connected by a passable road to Karmala, approximately 22 miles distant. Conveniently located on the very borders of H. E. H. the Nizam's dominions and commanding approaches to the two railway stations of Barsi and Jeur, each of which are some 30 miles distant, it was until recently an exceedingly prosperous market town. Its volume of trade is still substantial, but in proportion as the tendency for local prices to approximate to outside local market prices establishes itself, the superior position of Karmala, in nearer proximity to the telegraph wire and a main railway line, is likely to prevail, and signs are not wanting that Kharda will be compelled in the near future, to reconcile itself to the lesser dignity of a trade outpost, as against its former position of a trade centre.
7. Industries.-The Mahal possesses a few oil-presses and in all 298 hand-looms. The former are utilised in extracting linseed and sweet oil, almost wholly for local consumption; the looms manufacture coarse cotton and woollen blankets and, to a much smaller extent, garments of feminine apparel, which primarily satisfy a local demand.

The village of Amalner is the centre of a group of tinkers, who purchase wornout brass vessels, clean and renovate them, and then export them to surrounding market towns. The industry supports about 100 persons, and a single transaction coinciding with my visit to the village, consisted of the wholesale disposal by a single family of no less than 400 vessels valued atRs. 3 each. I understand that the industry is of such dimensions and yields such a return, that the profit therefrom supplies a living to a family unit estimated at twice the profit obtainable from a holding assessed at Res. 20. In the villages of' Dongarkinhi and Bidsangvi, a few families of Kasvas prepare a coarse quality glass bangle, but their complaints were bitter of the difficulty of conducting with success their hereditary and traditional calling against the imported article. It is not open to doubt that this local industry will shortly disappear.

Mr. Fletcher writing in 1885 commented on the handicap to trade, which exists in consequence of the fact that the customs authorities of H. E. H. the Nizam insist on the examination of all merchandise, whether inward or outward bound. All trade goods other than salt are permitted to pass through, free of duty, if certified by the village headman of the village of origin, to be consigned to British territory. There is no doubt that the small douceur which is sometimes demanded, and perforce paid, finally falls on the consumer ; but as Mr. Fletcher was constrained to remark, there is no evidence that the imposition operated to restrict import. The duty on salt, on the other hand, is a definite burden and zealously imposed.
8. Prices.-The figures are given in Appendix I. For purposes of ready comparison the statement below has been drawn up:-

Prices per rupee in seers of 80 tolas and chatalks of 5 tolas each.


The figures are instructive and possibly of considerable value, since they indicate conditions in a wholly rural area, entirely dependent on agriculture, with only motasthal irrigation facilities, and at a fairly considerable distance from a railway. As a consequence, the general tendency is to produce food crops rather than money crops, to store a twelve months' supply of food, and to bring to market only the surplus, rather than to dispose of the harvest for cash and purchase subsequently in the weekly markets.

So far as wheat, gram and safflower are concerned, it will be seen that the rise in prices has been steady; as regards bajri and jawari-the staple food crops of the area-they have responded far more quickly to good and bad seasons, since they necessarily affect the surplus mentioned above.

The phenomenal conditions prevailing from 1918-19 to 1920-21 explain the exceptional figures for these years, but inspite of a series of really bad seasons, I was unable to discover that import had taken place on any substantial scale, though this is possibly due to heavy emigration. So far as Jamkhed is concerned, Appendix I indicates far more accurately than in most other talukas, the rate at which the ryot purchased rupees rather than the purchasing power of the rupee. It is clear, therefore, that since prices have appreciated at least 100 per cent. during the present lease, the net benefit of his yield to the ryot has at least doubled.
9. Live and Dead-Stoek. (Appendix D).-Owing to the transfer of 15 Government villages to the Pathardi mahal in 1913, and owing to the fact that the cattle census figures of these villages in 1885 are not available, it is not possible to tabulate the figures at the beginning and end of the lease and thereby show the progress made or the set-back experienced.

There is, however, little doubt but that under the majority of the headings in AppendixD, the figures for 1921-22 would show decreases, if compared with the figures of 1885. In 1885, Jamkhed was even more remote from outside markets than it is to-day; communication was undoubtedly more difficult; the tendency to travel afar to markets outside the Taluka was much less; and demand forcattleand all livestock was very probably considerably less. Mr. Fletcher has commented on the exceptional grazing facilities that the area possesses (vide paragraph 20 of the 1 st revision report). Present conditions differ: The most suitable grazing areas were confined to the villages transferred in 1913 ; the akea under occupation, as against the area not under crop, has increased proportionately; the steady increase in the value of food grains has correspondingly diminished the benefit to be derived trom cattle and sheep rearing; and, whereas Mr. Fletcher mentions the biennial visits of butchers from Poona and Bombay, to make purchases of cattle, the modern equivalent arrives weehly in a motor-car. However, the statement below gives the number of acres per pair of plough oxen on the basis of the total area cropped. The figures for 1885 cannot be regarded as strictly correct, as it would appear that underthe heading "Agricultural Cattle"Mr. Fletcherhasincluded male buffaloes, and
from the large number of female, and young buffaloes, there would seem reason to believe that the number of.males was considerable. But it will be apparent that, as late as 1915-16, the number of plough oxen was more than adequate, and if the recent famine years have operated to reduce numbers, the damage done is likely to be made good in the course of a few good or even fair seasons, and, in any case, it has not approached a degree sufficient to militate against the efficient conduct of agricultural operations.

Statement showing number of acres per pair of plough oxen on basis of cropped area.

| Yoar. |  |  | Group i. | Group II. | Group III, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - |  |  | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. |
| 1885 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $9 \cdot 0$ | $10 \cdot 0$ | $15 \cdot 0$ |
| 1915 | . | $\cdots$ | $13 \cdot 17$ | $14 \cdot 27$ | 16.29 |
| 1919 | $\cdots$ | . | $12 \cdot 30$ | $17 \cdot 37$ | 21.5 |
| 1920 | $\because$ | . | $15 \cdot 17$ | $20 \cdot 2$ | $28 \cdot 4$ |

The figures for goats in all 61 villages is shown as 11,162 in 1885, the census of 1920 returns, 9,748 for only 46 villages. It is, therefore, clear that so far as this item is concerned, there has been an increase during the period of lease.
Similarly, as regards carts, which in 1885 numbered 1011, and in 1920, 999.
Reference to Appendix F of the First Revision Settlement Report of the Jamkhed Mahal of the Ahmednagar District.


Figures for the 15 villages transferred to Pathardi in 1913 according to Census of 1901-02.

10. Value of Land.-As the isolated position of Jamkhed tends to keep it free of outside investors, the vast majority of sale transactions, therefore, are confined to local residents, and where both vender and purchaser are agriculturisis
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with a full knowledge of local conditions, bargaining is apt to be prolonged, and the sale-price eventually agreed upon, approximates very closely to intrinsic worth.

Comparison with conditions at the beginning of the lease, 37 years ago, is not possible, as Mr. Fletcher's figures do not differentiate between Bagayat and Jirayat land. However, if contrasted with the state of things in the adjoining taluka of Shevgaon including the Pathardi Mahal, which was settled in revision as recently as 1915, the figures for Jamkhed show, that conditions in the Mahal are on the whole by no means worse, and, so far as group I is concerned, a good deal better.

Number of times the assessment represented by the sale-price.

| Conditiona in |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pathardi \& Shevgron in 1915. |  |  |  | Jambhed Mahal in 1821. |  |  |  | Remarts. |  |
| Group I | .. | - | $55 \cdot 80$ | Group I |  |  | 81.05 |  | crop |
| Group II | . | '. | 43.97 | Group II |  | . | 47.08 |  | nd only. |
| Group III | . | .. | $37 \cdot 27$ | Group III |  | . | $44 \cdot 19$ |  |  |
| For the whole Taluka .. $39 \cdot 42$ |  |  |  | For the Ma | al | . | 52.99 |  |  |

On the basis of the rate in cash per acre the figures are as follows :-
Rate per acre (dry crop land only).


It is difficult to perceive why, so far as groups II and III are concerned, land in Jamkhed should not fetch more than land in the corresponding groups in Shevgaon and Pathardi. It is beyond doubt and demonstrable by the simple process of visiting both areas that the Jamkhed ryot is the more comfortably circumstanced; his harvests are more certain ; the general facilities for agriculture not less; the rainfall is more reliable, and famine less frequent. It is possibly correct that the quality of the soil is somewhat superior in Shevgaon, but on the whole it is probable, that the principal operating factor is the greater isolation of Jamkhed, which, as has been stated above, tends to confine sale to local residents only. The high selling rate prevailing in group $I$ is clearly due to the extreme difficulty of securing land, for nothing save coniinuous sub-division, up to the point where cultivation is no longer profitable, brings land into the market at all.

An examination of the figures as regards rentals is equally instructive and equally consistent;

Number of times the assessment represented by rent.


It may be noted that in the figures compiled for the purposes of this present report, in each case, the receipient of the rent pays the assessment, whereas Mr. Fletcher's statement (vide Appendix L, First Revision Report), makes it clear that the figures of rental given include the assessment which was to be paid by the lessee.

Furthermore, the statement appears to include all land, Bagayat as well as Jirayat, and comparison is not, therefare, possible. It is evident, however, from the statement given above that the assessment cannot be considered other than light, for the percentage of rent represented by the assessment, is for group I under $11 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and for the other two groups under 22 per cent. These figures will challenge comparison favourably with any other Jirayat taluka in the District.
11. Water Supply.-It has already been stated that the sole source of water supply other than the rainfall is by well water, and the progress made in this direction is given below :-

|  | Poriod. |  |  | No. of villages. | No. of wolls. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1885 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | . | 61 | 1,443 |
| 1921 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 46 | 1,563 |

The census of 1902 shows that the number of wells in the 15 villages transferred in 1913 was 615. It is not ascertainable what the corresponding number for this area was in 1885. But it is evident that the number of wells in the remaining 46 villages has increased at least 75 per cent. within the period of the lease.
12. Cultivation and crops.-The statistical information is contained in Appendix B. The entire tract is jirayat. Out of the gross area of the Mahal 76.82 per cent. is occupied for cultivation; $15 \cdot 20$ per cent. being under forest and the remainder $7 \cdot 98$ per cent. being land either uncultivable or assigned for some special purpose. It will be observed that the area under fallow is approximately onefifth of the total occupied area but that in this respect conditions in the Mahal do not differ from similarly hilly areas will be apparent from the statement below. A further explanation of the comparatively large area left unsown can be found in the well known fact that the excellance of the grasses in the Mahal makes grazing an asset:-that it in no way indicates that land is falling out of cultivation will be evident from column 8 of Appendix B, which establishes that the area of cultivable waste unoccupied is the very moderate extent of 0.56 per cent. of the gross area.

Table of percentages of fallows to total occupied area in hilly Talukas.


Cultivation in the Baleghat tract is generally confined to the comparatively level land between the folds of the innumerable ridges that form the distinguishing feature of this area. Terracing is adopted but to a moderate extent only. As regards the Deshi area, the south western section forms part of the valley of the Sina and is on the whole fairly level and possesses to some extent the advantage of sub-soil percolation, with the result that the land is easily prepared and crops on the whole yield fair harvests. The eastern section is somewhat more dependent on the actual rainfall, but curiously enough, invariably obtains a useful shower or two in December or early January, when it is much needed. The standard of cultivation is on the whole fair. The advantages of manuring understood, but the benefit of weeding and bunding is either not sufficiently appreciated, or ignored. The a verage cultivator is, however, very willing to accept suggestions and is open to ideas, and there is no doubt that the recent famine, by compelling emigration, is likely to result in improved cultivation, for I frequently came across individuals, who with pride would point to some experiment and informed me that it was due to their observations the year before in the Barars or Khandesh.

Crops.-The table below contrasts present conditions with those prevailing in 1885.

Percentage of occupied area under various crops at $b_{\epsilon} g i n n i n g ~ a n d ~ e n d ~ o f ~ l c a s e . ~$


100 per cent. $102 \cdot 16$ per cent.
Deduct area twice cropped
.. 2.16
100 per cent. 100 per cent.
It will be seen that the present tendency is to concentrate on Rabicrops and reduce the area under Khariff. The explanation given locally being that the sabi rains of recent years are by far the most reliable. The substantial increase in oil seeds is chiefly due to the much larger percentage of land put under safflower-a Rabi crop sown together with Jawari.

The reduction in "others" is primarily due to the low level of well water consequent on the series of years ot poor and moderate rainfall, which has hampered bagayat sowing. Motasthal irrigation is, however, unlikely to increase rapidly chiefly because the expense of well construction is high, due to the presence of basaltic and other hard rock formations near the surface.
13. Population:-(Appendix M.)

The figures of the last four censuses are given below.
Census figures of 46 Government villages for the period 1891-1921.


[^20]The percentage of agricultural to non-agriculturs] populations is given below :-


The increase in the percentage of non-agricultural population is of course not real, the apparent increase being due solely to emigration which was confined to agricultural classes mainly.
14. Wages.-(Appendix I-i).

Little comment is required. The Mahal possessesnolarge industriesand, therefore, the rise in the wages of the carpenter, the blacksmith, the village shoemaker as well as that of the agricultural worker, has risen solely in response to the depreciated value of money and; to some extent, to the higher standard of living. The area being wholly agricultural, a very fair percentage of wages is paidinkind. Nevertheless, the figures show that the price of skilled and unskilled labour has risen 50 per cent.
15. Revenue history.-(Appendices K and M ).

So far as Appendix $K$ is concerned, an examination of columns 3 and 4 reveals the satisfactory state of the Mahal. The figures for group I show that remissions amount to the insignificant sum of Rs. 5,220-2-4 out of a total demand of nearly 5 lakhs of rupees, actually 1.05 per cent. Further, in a period of 31 years, suspensions have exceeded four figures on only five occasions, and in only one year was it necessary to suspend the revenue almost wholesale. Remissionsingroups II and III amountto $3 \cdot 50$ per cent. and $3 \cdot 23$ per cent., respectively; of the total demand. The considerable difference in conditions between the first and the remaining two groups is demonstrated by the fact that suspensions of revenue-over four figures, was found necessary in no less than 13 years out of 31. Nevertheless, a set of conditions, which have tesulted in causing the talukwar figures of remissions and suspensions to represent but $2 \cdot 76$ per cent. and 11.07 per cent., respectively, of demand, and the significant fact that throughout the period of 31 years, there is no single item of unauthorised arrears, cannot but indicate general absence of distress and the general moderation of the levy. It is clear that were it not for the series of years in which the rainfall was below the absolute minimum, necessary to cause crops to ripen, the figures in columns 3 and 4 would be nil.

The figures in Appendix $K$ are corroborative : It is correct that the census retarns show a diminished population, but this has been explained. Columns 5 and 6 indicate that not only is the area of unoccupied Government land insignificant, but the tendency is to take up lands which must clearly be on the very margin of cultivation, and hardly worth cultivation, were it not for the considerable increase in the price of the products of cultivation. A resort to coercive processes for the purpose of securing the land revenue is almost unknown.
16. Summary.-It is somewhat difficult to bring out clearly with the aid of statistics only, the steady progress towards prosperity made during the existing lease ; but though it is not easy to record tangible evidence of this prosperity, it is an undoubted fact that the inhabitants of the Mahal are comfortably circum-stanced-a specially noticeable feature is the quiet comfort of allclasses. There are few rich, but practically no poor, in the extreme sense of the term. The more or less consistent rainfall, resulting in regular and fair harvests, has produced a degree of moderate well-being, which is in sharp contrast to many areas in the District, where the soil is richer, irrigation facilities greater, where communications are superior, and where markets are nearer, but the rainfall more capricious.

The value in terms of money of the products of agriculture has steadily risen nearly 100 per cent.; the value of the land and the stock on the land has equally o a 17-3
increased ; rents are the equal of those prevailing in any other jirayat area in the District ; wages have shared in the general level of prosperity ; the tract is neither overpopulated or under populated ; the climate is excellent ; sickness and disease infrequent; the people generally comfortably housed in stone structures. A contributory factor to this satisfactory state of affairs is undoubtedly its isolation, but on the other hand, this very fact operates to reduce the net cash return of agriculture to the agriculturist. During the entire period of the lease there has been no improvement in communications; no new road has been built, nor has the railway been brought nearer ; furthermore, its complete separation from British territory imposes on the unfortunate inhabitants the burden of an especial salt tax, and, to a moderate extent, a customs bar. It is, therefore, necessary to make due allowance for these drawbacks, and the rates proposed attempt to fix the just share of the general rise in values, to which the state on the one hand and the occupant on the other, is entitled.
17. Grouping.-It will be evident from the foregoing paragraphs that the main justification for an increase of the maximum rate is the increase in the value of agricultural produce, due to the general rise of prices. This is a factor that has operated universally, and, so far as the various groups in Jamkhed are concerned, impartially. There is no doubt that the present system of grouping was based on net return from the lands in the various groups. Since conditions in this respect have not changed, there is no necessity for alteration. I therefore propose that the existing groups be retained' and that the maximum rates pe raised as follows:-

Group I from Rs. 1-6-0 to Rs. 1-13-0, viz., $31-82$ per cent.
Group II from Res. 1-3-0 to Rs. 1-9-0, viz., $31 \cdot 58$ per cent.
Group III from Rs. 1-1-0 to Res. 1-6-0, viz., $29 \cdot 41$ per cent.
The table below sets forth the present rates, the rates proposed and the rates prevailing in the neighbouring area and villages in H. E. H. the Nizam's dominions :-


So far as group I is concerned, its superior climate, its assured rainfall, and the certainty of harvests, contribute to engender a degree of prosperity, which would be the equal of any other area in the District, were it not for the isolated character of the tract, its distance from a first class market and a railway, and its poor facilities for communication. Had it not been for these factors, which undoubtedly operate to reduce, below outside market prices, the rate at which the occupant can with convenience dispose of his harvest, I would have ventured to propose a rate even higher.

As regards group II, its access to the really big markets of Kharda, Karmala and Barsi facilitate disposal, and, therefore, there would appear no reason to refrain from the imposition of an assessment which is approximately equal to that prevailing in the neighbouring villages of H. E. H. the Nizam's dominions. It is correct that my proposal will operate to impose a levy ol Rs. 1-9-0 against Rs. 1-6-11, but it will be seen from the statement above that the Nizam's villages to the north of this group are assessed at Rs. 1-13-6. The soil is good, communications are exceljent and markets are convenient.

Finally, qs regards group III, these villages are located in the south-west of the Mahal. and though the reinfall here is more irregular, and the larger markets more distant, this is to a fair extent compensated for by the comparative superiority of communications and the really excellent quality of the soil. Villages such as

Kusadgaon, Patoda, Ratnapur, Sangקi and Khandvi require nothing beyond moisture to yield really bumper harvests. I have, therefore, proposed an increase equivalent to Rs. $29 \cdot 41$ per cent.

It will be seen that the rates proposed will result in practically uniform increases in each group, the justification being that the main ground for increase is the general rise in prices. The present proposals will result in increasing the revenue from Rs. 64,457 to Rs. 84,422 , the increase per acre being as under:-

|  |  | Group. |  |  |  | Presont average rate per acre. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Proposed } \\ \text { average rate per } \\ \text { acre. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I | $\cdots$ | - |  | . | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 7 & 2\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 9 & 5\end{array}$ |
| II | $\cdots$ |  |  | . | $\cdots$ | 072 | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 9 & 7\end{array}$ |
| III | - | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 0611 | 090 |

It will be noted that the above table portrays very clearly the classification rating of the soil in groups II and III as compared with group I.
18. Period of guarantee.-Local conditions in Jamkhed approximate closely to those prevailing in Pathardi. It will be convenient, therefore, that both these areas be examined at one and the same time for the purposes of future revision settlements. I have, therefore, to propose that the ratesnow to beimposed be guaranteed for 23 years, i. e., upto the year 1945-46 when the present settlement of the Pathardi Mahal will expire. It may benoted that the present settlement is seven years overdue.
19. Inam villages of the Jamkhed Mahal.-The Mahal possesses in all 13 alienated villages, of which 8 are unsurveyed and do not, therefore, come under consideration; out of the remaining five, which are surveyed, viz. (1) Bidsangvi, (2) Devinimbgaon, (3) Ratnapur, (4) Sheri Khurd and (5) Khandvi, the current settlement in No. (1) is the original, and revision measurement and classification operations are necessary before introduction of a revision settlement is permissable. In Nos. ${ }^{(2)}$ to (5), inclusive, the current settlement is the revision. Information regarding the settlement of the latter four villages is as under:-

| 1 Dovinimbgan <br> 2 Ratnapur <br> 3 Shexi Khurd <br> 4 Khandvi | Name of village. |  | Present maximum rate. | Period of settlement. |  | Authority. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | From |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Rs. a. p. |  |  |  |
|  | $\cdots$ | $\sim$ | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 3 & 0\end{array}$ | 1885-86. | 1915-16 | Commissioner C. D.'s |
|  | - | $\therefore$ | 130 | Do. | do. | No. 1895, dated 8th |
|  | . | .- | 130 | Do. | do. | - November 1886. |
|  | $\cdots$ | - | 110 | Do. | do. |  |

Conditions in these villages are in no wise dissimilar to those in the adjoining Khalsa villages, and specific remarks on each village are unnecessary.

Devinimbgaon is situated to the north of Kada and Sheri khurd to the south; Ratnapur is situated to the south-west of Jamkhed. These villages, though scattered over the south-western portion of the Mahal, have already been grouped properly with the surrounding Government villages, which are in group II. I therefore propose the same maximum rate, viz., Rs. 1-9-0 for each of these villages.

Khandvi.-Is situated to the south of the Mahal and falls in group III. I therefore propose a maximum rate, viz., Rs. 1-6-0.

There is no rice land in any of these villages. Motasthal has as usual been assessed at the maximum dry crop rate. The financial effect of the enhancements proposed will be found in Appendix L.

In conclusion, I would recommend that the period of guarantee of these villages skould expire simultaneously with that of the rest of the Taluka.

> I have the honour to be, Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,
> A. H. DRACUP,
> Assistant Settlement Officer, Ahmednagar.

APPENDIX A.
Rainfall recorded at Jamkhed District, Ahmednagar.


Rainfall remarkt with rogard to the character of the season at Sangamnor, Karjat and Jamkhed, Diotrist
1011. Raln during the year was less than half the average at Karjat and only sightly above it (haif the arerage) at Sangamner and Jame thed. There was mome elight rain at karjat during the ante-monsoon period but practically none at Sangamnerand Jamkhed. The monsoon get in early in J une but the fall of the month though general was insuminclent (except at Sangamner whore it was up sufficient to rempmome retarded kharif sowings. It was theagre at sangamner but here the sowings were already fndshed of by the end of June. Rain in Angust was beneticial to the crops. But September rain amonsted only to a fow cents. The standing tharif crops were aflected in consequence and rabi sowlogs were ratarded. Rain was practicaliy absent in October and rabl cosumed in placea. Docember went totally dry. The rabl cropas required moisture for thalr development which they never got. season on the whole was very poor.
1012. The total fall was considerably below the average. Ante-monsoon rain was fair at Karjat, though elight at Jamkhed and practically absent at Sangamner. Monsoon commenced timely lo June bat the fall of the month was finsuffelent for kharif sowings whilh were consequently confined to light bolis only. July rain was about, the average and enabled isharif gowings to bo crops mulfered. The fall in September was only fair at Jamhined while it did not oxceed a few conts at Karjat and Sangamner. The result was that charif crops withered and rabl sowing was delaycd. Good gain in October gave an mpetus to rabi sowinga. Coplons rain was again received in November at Sangamner, though it was only Talr at Karjat and very hight at Jamkied, sias on the whole wes very poor and necesaltated declaration of farmine conditions,
1918. Anpual ralnfoll much under the averace. Raln in the antemansoon period was fair to good. The monsoon established itself early in June and the fall belng sufficlent, kharif sowiogs were started everywhere and completed under the favourable rain in July. The fall in August was useful for the gtanding crops but it was not suffccent and further raln was needed at the end of the month. Rain in Beptember was far short of the average. More was urgently refuired for the gtanding viarif crops as well ag in earncat on its account. There was no ralo to November though it was badly required for germination of the seedifigs and for thelr proper development. Jamkhed received some useful showers in December though the rainfall amonnted onily to a few cents at Karjat and was totally absent at Eangamner. Season on the whole was anly tair.
1914. Excent at Sangamner where it was about the average, total fall of the year was in excess of the standard. Ante-monsoon
 in July and seedlinge vere thriving. Rain in Angust though suflolent at Karjat was deflclent at Jamakhed and Sangamae where more rain was needed for the standing crops at the end of tho month. The fall in Soptember made up the deftctency bene to show signs of distress, Ralnfali in November though scanty was very useful for the crops. December was alruost dry. Season on the whole was fairly good.
1915, Rain during the yoar far in excess of the average. There wers some fair good ente-monsoon showers, The regular moneoon frened in the thitr woek of June and the fall being gencral and sulfilent, Kharif gowings wass started and commenced in July When however it was retardod in places owing to continuous rain. August rain wes ight and conined to the frst week followe inproved everywhere. Rabi cowing was started but retarded owing to excesaive rain. It was reaumed and completed in Octohe under favourable conditions. Rabi seedithgs were thriving. There was useful raln in Novamber and December oxcept at Sangam aer where it was practically absent and the crops throve well. The season on the whole was good.
1016. Total fall of the voar considerablvabove the average. Good rain In the ante-monsoon perfod was ngeful for preparing the lants. In July the fall was more than auffcient retarding bajri sowing and a break was destred for agricitiral operatlong everywhere partially In Augast and was beneficial to the crops. The heavy fall in September howevar damaged the atandinc-crops and rctard ed rabi sowing which commenced with the break in the last weok. Ootober rain agsin exceeded the regulrements and injured bajrt which in consequence suffered both in quality and quantity. Jowar was sown in telds where bajri was rultied. Rabl owing was cols promising but they siffit
good for rabl.
1917. Except at sangamner whero it was bilow the average the total fall of the year was considerably above the gtandard at Karjat and the fall heing suffictent kharlf sowings were taken in hands everywhere. The fall in yaly however, belng very meagre (Jamkhed excepted whare it was fair) they were retarded in places and germlnated seedlinge bega now to wither. The drought continued tul about the middle of August when general raln wis recelved. This impproved the gt anding kharif crops and allowed rabi sowing to be undertaken,
the crops in places in the Karjat and Jamakhed talukas. Ft being however only up to the requirements at sangamner no damage whs done to the crops here. The fall In November was light and rabl sowings were comple ted under the favourable weather conditions of the month. There Fras no rain in December nor was say absolntely necessary for the development of the crope. The season was on the whole ouly fair for kharil though fairly good for the rabl crops.
1018. Total fall of the year far below the average at Jamkhed and less than even half of the atandard at Karjat and sangamnor Rain in the anto-nonsoon period being hoavy was uselur for the preparation of the lands. hegular monsoon opened about the en was insufficient bding less than an. Inch further sowing was stopped and the germinated geedinge were withering. Auguat raln did not improve the situation the fall belng mearre. More rain was urgently required. The good fall in September was very welcome alter the long drought. It gave a now itfe to the survivigig crops and gave an impetus to rabl sowing. In octoler
the rainfall though falr at Jamkhed was very soanty at Karjat and Sangamer. The result was that further rabi sowing was the rainfall though falr at Jamkhed was very boanty at Karjat and Sangamaner, Tho reault was that further rabi sowing was Sangemner had again unfortupately none. This ralin where it fell greaty improved the rabl crops. In December heavy, rain was recelved at Jamkhed though it did not exceed a fow cents at Sangamner and was totally absent at Karjat. It
crops in the Jamkhed taluka. The season on the whole was very poor, Sanganoner formiog the worgt of tho three.
1019. Total rainfall of the year much below the average at Jamkhed, about it at Karjat and in excess of it at Sangamner. Rainfal , cultivators were keen to sow kharif crops wherever possible and the area cultivated noder them was gencrally above the normal. Owing to the long breaks however, in July and Angust the crops suffered severcly in places. The abundant fall in September provad howvever very beneficial to them and was useful for undertaking rabl sowing. In October onfortupataiy a break occured when however be called one of the plenty as the people had just escaped from the clutches of scarcity and were etruggling to bette their condition.
. Annual rainfall less than half the averago, at Karjat and Jamkhed and only one-third of it at Sangamner. The ante-monsoon period was totally dry. There was some ralnfall in June and July, but it was neither bufficient nor general. Conpeguently lese ang than usual was bown. The seedlings did not germinate well in many places or where they did, they did not fourlsh. The kharif season thus resulted in a faflire. As for the rely affected tho condit of what cropg were stil surviving and and way the oncouraged geaeral rabisowings to be eagerly started. Want of rain, however tn October and November withero to be declared throughout the area.
1021. Year's aggregate fall about the average at Jamkhed but only about half of it at Karjat and Sangamner. There Fas nly to a few conts at Karjat. So Fairly good raln was received in June at Jamkthed and Sangamner though it amounted only to a few conts at Karjat. Sowings in consequence were restricted only to places of sufficlent moisture. The substantial completion in time. The seadlings also throve well underit. In August the fall was scanty and crops began to suffer but thls deflolency of ralm was counterbalanced by the good fall of September which besides tmproving the standing crope gave goodstart to rabisowlngs. Owing to the dofclency of rainfall in October and its total absence in November and Lecember the not unlikely that it may furn out to be poor for the rabi crops.

APPENDIX $B$.
Details of Cultivation and Crops in the Villages of the Jamkhed Mahal of the Ahmednagar Collectorate.


APPENDIX C.
Detarls of population according to occupation as per the Imperial Censtises of 1911 and 1921 in the Jamkhed Mahal, Ahmednagar District.


APPENDIX D.
Agricultural stock of the 46 Government villages in the Jamkhed Mahal, during the year 1915 and so on.


APPENDIX E.
Shops, industries, etc., in the villages of the Jamkked Mahal, District Nagar for the year 1921.


APPENDIX F .
[From V. F. 16.]
Wells, Bhudkis, Tanks and other sources of water supply in the 46 Government villages of the Jamkhed Mahal for the year 1921-22.


Abstract of Appendix F. For 46 Gqvernment villages Mahal Jamkhed.


APPENDIX G.
Selling value of dry-crop lands in the village of the Jamkhed Mahal.

| Sorial No. in Appendix 3. | Name of village. | Area of land sold. | Assessment. | Sale price. | Number of times the assessment reprecented by price. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group No. 1. | A. g. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. |  |  |
| 1 | Amalner | 4511 | 2570 | 3,731 | $146 \cdot 31$ |  |
| 2 | Domri |  |  | No Sales. |  |  |
| 3 | Dongarkinhi | 31 34 <br> 68  | 1166 | 1,283 | 112.45 |  |
| 4 | Jategaon | ${ }^{66} 23$ | 4118 | 2,705 | $62 \cdot 22$ |  |
| 5 | Kusalamb | $\begin{array}{ll}33 & 5 \\ 12 & 8\end{array}$ | 9144 | 674 | $68 \cdot 11$ |  |
| 6 | Nirgudi | $\begin{array}{ll}12 & 8\end{array}$ | 390 | 200 | $56 \cdot 14$ |  |
| 7 | Pangri | $\begin{array}{ll}25 & 7\end{array}$ | $6{ }^{6} 40$ | 350 | 56.00 |  |
| 8 | Pimpalgaon Dhus | 5 37 | 214 | 160 | $78 \cdot 80$ |  |
| 9 | Nalwandi | 24 37 <br>  56 | ${ }^{9} 86$ | 660 | $70 \cdot 16$ |  |
| 10 | Pimpalgaon-Unda | $\begin{array}{ll}56 & 33 \\ 38 & 26\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}20 & 8 & 6 \\ 21 & 15 & 6\end{array}$ | 1,258 1,230 | 61.27 55.98 |  |
| 11 | Total | 340 21 | 15122 | 12,251 | 81.05 |  |
|  | Average per acre | $\ldots$ | .... | $35 \cdot 98$ | .. |  |
|  | Group No. II. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | BuIgawhan |  |  | No Sales. |  |  |
| 13 | Band khadak | 2727 | 1300 | 700 | 53.84 |  |
| 14 | Deodiathan | $43 \quad 20$ | 1500 | 700 | 46.66 |  |
| 15 | Dhamangaon | $24 \quad 38$ | $\begin{array}{lll}10 & 2 & 0\end{array}$ | ${ }^{600}$ | $59 \cdot 26$ |  |
| 16 | Dongargan | 1 |  | No Sales. |  |  |
| 17 | Jamkhed | 19117 | 54.60 | 2,550 | $44 \cdot 37$ |  |
| 18 | Kada | ${ }^{99} \quad 17$ | 6880 | 1,800 | $26 \cdot 32$ |  |
| 90 | Kharda | 54 33 <br> 18 04 | 2500 | 2,225 | 88.10 |  |
| 21 | Loni | $24 \quad 34$ | 7120 | 300 | $38 \cdot 70$ |  |
| 22 | Moho | 1213 | 500 | 200 | $40 \cdot 00$ |  |
| 23 | Nahuli | 217 | 880 | 500 | 58.24 |  |
| 24 | Rajuri | . 4434 | 2440 | 1,125 | $48 \cdot 38$ |  |
| 25 | Sarols | 7935 | 3360 | 1,750 | 52.43 |  |
| 26 | Shiur | 7910 | 3070 | 950 | 31.21 |  |
| 27 | Telangashi | $40 \quad 00$ | 150 | 900 | $59 \cdot 17$ |  |
|  | Total | 7629 | 31710 | 14,025 | $47 \cdot 07$ |  |
|  | Average per acre | $\ldots$ | .... | 19.58 | .. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | Apati | $37 \quad 9$ | 1980 | 1,500 | $76 \cdot 67$ |  |
| 29 | Arangaon | 15915 | 6910 | 2,650 | 38.46 |  |
| 30 | Bavi | 46 | 2300 | . 850 | $38 \cdot 98$ |  |
| 31 | Bhalarni | 22.5 | 78 8 | 300 | 40.00 |  |
| 33 | Dongaon | $26 \quad 15$ | 800 | 300 | $37 \cdot 50$ |  |
| 34 | Ghodegaon | 2438 | 500 | 300 | 60.00 |  |
| 35 | Hajipur | 813 | 3118 | 210 | 56.47 |  |
| 36 37 | Kikri | $13 \quad 34$ | 6180 | No 300 | 44.44 |  |
| 33 | Khur Daithane | 6828 | 2070 | No Sales. 975 | $44 \cdot 33$ |  |
| 39 | Mirjapar | 1816 | 860 | 600 | 71.64 |  |
| +0 | Pedali | 181 | 4140 | 250 | 51-28 |  |
| 41 | Patode | 7622 | 4060 | 1,715 | $42 \cdot 28$ |  |
| 46 | Sangawi | 1024 | 9126 | 550 | 56.23 |  |
|  | Waki | 10112 | 4210 | 2,400 | 56.05 |  |
|  | Total | 63134 | 26940 | 11,900 | 44.18 |  |
|  |  | .... | .... | 18*74 | . ${ }^{\text {- }}$ |  |
|  | Average for the Mahal | 1,734 84 | $737 \quad 7$ | 39,076 | 52.99 |  |
|  | Average per acre | . | .... | $22 \cdot 53$ | . | - |

## APPENDIX H.

Leases of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Jamkhed Mahal.


## APPENDIX I.

Prices prevalent in the Jamkhed Mahal from 1888-89 to 1921 (as plotted in the accompanying Diagram).

|  |  |  |  | Soers of 80 Tolas per Rapee. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Jawari. <br> 2 | Bajari. <br> 3 | Wheat. <br> 4 | Gram. <br> 5 | Saflower seed. |
|  | Financial Year. |  |  | s. Ch. | s. Ch. | s. Ch. | s. Ch. | s. Cb. |
| 1888.89 | . | . |  | 1810 | 1813 | 16.4 | 1700 |  |
| 1889-90 | $\because$ |  |  |  | ${ }_{22}^{18} 11$ | 16.07 | 1800 |  |
| 1891-92 | $\because$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{ll}25 & 03 \\ 28 & 02 \\ \\ \end{array}$ | 22 19 19 | $\begin{array}{lll}18 & 14 \\ 14 & 07\end{array}$ | 21 17 17 10 | 23 <br> 20 <br>  <br> 0 |
| 1892 -98 | $\ldots$ |  |  | 2214 | 1910 | 14.03 | 1505 |  |
| 1893-94 |  |  |  | ${ }^{21} 08$ | 1000 | 14.10 | 19.04 |  |
| 1894-95 | . |  |  | 2305 | 1910 | 1510 | $18{ }^{\text {c }} 08$ |  |
|  | Calendar Year. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1895 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 2201 |  |  | 1111 |  |
| ${ }_{1897}^{1896}$ | $\because$ | $\because$ |  | 18 14 <br> 8 14 | 17 802 802 | ${ }_{13}^{13} 901$ | ${ }^{14} 807$ |  |
| 1898 | $\because$ | $\because$ |  | 1513 | 1507 | 1104 | 1301 | 23 <br> 20 <br> 06 |
| 1899 | $\because$ | $\because$ |  | 14.12 | 14.8 | 1215 | 1314 | 14.02 |
| 1900 | $\cdots$ | $\because$ |  | 88  <br> 12  <br> 12 13 | 88 <br> 13 <br> 13 <br> 1 | 701 <br> 7 <br> 04 | 8 05 <br> 1005  <br> 10 05 | ${ }_{12} 12$ |
| 1902 | .. | $\because$ |  | 18 H | 1711 | 812 | 1111 | 14.04 |
| 1903 |  | $\cdots$ |  | ${ }^{40} 07$ | 2612 | 1402 | 1415 | ${ }^{21} 05$ |
| 1904 | $\cdots$ | - |  | 33 <br> 21 <br>  <br> 21 | ${ }_{16}^{25} 12$ | $\begin{array}{lll}16 & 15 \\ 15 & 03\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}21 & 10 \\ 16 \\ 09\end{array}$ | ${ }_{17}^{22} 1{ }_{15}^{13}$ |
| 1906 |  |  |  | 14.03 | 1314 |  | 912 | 1208 |
| 1907 |  |  |  | ${ }^{20} 12$ | ${ }^{20} 08$ | ${ }^{9} 9$ | 1009 | ${ }^{11}{ }^{09}$ |
| 1910 |  |  |  | ${ }_{20}{ }^{18} 18$ |  |  | 1113 | ${ }_{13} 104$ |
| 1911 | $\cdots$ |  |  | 1715 |  | 1013 | 1507 | 11.12 |
| 1912 |  |  |  | 1312 | 1102 | 88 | 810 | 7. 10 |
| 1915 | $\because$ | $\because$ |  | 22 20 | 1704 | 710 | ${ }^{8} 11$ | 1508 |
| 1916 | .. | $\because$ |  | 2403 | 1515 | 1100 | 1200 | 1703 |
| 1917 | $\because$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1919 | .. | $\because$ |  | 6 09 <br> 5 09 | 6 05 <br> 4 09 <br>  09 | 5 12 <br> 3 07 | 719 413 4 | $9{ }^{9} \mathbf{1 6}$ |
| 1920 | $\because$ |  | . | 804 | 615 | 315 | 412 |  |
| 1921 | .. | . |  | 414 | 408 | 403 | 501 | 710 |

APPENDIX I-i
Showing wages of skilled and unskilled labour in the Jamkhed Mahal of the Ahmednagar District.


APPENDIX K.
Collection of assessment on Government land in the 46 Government villages of the Jamkhed Mahal.

|  | Year. |  |  | Demand. | Out of whioh remitted in oame or subsequent. year. <br> 3 | Outstandings at end of year. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Authorised. |  | Unautho rised. |
|  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| Group No. ${ }^{\text {L }}$. |  |  |  | Rs. $\mathrm{Br}^{\text {p. p. }}$ | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |  |
| 1830-91 |  |  |  | 16,102 140 | 87123 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1891-92 |  |  |  | 18,110 0 | $8712 \times$ | $\cdots$ | .. |
| 1892-93 | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | 16,110 00 | .... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1893-94 | $\because$ | . | .. | $18,110{ }^{0} 0$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  |
| 1894.95 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}18,111 & 0 & 0 \\ 16,111 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1895-96 | - $\because$ | $\cdots$ | - | 16,111 00 |  | 605116 |  |
| $1897-98$ | $\cdots$ |  | . | 16,111 0 - 0 | 040 | 1281210 |  |
| 1898-99 | . | . | $\cdots$ | 16,111 00 |  | 453120 |  |
| 1899.1900 | . | . | . | 16,111 00 | $\ldots$ | 6,383 3 \% 4 | $\because$ |
| 1900.01 | .. | .. | . | 16,111 00 |  | $2,229{ }^{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{2}$ | $\therefore$ |
| 1901-02 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 16,111 00 | $3,2540^{0} 0$ | 1,148 1310 | $\cdots$ |
| 1902.03 | . | .. | . | 16,111 00 | 86635 | 800 | . |
| 1903 -04 | $\cdots$ | . | . | 16,111 00 | $\cdots$ | 7208 | $\ldots$ |
| 1904-65 | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}16,111 & 0 & 0 \\ 16,111 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 4115 214140 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1900.07 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 16,111 16,111 0000 | $\begin{array}{r}214 \\ 643 \\ \hline 14 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ |
| 1907.08 | . | . | . | 15,486 110 | 600 | 266148 | . |
| 1908.09 | $\cdots$ | . | . | 15,486 110 | .... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1909-10 | .. | . | $\cdots$ | 15,480 110 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1910-11 | $\cdots$ | $\therefore$ | .. | 15,48611 15,490 11 | 5550 | $\cdots$ | $\because$ |
| 1912 -13 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 15,490 110 | $\ldots$ | 7,673 15 | $\because$ |
| 1913-14 | . | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 15,490 11 0 | $\ldots$ | .... | . |
| 1914-15 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . | 15,490 11.0 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1915-16 | . | . | .. | 16,464 120 | $\ldots$ | - . . ${ }^{\text {c. }}$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1917-18 | $\because$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 16,464 120 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |  |
| $1919-20$$1920-21$ | . | $\cdots$ | . | 16,464 120 | .... |  | $\cdots$ |
|  | $\cdots$ | .. | . | 16,465 06 | $\ldots$ | 13,820 84 |  |
| 1920-21 |  |  | . | 4,96,574 228 | 5,220 24 | 31,591 59 |  |
| Percentage to total demand |  |  | . |  | 1.05 per cent. | 6.36 per cent. | - |
| 1890.91 .. .. .. |  |  |  | 26,380 100 |  |  |  |
| 1891-92 | $\cdots$ |  | .. | 26,379 6 O | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\because$ |
| $1892-93$$1893-94$ | .. | $\cdots$ | . | 26,379 140 | $\ldots$ | .... | . |
|  |  |  | .. | 26,384 14 0 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1894-95 | $\cdots$ | . | . | 26,384 140 | .... | .... | .. |
| 1895-96 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}26,384 & 6 & 0 \\ 26,383 & 14 & 0\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ |  | . |
| 1898-97 | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}26,383 \\ 26,331 & 5 & 0\end{array}$ | $\dddot{0} 40$ | 2,407 1,407 8 | . |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1898-99 \\ & 1899-1900 \end{aligned}$ | . | . | $\cdots$ | 26,331 50 | .... | 831 87 | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  | $\cdots$ | 26,331 50 |  | 7,378 171 |  |
| 1900.01 | $\cdots$ | .. | , | 26,33150 |  | 7,925153 | $\cdots$ |
| 1901.02 | $\cdots$ | .. | , | 26,350 l 6 | 11.065153 | 10,170 129 | $\cdots$ |
| 1902-03 |  |  | . | 26,350 186 | 10,159 0 11 | $\begin{array}{lll}52 & 6 & 8\end{array}$ |  |
| 1903.04 | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $26,350{ }^{26}$ |  | 304124 |  |
| 1904.05 | . | . | . | 26,349 $1{ }^{6}$ | 0 8 | 10870 | .. |
| 1905.08 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . | 26,349 26,370 1 | 43012 <br> 35214 | $\begin{array}{cccc}8,686 & 4 & 1 \\ 52 & 6 & 10\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1906-07 | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | 26,370 <br> 26,793 <br> 14 <br> 6 | 352142 | $\begin{array}{r}52 \\ 8,59812 \\ \hline 12\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1908-09 | . |  | $\cdots$ | 26,793 146 | 1,385 124 | 6,376 1310 |  |
| 1909-10 | .. | .. | , | 26,793 14 6 |  | 8,655 96 |  |
| 1910-11 | . | . | . | 26,793 14.6 | 3,376 146 | 7011 |  |
| 1911-12 |  | $\cdots$ | .. | 26,904 66 | 1,381 143 | 4,103 5 5 3 |  |
| 1911-13 | .. |  | . | 26,804 66 | 509142 | 7,217 80 | $\cdots$ |
| $1913-14$ $1914-15$ | . | $\cdots$ | . | 26,804 6 6 6 | $\ldots$ | .... | $\cdots$ |
|  | $\because$ | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | 26,030 <br> 26,030 <br> 10 | . | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
| $1916-17$ $1917-18$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 26,030 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1917.18 1918.19 | .. |  | .. | 26,030 9 - 6 | $\ldots$ | 9,229 1310 | $\cdots$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} 1919-20 \\ 1920-21 \end{array}$ | . |  | . | $26,030{ }^{9} 6$ | ... | 4780 | - |
|  | . | $\cdots$ | . | 26,031 $10 \quad 6$ | .... | 26,351 41 | - |
| 'Total . |  |  |  | 8,17,799 100 | 28,663 1310 | 1,08,637 06 | . |
| Percen | total de | . | . |  | $3 \cdot 50$ porsent. | 13.28 per cent. | . |

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APPENDIX L.
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Effect of Revision Settlement Proposails on all assessed land, including Inam and Governm

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Summary for dry-crop rates.

A. H. DRACUP,

Assistant Sattlement Officer, Ahmednagar.

Effect of Revision Settlement Proposals on all assessed land, including Inam,

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assessed waste in the 4 villages of Jamkhed Peta of the Ahmednagar District.


## APPENDIX M.

Population and Area of Government unoccupied land in the Taluka.


APPENDIX M.-i.
Statement showing figures of Censuses for the last three decades.


## APPENDIX M-ii.

Statement showing births, deaths and deathsfrom Plague and Cholera in the Jamkhed Mahal of the Ahmednagar District received from the Director of Public Health, C. R. D., Poona.


No. S. R. V.-12 of 1923.
From

> G. MONTEATH, Esquire, I. C. S. Collector of Ahmednagar ;

To

# THe SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER and DIRECTOR or LAND RECORDS, BOMBAY PRESIDENCY, POONA. 

Ahmednagar, 17th January 1923.<br>[Subject:-Second Revision Settlement of Jamkhed Mahal.]

## Sir,

I have the honour to submit Mr. Dracup's proposals for the Second Revision Settlement of the Jamkhed Mallal of this District. As his report has been written more orlessin consultation with me-that is the draft of it submitted and discussed before the final proposals were sent in-there is not much for me to say. The data have been analysed with Mr. Dracup's usual care and thoroughness, and the case for substantial enbancement of the current rates could not be clearer. The Mahal is the most favaured part of the District in all respects except that of position. The contrast with the nearly adjoining Taluka of Karjat in regard to climate, and consequently in regard to revenue history, is remarkable. It is partly on account of the position of the Mahal with respect.to markets, but more especially because of the disadvantages due to the greater part of it forming, a sort of enclave in the Nizam's territory, that Mr. Dracup's proposals for enhancement fall somewhat short of the full degree allowed by the orders in force. These conditions and others were taken into consideration when the current rates were sanctioned. It does not seem to me that they have much bearing on the question what rates should be sanctioned now. They are constant factors, so far as improvement has not taken place. That some improvement has been effected in the matter of transit duties was shown by Mr. Brander in paragraph 39 of his report on the Second Revision Settlement of Sheogaon, although nothing seems to have been done as yet to give effect to his suggestion for doing away with the transit duty on salt. Still all that neads to be said about that is that the people of the Mabal are not worst off than they were, while as regards other transit duties, as well as communications, they are rather better off. It seems to me that for the purpose of these proposals it is necessary to consider only those factors in which there has been change. These all indicate a very marked increase of prosperity-, the apparent exception in the case of population being I think quite satisfactorily accounted for-and are but little affected by the recurrence at uncertain but somewhat frequent intervals of famine years which distinguishes the case of Karjat, for instance, and other Talukas of this district as well as of Sholapur.

There is therefore, I think, no need to refrain from imposing the full degree of enhancement allowed by the rules in force, and since no change of grouping is proposed (and I agree that none is needed), there will be no difficulties such as sometimes result when grouping is altered.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,

G. MONTEATH.<br>Collector of Ahmednagar.

# Below letter No. S.R.-12 of 17th January 1923 from the Collector of Ahmednagar. 

No. S. T.-369.
Poona, 30th January 1923.
Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, C. D:
2. So long as the 33 per cent. limit upon increases of assessment is maintained, there is scarcely any interest left in settlement reports for such areas, and practically nothing to discuss. Some people would base assessment upon rents; others upon prices of agricultural produce; others upon their estimate of the "profits of agriculture '' which of course must greatly depend upon prices; others again would have regard to what they imagine the people "could afford to pay". But in the complete overthrow of the old standards of value, which has taken place during the last decade, all these considerations have become submerged. Prices admittedly are quite easily double what they were at the last settlement. Rents naturally, either from the same cause or from different causes, are also doubled; and since prices are doubled, it would follow that profits of agriculture must also be about doubled. Turning to what the people can "afford to pay ", we find that they have paid thepresent assessments even during the first 20 years of their currency with ease, and consequently they hava been able to pay them recently with more than ease. From. all these points of view it would be easily possible to propose doubling the assessment without taking a greater share of the profits of agriculture than was taken 30 years ago. The true basis of assessment is rent, either as expressed in actual cash rents, or as expressed in sale prices of land, which capitalize expected rents. Upon the basis which has been frequently laid down as the proper basis of assessment in India, of a levy not exceeding half the net rental, then 20 times the assessment would be the normal and standard sale value of land when properly assessed. Even that assumes a rate of interest as low as 5 per cent; and of course to-day 7 or 8 percent. is much more like what is normally expected. Therefore we say that a sale value above 20 multiples of the assessment implies assessment below the standard. We find that in this Mahal the average sale value is 53 multiples so that the assessment is not half what it ought to be. In Group I the sale value is actually 81 multiples, so that the assessment is not a quarter what it ought to be. Everything goes to show that Group I is far more under-assessed than the other groups. Turning to actual rents we find hardly a single instance in the whole Mahal where the assessment taken amounts to one-third of the actual rent. The average is below one-fifth, and in Group I it is only one-ninth. These figures exactly correspond to the sale statistics, taken at about 6 per cent. interest. They show that if we double the assessment all round there would be just a few cases in which possibly we should be taking a little too much, but that on the great majority of lands in the Mahal we should still be taking less than the standard State share, and less than was taken in the assessment fixed 60 or more years ago.
3. When this is so, there is no use whatever in discussing minor details. If it were doubtful whether we should take 80 per cent. or 100 per cent. more we might spend a long time in discussing the justice of an anna more or less in the maximum. rates. But whatever we do within the 33 per cent. limit we cannot reach anything like a full standard assessment. Strictly speaking the assessment ought to be raised in Group I far more than any other group, but under the rules again that is impossible. If we include in Group I any of the villages from the lower groups, we could raise the proposed assessment of those lower group villages considerably more than 33 per cent. only at the expense of taking less than 33 per cent. from the villages already in Group I. Therefore no such amalgamation could be thought of.. The present assessment of the Mahal is about R). 65000 ; we propose to raise it about Rs. 20,000 thereby sacrificing well over Rs. 40,000 a year which could be taken, without even approaching the theoretical standard of assessment within half the total rental value. Our 33 per cent. rule here compels us to sacrifice this amount which, capitalized for the settlement period over this quite small Mahal, means a sacrifice of public revenues of over 8 lakhs for the benefit of the Jamkhed landlords. Of course the cultivating tenants will continue to pay the rent which
they are paying, and will not be benefitted one pie by the moderation imposed by this 33 per cent. rule. It will therefore be understood that I can see no point in discussing in detail Mr. Dracup's report. The whole thing has lost its inverest : the task has become too easy.
4. The report is clear and satisfactory. The case for a 33 per cent. increase is made out overwhelmingly. Only two factors require any mention as perhaps tending to the conclusion that the Mahal has not prospered during the settlement period. One is a feature common to all other parts of the Presidency, a decline in the number of cattle. This is associated with an increase in cultivated area. Everything else points to the greater prosperity of agriculture, and here, as elsewhere in many cases we must conclude that the decline in the number of cattle, if not due to faulty statistics, is not a loss but a benefit. It is very well known that long ago very great numbers of cattl 3 were maintained, or existed, in the villages which were of no actual use but rather on the other hand constituted a loss to the villages because they had to be fed and were worth nothing in return.
5. Again there is a decline of population in the last decade which must be attributed to the fact that at the time of 1921 census a large number of people were absent. The statistics of births and deaths show that the population has been steadily increasing. Births are frequently oritted from registration but it is much farer for a death to be omitted. When thercfore the statistics show an sxcess of $\mathbf{1 5 , 0 0 0}$ in births over deaths it is certain that emigration alone can account for the fact that there were fewer people present in the Mahal in 1921 than in 1911. The same ieature was noticed in 1901 and for the same reason. But in 1911 there were 48,000 persons, more than at any previous census. The decline in population therefore means that Jamkhed Mahal is supplying some other area with a very large number of persons during the hot weather in years when the rainfall is unsatisfactory.
6. There ara no complications at all either in the grouping or classification: there are no problems connecied with irrigation, or new rice, or anything else, and there is abundant evidence that the state of agriculture or rental level would justify something like three times the increase which has been proposed. The only reason for supporting Mr. Dracup's rates is that. the standard rules do not permit more. The undersigned therefore recommends that the proposals of the Sectlement Officer should be accepted and carried out.
7. It is generally presumed that the very great rise of prices, which has attracted everybody's attention during and since the war, was largely the effect of the war, and was different in kind from what had been occurring before the war. A reference to the price-graph, however, shows that the rise which has occurred since 1914 is not more marked and is not of a different character from that which had been going on for the preceding 10 years. The Settlement Commissioner is inclining to believe that it had little to do with the war ; but that the main cause of this rise, which has been going on for 40 years, is the continuous importation of large quantities of precious metals (coined or convertible into curreacy) into India in settlement of the favourable balance of trade, and if this is so there is little or no reason to look for any permanent-declension in prices generally for many years to come.
8. Attention of Government may be drawn to the Collector's remarks regarding Salt transit duty and, as suggested by Mr. J. P. Brander in paragraph 39 of his Shevgaon report, early arrangements may be made to extend the certificate system to Salt.

F. ANDERSON,<br>Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

(Below No. E.S.T.-369, dated 30th January 1923, from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.)

> No. L.N.D.-A.-2-5.

- Poona, 28th March 1923.


## Submitted to Government.

The proposals of the Assistant Settlement Officer as regards grouping and rating have the support of both the Collector and the Settlement Commissioner, and are recommended to Government.

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2. As regards period the Commissioner would recommend the usual guarantee of 30 years from date of introduction of the new settlement.
3. The attention of Government is invited to the transit duty levied on salt and the proposal made by Mr. Brander (vide Sheogaon Settlement Report No. DLXIX-paragraph 39) that the certificate system should be extended to salt.
(Signed) G. W. HATCH,
Commissioner, C. D.

Revision Settlemont.
Second - of the Jamkhed Mahal, Ahmednagar District.

# GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY. 

## Revenue Department.

Resolution No. 7779.
Bombay Castle, 22nd June 1923.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, C. D., No. L.N.D.A.-2-5 dated 28th March 1923Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified below* containing proposals for the second revision settlement of the Jamkhed Mahal of the Ahmednagar District.
*Letter from Mr. A. H. Dracup, Assitsant Settlement Offioer, Abmednagar, No. S.T, -153 dated 13th December 1922.

Letter from the Collector of Ahmednagar No. S. R.V.-12 datod 17 th January 1923.
Memorandua from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S.T.- 369 dated 30th January 1923.

Resolution.-These papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of 46 Government and 4 inam villages of the Jamkhed Mahal of the Ahmednagar District. The general conclusion arrived at-by the officers who have dealt with the papers is that there has been a steady progress towards prosperity during the currency of the expiring settlement. Prices of food-stuffs have increased. The v́alue of agricultural products has steadily risen, value of land and land rents have equally increased, the tract is neither over-populated nor under-populated, the climate is excellent, sickness and disease are infrequent, the people are generally comfortably situated and wages have shared in the general level of prosperity. A very noticeable feature is the very low percentage of remissions and complete absence of unauthorised arrears throughout the current settlement. The facts presented justify fully the increased rates proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer. The Governor in Council accordingly approves the Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals as regards grouping and rating which are supported by the Collector, the Settlement Commissioner and the Commissioner. The appended statement $\dagger$ shows the rates sanctioned by Government.
2. The Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals for the grouping and rating of the four inam villages are sanctioned.
3. The revised rates should be introduced during the current revenue year 1922-23, levied from 1923-24 and guaranteed for a period of thirty years.
4. Orders regarding the transit duty on salt will be issued separately.
5. Mr. Dracup should be thanked for his able report. .

> By order of the Governor in Council,

A. R. DALAL,<br>Deputy Secretary to Government,

To
The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Collector of Ahmednagar,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Director of Agriculture,
The Accountant General, The Public Works Department, The Finance Department,
A. H. Dracup, Esq.,

The Government of India (by letter).

Statement referred to in paragraph 1 of the Resolulion.

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## From

> A. H. DRACUP, Esq., B.A. (Cantab.),
> Assistant Settlement Officer, Ahmednagar :

To
THE COLLECTOR of AHMEDNAGAR.
Ahmednagar, 3rd April 1923.
Sir,
I have the honour of submitting, for the consideration of Goverrment, proposals for the third revision settlement of the Kopargaon Taluka of the Ahmednagar District.
2. Proposals for the second revision were presented in 1904 by Mr. J. H. Ghosal, I.C.S. The constitution of the Taluka has remained unaltered since that date and therefore; the present proposals relate to the same number of villages; viz., 122 Government and 3 Inam. The sanction to formulate these proposals is conveyed in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 5385, dated 4th October 1922.
3. Mr. Ghosal's report was submitted under his No. 497, dated 11th April 1904, and is printed together with the remarks of the officers concerned and the final orders of Government, in Government Selection No. CCCCXLI-New Series, published in 1907.
4. However, the introduction of the revised rates as finally sanctioned was postponed from time to time and not actually given effect to until 1913-14. The references relating to the original sanction and the subsequent postponements mentioned above are detailed below:-
(1) Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 4973 of 19th July 1905 ;
(2) Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 9807 of 4th December 1905 ;
(3) Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 4986 of 16th May 1907 ;
(4) Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 6352 of 1st July 1909 ;
(5) Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 10147 of 30 th October 1911 ; and
(6) Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 183 of 8th January 1912.
The rates were ultimately introduced in the year 1913-14, levied in and from the year 1914-15, and guaranteed for 8 , period of ten years.
5. .Constitution, Physucal features, and Boundaries.-Mr. Ghosal's description and remarks are so clear and so exhaustive, vide his paragraphs 4, 5 and 6, that I refrain from comment on points so fully covered.
6. Rainfall.-The statistical information required is compiled in Appendix A.
7. A comparative statement showing the average rainfall recorded in Kopargaon and the surrounding talukas for the last 30 years is given below :-

Average rainfall.

|  | Tal |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Period, } \\ \text { 1893-1902 } \end{array}\right\|$ | Period, 1803-1912\| | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Period, } \\ 1013-1921 \end{array}\right\|$ | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | In. C. | In. $\mathbf{C}$ | In. C. |  |
| Kopargaon | $\cdots$ | . | 1908 | 1806 , 1810 | 2038 1861 | Figures taluka headquarter on rewaing |
| Yeola | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 2165 2228 | '1810 | 1861 |  |
| Sinnar | '.. | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{r}22 \\ 17 \\ \hline 63\end{array}$ | 1620 |  |  |
| Sangamner | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1763 1891 | 1517 17 | -1848 |  |
| Rahuri | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1891 | 1730 |  |  |

[^21]Mr. Ghosal remarks that he was at some disadvantage in examining the question of rainfall as but little information was forthcoming. This has been remedied and the construction of no less than six new recording stations, suitably located over the entire area of the Taluka, now provides ample and valuable data.
8. The fall at the various.stations during the years 1913 to 1921 is as follows:-

9. There would appear some reason for Mr. Ghosal's criticism that the rich soils which form the greater portion of the Taluka, could easily bear an even heavier fall, but the singularly flat nature of the ground, substantially reduces the disadvantage, since the moisture is immediately absorbed where it falls. My tour of inspection coincided with a week of really heavy rain, which succeeded to a long break in the monsoons, and it was noticeable, that the entire area was converted into a swamp, and rushing torrents, so common in a Deccan country and so wasteful of much needed moisture, were conspicuous by their absence. The figures in Appendix A indicate the general reliability of the kharif rains, and show that the early rabi fall is fairly dependable but they also clearly reveal the uncertainty of the late rains so essential for enabling rabi crops to mature. It must therefore be admitted that the rainfall is by no means as suitable to the requirements of a rabi taluka as it well might be, and that there is justification for classifying it as a precarious tract.
10. Communications.-Mr. Ghosal writing in 1904 records the existence of seven stretches of roadway, and a length of railway with no less than five stations. The only addition to this system of communications has been the construction of the Savalvihir-Bharvas Road begun in 1914 and completed in 1921.. The essential needs of the Taluka have thus been fully met; intervillage communication. save in the monsoons, is rendered easy by the flat nature of the country and the absence of stony and difficult ground.
11. The Railway traverses the entire length of the Taluka and the stations are so located that the vast majority of villages are within easy reach of the railway, very few indeed being more than fifteen miles distant; the outlet for the NorthWest of the Taluka is Lasalgaon Station, situated in the Nasik District, and distant no more than 12 miles from the border.
12. A short line has been recently constructed and connects Harigaon, the centre of the estate of the Belapur Sugar Company, with Belapur Station; it has been built primarily in the interest of the Company, and with the object of enabling the products of the Company to be loaded at the site of manufacture.
13. Further construction is projected, and the survey of a branch line from Belapur Station to Nasik viâ Rahata and Astagaon is either completed or nearing completion. This line will tap the very heart of the sugarcane and heavily irrigated area; and there is little doubt but that this railway also will operate to stimulate production, to increase values, and to encourage trade, as railways always do.
14. Markets.-The Taluka possesses no less than 14 weekly market villages, the majority of which do little more than serve as convenient centres of exchange of petty supplies in the shape of groceries, bangles and fresh vegetables.
15. The largest markets are Kopargaon in the north, Rahata in the centre and Mamdapur in the south, and the extent of development of trade is evidenced
by the fact that average weekly sales at these markets have increased substantially. The rise in importance of Undirgaon Market is due to the establishment of the Belapur Sugar Company which employs a very appreciable body of labour.

Slatement of average sales of weekly markets in Kopargaon Taluka in 1904 and 1922.

16. Population.-The population of the District as recorded in the recent census of 1921, shows a decrease of rather more than 2 lakhs for the whole District as against the figure of 1911, and this reduction is spread over each single Taluka save Kopargaon, where the return for 1921 was 100,635 as against 91,490 in 1911. In view of the fact that the District was afflicted with famine at the time and that in consequence a considerable body of the inhabitants had left their homes temporarily, an effort was made by the Superintendent of Census Operations to reconstruct the figures, and endeavour to ascertain the real as against the recorded population of the District. The methods followed, and the figures arrived at, are given in Appendix Y, Census of India, 1921, Volume VIII, Part I, pages CXVII-CXXII. It will be seen that it is there estimated that the real decrease in Kopargaon Taluka in the decade ending 1921 is 2 per cent. The recorded population according to the Census of 1911 was 91,490 souls; a reference to the Director of Public Health has elicited the information that in the intervening ten years the total number of deaths exceeded the number of births by 4,288 , and judging from the annual figures which in practically each year save 1918 either balance or show an excess of births over deaths, the deficit is due entirely to the Influenza epidemic, for in that year, viz. 1918, the death-rate was nearly treble the normal figure. It will be necessary in commenting on "Cultivation and Crops" to show that of recent years, there has been a steady stream of both agriculturists and non-agriculturists, into the Taluka. It can therefore be asserted, with some degree of assurance, that conditions in this Taluka so far as population is concerned, give no reason for anxiety, but on the contrary tend to indicate that the rate of increase in the future is likely to exceed the rate of progress in the past. The figures for the last 50 years are shown below:-

| Year. |  |  |  |  | Population. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1871 | . | .. | .. | . | 60.833 |
| 1888 | $\cdots$ | . | . | . | 63,789 |
| 1891 | $\cdots$ | . | . | . | 89,339 |
| 1901 | . | . | . | .. | 73,539 |
| 1911 | . | . | . | $\cdots$ | 91,490 |
| 1921 | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1,00,635 |

17. As regards composition, in 1911 the reported figures for agriculturists and non-agriculturists are $\mathbf{6 6 , 1 1 9}$ and 25,371 respectively. It is unfortunate that the figures for 1921 are not forthcoming, for although there is no reason whatsoever for
holding that any tendency towards decrease in the number of agriculturists is apparent nevertheless local observation leads to the conclusion that the number of non-agriculturists is probably relatively increasing. The explanation being that trade has expanded so appreciably that merchants from all quarters have been attracted ; further, owing to the rapid increase of irrigation capital and therefore loans, are required on an ever increasing scale by the cultivating class. Capitalists to-day as a rule reject any other security than the land itself and insist upon formal possession by way of sale-deed, and this formal ownership of substantial areas, coupled frequently with the limited intelligence of the village accountant, tends to the return of figures which are not fully in accordance with fact. In addition, though it is correct that the Taluka supports a much larger number of persons who can suitably be designated as agriculturists than ever before in its previous history, a substantial percentage of the new body are seasonal immigrants and finally the prosperity attendant on bagait cultivation on a large scale, has created new wants, the supply of which is dependent upon the services of classes other than agriculturists.
18. Wages.-The figures are given in Appendix I. For purposes of ready comparison the statement below shows the increase in wages in Kopargaon and the three other talukas in this District for which revision reports have been submitted.

Statement showing wages in Kopargaon Taluka and other talukas.

| Taluka. | Period, 1906-07 |  | Period, 1911-12 |  | Period, 1916-17 |  | Period, 1921-22 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Skilled. | Unskilled. | Skilled. | Unskilled. | Skilled. | Unskilled. | Skilled. | Unskilled. |
|  | Re. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Res. a. p. | Rs, a, p. | Ris. a. p. | Rs, a. p: | Rs, a p. | Ra. a. p. |
| Kopargaon | 0 0 96 | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 3 & 3\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 4 & 9\end{array}$ | 0156 | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 7 & 3\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 9\end{array}$ | 070 |
| Karjat | 0.88 | 026 | 0120 | 048 | 0109 | 0 \% 50 | 100 | 060 |
| Jamkhed | 0120 | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 3 & 0\end{array}$ | 0120 | $0 \begin{array}{lll}0 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ | 0100 | 050 | 0120 | 060 |
| Sangamner | 08.0 | 029 | 0106 | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 3 & 2\end{array}$ | 0120 | 040 | 0104 | 050 |

19. The higher rates prevailing of recent years are due to demand both for agricultural and industrial labour, as the labour available in the Taluka is totally insufficient and is normally supplemented by inhabitants of the surrounding talukas:
20. A favourite method of employment in the sugarcane area is to arrange a monthly salary and to pay thirteen months' pay for twelve months' work, the object being to ensure a regular and continuous supply of labour. The rates prevailing in 1922-23 have not been included as the information required to work out the year's average is not available but, on the basis of rates for seven months, the figures of skilled and unskilled labour are Re. 1-7-0 and Re. 0-7-3 respectively.

Prices.
21. (1) The figures are compiled in Appendix I. The following table compares prices to-day with the figures tabulated by Mr. Ghosal in 1904.

- Statement of prices of principal food-grains in Maunds of $\mathbf{4 0}$ seers of 16 chhataks.

|  | Period. | Jowari. | Bajri. | Wheat. | Gram. | Saflower. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1889-96 | $\cdots$ | 113 | $2{ }^{2} 28$ | 2107 | $288$ |  | Vide II Revi- |
| 1897-03 |  | 30 | 2139 | 3148 | $31111$ | Not avail. able. | $\}$ sion Report. |
| 1008-13 1914-21 |  | 27 411 | $\begin{array}{llll}2 & 14 & 10 \\ 4 & 6 & 5\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}4 & 13 & 11 \\ 5 & 10 & 9\end{array}$ | 3 3 7 7 | 315 414 4 | $\}^{\text {Vide }}$ I. Appendix |

It is necessary to recall the fact that Kopargaon Taluka possesses an exceptionally good railway service, which operates to reduce the quantities of grain required to be brought to market in order to enable the producer to purchase rupees. The statement below gives the quantities of grain purchasable for the sum of one rupee in the four talukas in this District for which revision reports have been recently submitted.

Prices prevalent in Ahmednagar District in seers of 80 tolas per supee.


It will be evident from the above that on the whole the Kopargaon ryot benefits under each heading save wheat and this is explicable by reference to Appendix B which will show that the wheat crop for the period $1914-21$ averages $26 \cdot 08$ per cent. of the cultivated area, a proportion which exists in no other taluka in the district
(2) The ryot is invariably a seller of grain; only in famine years is he required to purchase ; if therefore when he sells he obtains more rupees for any given quantity of grain, the benefit of a railway line becomes apparent and the advantage of 2 taluka so situated, as against other talukas more distant from a railway, is established. Judging from the figures above, the rise in prices is not very sharply defined but the real gain from situation remains. Again it is not unimportant to ascertain and compare not only prices to-day with those prevailing ten or twenty years ago but the net increase in production as well.
(3) It is no difficult task to calculate the percentage increase within a specified number of years but it is a comparatively fruitless task partly because any number of varying results are obtainable by basing calculation on the figures of different years, and mainly because in this Taluka the income of a very largenumber of ryots accrues from the sale of products, as regards the selling price of which full details are not available.
(4) It should be borne in mind that the staple food of the Taluka is bajri, which for the period 1914-21 represents an average of only $32 \cdot 81$ per cent. of the gross cropped area, whereas the area under crops raised mainly for sale is no less than 40.06 per cent. However, the increases for staples under each head for the period 1897 to 1921 is as under :-

Statement showing average area cropped under staple food-grains and increase in prices since 1903.

(5) The following statement based on another series of years probably represents more accurately, the present value of his products to the producer and is rate of expenditure on food to the non-producer.

Statement of prices of staple crops in Kopargaon Taluka per maund of 40 seers of 80 tolas.


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## Water Supply.

22. The Second Revision Report mentions the proposed construction of an embankment across the Godavari at Nandur-Madhmeshwar, and of canals leading from the dam both on the right and left bank of the river. This feat has now been accomplished. In addition the Pravara Left Bank Canal has been led through the extremie South of the Taluka and the volume of water thus made available, in an area singularly level and with exceptionally rich soil fot the Deccan, has resulted in a change of condition, which it is not easy fully to appreciate and almost impossible adequately to describe. The Taluka, as has been stated above, consists of 122 Government and 3 inam villages; of these no less than 98 villages to-day benefit from the ability to secure canal inigation facilities. Beyond this the vast quantities of water poured daily into this area from a thousand major and minor distributories have had an incalculable effect upon the subsoil level and, therefore upon the utility of existing wells. Thousands of acres of admirable soil which were formerly at the mercy of a capricious rainfall, are now capable of producing regular harvests.
(2) The statement below will in some degree indicate not only the extent to which the Taluka has been favoured but the rapidity with which it has accepted and benefited by the facilities offered.

Statement of details of irrigation in 122 Government and 3 inam villagcs in Kopargaon Taluka.

| Period. | Total ocoupied area. | Gross com. manded brea under canals. | Total irrigated ares. | Net irrigated arga. | Number of villages having tand under command of canal water. | Remarlat. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1880-91 | 2,96,756 |  | 4,078 | 3,645 | Nil. |  |
| 1900-01 | 2,96,750 |  | 3,284 | 3,178 | Nil. |  |
| 1914-15 | 2,93,839 | Not avail- | 8,780 | 8,683 | Nos avail- |  |
| 1920.21 (famine year) . | 2,89,187 | $\}$ | 52,824 | 50,506 | 100 |  |
| 1821-22 . | 2,89,180 |  | *36,626 | 32,740 | 100 | *Includes 1895 acres belonging to Belapror Sugar Co. |

(3) It is understood that the Godavari Canals System has almost reached the limit of its carrying and distributing capacity and any substantial increase in the area irrigated under it is unlikely, but the completion of the dam feeding the Pravara Left Bank Canal is still in the future, and it is estimated by the Executive Engineer, Pravara Canals District, that the conclusion of the work at Bhandardara will raise the area now under command in Kopargaon by no less than 12,620 acres.
(4) In view of the fact that canal water is available in almost every village in the Taluka save a small group in the South-West and North-East, it is manifest that apart from the direct gain of assured crops in a moiety of the land held by the average occupant, the indirect advantage to him is also substantial ; for the area under bagait is fully capable of maintaining him in an adverse season, and hence the lack of sufficient rain to enable jirayat sowings does not inevitably operate to compel him to dispose of his cattle at a loss, to sell or to pawn his ornaments or his lands, or both, at a ruinous rate of interest, and to leave his home in order to earn a living, till the following sowing season persuades him to gamble once again on the chances of a good monsoon.
(5) Further, the soil of this Taluka is peculiarly suited for sugarcane plantation, a branch of agriculture which normally and duing the sowing and harvesting seasons especially, requires the assistance of a considerable body of labour. The advantage of well paid work, almost at his very door; is by no means a negligible benefit in the case of the smaller occupant, or the owner of wholly jirayat lands, or even the landless man. Canal irrigation commenced in $1913^{\circ}$ and the figures in appendix B-iillustrate the steady increase and demonstrate the improved capacity of the wells, which can be due to no other cause than canal irrigation. The figures for the two famine years 1918-1919 and 1920-21 are especially significant.
(6) The statement below supplied by the Mamlatdar of Kopargaon, gives the figures of irrigation revenue.
. Statement of irrigation revenue in Kopargaon Taluka for the period 1917-1922.

|  | Period. | - | Number of villages. | Irrigation Revenue Demand. | Remarks, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1917-18 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 95 | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p: } \\ 2,33,553 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$ |  |
| 1918-19 | - | $\bullet$ | 95 | 363,788 100 | Famine year. |
| 1919-20 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 95 | 3,18,879 $\quad 0 \quad 0$ |  |
| 1920-21 | -• | $\cdots$ | 95 | 3,84,118 00 | Famine year. |
| 1923-22 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 95 | 5,87,884 880 |  |

23. Wells.-The total number of wells suitable for irrigation in 1901-02 are reported as 2,811, the number of wells in disuse for whatever reason being 362. The corresponding figures in 1921-22 are 3,105 and 527, which establishes that the increase in 20 years in the number of wells actually used for irrigation is 10.46 per cent. It will, however, be noted that the number of wells in disuse now, exceeds the number in 1901-02 by no less than 165, which indicates that capital was forthcoming for the construction of no less than 459 new wells, equivalent to an increase of $16 \cdot 33$ per cent.
24. Live and Dead Stock.-The figures of the Taluka according to the census of 1921-22 are contained in Appendix D. For purposes of comparison, the figures prior to and at the beginning and end of the current settlement are given below: -

Statement showing the figures of live siock in Kopargaon Taluka.

|  | Date. | Plough oxen. | Milch cat. tle including she. buffaloes. | Young stock. | Sheep. | Goats. | Cropped land per pair of plough cattle. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1901.02 | - | 18,619 | 6,081 | 5,520 | 6,538 | 30,417 | 14.96 |
| .1915-16. | $\cdots$ | 25,933 | 10,136 | 15,982 | 13,732 | 28,969 | 10.59 |
| 1920-21 | . | 23,043 | 11,268 | 8,448 | 11,674 | 18,201 | 11.66 |

(2) The figures are interesting as they not only show substantial increase under each heading save goats, but when subjected to examination, yield useful information. Canal irrigation commenced in 1913; as a consequence the demand for plough cattle rose ; as irrigation extended, the fodder problem became easier of solution and the village herds multiplied; as a greater volume of water became available, conditions in an ever increasing area became stable, and the ryot endeavoured to reduce expenses by improving the quality of the stock and as a result the numbers have fallen; the small area of cropped land per pair of plough cattle establishes the sufficiency of oxen for agricultural purposes and indirectly bears testimony to the flourishing condition of cultivation.
(3) The increase in milch cattle and the fall of the figures under the heading goats is equally instructive and equally indicative of a growing prosperity. Goats are kept in the Deccan chiefly, if not wholly, because they provide milk and require less pasturage and fodder than a cow or a buffalo. In an area where provision of the year's supply of fodder is possibly of greater importance than the year's supply of grain, the advantage of the shegoat is easily evident ; but when supply is assured, the natural preference for the superior animal prevails.
(4) The number of carts reported in 1901 is 5,280 ; the latest census returns reduce this number by 12 which is obviously the result of inaccurate enumeration or incorrect preparation of villagewar returns, for from local enquiry on the spot,

1 am led to the belief that the figures to-day exceed the number twenty years ago by at least 50 per cent. and very probably even more.
25. Fallows.-On the basis of the average for the period 1914-15 to 1921-22, vide appendix $B$, the figures for fallows amount to the very large area of 68,040 acres nearly. It will be seen, however, that in 1918-19 and 1920-21 the figures under fallows approximates to nearly two-thirds of the gross area of the Taluka; in these years the rainfall recorded was 10.32 and 8.19 inches respectively; practically no sowing whatsoever took place in dry crop land. It is therefore necessary to exclude these exceptional years in order to arrive at the normal figure. The information tabulated in Appendix B-2 gives the annual figures for both Government and inam villages for the year 1901-02 to 1921-22, i.e., a period of 21 years. Excluding the three years 1905-06, 1918-19 and 1920-21, which were years of complete failure of the rains, the average for the remaining 18 years is 21,832 acres, including the two poor years 1911-12 and 1912-13. It will be noted that the figure reported for the year 1921-22 amounts to no less than 31,537 acres (vide Appendix B-2), which is a good deal in excess of the " normal " arrived at above. The figures however admit of explanation. The reckless use of canal water by inexperienced cultivators, has resulted in waterlogging and in certain lands becoming salt affected, and Mr. Inglis, the Executive Engineer, Special Irrigation, estimates the present position in the Taluka to be as follows :-

|  |  | Acres. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Waterlogged area |  | .. | 6,750 |
| Salt affected lands |  | 3,830 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | $\ldots$ | 10,580 |

If therefore this area which is at present totally incapable of cultivation is excluded from the return for 1921-22, it will be seen that in this year also the real figure for fallows is in the vicinity of 21,000 acres. It is understood that the introduction of a drainage scheme is now under consideration, and Mr. Inglis is of opinion that, of the lands so far affected, "more than 80 per cent. could be reclaimed at a reasonable cost."
26. There is therefore little reason to fear that land in the Taluka will in increasing proportion eventually become unfit for cultivation.

## Cultivation and crops.

27. The relevant figures are given in Appendix B.

The figures given by Mr. Ghosal in the Second Revision Report are based on* the average of ten years in three of which information for 125 villages, and in the remaining seven years the figures of 122 villages have been collected and tabulated. He has also specifically excluded those years which he regarded as abnormal ; it is a little difficult therefore to adopt the usual method of comparing a series of years at the beginning of the lease with a similar period of years at the end of the lease. The figures are, however, given for what they are worth (Statement I below).
28. A further statement contrasts the distribution of the area to-day with that prevailing twenty years ago (vide Statement II below).
29. (1) Yet another table of figures gives the areas under various heads acquired in connection with and incidental to, the introduction of canal irrigation into the Taluka (vide Statement III).
(2) The decrease in total occupied area and the large increase in land not available for cultivation, is due partly to acquisition and partly to the alteration in the system of record introduced in 1905, for whereas prior to that date land assigned for special purposes was included under the heading "Cultivable" subsequent to that year all such land was brought under the heading "Uncultivable".
(3) Further, the item of 4,663 acres shown as " unassessed waste" in the Taluka records is misleading, as no less than 3,855-22 acres represent land rented to the Belapur Sugar Company but entered as "assessed waste," as the rent recovered is treated as an item of Miscellaneous Land Revenue. Finally, the considerable increase under fallows is fictitious, as very nearly 11,000 acres are totally unfit for cultivation owing to waterlogging or having become salt affected, but since the
owners refuse to entertain the idea of relinquishing the land, the area is necessarily regarded as occupied, and appears under fallows as it is left unploughed and unsown. Actually out of a gross area of $2,93,852$ acres available for cultivation the area occupied is the maximum possible less 807 acres only, and the solitary. reason why this area is unoccupied is, that under the orders of Government reserving all waste land for the purpose of grants to soldiers with distinguished service, the constant demands for this petty area have been temporarily refused.
30. Conditions in this Taluka have since 1917-18 been subjected to considerable change ; prior to 1913-14 Kopargaon was an ordinary dry-crop Taluka, possessing but two distinctive features, viz. :-
(a) that it possessed unusually good soil, and
(b) that it was exceptionally prone to experience a failure of the monsoon.

In 1913-14 irrigation was introduced and the next four years were occupied in developing the system. By 1917-18 more than two-thirds of the total occupied area in the Taluka had been brought under command. Wells which were apt to fail were converted into assured sources of supply. The suitability of the soil and climate for sugarcane was established. As a result, the entire aspect of the Taluka has' altered; cursory scratching of the soil and careless cultivation has given way to strenuous effort to extract the maximum possible out of the land; as succeeding harvests have enabled the small holder to retain sufficient for the next year's sowings, and it is no longer necessary to purchase imported and damaged seed wholesale, germination has improved. As labour is perpetually in demand and the wages of labour are steadily rising, the small holder in wholly jirayat areas is but rarely under the necessity of going any distance from his land ; as a consequence, he is better able to prune and to pare, to weed and to devote attention to the innumerable lesser needs of his holding, all of whichoperate to increase his net return. . The mere fact that irrigation is so wide-spread has generally improved grazing everywhere. Cattle which are apt to suffer from a dearth of water now find an abundancy. The net result of the disappearance of these minor inconveniences and the direct gain to a very large percentage of occupants from a fairly cheap and assured watersupply has led to greater concentration on money crops. The area under cereals and pulses has fallen substantially; whereas the areas under sugarcane, green fodder and cotton and fruit and vegetables has increased several hundreds per cent. It is undeniable therefore that the net return of the land to the occupant has risen substantially. It is correct that the expenses of cultivation have risen considerably, since wages are higher, food is dearer and that canal irrigation requires the use of fertilisers. But as regards the latter, expense in this direction is fully compensated for by enhanced yield, and as regards the former items, they are common to all areas. Within the last twelve months Kopargaon is the fourth Taluka in the District which I have been required to tour in and inspect from the point of view of a Settlement Officer, and in no other Taluka have I observed such progress, such prosperity and such potentialities.

Statement I.
Comparative statement showing the relative proportion of food and money crops grown in Kopargaon taluka.

| Period. | Food crops. |  |  | Money crops exciuding wheat and grama. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cereals and pulses excludling wheat and gram. | Wheat. | Gram. | Oilseeds, | Fodder. | Condiments and spices. | Sugarcanc. | Flbenm |  | Drugs and Narcotica. |  | Frults and vegetables: Including root crops. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cotton. | Othats. | Tabao- co. | Others. |  |
| Avorage 1890-91 to $1901-02$, excluding $1808-97$ and 1890-1800. | 1,58,228 | 82,228 | 12,806 | . 9,605 |  | 887 | 329 | 131 | $1,981$ | 790 | 24 | $\begin{gathered} 900 . \text { ( } \mathrm{Coll} . \\ 38+34+ \\ 81 \text { ). } \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 218 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \} 50.28 | 90.70 | 478 | 8.59 | 0.08 | $0 \cdot 15$ | $0 \cdot 12$ | 0.05 | 0.73 | 0.29 | 0.21 |  |
| 1914-15 | 1,32,786 | 57,177 | 8,625 | 9,471 | 8,895 | 581 | 4,858 | 2,520 | 2,408 | 337 | 1 | 2,646 |
| $1021-22$ | 59.00 | $25 \cdot 41$ | 8.88 |  | 2.78 | 0.84 | $2 \cdot 07$ | $1 \cdot 12$ | 1.00 | 0.15 | 0 | 1.18 |
| स Ca 3-3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Statement 11 .

Stalement showing disposition of area of the 122 Government and 3 inam villages of Kopargaon taluka in 1901-02 and 1921-1922.


Statement III.
Statement showing the area acquired since 1901-02 in the Kopargaon taluka.

| Lands acquired for |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Roads. | Polloe line. | Canal. | Bungalow. | Chandd. | Chari. | Eoads and Rallway for Belapur Company. |  |
| $\begin{array}{rr} \text { A. } & \text { g. } \\ 307 & 22 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rr}\text { A. } \\ \text { 1 } & 11\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { A. } & \text { g. } \\ \text { 2,819 } & 27\end{array}$ | A. <br> g. <br> 489 <br> 8 | A. $\quad$ g. |  | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { A. } & \text { g. } \\ 132 & 20\end{array}$ |  |

31. Trade and Industries.-Mr. Ghosal has tabulated the figures of exports and imports for the five Railway Stations in the Taluka, vide paragraph 34 of the Second Revision Report. In view of the fact that Belapur Station serves no fewer than four' talukas, viz., Newasa, Sangamner, Rahuri and Kopargaon he has given separate figures for Belapur. A comparative statement contrasting his figures with the position to-day is given below. Mr. Ghosal then recognized that but a small proportion of the traffic at Belapur Station can properly be said to belong to Kopargaon but the proximity of Lasalgaon Station 12 miles distant from the North-West border either escaped his notice or very probably the present trade route to that Station was not then established. To-day certainly the outward borne trade of a large part of the North-West of the taluka passes through this Station and though the figures are not available there is little doubt but that they would appreciably swell the present Taluka figures for the area in question is indeed a very heavily irrigated, and' therefore an abundantly productive area.
32. Mr. Ghosal also drew attention to the fact that the figures for Samvatsar and Puntamba are aided by the Moglai trade through the bazars of Naur and Dhotra. This trade has tended of diminish and with the extension of the Nizam's railway system (Godavari valley railway) it will tend further to diminish moreover of recent years the Nizam's Government has placed an embargo on the export of grain which is and was the principal product, but this will to some extent be compensated for by the opening up by irrigation of the area in Kopargaon taluka east of the railway, bitherto a notoriously precaricus tract. In paragraph 33 of his report Mr. Ghosal enumerates the principal articles of export and import; trade in these commodities still exists and has even increased under some of the headings as will be seen in the table (vide Statement I) below, but the development of the "gul" trade has been so rapid, and has now attained such proportions, that it dominates the commerce of the taluka and within obvious limits Koparyan to-day is as much a synonym for the gul trade as any one of the five towns is of pottery.
33. The number of cotton and woollen looms in 1904 were 49 and 30 respectively; the corresponding figures to-day are 37 and 46.
34. The number of oil presses reported amount to 82. A cotton ginning factory employing 40 hands flourishes at Belapur and the enterprise now being launched by the Belapur Sugar Company, and with excellent prospects of success, is of such dimensions, that in the course of perhaps three years it should surpass any other form of industrial effort in the district, and equal some of the larger concerns in the Presidency. It is understood that the ultimate object of the company is to produce a high grade sugar ; at present however its activities are confined mainly to bringing some 2,000 acres of land under sugar cane, and to producing molasses and oil seeds, and generally developing and equipping its estate. Oil-driven cane-crushing plants are being erected in increasing numbers throughout the cane area, but the majority of these are primarily for use by individual owners and the bigger type of factory which will crush cane brought to it from the surrounding area, is a possible though doubtful development of the future.
35. The turn over of the gul industry for the year 1921-22 is locally computed to approximate to nearly two crores of rupees; the steady rise in the export of gul and the import of oilcake will be apparent from statement No. II given below. The enormous increase in exports cannot only follow increase in productive capacity ; the continually expanding figure of imports testifies to a rise in the purchasing power of the people; it is evident therefore that trade is flourishing.
36. Statement III below gives the Income Tax collections of the taluka and is additional evidence of the growth of commerce.

## 1.-Statement of Exports and Imports from Stations in Kopargaon Taluka (figures given in Maunds of 40 Seers).



[^22]II.-Figures of Exports in Maunds of various items from railway stations in Kopargain Taluka received from the Chief Traffic. Manager, G.I.P. Ry., Bumbay.

11.-Figures of Imports in Maunds of various items through raihway stations in Kopargaon Taiuka, received from the Chief Traffic Manager, G.I.P. Ry., Bombay.


1II.-Statement showing rise in income-tax revenue in Kopargaon. Taluka during the peried 1901-1921-22.

| Year. |  |  | Amount of income assessed. | Amount of tax collected. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1901-02$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $2,02,784$ | 3,887 |
| $1911-12$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 92,092 | 1,985 |
| $1921-22$ | . | .. | 413,255 | $17,320$. |

37. Value of land.-The usual figures are tabulated in appendices $\mathrm{G}, \mathrm{G}-\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{i}$ and testify to the general prosperity of the taluka.
38. They have been collected villagewar at the village itself and two distinct sets of figures have been compiled in order to illustrate the extraordinary increase in the general selling and letting value of land in the taluka, and to demonstrate the marked difference of value in areas which are jirayat but not under command of canal irrigation, and areas which are jirayat but under command.

|  | Period. | Average rate of asbessment per acre. | Average selling rate per acre. | Average No. of times assessment is represented by Selling rates. | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |  |  |
| 1891-92 | 1895-96 | 0127 | 17.63 | 22.1 | Figures obtained from Second Revision |
| 1896.97 | 1800-01 | 0151 | $28^{\prime} 69$ | $30 \cdot 1$ \} | Report. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. |
| 1917-18 |  | 0129 | 515 | 62.90. | Dry crop land not under command of canal irrigation (vide Appendix G). |
| 1921-22 | - | 0151 | 115122 | 122.67 | Dry orop land under command of canal irrigation (vide Appendix G-i). |

39. The rates prevailing in the surrounding talukas are shown in the table below.

Statement showing selling rates in the talukas surrounding Kopargaon.

| Taluken | Average rate of assersment per acre. | Average Selling price. | Number of times the price represented by assessment. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sangamner <br> Rahuri <br> Sinnar <br> Yeola | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs } & \text { an } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 14 & 11 \\ 0 & 12 & 2 \\ 0 & 11 & 5 \\ 0 & 7 & 9 \end{array}$ | R. a. p. <br> 61157 <br> $34 \quad 6 \quad 5$ <br> 531110 <br> 1873 | Rg. <br> 65•73 (Group I). <br> $45 \cdot 16$ (Group I). <br> $\left.\begin{array}{r}75 \cdot 09 \\ 37 \cdot 7\end{array}\right\}$ Average for the taluka. |

Statement showing increase of letting value of land.

41. From a scrutiny of Mr. Ghosal's figures it is evident that he has not maintained a distinction between bagayat and jirayat land, and this partly explains the comparatively high average rent shown during the period 1891-1901; another probably operating cause is the fact that these figures were compiled on a lower maximum rate. Further the comparatively insignificant number of leases on which he has based his calculations (vide Appendix M, Second Revision Report) diminishes the value of his statistics. The extraordinarily high rate of rent obtainable in areas under command of canal irrigation is primarily owing to the fact that cultivators generally of the Mali caste, from the Poona and the Nasik Districts, have flocked in large numbers to the canal area in this district and rented land from the local occupant, mainly for the purpose of sugarcane plantation. The contractual number of years is in most cases ten and rarely less than seven, so that it is manifest that a new standard of values has been set up, and that the return from the land is assured to the owner, over long periods. The figures establish probably the most remarkable example of unearned increment in the annals of the district.]
42. The overwhelming advance in the selling and letting value of land under command is apt to overshadow the substantial increase in the less favoured areas, but it will be clear from the statement above, that the average purchase price per rupee of assessment has increased in twenty years more than 100 per cent. It is not possible to utilise Mr. Ghosal's figures of rents prevailing at the time for purposes of comparison, as he has omitted to differentiate between bagayat and jirayat land, but that the standard of rent obtainable in the least fortunate tracts in Kopargaon is fully equal to the amounts obtained elsewhere in the neighbourhood is apparent from the following statement.

Statement of rents of dry-crop land prevailing in Kopargaon and surrounding talukas.

|  | Taluka. |  | Average rent per acre. | Period. | Percentage of rent represented by the assessment. | Remarks, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Re. a. p." |  |  | - |
| Rahuri | - | . | 311 | 1918 | 26.32 |  |
| Sinnar | . | - \%.. | 4100 | 1915 | $24 \cdot 7$ |  |
| Yeola | -. | . $\cdot$ | 220 | 1915 | 31.08 |  |
| Newasa | $\cdots$ |  | 2510 | 1916 | 26.59 |  |
| Kopargaon | n . | - | 490 | 1922 | 21.37 | Figures for dry-crop land not under com- |
| Do. |  |  | 26410 | 1922 | 3 78 | Figure for dry-crop land under command (vide Appendix H.(1) |

C43. The Sub-Registrar, Kopargaon, has supplied a statement of leases executed during the year 1922, vide Appendix H. ${ }^{( }{ }^{2}$ ) It will be seen that the list contains 357 cases including land of every variety whether jirayat, patasthal, or motasthal, the average rent being 17.85 times the assessment which in turn indicates that the proportion which the assessment bears to rent is the exceedingly modest figure of $5 \cdot 60$ per cent. only']
44. It will be evident from the facts mentioned above that both selling and letting values have appreciated. The chief contributing factors being
(a) the general increase in the value of the products of agriculture.
(b) wide-spread facilities for irrigation.
(c) the discovery that the soil and climate almost throughout the taluka is suitable for sugarcane plantation.
C45. The figures above particularly rentals, can suitably be regarded as sensational, but it is necessary to remark that there is little likelihood of rates and rents remaining at the present level indefinitely; the facts are that the combination of certain inherent qualities of soil, climate, and canal water, is so favourable for sugarcane plantation, that professional cultivators and capitalists have been attracted, and their eagerness to secure land in the taluka, which, so far as cane is concerned, is almost virgin soil, has resulted in a boom. 'The especially shrewd descended on the taluka and purchased land to whatever extent was possible; the duller witted original occupant on being offered prices far in excess of his wildest dreams, sold comparatively freely for a short while; he however soon realised his error, and since demand continued, and since he himself had no experience of sugarcane growing, finally adopted the expedient of leasing for long periods at high rents. The result is that, of late, sales save in areas of land not under command are infrequent, for since the majority of rents are abnormally high, and lesees readily forth-coming, both the incentive to sell and the necessity for sale has almost dissppeared. The unfortunate feature of the situation is the certain drop in values when the present lessees will depart to pastures new leaving the original occupant with an exhausted land. There is much less fear that reckless exploitation of the soil will ever attain the degree of intensity reached in other areas, e.g., Baramati, nevertheless it would be wholly unjustifiable to regard conditions to-day in Kopargaon as likely to be permanent and it is for this reason that it is difficult to estimate with any degree of precision what figure exactly should be taken as indicating the rise in the selling and letting value of land. The figures for dry-crop land not under command are not partizularly informing, for these areas represent a distinctly minor portion of the taluka and to a substantial extent consist of poorer quality soil. It cannot be gain said that the permanent value of land in the favoured tract has certainly more than doubled if not trebled, but the data available is insufficient to permit of accurate calculation.
46. Revenue History.-The previous revenue history of the taluka is related at some length in paragraphs 48-51 of the Second Revision Report.
47. The figures of demand, remissions and authorised and unauthorised arrears are given in AppendixK from which it will be seen that in the period 1903-22, viz., 19 years, remissions amount to the considerable figure of 10.04 per cent. of demand, the figure of authorised arrears, spread over no less than 14 out of 19 years totals Rs. 18,42,769-1-7 equivalent to 41.24 per cent. The suspension and remission rules came into operation in 1907, AppendixK therefore provides all the necessary information for examining and contrasting two successive cycles of seven years apiece; it will be apparent at a glance that the former period, consisted of a series of lean years, and that except for two years the latter period, viz., 1914-21 is the reverse; it is clear moreover from the extremely modest figure of unauthorized arrears, and the remarkably high percentages of remissions and authorized arrears, that the hand of the Revenue Officer has not lain heavy on the land. The statements below are supplementary evidence of the recovery that has taken place of recent years.
I.-Statement showing annual figures of Local Find Revenue Receipts.
Year.
II.-Statement showing number of coeroive processes for recovery of land revenue with amounts involved.

| Year. | Namber. | Amount involved. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rs. a. p: | $\cdots$ |
| 1901-02 - .. | 128 | 16,875 610 | 1 |
| 1902-03 to 1914-15.. | Not | available. |  |
| 1915-16 | 16 | 98566 |  |
| 1916-17 | 57 | 2,297 00 |  |
| 1917-18 | 1 | 3741410 | Process was employed primarily |
| 1918-19 | 6 | $\begin{array}{lll}96 & 1 & 5\end{array}$ | on account of the absence of |
| 1919-20 | 46 | $\begin{array}{llll}616 & 8 & 4\end{array}$ | \} the owners from the villages: |
| 1920-21 | 5 | $\cdots 3$ | in which their lands were |
| 1921-22 | 5 | 342 2 2 | $\int$ situated. |

48. Summary.-A very large number of tables and statistics have been set forth in the preceding paragraphs mainly with a view to demonstrate the great advance in productivity and economic gain since Mr. Ghosal in 1904 drafted the second revision report. It will be noted that considerable stress has been laid on the benefits derived from canal irrigation; in that advance under almost each head has been directly or indirectly attributed to irrigation, and so much so, that it may well seem that the point has been over-emphasized; -actual facts however justify the procedure ; it is not so much that canal irrigation has been introduced into the Taluka that has operated to change conditions, but the fact that water has been made available in 100 villages out of 125 , and that whereas the total occupied area is 289,189 acres the area capable of being irrigated is no less than 195,741 acres; as a result agriculture has revived, the capacity of the people to resist famine has increased, the possibility of famine on a wholesale soale has disappeared; cultivation has improved, the number of plough oxen and other cattle
stock are more than sufficient for the needs of the people, trade has developed, the figures of exports and imports have risen, and the rate of increase since 1920 has been by lakhs of maunds annually, prices have appreciated, wages have risen, net return from the land has doubled or even trebled, land values have soared, and the gul industry has been so firmly established that Kopargaon will shortly become, if it has not already become, one of the main gul producing areas in the Deccan.
49. It is correct that the cultivator is called upon to pay for the water which he receives, but I would venture to submit that it has been made clear what proportion the present irrigation revenue of less than six lakhs of rupees bears to the incalculable benefits and advantages which have been gained, and whioh have accrued not through the individual effort of the occupant of the soil but through factors, of the existence of which he was almost unconscious and through agencies over which he has had no control.
50. It is on these grounds that I proceed to propose the maximum rate of enhancement possible, viz., 33 per cent.
51. Grouping.-The taluka to-day consists of a single group with a maximum rate of Re. 1-8-0. Mr. Ghosal in paragraphs 59 to 60 of the Second Revision Report, remarks: "In my opinion in this Taluka there can be but one rate and one group." So far as soil is concerned, the area can suitably be divided into two sections.
(a) A few villages in the south-west and north-east possessing comparatively light soils, peculiarly suited to Bajri and other Kharif crops :
(b) The rest of the taluka consisting of rich soils favourable for rabi sowings.

So far as $(a)$ is concerned, it has been shown above that the kharif rains rarely fail : as regards ( $b$ ) an examination of the classification rating table shown below will demonstrate the quality of the soil and its capacity to produce abundant harvests, always provided the necessary minimum of moisture is available.

|  | Taluka. | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \text { as, and } \\ & \text { under } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12^{1 / \text { and. }} \\ \text { and } \\ \text { under. } \end{gathered}$ | 1 Re. and under. | Re. 1-4-0 and under. | Re. 1-8-0 and under. | Above Re. 1-8-0. | Total <br> Governmeat villages. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kopargaon | .. | 2 | 26 | 38 | 46 | 10 | - | 122 |
| Sangamner | .. | 44 | 54 | 14 | 10 | 15 | 2 | 144 |
| Rahuri |  | 12 | 19 | 18 | 26 | 25 | 9 | 109 |
| Yeola | . | 26 | 24 | 28 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 101 |
| Sinnar | $\cdots$ | 13 | 27 | 33 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 99 |

N.B. -The figares are based on the average rate per acre given in column 33 of Appendix $L$ of the Second Revision. Settlement Reports.
52. The extent to which land in this Taluka has been safeguarded against a failure of the rains and the insignificant expenditure at which insurance is and can be effected, has been made clear in preceding paragraphs. The advantages of communications and markets are uniform. Again, soils which were formerly regarded as less productive and therefore less desirable, have been proved to be the most suited for sugarcane plantation, as a result the net return from these soils to the owner is infinitely greater than from the possession of a class of soil which ten, years ago aroused the envy of every ryot who viewed but did not own it. It is evident therefore that any alteration of the existing grouping would only be permissible for really cogent reasons. Finally, though it is clear that to day and in the future, villages wholly or largely under command do and will continue to produce better crops and yield a larger net returm than villages not under command, it is also evident that nothing below an increase of 33 per cent., is justifiable in the case of the latter. If, therefore, the single group to-day be divided into two or more groups, re-arrangement could only be effected by enhancing the maximum rate in villages which fully deserve to be enhanced, by proportionately reducing the maximum rate in villages which also fully deserve to be increased. I, therefore, propose that the present grouping be retained and that the present maximum rate of Re. 1-8-0 be increased to Rs. 2-0-0.
53. Statement showing the present and proposed maximum rates in Kopargaon: Taluka and the rates prevailing in border villages of neighbouring talukas.

| Taluke. |  | Present maximum rate. |  | When introduced. | Proposed maximum rates. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Group $I$. <br> Rs. á p. | Group 11. |  | Res. a. p. |
| Kopargaon • . | $\cdots$ | 180 | (Only one Gpoup) | 1913-14 | 200 |
| Sengamner .. | $\cdots$ | 200 | 1120 | 1913-14 | $\begin{array}{lll} 2 & 8 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \text { (Group I) }$ |
| Rahuri | $\cdots$ | 200 | 1140 | 1919-20 |  |
| Yeola | . | 220 | 1140 | 1915-16 | . |
| Sinnar |  | 220 | 1140 | 1915-16 |  |
| Newasa . . | $\cdots$ | 1120 | 1100 | 1919 -20 |  |

The effect ot the proposal will be to increase the fixed annual demand from Rs. $2,69,771$ to Rs. $3,59,680$. It will be seen from Appendix $L$ that the percentage increase is equivalent to $33 \cdot 33$ per cent. which technically raises the enchancement the merest fraction above the authorized limit of 33 per cent. but the alternative is the imposition of a rate of Rs. 1-15-11, a figure which would involve the most complicated ${ }^{0}$ fractions.
54. Periodofguarantee.-The Commissioner, CentralDivision, in his No. T.R.-126 dated 19th January 1905 in forwarding the second revision report, commented on the discrepancy of rates in Sangamner and Kopargaon and was led to remark in paragraph 4 of his forwarding endorsement " the position being according to general agreement that Sangamner has been and will continue to be somewhat underas: sessed, while Kopargaon has beenand will continue to be much underassessed ": It is unnecessary here to enter upon the causes that have resulted in this incongruity, as they are fully set forth in the Second Revision reports of both Kopargaon and Sangamner talukas. The principle of equality of ind dence of land assessment in the same area is surely justifiable both morally and from the point of view of equity; it is even politically.desirable for the fact that conditions fully justify the rate he pays is very little satisfaction to the Sangamner ryot, when he sees his fellow cultivator in Kopargaon, with better land, with greater opportunities for making the best use of it, and with a greater net return acre per acre, called upon to pay an assessment relatively less. I, therefore, venture to propose that the new rates be introduced as early as possible and be guaranteed for a period of ten years only.
55. Inam villages.-The Taluka possesses three Inam villages of which two, viz., Nandur Khurd and Pimpalwadi are Sharakati Dumala and one Pohegaon Khurd is a Nival-Dumala village. The table below shows the maximum rate, date of introduction and period of guarantee of the existing settlement in these villages,

| Village. | Current settle. , ment. | Maximum rate. | Period. |  | Authority: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | From. | 'T6. |  |
| Nandur Khurd | 2nd Revision | Rs. a.  <br> 1 8 8 <br> 1 0  | 1917-18 | 1923-24 | Commr., C.D.'s No. 1613 of 29-11-16. |
| Pohegaon Khurd | 1st Revision | 180 | 1876-77 | 1904-05 | Supdt., Rev. Survey and Assessment's No. 840 of 16-11-1876. |
| Pimpa?wadt | Original | 140 | 1853-54 | $\cdots$ | Not available. |

The provisions of Chapter VIII and IX of the Land Revenue Code were applied to the village of Pohegaon Khurd, in 1915, vide Commissioner, Central Division's Notification No. 478 of 16 th January 1915, published at page 467 of the Bombay Government Gazette, dated 4th February 1915. As regards Pimpalwadi, the re-survey is expected to be effected within a few years, but since there is a scheme before Government for introducing provisional resettlements in Inam villages without re-survey, it is desirable and convenient to have the appropriate maximum rates determined before hand (vide letter of the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S. T. 355 dated 15th November 1922). And it is under this authority that proposals for Pimpalwadi are included in this report.

Nandur Khurd.-Situated in the south of the Taluka, in a heavily irrigated tract under command of the Pravara Left Bank Canal, and adjoining the bazar village of Mamdapur. I therefore propose a maximum rate of Rs. 2-0-0.

Pohegaon Khurd.-Situated in the west of the Taluka and a Bazar town. The village is under command of canal irrigation and is in a flourishing condition. I therefore propose the same maximum rate, viz., Rs. 2-0-0.
56. In this village three survey numbers, viz., 8,9 and 14 beara Patasthal rate fixed in 1880 of Re. 0 -15-1 per acre over and above the soil assessment. The total area thus charged is 15 acres 18 gunthas and the total Patasthal levy amounts to Rs. 14. The supply of water is obtained from the construction of a kaccha dam across analla called Jambhalinalla. Since 1880 it seems it has been built no more than on three occasions. In 1918-19 the owners of survey Nos. 2 and 6 to 15 construoted a dam at a cost of Rs. 53. Prior to 1896 it seems that there was a permanent flow. Since 1896 the nalla has been utilised for about four months in a year of good rainfall. Nowadays, viz., since 1914 the nalla has a constant supply of water, due appatently to the numerous irrigation charis which surround the area and which irrigate land lying to the east and west of the nalla including survey Nos. 8, 9 and 14. A reference to the Inamdar has procured a reply expressing unwillingness to relinquish his rights over the nalla, and to waive the Patasthal assessment. The Inamdar declares that if, as is undoubtedly true, the flow of the nalla is due to irrigation then it is for the Irrigation Department to take steps, if necessary, to prevent the water from coming into the nalla.
57. In view of the fact that prior to 1896 the pat had a permanent flow and subsequent to 1896 it has been dependable for four monthsin the year, it is a matter for consideration whether the nalla can be deemed to be a canal within the meaning of the Irrigation Act. However, in view of the petty sum involved I am of opinion that this Patasthal rate be permanently remitted, thereby bringing this village into line with all other Khalsa villages in the Taluka.

Pimpalwadi.-Occupies a central position in the Taluka and is an exceedingly prosperous village. I theregre propose a maximum dry-crop rate of Rs. 2-0-0.
58. The original settlement report of the village is unfortunately not available. However, from an examination of the Prati-book, it seems that the present maximum rate can be taken to be Re. 1-4-0, the scale being $1 \frac{1}{4}$ times the soil classification annas. The method of treatment of Motasthal land in the village is somewhat unusual. Such land has been assessed at a special rate varying from Rs. 2-3-0 to Rs. 3-0-0 per acre, the average rate being Rs. 2-8-7 per acre, vide statement below.


[^23]On survey principles Motasthal bagait should be assessed within the dry-crop maximum rate, exclusive of the chad upto 4 annas for old wells. It will appear that in the present case the chad is farin excess of theabove scale or of the Motasthal rate of any other village in the Taluka, But as reduction would cause a loss of revenue to the Inamdar and as it is directed that special efforts should be made to avoid loss to Inamdars and as the present rate is easily borne, I would propose that the rates now in force be left unchanged. On the basis of an increase in the dry-crop maximum rate of this village from Rs. 1-4-0 to Rs. 2 the increase proposed is equivalent to 60 per cent.
59. There is no rice land in any of these villages. Motasthal, except in the case of Pimpalwadi, has as usual been rated at the maximum dry-crop rate. The financial effect of the proposed enhancements is shown in Appendix L.
60. In conclusion, I would recommend that the period of guarantee of these villages should expire simultaneously with that of the rest of the taluka.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
A. H. DRACUP,

Assistant Settlement Officer, Ahmednagar.

## APPENDIX A.

Rainfall reconded at Kopargaon, district Ahmednagar.


Ramarks with ragard to the charactar of the season at Kopargaon, District Ahmednagar, for the yaras 1911-1981.
1911-Ralifallduring the year was silightly below the average. The anternonsoon period wont practically dry. Regular monsoon opened early in une, but the Taitor the month though general was not abundant and charif sowings were consequenty conined to piaces under thefavourable rains of the following month. Prospects appeared bright for a time, but the long drought which supervened daring thenext two months of September and October, created great anxiety which was only removed by copious and well saln, the rabl crops did generally well and gave a fair roturn. The season on the whole was fair to moderste.
1912-Total fall of the year was considerably in defect of the normal. Rain was totally absent during the premonsoon period. The Teguar monsoonget in thmely in une but the fali of the month being very meagre, kharif sowinge had to be postponed to July was required tor their corapletion. The August rains were too deffelent to glve any apprecisble rellef. September went dry and what few crops were surviving withered a way in good many places. Rabisowings also recelved a check. Some good shower in Octobor caupled with adcquateialin Noveaber however, enabled hir compietion, but there was no rain from Decembe necessitated declaration of famine conditions.
1913-Year's total fall was just about the usual amount. Excepting a few stray showers in May and the antemonsoon period was rainlese. The monsoon established early in June and the fall of the month being both widespread and plentiful the K harif crops were sown in time. Rainfall in July was again bbuadant, and the cropa progressed nicaly under it. The August rain was about
 the rabi sowing too received a sovere check. November went totally dry while the fall in Deceraber did not oxceed a few drops. The rains completely withdrew honceforward and as might we excepted the rabiseason was a fallure though the kibarif cropagave a moderate return.
1014-Rainfall during the year wan sightly in excess of the normal. The premonsoon rains did not exceed a few drops. Regutar monsoon
 was deficent and more was needed for the standigg cropa at the end offe latter month. The fallo benenting the standing Khart crops and facilitatiug rabisown hain in October, however, was very meagri and rabisowings could not be completed till good showers were recelved in November. There was practically no rati in December but the glight falls in January and February were somewhat beneftisi to the growth of the rabi crops. The beason on the whole was good.
1915-Total fall of the year wes much in excess of the average. A few hght showers were all that was received during the premontoon period. The reguiar monsoon commenced about the third week of June and the fall being copious and general khanis bowing Fere btarted every where. These were completed in Jaly gencrally though retardiding few paces by excensive rain. In August ralne were very heavy and rabis sowings had to be put off till October when conditions were more favourable, Rainiall wa practically absent in November and December, nor was any requared for the rabicrops as the abundant September rains had eft ample molature for them. The season on the wholo was satisfactory.
1916-Aggregate rainfall of the year amounted to double the usual quantity. Good showers ia May offered facilities for the preliminary preparation of timas. Rainfall from July to October exceeded the requirineats generally. It interfered with the requialte agricultural
perations such as Interculturing and threatened the proner developinent of the kharif crops at times. It also necessitated moter the favournble weather condtilons that exlsted inter on. The geason on the whole was feirly good instead of ad oxcellent one as was once anttcipated, the prospects havlog bean marred by excess of raln in placeas.
 ngs wore taken in hand generally. Owing to scanty July rains, howover, these were oonsiderably restricted and were finlshed were henco completed only in October. The fair woather in November proved very congenial to the development of the rabi normal yield though with one good shower at the oud of December they would have done mach better. The season on the whole normal yield tho
was fairly good.
1918-Totalfall of the year was conslderably in dofect of the average the premonsoon rafne were fairly heary and facliltated preparation of was diofent kharif sowings wore confned to places of suficient moisture. What few aress had to be left fallow. Induenza pldemic further impeded progross. The protracted freatent for rabi sowings and largo two subsoquent months very adversely affected the growth of the crops. December rains were too light to be of any help and the crops in consequence were hopelessly gone in a very conslderablearea and what few outhved tho long drought gave but an maigniacant yjeld. Season on the wholo was disabtrous.
1010-Rainfall during the year was far in excess of the normal. The antemonsoos showers being fair both in amount and distribu lops enabled the preliminary feld operations to be done in time. The regular monsoon commenced in June and the fall belng upto requinments Kharlis sowings were ncarly completed by the end of the month. Owing to the famine in the preceding year the cultivatore were very keen to cultivate kharif crops wherever possible and the area brought under them was generally
above the normal. The crops progressed nicely under the favourable rains in July but the almost dry Augugt created much anxiety. Rainfail in September was very heavy. It, howevor, enabled extenglvo Rabisowings to be undertaken. Rain in October and November was penorally upto the standard besides the fields wero alrendy fully saturated by the ample September rains. As \& mesplt the rabl crope diaveloped well even in the absence of rain tin December. The untlimely rains in January, however, damaged them in places and their yield in consequence fell short of expectation. The
season on the whole was falrly goo. It cannot, however, be called one of plonty as tho people has just escaped from
the clutches of scarcity and wore struggling to better their condition. was noitheradequate nor general. Consequently the kharit sowings were considerably restricted. The rainfallin June and July nate In many places or where they did they did not floorish. The long drought in Auguat and the first half of September told of Soptember was goneral and most opportune and encouraged general rabi sowhgs. Owing to the failure of the kharif crops these were eagerly started everywhere. Most unfortanately however, the rains completely withdrew after giving a few rops in October and the rabi crops too on which the hope of the cultivators centred disappointed hem. Taken generally there ore foliowing the very sevare strain of $1810-10$ the year was a very hard one tor the agricultural popalation and thelr condition
distinotly deteriorated as a result of what muat be regarded as a disastrois season.
2y21-Year's aggregate fall was about two thirds the average. The promonsoon period was without a drop of rain. Rogular monsoan commenced normally in June but the fall being not adequate Kharif aowings werc restricted only to areas where sufficient moisture was avalable. The substantial fall in July, however, came to the reaces. It enabled resumption of the ratarded khari.
sowinge and their completion in time. The germination was also nlee and the seedinge were promising. In August, the fall sowings and their completion in time. The germination was aliso nice and the seedings were promising. In August, the fall
was scanty and crops showed signs of distress, but this deficiency of rain was counterbalanced by the good fall in Septembor Was scanty and crops siowed stgns of distreas, but this deficiency of rain was counterbalanced by the good fall in September,
which begides improving the standing Kharif crops gave anjmpetuato the rabl sowinga. Owing to the totalabsence of rainfur ther on however, the development of the rabl crops fell farshort of expentations and thoy gave but a poor to moderate seturn. Soason on the whole was faltuy good for the Kharif but only fair for the rabl crops.

APPENDIX B．
Details of cultivation and crops in the villages of the Kopargaon Taluka of the Ahnelnagar Collectorate．


| 2iumber of Villages． | Crops（Detalis of Col．2）－contd． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Sugars． |  | Fibres． |  |  | Drugs and Narcottes． |  |  | 烒 <br> 87 |  | Rcmarks． <br> 30 |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \dot{\circ} \\ & \text { © } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $\dot{8}$ 8 8 8 | 安 荌 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 20 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 88 | 84 | 35 | 86 |  |  |  |
| 122 Government villagos． | Acres． | Acres． | Acres． | Acres． |  | Acres． |  | Acres． | Acres． | Acses． | Acren． |  |
| Average of 8 years，vis．， 1814－15 to 1022－22 | 531 | $4,056$ | .. | 2，520 | $2,402$ | 4，502 | 337 | 1 | 338 | 8，895 | Acre． |  |
| Percentage on groas cropp－ ed arca | 0.24 | 2.07 |  |  |  | $2 \cdot 00$ | $0 \cdot 15$ |  |  | 1.73 | 2,046 1.18 |  |
| 3 Inam villages． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Averago of 8 years，vis．， 1914－15 to 1021．22 | 4 | 15 | ． |  | 10 | 11 | 2 |  | － 2 | 10 | 10 |  |
| Percentage on gross cropp－ ed area | 0.83 | 1.96 |  |  | 1－31 | 1.45 | 0.28 |  |  | 10 1.81 | 10 2.81 |  |
| 122 Government villages． |  |  | ， |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average of 7 gears，vis．， 1914－15 to 1920－21 | 537 | 4，457 | $\therefore$ | 2，768 | 2，417 |  | 364 | 1 | 868 | 3，978 |  |  |
| Percentage on groes cropp－ ed erca ．． | 0.24 | 2.08 |  | 1．20 | 1－10 | 210 | $0 \cdot 17$ | ．． | 808 0.17 | 3，978 $1 \cdot 81$ |  |  |
| 3 Inam villages． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.97 |  |
| A verage of 7 years，vir． 1914－15 to 1920－21 | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  | ．． | 10 |  |  |  |
| $\underset{\text { Ped area }}{\text { Pentage on cropp－}}$ | 15 0.45 | $1.57$ |  | .74 2.24 | 45 1.38 | 62 1.88 | 10 0.90 | ＊ | 10 0.80 | 1．60 | 37 1.18 |  |

## APPENDIX B ${ }^{1}$ (old).

Sowing the information about crops irrigated from different sources in Kopargaon Taluka, District Ahmednagar.


APPENDIX B1 (old)-contd.

| Yeat. | Sourcas of Irxigation. | Cropplag of Irıigatod aram. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Deduct aren cropped with irrigation more than once. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Halanco } \\ & \text { net } \\ & \text { irrlgated } \\ & \text { area. } \end{aligned}$ | Hemarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Wheat. | Rice. | Other coreals and pulses. | Sugar cans. | Other <br> food <br> crops. Non <br> food <br> crope | Fodder Oropar | Total. |  |  |  |
| 1010-20 | Government Conal. Wrell intigation . | Acrea. <br> 97 <br> 46 | - Acres. | Acres. <br> 232 <br> 22 |  | Acrea. Acres. <br> 18 25 <br> 8  | Acras. <br> 60 <br> 9 | Acres. <br> 475 <br> 100 |  | Acres: <br> 877 <br> 85 |  |
|  | Total .. | 143 | -• | 254 | 48 | 21 ; 40 | 60 | 575 | 113 | 402 |  |
| 1020-21 | Government Canal, <br> Well Irrigation | 631 77 | ${ }^{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 889 \\ & 118 \end{aligned}$ | 50 | 86 27 <br> 7  | 67 18 | 1,658 209 | 60 28 | 1,502 186 |  |
|  | Total. .. | 708 | 2 | 052 | 54 | 4832 | 70 | 1,861 | B3 | 1,778 |  |
| 1021-22 | Government Canal. Well Irrigation 3 .. | 468 47 | 4 | 272 -36 | 68 8 |   <br> 77 $\mathbf{8 5}$ <br> 8 $-\mathbf{2 5}$ | 28 6 | - 045 | 65 8 | 880 115 |  |
| - | Total . . | 515 | 7 | 808 | 69 | 85 : 50 | 20 | 1,068 | 68 | 995 |  |

APPENDIX $\mathrm{B}^{2}$.
Statement showing fallow in Government and alienated villages in Kopargaon taluka far the period 1901-02-1921-22.


## APPENDIX C.

Details of population according to occupation as per Census of 1911, Kopargaon Tahkka of the Ahmednagar District.


APPENDIX D .
Agricultural Stock of the 122 Government and 3 Inam villages in the Kopargaon Taluka during the year 1920-21.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow{3}{*}{Number of vilages.} \& \multicolumn{11}{|c|}{Oattle.} <br>
\hline \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{For plough.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{For bmeding.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{For other purposes.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Milloh cattle.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Young itock."} \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Total.

18} <br>
\hline \& Oxen. \& He-Buffalces. \& Bulls. \& Bull $\begin{gathered}\text { Buffor } \\ \text { locs. } \\ 5\end{gathered}$ \& Oxan. \& He-
$\substack{\text { Buffa- } \\ \text { loes. }}$

7 \& Cowns ${ }_{\text {che }}$ \& | Sbe- |
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| Bufls loes. $\theta$ | \& Calves.

10 \& Butta100 calvea. \& <br>
\hline \multicolumn{12}{|l|}{128 Government.} <br>
\hline Yoar 1918-14... \& 20,372 \& 89 \& \& 6 \& 584 \& 55 \& 11,082 \& 1,120 \& 11,084 \& 088 \& c,000 <br>
\hline Year 1915-16 .. \& 25,890 \& 84 \& 58 \& 12 \& 061 \& 57 \& 14,750 \& 1,380 \& 14,916 \& 1,060 \& 68,833 <br>
\hline Year 1920-21 \& 23,018 \& 38 \& 50 \& 10 \& 618 \& 12. \& 10,828 \& 1,130 \& 7,772 \& 678 \& 44,184 <br>
\hline 3 Inam villagas. \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline Year 1913-14. . \& 320 \& 2 \& -2 \& -• \& 24 \& 8 \& 172 \& 16 \& 128 \& 0 \& 075 <br>
\hline Year 1916-16 .. \& 885 \& $\cdots$ \& 1 \& -• \& 6 \& 1 \& 238 \& 88 \& 225 \& 23 \& 912 <br>
\hline Year 1920-21 \& 370 \& $\cdots$ \& \& 1 \& 10 \& - \& 188 \& 25 \& 151 \& 17 \& 757 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}


*Note,-Animata are reckoned as calvee up to the time they commence work, it male, or are mature for breeding, if femala,

## APPENDIX E.

Shops, incurstries, efc., in the villages of the Kopargaon Taluka for the year 1922.


APPENDIX F.
[Fовm V. F. 16].
Wells, Bhudkis, Tanks and other Sources of Water Supply in the 122 Government 3 Inam villages of the Kopargaon Taluka, District Ahmednagar, for the year 1921-22.


Abstract of Appendix F.

N. B.-Figures marked with an * relate to the 3 Inam Villages.

APPENDIX G:
Selling value of dry-crop lands in the Government villages of the Kopargaon Taluka (1917-18-1921-22).


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## APPENDIX G (i).

Selling value of dry-crop lands under command of canal irrigation in the Government villages of the Kopargaon Taluka (1917-18-1921-22).


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## APPENDIX H.

Leases of dry-crop lands not under command of Canal Irrigation in the villages of the Kopargaon Taluka (1917-18 to 1921-22).


## APPENDIX $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{1}}{ }^{\mathbf{1}}$ )

Leases of dry-crop lands under command of Canal' Irrigation in the villages of the Kopargaon Taluka (1917-18 to 1921-22).


APPENDIX $\mathrm{H}^{2}{ }^{2}$.
Showing the leases of land-dry-crop, Motasthal, Patasithal-executed in 1922 in the SubRegistrar's Office at Kopargaon.


APPENDIX $\mathrm{H}\left({ }^{2}\right)-$ contd.


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APPENDIX $\mathrm{H}^{2}-$ contd.


APPENDIX $\mathrm{H}^{2}$-concld.


APPENDIX I.
Prices prevalent in the Kopargaon TaLuka from 1888-89 to 1921 (as plotted in the accompanying Diagram).


## APPENDIX II.

Showing wages of skilled and unskilled labour in Kopargaon Taluka from 1902-03 to 1921-22.


## APPENDIX K.

Collection of Assessment on Government land in the villages of the Taluka of Kopargaon.


n Government occupied land.



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Summary for dry-crop rates.

| Propoeed groups. | No. of villages (in batches according to eristing grouping). | Current dry crop rate of each batch. | Proposed dry-crop rate for group of each batch. | Inorease per cent. | Increase per rapee (to nearest quarter atanal. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 122 | Re. 280 | Re. 200 | 88.38 | Rs. 054 |

$\mathrm{L}-$ concld.


## APPENDIX M.

Showing village, population and area of unocoupied assessed cultivable Government land in Kopargaon Taluka of the Ahmednagar District.


* N. B.-The area of unoccupied waste includes an area of $3,855 \cdot 22$ acquired for the Belapur Company, whith is treated as assessed waste. After deducting this the net unoccupied assessed waste is $648 \cdot 13$ only.

APPENDIX M-contd.

| Serial No. in Appendix L. | Village. | Population. |  |  | Ares of unoccupied assessed cultivalble Government land. |  |  | Remarkg. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Year. <br> 1001. | Year. <br> 1911. | Year. <br> 1921. | 1911-12. | 1916-17. | 1920-22. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. |  |
| 74 | Nategaon | 505 | 523 | 303 | 7. 8 | 78 | 78 |  |
| 75 | Neyagaon | 429 | 569 | 243 | 4115 | 3713 | 2618 |  |
| 76 | Nighoj | 295 | 306 | 76 |  |  |  |  |
| 77 | Nimbgaon-Khair | 422 | 610 | 375 |  |  | 443 23* |  |
| -78 | Nimbgaon-Korhale | 408 | 521 | 1,165 | 14 | 14 | 14 |  |
| 79 | Ogadi | 262 | 259 | - 132 |  |  |  |  |
| 80 | Padhegaon Khurd | 270 | 281 | 349 |  |  |  |  |
| 81 | Padhegeon Budruk- | 254 | 319 | 336 | $\cdots$ | . | . |  |
| 82 | Pimplas | 648 | 767 | 731 |  |  |  |  |
| 83 | Pohegaon Budruk | 1,090 | 1,272 | 1,321 |  |  |  |  |
| 84 | Puntemba | 6,567 | 6,538 | 5,227 | 131 | 131 | 131 |  |
| 85 | Rabata | 3,195 | 3,018 | 4,516 | . |  | 332 |  |
| 86 | Ranjangaon-Deshmukh | 786 | 780 | 435 | 023 | 2526 | 2526 |  |
| 87 | Ranjangaon Khurd | 538 | 612 | 772 | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 88 | Ranjan Khol | 178 | 271 | 247 | - | 4.0 | 40 |  |
| 89 | Rajuri . | 651 | 710 | 413 | 10419 | 1014 | 1014 |  |
| 90 | Rampur | 140 | 303 | 161 | 1936 | 1936 | 1936 |  |
| 91 | Ravande | 878 | 846 | 943 |  |  |  |  |
| 92 | Rui | 752 | . 975 | 1,332 | -• | $\cdots$ | . |  |
| 93 | Sade | 555 | 965 | 264 |  |  |  |  |
| 04 | Sakuri | 781 | 951 | 1,737 |  |  |  |  |
| 95 | Sangri-Bhusar | 586 | 781 | 828 | 15.20 |  |  |  |
| 96 | Sanvatsar | -1,781 | 2,132 | 3,436 | 015 | 015 | 015 |  |
| 97 | Savalgaon | 108 | 156 | 98 | 19 | 19 | 19 |  |
| 98 | Savalvihir Khurd | 143 | 263 | 1,083 | $\cdots$ | 3916 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 99 | Savalvihir Budruk | 451 | 584 | 1,495 | . | 2537 | 2527 |  |
| 100 | Sahajapur | 224 | -276 | 232 |  | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| 101 | Shahapur | 224 | -261 | 73 | 100 | -100 | 100 |  |
| 102 | Shingnapur | 226 | 401 | 1,151 | 41 | 310 | 310 |  |
| 103 | Shingve | 1,202 | 1,540 | -629 | . | 1335 | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |
| 104 | Shindi - | 1,648 | 1,611 | -2,568 | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |
| 105 | Shirasgaon-Belapur | $\checkmark 395$ | 444 | +566 | 835 | 835 | 1813 |  |
| 106 | Do. Tilavani | 291 | 400 | - 225 | ., | - |  |  |
| 107 | Sonari | 178 | 280 | 205 |  |  |  |  |
| 108 | Soyagaon |  | - | 44 |  | 8-30 | 830 |  |
| 109 | Suregaon | 278 | 517 | 711 | 2237 | 2237 | 2237 |  |
| 110 | Takti-Brahman | 651 | . 696 | 2,029 |  |  |  |  |
| 111 | Talegaon-Male . | 304 | - 625 | 185 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | . |  |
| 112 | Tilavani | 230 | 351 | 240 |  |  |  |  |
| 113 | Ukadgaon | 197 | 515. | 197 |  |  |  |  |
| 114 | Undirgaon | 1,057 | 1.743 | 2,107 |  |  | 1947 23* |  |
| 115 | Vadgaon | 405 | - 374 | 348 | 27 | 27 | 27 |  |
| 116 | Vakadi | 1,961 | 2,262 | 1,682 | 249 | 5530 | 2239 |  |
| 117 | Vake | 159 | 98 | 57 |  |  |  |  |
| 118 | Valki | 223 | 244 | - 59 | . |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 119 | Vari | 1,881 | 1,695 | 905 |  |  |  |  |
| 120 | Velapur | 340 | . 403 | 640 |  |  |  |  |
| 121 | Ves | 4585 | 866 | 437 | 106 | 10.6 | 106 |  |
| 122 | Yesgaon | 589 | 659 | 1,391 | .. |  | $13220{ }^{\text {* }}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  | otal | 55530. | 73729 | 4503 35* |  |

* N. B. - The area of unooctried waste includes an area of $3,855-22$ acquired for the Belapur Company, whioh is treated as assessed waste. After deducting this the net unoccupied assessed waste is $648 \cdot 13$ only.'

No. S.R.V.-12 of 1923.
From

> G. MONTEATH, Esq., I.C.S.,
> Collector of Ahmednagar ;

To

# THE SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR *of LAND RECORDS, BOMBAY PRESIDENCY, POONA. 

Ahmednagor, 23rd May 1923.
Subject. -Third Revision Settlement of Kopargaon Taluka.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward Mr. Dracup's report on the Revision Settlement of the Kopargaon Taluka.
2. It would perhaps have been as well if I had awaited receipt of these proposals before sending up those for Sangamner. Comparison of the conditions of these two contiguous talukas might have helped to determine the degree of enhancement justifiable in the case of Sangamner; it would at least have served to support the argument in favour of moderation. Some comparison may still usefully be made.
3. I gave two definite reasons for the conclusion that the enhancements proposed by Mr. Dracup for Sangamner were sufficient. One was the shortness of the period during which the current rates have actually been in force-the other, the policy adopted by Government after full deliberation in regard to neighbouring talukas certainly not worse off than Sangamner.
4. At first sight the rental statistics of this taluka would seem to contradict the supposition that anything less than the full 33 per cent. enhancement is indicated. They give, I think, a percentage of about 14 of assessment on rent. A little consideration, however, will show that this result must be fallacious. It hardly corresponds with the sale statistics. And, secondly, the divergence from the percentages recorded for adjoining talukas, a number of which have been cited by Mr. Dracup, is so wide that those given for Sangamner cannot well escape suspicion.
5. The fact is that the rental cases available in Sangamner are far too few to go upon. There were, I think, about eight for each group, not counting cases of bagayat lands included in the Sub-Registrar's records. In view of the facts that nearly all the land in this taluka is owner cultivated, that there is comparatively little bagayat, and that when land (except bagayat') is leased the system of rent is practically always "Batai" it is clear that these cases of money rents are exceptional. On the other hand, cases of sales are sufficiently numerous to afford probably fair figures of average prices of lands-the reason being that there is plenty of competition for ownership of land among the cultivating class. Admitting this fact of competition the averages of the cases available probably represent pretty fairly the average money values of land in the two groups. Now if we take the basis of 6 per cent., regarding the price paid as an investment, and capitalise the average of assessments on that basis, we get a very different percentage of assessment to probable rent from that resulting from the small number of rental cases recorded by Mr. Dracup-more like 25 per cent. with the current assessments, and of course a good deal higher with these proposed. This is a much more likely figure of the percentage that would obtain if money rents were usual.
6. I might have gone into this question when I sent up the Sangamner report, but it seemed unnecessary to take notice of figures so clearly suspicious as the average percentages of assessment to rent given in that report, while the two reasons I gave in my forwarding letter, together with the revenue history of the taluka and other'facts sufficiently apparent from the report itself, provided in my opinion a good enough case for refraining from imposing the full degree of enhancement which the statistics of general improvement would seem at first sight
to justify. The enhancements recommended are still substantial, and give rates of assessment considerably higher than any that it is possible to propose for Kopargaon.
7. The rental statistics of Kopargaon present a very marked contrast. It pays now-a-days, and pays beyond anything dreamed of in pre-irrigation days, or in non-irrigation areas, to sublet land in Kopargaon, and accordingly we have plenty of instances available of money rents, from which the percentage of assessment to rental value can be calculated with some certainty. The great majority of these cases relate to recent years,-they date mostly from a few years subsequent to the extension of irrigation to the taluka, and the larger number are for lands "under command " of irrigation channels. During the same period the number of sales of such land decreased, notimmediately, but as soon as the advantage of retaining ownership and subletting was realised. We have, however, sufficient instances of sales of land, taking both categories (dry: crop and irrigated) together, for our purposes.
8. It is not altogether easy to make the comparison with Sangamner. It would hardly be fair to compare the rentals of dry crop lands in Sangamner with those of lands with irrigational facilities in Kopargaon, although the comparison, in view of the actual state of things, would be fairer than it looks, since the proportion of the one kind of land in Kopargaon more or less approximates to the proportion of the other kind in Sangamner. It would be still less fair, I think, to compare the dry crop rental and sale values simply-that is of lands not under command of irrigation in either case : since these represent but a small percentage of the one taluka, and much the greater part of the other. It will be found, even if this is done, that the results in respect of sales in terms of multiples of average assessment are much the same in the two talukas, while in respect of rents Kopargaon has the advantage, but the number of instances of both kinds of transactions in the latter taluka is perhaps rather small for absolute certainty; and it is possible that most of them relate to pre-irrigation days. In any case, since one has to take conditions as they are, a fair comparison between the two talukas cannot, for the reason just given, be made on this basis. The only way, I think, is to take both classes of land together. If the cases of lease obtained from the Sub-Registrar's records in Kopargaon are taken and the resulting averages compared with the probable averages (obtained in the way above indicated) for Sangamner, the contrast is sufficiently remarkable-a percentage of $5 \cdot 6$ in the former, against one of about 25 in the latter taluka, of assessment to rental. Taking the two classes of land separately in Kopargaon, the figures are $21 \cdot 37$ per cent. for lands not under command of canals (the examples of this class are comparatively few, and it is probable that when they are leased the system as in Sangamner is generally "Batai ")-and 3.76 for lands under command. The average sale price of the small number of cases of sales of dry crop lands available is 62.9 times the averagє assessment-much the same as in Sangamner ; but in the case of lands under command of irrigation (a much larger number of instances), it is 122.67 times-that is about double the Sangamner figure. It is unnecessary further to expatiate on the difference between the two talukas indicated by these figures. The figures by themselves say all than is to be said.
9. In other respects, the undoubted increase of prosperity during the settlement period of Sangamner is discounted by one or two factors which provide further contrast when the case of Kopargaon is considered. That the former taluka is liable to a degree of uncertainty of rainfall which puts it pretty well on a level with the most unfavourably situated talukas of the District is shown by the fact that in the last dozen or so years six (if the current year is included) have been years of crop failure : one would have had to say famine not very long ago. Something like 140 villages have full suspensions of revenue this year-not generally speaking a bad one. In Kopargaon, Mr. Dracup remarks, "The Kharif rains are generally fairly certain, but the uncertainty of the late rainfall afiords some justification for classifying it as a precarious tract." Put in the past tense the observation is true, and would still be true if the taluka had to depend on the local rainfall, but irrigation has changed all that. Nearly the whole of the Kopargaon tajuka now gets the benefit of irrigation-such lands as have not this advantage directly, being "out of command", are indirectly benefitted by the fact that the well water supply has become, through percolation from the irrigation channels, a great deal more reliable than it used to be. I believe that when the full supply of water has been made available some 12,000 more acres will get irrigation; and in most of
the wells in land "out of command", and not too far from distributaries-and not. much land will in the future be under this disadvantage of distance-the water supply should become pretty nearly permanent. In Sangamner only a small proportion of land can be irrigated by means of canals-most of the taluka being "out of command"-and the extent of additional land that will eventually be brought under irrigation is small. So that irrigation scarcely needs to be considered in dealing with the rates for Sangamner-the area that is or will be benefited whether directly or indirectly is too small to count.
10. It is not very easy to see why the maximum rates were first yut so much lower in Kopargaon than in Sangamner. It may be granted that its climatic conditions were similar to those of Sangamner before the general extension os irrigation, but they can hardly have been appreciably, if at all, worse. It may be granted also that Sangamner had formerly in its head-quarter town the advantage over Kopargaon in respect of marketing produce-the present and still rapidly increasing prosperity of the latter town presents now a very different state of things. But, granted both these propositions, it is still difficult to account for the difference in assessments. That the soil values are generally higher in Kopargaon for purposes of dry crop a comparison of the average assessments will show-with a considerably lower maximum, the average assessment in Kopargaon is about the same as that in the first group of Sangamner.
11. Whether or not the current rates in these two talukas result from wrong appreciation of their respective advantages originally, there is no doubt that their relation to each other is altogether wrong now. We cannot help continuing this unfairness as long as the present rules remain in force, but we need not accentuate it further than we can help.
12. That it is a mistake to take a percentage of rental values, even when you have enough statistics to be fairly sure what they are-or to take any other kind of statistics indicating the profits of cultivation to the land-owner-as an absolute basis for purposes of assessment comparison of two talukas like Sangamner and Kopargaon clearly enough show. The result of applying the theory that Government are entitled to a certain fixed proportion of the rental value of lands-(I take the rental value because it has been much insisted on of recent years)-by endea vouring in all cases to get as near that proportion as póssible in determining the assessment, is bound to work out unfairly in practice. The old Survey Officers knew well enough that by no system of grouping and classification could the pressure of assessment on the profits from lands differing widely in réspect of climatic conditions, or soil values, be even approximately levelled up. They did their best with 'Chads' and 'Jantries' to supplement grouping and classification, but, whatever kind of sliding scale be adopted, the owner of good land with climatic advantages is boundit is self evident-to be incor parably better off than the man whose land is of poor or only fair quality; and is perhaps liable also to uncertain rainfall. That is a result of course that no one will quarrel with. It would be ir possible to change it if one would, and one does not aim at taking an undue share of his profits from a man who has the good fortune to own good land in a favoured locality. What one should aim. at is not to penalise the other man more than can-be helped in comparison with his n ore fortunate ceighbour. What we are bound to arrive at by aiming throughout at a fixed proportion of net profits, or rental values, as Government's due, is however sorrething like this result. If the poor land is not too highly assessed, the good. land will not be highly enough assessed ; if the good land is fairly assessed, the poor land will have to pay too much in comparison. If one looks only to percentages, or proportions, the result may seem fair at first sight, but obviously it is not so in reality. One might take 50 per cent. of profits or rental in one case, ald nothing at all in another, and the land owner might still be left far better off in the first case than im the second. The old Survey Officers did their best, as I have said, in the first instance (whether or not they made a mistake in appreciating the comparative conditions of Kopargaon and Sangamner)- and probably for the most part succeeded, as far as any system of grouping and classification could sucgeed, in discriminating between lands of various productive capacity. Butif in revision we eahance by 33 per cent. in a cor paratively poor taluka because during the Settlement period the increase of general prosperity and the profits of cultivation warrant that degree of enhancements and can do so only in the same proportion in a taluka which is obviously very much better off in all respects, then we change the balance for the worse even
if it was more or less fairly adjusted to begin with, and if the better taluka was relatively under-assessed before revision, then we not only perpetuate but increase the error.
13. It may be said that it is not a good argument for refraining from enhanc--ing up to the full limit warranted by the statistics of material prosperity of a taluka, that another taluka has to get off lightly in comparison because we cannot impose any higher degree of enhancement under our rules. Well, when the two talukas are in juxtaposition, and the difference is'so wide as in the case of Sangamner and Kopargaon, I think, it is a good argument. All that the Sangamner rayat can seeand it is visible enough-is that he is heavily assessed to begin with in comparison with his Kopargaon neighbour, and that if the latter's assessment were raised by 33 per cent., and his own not raised at all, he would still be heavily assessed in comparison. One might in fact in most cases take 50 per cent. of the rental value of his land from the Kopargaon khatedar, and none of it from the Sangamner man, and still leaves the former with a great deal more in hand. When we enhance the Sangamner assessment by 20 to 25 per cent. we take perhaps less than the history of the taluka might by itself justify, but we take more actually, and relatively a great deal more, than the rules allow us to take from Kopargaon.
14. Of course the same arguments followed to their logical conclusion apply to enhancement as between lands of different classification in the same group, but there is no need to elaborate the case further.
15. So far I have aimed at showing that the enhancements proposed for Sangamner are-with Kopargaon next-door-quite as much as we can properly impose, and in fact leave the former taluka, already over-assessed by comparison, still more so when the utmost enhancement that we are able to impose under existing rules on Kopargaon are in force. However that is not altogether the right con-

- clusion. An increase of about 23 per cent. in Sangamner (I think it was) is sufficiently justified by the history of the taluka during the past 30 years. The obvious and the only possible conclusion from the report on Kopargaon is that in this taluka, already under-assessed by comparison with Sangamner, the relative lightness of the assessment will be continued, if not emphasised, by the revision rates given in the report which are the highest that it is possible to propose. Here at length, one may say, is a case for abolition of the 33 per cent. limit, about which suggestions have teen made repeatedly, and repeatedly been rejected. The actual cultivator, it is true, pays a substantial amount to Government in the shape of water-rate, when be takes canal water-I confine myself for the purpose of the present argument to the case of land under command of irrigation, since this now constitutes much the greater part of the taluka. If he is himself the khatedar he pays also what must be regarded in the circumstances as a purely nominal assessment seldom more than 15 annas an acre, and often not more than 12 annas, for it is a fact that much of the land which is of comparatively low value for dry crop purposes is the best for sugarcane or other bagayat cultivation. When he is not the khatedar he may payfrom Rus. 20 to Rs. 40 an acre rent, and still his cultivation pays. Then what of the khatedars who let their land-a large, and if I understand Mr. Dracup's report correctly, increasing proportion? All they have to pay is the purely nominal assessment, while they receive a rental which averages over Rs. 26 an acre.

16. One must not, of course, lose sight of certain considerations very properly mentioned by Mr. Dracup. It is probable, as he says, that these figures represent to some extent a boom which will not last. There is the chance of an unknown area cf land becoming exhausted-there are at present nearly 11,000 acres rendered cseless by water-logging, and that area may increase. Mr. Inglis hopes that the greater part of it will be reclaimed and rendered fit for cultivation, but this has not been done yet, and we must take things as they are. However, when allowance has been made for these considerations, the exceptional position of the land owner in what Mr. Dracup calls the favoured area-the owner of land under command of irrigation, the major part of the taluka-remains clear, and it is equally clear that under existing rules Government can take only a ridiculous fraction of his "unearned increment". That the owner of land not directly benefited by irrigation is not very much less prosperous is clear from the third set of rental figuresAppendix 42-which give an average rental of over Rs. 16 an acre, with an average assessment of about 15 annas.
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17. I do not know whether any steps are in contemplation by which a $f$ irer adjustment of Government's share of actual profits is to be secured. The people that will in that case have to be distinguished are the owners of purely dry crop land which has not benefited directly or indirectly from the extension of canals. These now form a comparatively small minority in Kopargaon, and though theye are better off than the great majority of their Sangamner neighbours, their position is generally speaking similar. They can well enough pay an addition of 33 per cent. to their present assessments. Owners of land "under command", and in a not much less degree those of land with motasthal irrigation which has been rendered by, percolation very much more reliable than it was formerly, could well enough pay assessments increased by a good many times that proportion.
18. It is unnecessary to discuss other points in the report, which gives the history of the taluka very lucidly and with ample detail-this letter is probably too long already. I can only endorse Mr. Dracup's proposal to enhance by the full amount of $33 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. with the further expedient, for I am afraid that is what it is, of guaranteeing the settlement for a period of ten years.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, G. MONTEATH, Collector of Ahmednagar.

# 51 <br> Below No. S. R. V.-12, dated 23id May 192s, from :he Collector of <br> Ahmednagar. <br>  

No. S. T.- 355.
Poona, 22nd June 1923.:
Transmitted with compliments to the Commissioner, C.D.
2. From one point of view this is an execedingly easy settlement to deal with : from another point of view it is very difficult. I propose to take the easy subject first. Mr. Draoup has given an amply sufficient account; of the taluka and I have been through it and seen several of the villages myself, and I also knew it to a considerable extent before the advent of irrigation therein. There is at present only one group in the taluka ; but the introduction of a vast irrigation system at a very large public expenditure since the last settlement has entirely revolutionized all values, and has split the taluka into two classes of land: (1) those undet command of the canals, and (2) those not under command. Fortunately the latter class is so small that we might almost leave it out of account altogether. The sale and rental values of these lands are as follows :-

Under command of the canals.
Sales: 122.67.
Rentals : 26.6 (A. S. 0. ) and 17.78 (Sub-Registrar, 1922).
$N$ ot under command of the canals.
Sales: 62:9.

## Rentals: 468.

The figures given are multiples of the existing assessments. I have ascertained (though he has omitted to make it clear in his report) that a strict scrutiny was applied to all sales and leases to exclude those vitiated by landlord's improvements (buildings, wells, etc.) as well as by the more usual money lending transactions, and Mr. Dracup visited the actual land in almost every case. If we divide the sale multiples by the rent moultiples minus 1 , we get the number of years' purchase at which land-not-under-command is valued as 17.5 which is normal and reasonable. But in the case of land-under-command we meet with a peculiar phenomenon : that if we take the Assistant Settlement Officer's figures we get only $4: 6$ years' purchase and upon the Sub-Registrar's figures about 7.35. This shows that the sale value is extraordinarily low compared with the pental value; I have enquired whether the holder or landlord has to pay other charges, such as "patsari". (cess for maintaining distributaries) and possibly some other burdens not digelosed but it seems that the tenant or lessee always pays these also (and that they usually amount to about $1 / 10$ th rupee per acre per annum). The only conclusion is that they do not expect this high rate of rent to last very long and consequently the number of years' purchase whioh they are iwilling to pay for these existing rents is not much more than 7.
3. In 1900 the general rental values were about 5.4 assessments; but then Mr . Ghosal based his figures (in 1900) upon an insignificant number of leases, only 100 in all and dating from before the famine no doubt. The standard assessment should not exceed half the rent. We can, therefore, on the land-not-under-command, take at most about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ times the present assessment, and on land-under-command, even taking the lower figures from the Sub-Registrar's leases, we could take about $8 \frac{1}{2}$ times of the present assessment. But having regard to the sale figures rather than to leases of the land-under-command, which means that we should discount these high rents as not likely to continue, even so, we can take; on the land-undercommand four times the present assessment without coming even near to the standard limits. Mr. Dracup proposes to take not 150 per cent. increase on the dry land, and 300 per cent. on the wet land, but the very modest increase of only 33 per cent. on both alike, since he is bound by this restriction. There is therefore nothing whatever to discuss: that a 33 per cent. increase is justified could not be disputed by anybody, and I suppose so long as no difference is made in the rates by which we are going to assess the wet and the dry land we have no occasion to change the grouping. I, therefore, in the first place, support Mr. Dracup's proposals as incontrovertible so far as they go.
4. But now we cometo the guch more difficult and serious question which is this:-

Are we for one moment justified in observing the 33 per cent. limit in Kopargaon?
The history of the 33 per cent. limit has been detailed in recent reports ad nauseam (see chiefly my Report No. S.T. 250 of $20-5-21$ ). We cannot in each fresh settlement report treat everything de novo, and make the reports so self-contained as if no other settlement report had ever been written. If ever there was a case for setting aside the 33 per cent. limit it is in Kopargaon. The present assessment for the whole taluka is Rs. $2,70,000$. The wet land is yielding rents at an average of at least 17 times the assessment. It frequently goes much higher. But lest we should be led away by any sudden boom, let us discuss the matter upon the supposition that nett rents are only 12 times the assessment, and that the sale value of 122.67 multiples of the assessment is therefore justified, and in congruity with the rents. Now these rents are paid by tenants to the landlords. In addition to paying these rents the tenants pay the irrigation rates for the water they use and the cost of maintaining the distributaries. The gross collections on this account throughout the whole taluka are under Rs. 4,00,000 (last five years' average Rs. 3,77,644). The landlords (in which term is also included those fortunate proprietors who cultivate their own land) receive 12 times the assessment and pay one assessment to Government pocketing the remaining 11, that is to say, they pocket Rs. $29 \frac{3}{4}$ lakhs a year, and for this they toil not, neither do they spin. They contributed nothing, or practically nothing, to the vast irrigation work which has been financed out of the general Presidency revenue. The cultivator is paying in rents and water rates about $36 \frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, and of course he has to spend a great deal more on seed, manure, etc. But the gross produce of the taluka is not reckoned in lakhs but runs into crores, or certainly not less, at the most inadequate computation, than 100 lakhs. Now supposing there were no other talukas in the world except Kopargaon, one might very well ask why should the landlords in this taluka pocket $29 \frac{3}{4}$ lakhs a year for nothing, while the public who constructed this irrigation work, paid for every anna of it, get as a return 4 lakhs from the taluka, and out of that 4 lakhs in turn have to meet a far larger expenditure of maintenance and management than the landlord incurs for the management and maintenance of his land? Even if there were no other talukas except Kopargaon the position is ridiculous, and entirely stultifies the accepted theory that the State, which means the public, are entitled to something not exceeding half of the standard rent. At an increase of 33 per cent. the total State share in the rent will rise by Rs. 90,000 ; whereas if we took a proper share of the unearned increment we should get above 5 lakhs. Now what is the effect of exempting Kopargaon from paying this 5 lakhs? It simply means that to meet the expenses of the Presidency, to meet the interest on irrigation works, the other tax-payers in other talukas have to pay more. The canals cost Rs. $1,01,70,000$ and yield only 4.05 per cent., leaving the general tax-payer to find 2 per cent. deficiency!
5. But Kopargaon is not the only taluka in the world. Right alongside it we find Sangamner. And Sangamner is already paying upon dry land, totally out of reach of any canal, more assessment than Kopargaon will pay under Mr. Dracup's proposal upon its sugarcane growing land! Is this reasonably fair to the people of Sangamner? And the argument as applied to Sangamner applies with much greater force to large stretches of land in Gujarat and Khandesh, which without a vestige of irrigation, with no public expenditure even upon roads in many cases, are paying more per acre, or a larger percentage on each maund of grain to the Treasury, than these Kopargaon people ; and not only more in the sense of a small excess, but paying something like 10 times more. That is the problem which we have to face in Kopargaon.
6. For about 40 years the taluka paid Rs. $2,25,000$. Ten years ago it was raised, upon a rather half-hearted review of the position, by a small amount to Rs. 2,7.0,000. This was after the irrigation works were opened. In 1905 the late Mr. A. O. Logan said " Kopargaon has been, and will continue to be, much underassessed, especially in comparison with Sangamner, its neighbour." This underassessment is now not a matter for criticism but it is a grave scandal.
7. Now my own proposals are that, in the first place, the 33 per cent. limit should be thoroughly swept aside for this taluka. In the case of Panwel (R. 7166 of 8-9-1892) with the express sanction of the Secretary of State this action was taken in 1892 and the reason was not the institution, at the public expense, of a vast irrigation system; but simply because it was found that there were considerable profits on the grass trade, which had not been taken sufficiently into account in assessing the warkas land! It almost sounds like a story designedly comic. Panwel is deprived of the benefit of the 33 per cent. limit many years ago, because of its grass trade. Shall Kopargaon then be sheltered by this 33 per cent. limit in spite of the staggering figures I have given? Let it be remembered that $I$ have avoided all traces of exaggeration by taking 12 multiples of the assessment as the fixed standard rent; whereas the Sub-Registrar's records show it to be 17•78, and the Assistant Settlement Officer's figures show it to be 26.6 ; and those figures are based upon very large areas, not upon a few acres as was the case in 1900. The figures of rent upon which I rely are collected from 12,091 acres, and the figures of sale from 7,138 acres, totalling just short of 20,000 acres; whereas in 1900 Mr . Ghosal collected leases from 1,759 acres and sales from $1,772 \mathrm{only}$. This incidentally shows the great advance which we have made in our statistics under the very much better organjsation of our village land records than obtained a quarter of a century ago.
8. But this discussion has relation only to the wet land. The dry land is included in the same group, or was so included in previous settlements when there was no irrigation. We could not then see any reason for differentiating one part of the taluka from another, nor is there any reason for making any difference now, except that very broad and staring distinction between the wet and the dry land. I therefore propose that we should make two groups, (1) of the dry land not under command of the canals, and (2) of wet land which is under command. Then having got these two groups and having brushed aside the 33 per cent. limit, we should then, for the dry land, double the assessment, raising it by 100 per cent. We shall still leave a substantial margin of more than half the standard assessment in the pockets of landlord over and above the half share of the economic rent to which we concede his title. For wet land under command we cannot suddenly and per saltum raise the assessment to the rate it should attain, especially because the moderation of our assessment in the past has led people to expect that we should not take the full half economic rent. Perhaps the fear that we are certainly going to take a good deal more than the usual increase of assessment has been discounted in the discrepancy (upon which I have commented already) between rents and sales. But in any cese for the wet land we should, in my opinion, take three times the present assessment and we should guarantee that assessment not for 30 years but for 10 only. At the end of 10 years if rents still remain as they now are we should be justified in climbing up another step and perhaps even doubling it again. But if on the contrary our assessment has proved too high, or through an unforeseen slump in prices, or for any other cause, has begun to press heavily then it will not be too short a time to have waited for these effects to be manifested and for us to take this into consideration and recalculate the assessment.
9. Most of the leases in the taluka are for periods from 7 to 10 years. We may assume, therefore, that a great many of them have got about 5 years to run. The cultivating tenants therefore in the taluka will in no way be touched by the increase of assessment. The landlord, and the landlord alone, must bear it as he justly should. When he next renews his lease he may try to get more, but I doubt if this will be possible. He very likely will have to face a reduction in his rent, and still go on paying this largely enhanced assessment. Even so there will be nothing to complain of. He will still be contributing rather less in proportion than the land holders of the rest of the Presidency.
10. There is only just one fly in this ointment ; that is the spectacle of 10,580 acres ruined by over-irrigation. . The fact is that the cultivators turn water on to their lands without making arrangements for drainage, in such a way that by degrees the land is ruined; if it takes 10 years to ruin 10,000 acres one may calculate that within a measurable period the whole taluka will be totally ruined. Perhaps this is another element which has contributed to the startling discrepancy between rents and sale values? This ruination of land has not yet ceased. I saw it going on in full swing in the course of the miles which I walked through these
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sugarcane fields. It is a very sad fact, and it has of course been under the earnest consideration of Government. But what I would suggest is this, that a determined effort should be made to improve greatly the character and strength of the staff distributing the water, and the cost of this should be met if it exceeded what can be paid out of the four lakhs of irrigation revenue of the taluka, by a further transfer from the greatly enhanced land revenue, which is of course irrigation revenue in its soundest and most desirable form. Upon the settlement report of one taluka it may not be quite easy to come to a sweeping conclusion upon a large question such as this. But these questions have got to be faced and settled, and if not settled in Kopargaon, when will they be settled ?
11. Although primá facie there is no settlement which is easier, on the other hand, there is nothing which I have handled for years which raised such very large questions and in so menacing a form as Kopargaon. From the point of view of the Land Settlement Officer I have no hesitation what should be done. But the matter is mixed up with irrigation and the general problem of public finance. There are other talukas in which the rise in sale and rental values would have equally justified the sweeping aside of the 33 per cent. rule, which is from every point of view an anachronism. But Kopargaon is the first taluka in which the great rise in rents and values of land is not due to the general advance of the country; but is specifically due to conspicuously great expenditure of publicfunds on agricultural improvements. When a private owner improves hisland we exempt him from increase of land revenue on that account. But when the public itself carries out these large improvements it certainly seems just and right that it should not be deprived of its proper return by the hollow phantom of the 33 per cent. rule and in consequence be obliged to look to other tax-payers to make up the public necessities, and to pay for the benefits conferred on Kopargaon.
12. After having dealt with the large factors I have two or three remarks to make on relatively infinitesimal points.

In Mr. Dracup' s report, paragraph 21 (5), the years 1897-1903 include the most severe famines on record. The general trend of rise in prices can be better seen when compared with the 1904-1910 figures.

Paragraph 23.-That many wells should now be in disuse is quite natural because of the irrigation. I saw many such near the canal.

Paragraph 24 (4).-If carts cannot be correctly enumerated (and I quite believe• Mr. Dracup's discovery that they are not) it is much more certain that cows and goats and sheep are not correctly enumerated. I regret to believe that our village staff is not good enough now to get reliable statistics of anything, unless these statistics are carefully examined by their superiors. In 1920-21, before the revision of the pay of talatis, when these khanesumaris were being prepared, they were everywhere in a mutinous and unwilling mood. Since the figures are not to be credited, inferences cannot be drawn.

Paragraph 29 (3).-The classification of the revenue as "miscellaneous" is - wrong.
13. I now turn to the Collector's remarks on this report.
14. It is very high time that at last something was decided as to what is the true standard of assessment. Had this been decided and put down in black and white, like the 33 per cent. rule, and-other details of that sort, there would have been nothing for the Collector to attack. My own view is, and has been, throughout the 8 years I have held this office, that we must base our assessments exclusively upon rentals, as sifted and proved; not the crude or gross rentals, but rentals purged of any element due to the owner's improvements; in other words, I term this " the uneamed rent". Having ascertained these rentals we should take about 45 per cent. thereof. Where (on account of such rules as the 33 per cent. limit, or any other rules of the game which have from time to time been laid down) we are prevented from taking that full standard, at any rate we should come as near to it as we conveniently can, and if in one settlement period we cannot work up to a full standard assessment then we must wait for a secondor even the third, and by degrees and in time, either one or two things will happen $a$ ) we shall work up to a standard assessment, or $(b)$ the fall in value of money and increase in rents will be so considerable and so conspicuous that financial despair will force some Government hereafter to abandon the self-denying ordinance of the 33 per cent. limit. All other
settilement operations and enquiries should be subsidiary to this precise economically and logically defensible standard. Strictly speaking we should ascertain the fair rental of every holding by itself, but when we cannot do that we must take averages over villages and groups of villages and all our efforts should be concentrated on seeing that our statistics are true and impregnable.
15. I now take up the Collector's remarks on the Sangamner recommendations.

Paragraph 4.-The Sangamner rent and sale statistics are remarkably congruous as I have shown in my review. It is true that the Assistant Settlement Officer was able to find very few cash rents which would pass his scrutiny, but he found a large body of documents recently registered in the Sub-Registrar's office: presumably many of these had not been entered in the Record of Rights in spite of the rules. Now these rents entered by the Sub-Registrar were not subjected to the same scrutiny. Consequently they are apt in some cases to be a little higher. Upon the rents found personally by Mr. Dracup the assessment is $14: 65$ per cent. : upon those recorded by the Sub-Registrar it is only 13.54, that is, $1 \cdot 11$ per cent. lower. The two sets are practically the same, but the Assistant Settlement Officer's rentals are a triffe lower, no doubt because he has excluded one or two rather suspiciously high rents. I am very sorry that Mr. Dracuip went away on leave before I got to Kopargaon taluka for the consultation, which I had advised him I desired. Had I been able to have a talk with him on both the talukas we should have probably discovered that he was not giving us precise information as to the years to which his rental and sale statistics relate. I am now endeavouring to fill up that deficiency in the Kopargaon report. In Sangamner rents for altogether 7,480 acres have been found and sales for 2,900 . This is a small figure compared with the great mass that we find in some other areas. But it is explained by the fact that in Sangamner the people are well off, well settled on the land, and very rarely give their land on rent at all. The demand for land is good, and we do not say the shares of a bank are suspicious and of doubtful value when (at the market prices last quoted even on the basis of quite a few sales) there are still absolutely no sellers.

Paragraph 5.-The Collector says that we get a different rental value from the sale prices. His method apparently is to divide the sale price-by $16 \cdot 6$ whereby he gets a quotient of about 4 and from that he argues that since sale prices correspond to a rental of about 4 assessments therefore the assessment is 25 per cent. upon the rent. But he is wrong. He has quite forgotten to add 1 and raise the multiple of rent from 4 to 5 . This is necessary because in a sale the purchaser buys not the
 -5 assessments but he pays for 4. The other one which the Collector has overlooked is allocated to the payment of our existing assessment. Consequently the sale prices actually support the assertion that the assessment is now not more than 20 per cent. of the total rent. But if the Collector had taken account of the remissions and Local Fund on the one hand, and of the necessary deductions for failure of crops and the consequent non-recovery of rent on the other hand, he would have found, as I have I think shown satisfactorily in my review, that the rents and sales are in remarkable harmony.

Paragraph 6.-If the Collector did regard the Sangamner rents as suspicious it is much to be regretted that he did not work at this point when he first sent on his report. But I do not regard them as suspicious.

Paragraph 7.-Even the Collector admits the truth of the enormous magnitude of the rents in Kopargaon.

Paragraph 8.-Again the Collector admits that as to dry-crop lands there is a very great agreement between the Kopargaon and Sangamner figures. But he throws unwarranted discredit on the Kopargaon figures by saying that some of these rents possibly relate to pre-irrigation days (i.e., 12 years ago). Now it is certain that they do not. The figure of 25 per cent. of assessment upon rentals in Sangamner should, as I have just shown, be 20 per cent., subject to further modifications for bad seasons. But no one denies that the Kopargaon rents are higher than Sangamner. The point need not be further labored.

Paragraph 12.-It is here that I must differ most emphatically from the Collector. It is just as fair and indeed just as necessary to set out the true, and just, and exact standard of land revenue assessment as it is to prescribe a proper sliding scale
for In 8 ome tax and Custom, duties on kerosine oil and salt. What the Collector is really arguing against and really proves is that the 33 per cent. rule works most unfairly. The burden of the assessment on any tract of land was not intended to be affected by the chads and jantries and groupings which the Collector attacks. Had the assessment generally been too high upon the rental the maximum rate was the proper factor to vary. All these classification devices were only intended to secure that proper effect should be given to the fact that rents vary from field to field according to the quality of the field : as well as from tract to tract according to the demand for land and general conditions of the market, which variation is met by the pitch of the maximum rate.

Paragraphs 16-18.-At last we come to his remarks upon Kopargaon itself, and in addition to what has already been said, there is practically nothing in them.

## F. G. H. ANDERSON,

Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

Below No. S. T.-355, dated 23rd June 1923, from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

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Camp Bhusawal, 5th January 1924.

## Submitted to Government in the Revenue Department.

2. The last revenue.Settlement report was prepared in $1904_{2}$ and the rates sanctioned in 1905, but their introduction was postponed until 1913-14, owing to a succession of bad seasons. They were then guaranteed for 10 years only, in view of certain considerations advanced by the Commissioner, Central Division, who wrote, inter alia, as follows :-
"Conditions. in Kopargaon havè now entirely altered. Practically the whole taluka is traversed by the Godavari Right Bank Canal and is in a fair way to become one of the wealthiest parts of the Presidency. Rates which were suitable in 1905 will be quite unsuitable in 1923.
Mr. Curtis's predictions have been fulfilled. Anothe canal, the Pravara Left Bank, has since been.brought into the southern portion of the taluka, and at the present time the two canals between them have under command five-sixths of a taluka which is fortunate in possessing land that is level and peculiarly suited for the cultivation of sugarcane.
3. The revenue history of the taluka, paragraph 18 and Appendix K of the report, show that remissions have amounted to no less than 10 per cent. of the demand during the period 1903-04 to 1921-22. Coercive processes for the recovery of land revenue have been remarkably few.
4. Communications have been improved dpring the settlemeft by the construction of the Savalvihir-Bharwas Roads. A branch railway line between Belapur Station and Nasik•via Rahata has been surveyed.
$\stackrel{f}{5}$. In comparing prices the most satisfactory plan appears to be to omit the abnormal periods 1897 to 1903 and 1918 to 1921. Figares for 1922 and 1923 are now available. The price statement for the three staple grain crops is therefore drawn ae follawe:-


Prices in the period 1911 to 1916 are 40.7 (bajri), $40^{\circ} 04$ (jowari) and 14.3 (wheat) per cent. higher than in the period 1904 to 1910 ; while current prices are 103.8 (bajri), 86.4 (jowari) and 83.06 (wheat) per cent. above those ruling in 1904 to 191.

It should be noted that wheat is a very important crop in this district, Appendix B showing that it averaged 26 per cent. of the cultivated area during the period 1914 to 1921.

The price of gul, the most valuable product of the taluka since the coming of the cantals; has not been recorded.
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6. The statistics collected regarding the value of land in the taluka are remarkable. They are available for fairly large areas as the following details show.

The figures of sales of dry crop lands relate to 4,560 acres in 78 villages, and. show that the sade price averaged 63 times the assessment; those for land under command of the canals relate to 2,570 acres in 63 villages, and give an average sale price of 123 times the assessment.

Leases of dry crop lands relate to 1,450 acres in 28 villages and give an average of 4.68 times the assessment, while leases of land under command relate to no less than 5,938 acres in 62 villages and give an average rental amounting to $26^{\prime} 6$ times the assessment.

The cultivation of surgarcune is largely in the hands of Malis from the Poona and Nasik districts, who have flocked in large numbers to the newly irrigated areas in Kopargaon, and offered large rents for land suitable for growing cane. This is the explanation of the extraordinary rents obtained for land under command of the canals.
7. The difference in the ratio between sales and rentals is unusual. Mr. Anderson discusses this at length, and bis conclusion that it means that the present high rate, of rent is note expected to lastlong is no doubt correct.

It is the general experiehce that land brought-under*sugarcane for the first time commands a higher rental than at any subsequent leasing. The reason is partly that it is virgin'soil so far as cane cultivation is concerned and partly that the risk of loss owing to water-logging is slight.. Enquiries made by the undersigned when in camp in the Kopargaon taluka a few weeks ago showed that current rents för good sugarcane land averaged Rs. 20 per acre, as against Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 a year or two ago. The recent slump in the price of gul is of course one of the chief reasons for this fall.
8. The figurestrelating to land notrunder command show that Government is fully entitled to take the maximum enhancement of 33 per cent. in respect of such lands. When we come to a consideration of the lands under command it is at once apparent that the maximum enhancement will not give Government a fair share in the increased increment that has accrued to the fortunate landholder. As Mr. Anderson has noted "in Kopargaon the great rise in the rate and value of land is not due to the general advance of the country; but is specifically due to conspicuously greatexpenditure of public funds on agrieultural improvemont." The general taxpayer, who has to find the interest on the capital expenditure incurred on the Deccan canals, is entitled to demand that the landholder who has benefitted shall shoulder a large portion of the burden. But his claim is against the landholder who has benefitted, i.e., the man whose land is under command; not against other landholders in the taluka. It seems clear therefore that the proper course to adopt in this case is to enhance the maximum rate throughout the taluka from $1-8$ to Rs. 2 and at the same time to bring into force the proposals which are under consideration for the levy of a special tax on lands under command of canal water. The drainage of water-logged lands should form a first charge on the proceeds of such tax.

- 9. The increase gives a percentage of $33 \frac{1}{3}$ over the existing assessment. This is a fractional excess over the authorized maximum, but it should be allowed to stand for the reason given at the end of paragraph 20 of the report. The period of guarantee should be 30 years, as tisual.

10. Mr. Dracup's proposal regarding the patasthal assessment at Pohegaou Khurd (vide paragraph 22 of the report) has not been dealt with by the Collector or' the Settlement Commissioner. In view of the orders in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 11926, dated 11th November 1915, and also of the inamdars' unwillingness to forego the assessment, a combined assessment should be fixed on the three survey numbers in question.
11. Fifteen petitions of objection against the introduction of increased rates are attached. They disclose no good grounds for postponing an increase in the rates.

G. W. Hatch, Commissioner, C. D.

Revision Settlement.
Kopargaon Taluka, Ahmednagar Districk.
Third — of,
GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.
RevenÚ DEPARTMENT.
Resolution No. 47/24.
Bombay Castle, 14th July 1924. . .

Memorandum from the Commissioner, C. D., No. L. N.D.-Ah.-2-7 dated, 5th January 1924 -Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified below* contgining proposals for the third revision settlement of the Kopargaon Taluka of the Ahmednagar District, together with petitions of objections relating thereto.
*Letter from Mr. A. H. Dracup, Assistant Settlement -Officer, Ahmednagar, Na S.T.154 dated 3rd April 1923.
*Letter from the Collector of Abmednagar No. S.R.V.-12 dated 23rd May 1923*
*Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner anđ"Director of Land Records No. S:T.355 dated 22nd June 1923.

Resolution.-These papers contain proposals for the third revision settlement of 122 Government villages and three inam villages in the - Kopargaon Taluka of the Ahmednagar District.
2. The facts and the statistics given in the report show the great advance in the productivity and economic gain of the tract. The last settlement was introduced in 1913-14 and guaranteed for a period of 10 years. During the last ten years conditions in the taluka have been reyolutionized by the development of canal irrigation. As a result, agriculture has revived, the possibility of famines on a large scale has disappeared, cultivation has improved, agricultural stock is sufficient, trade has developed, and the prices of food-grains, wages and land values have increased considerably. The taluka is well provided with railway, local markets and communications.
3. There is at present only one gropp in the taluka. The advent of canal irrigation has created two natural groups-villages under oommand of canals and villages not under command. But even the latter are so much underassessed, judging by the very ample sale and lease statistics, that they could easily bear the doubling of the assessment. The land under command could easily bear the trebling or quadrupling of the assessment. But as Government is restricted to the $33 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. rule, they approve of the grouping and rating proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer. In approving the rates Government have taken into consideration the decrease in rents to which the Commissioner refers in paragraph 7 of his memorandum.
4. Mr. Dracup's proposals as regards the inam villages are also approved.
5. As regards the patasthal assessment of the three survey numbers in the inam village of Pohegaon Khurd, Government approve of the Commissioner's proposal to fix a combined assessment.

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6. The revised rates should be introduced in the current revenue year, 1923-24, and levied from 1924-25. The rates should be guaranteed for a period of 30 years in the tract not under command of canals and for a pesiod of 10 years in that under command.
7. The petitions of objections do not disclose any grounds for a modifieation of the orders now passed.

By order of the Governor in Council,

H. K. KIRPALANI,<br>Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

The Commiseioner, C. D. (also by memorandum),
The Collector of Abmednagar (with the petitions of objections),
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records (also by memorandum),
The Direftor of Agriculture,
The Accountant General,
The Public Works Department,
The Finance Department,
The Ggverment of India (by letter):


[^0]:    * Cantonments of Poons and Kirkee (Civil limits only).
    $\dagger$ Approximate figures after allowing for population of Mulshi Petha.

[^1]:    Besalts of Crop Experiments Appendix U.

[^2]:    Excluding 2809-10, when mome aunpensions at least were on account of locuats.
    

[^3]:    - Excluding 1909-10, when the quapeasions may bave been on account of lcenats

[^4]:    The group consists at present of 30 villages, of which 4 canal villages have been promoted to Group II and one (Gorhe Kd.) will be placed in a lower group for reasons given below. The circumstances of the remaining 25 villages are entirely satisfactory and a 25 per' cent. increase can be borne without difficulty. Appendices K1, K4, M1, and M4 support this conclusion.

    Dudulgaon has been promoted to this group. It was included in Group III by the Superintendent of the last Survey but removed on the recommendation of Colonel Francis, the Settlement, Commissioner, as Moshi and this village "are in the outer boundary of the district and separated from the rest of Class 3 . Moshi is the village which is about to be transferred to Sir Dinkar Rao, and he has expressed his wish that its assessment should not be greafly increased." Although this recommendation was sanctioned by Government, the assessments at Moshi were actually calculated on the maximum rate of Group III. Dudulgaon is a typical Group III village; all the neighbouring inám villages are in Group III' and the increase involved by the promotion is less than will fall on its near neighbours Nirgudi and Wadgaon-Shind, which at present enjoy the one-sixth concession.

    The increase in the soil assessments, excluding riee, of the new group will be 28.7 per cent ; the increase in the rice assessments, which are discussed later, will be exactly the same.

[^5]:    H 141-16

[^6]:    17. In 1878 no distinction was made, or at least no distinction has been preserved, between "old" and "new" rice. The figures for the 1830 and 1894 settlements are for "s old" rice lands only. The table therefore compares full rise rates. It will be seen that on the whole the rates are not unequal, so that if the 1873 rates can be advanoed 25 per cent., the 1890 rates could be raised to the same extent after cancelling the present deduction of one-sisth $\rightarrow$ total . increase of 50 per cent. This is, however, too big an increase at one step.
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[^8]:    - . Rioe Lands.

    In Pashan the rice rates are under the Poona-Thâna soale öf 1873-74 described in Appendix $\mathbf{V}$ to my Peport on the Haveli Táluka. As in the case of the Government villages the rates.will be increased by 25 per cent.

    In all other ${ }^{\text {r }}$ villages, expept those resurveyed recently and mentioned below, the scale is one of six rupees under the Southern Maratha Country' Survey kules. In the case of the Government villages the increase on this scale: was at the rate of only 2 annas in the rupee because it was coupled with the abolition of a deduction of one-sixth from the old rates. I pointed out in

[^9]:    $\because$
    F. ANDERSON,

    Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

[^10]:    etba Mahal.

[^11]:    It will thus be seen that the non-agricultural population of the Peta is about 21 per cent.
    (15) Schools and Education

    As regards education the Peta must be considered as backward when compared with the other parts of the Districe. Education, however, appears to have mader

[^12]:    There is a public dispensary at Paud in the Peta but the people taking advan-

[^13]:    мо са 11-17

[^14]:    ＊Note，－Animals are reckoned as calves up to the time they commence work，if male，or are mature for breeding，if femalo．

[^15]:    - 750-1

[^16]:    H 750 - 11 H $109-11$

[^17]:    - 760-12 \& 109-12

[^18]:    - Nimbe, Nandur, Dhorjalgaon, Akhatwade, Bhatkudgaon, Bhaygaon, Bakhatpur, Daudpur, Majreshahar,

    Shahar-takli, Guphe, Dev-takli, Dahigaon.
    $\dagger$ Vangi Kd., Vangi Bk., Khirdi, Sangam, Paohegaon.
    표 749-1

[^19]:    : 749-13

[^20]:    The reduction in population since 1911 would jeem to be the very high percentage of $25^{\circ} 63$; but that these figures are not in accordance with the actual facts admits of ready explanation, viz., that the date of scrutiny of the census of 1921 coincided with a period of famine which followed two bad seasons, with the result that large numbers of the people had temporarily emigrated and were, therefore, absent from their villages. From what enquiries I was able to make, there seems no room for doubt that inspite of the influenza epidemic of 1918, in which Jamkhed suffered not the least severely of the talukas oi the District, the population is not below that of 1911 ; or, if so, but very little less.

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[^22]:    Total Exports 2,24, 978 Maunds. Total Imports $2,11,230$ Maunds. Total Exports 5,05,654 Maunda. Total Imports 5,99,32s 3aunds.

[^23]:    Old wells were given a 'chad' (increase) under the so-called B-table, the scale of which is as follows:-

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    | 10 to 7 | 1 | $\ldots$ |  | $\cdots$ | 4 |
    | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |

    7 to 4 l..\(\quad \because \quad 2\)
    