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(1) NUMBER OF ESTATES UNDER MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—There were 50 estates under management at the commencement of the year, 28 in Ahmedabad and Kaira under the Tálukdári Settlement Officer and 22 under the Collectors. Of the former, the estate of Runi Ranod, Fej Mahomed Padkhan, was released during the year, owing to the minor having attained majority. Of the latter one in the Panch Maháls and four in Broach were released during the year. The Panch Maháls estate has been taken over under the Gujarát Tálukdárs' Act. Of the Broach estates, one was released owing to the death of the minor and the other three owing to the minors having attained majority. Four new estates all in Broach came under management during the year. Thus the total number of estates under management at the close of the year was 48 as shown below:—

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Central Division.—The total number of estates under management at the beginning of the year was eight, *viz.*, two Pátíl and Dhangar minors in Ahmednagar, one Matkar minor in West Khándesh, two Powar and Konge minors in Násik, two Shindkar and Banchod minors in Poona, and one Giram minor in Sholápur. One new estate in Násik, *viz.*, that of Renukabai was added, and no estates were given up during the year. Thus the year closed with a total of nine estates under management.

As none of these estates yields an annual gross income of Rs. 10,000 or upwards, information regarding them is shown in the statements in lump.

In one of the two estates in Ahmednagar there are two minor brothers, and they are under the guardianship of their nearest relative, Bhau Pandoba. The minor in the other estate is under the care of one Ganu Kesu of Sada. The minor in West Khándesh is under the direct control of the Collector. The minor Renukabai in Násik is under the care of her grandfather. The minors in the remaining estates are in charge of their mothers.

Southern Division.—The total number of estates under management at the beginning of the year was twenty. Six new estates were added during the year—five in Belgaum and one in Dhárwár. Thus the year closed with a total of 26 estates under management.

(2) INCOME.

Northern Division.—The gross income of the estates under management amounted to Rs. 80,740 as against Rs. 1,02,422 in the previous year. The

decrease is chiefly due to the removal of the Metral and Runi Ranod estates from management. The former had an income of no less than Rs. 10,148 as reported last year. Another reason for the decrease is that half the suspended revenue of 1911-12 was recovered last year.

Central Division.—The total gross income of all the estates amounted to Rs. 18,086 as against Rs. 15,757 in the previous year. Information about the new estate of Reņukabai added in Násik appears for the first time. The increase is mainly due to recovery of old debts and of the shares in the revenue of the jahagir villages of Kashti and Vadel belonging to the Powar estate in Násik.

Southern Division.—The gross income of the managed estates during the year amounted to Rs. 1,05,005 against Rs. 85,916 in the preceding year. The increase is mainly due to the increase in the number of estates during the year.

(3) EXPENDITURE.

Northern Division.—The gross expenditure during year amounted to Rs. 98,433 as against Rs. 91,214 in the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 7,219. The main items explaining the increase are given below :—

Name of estate.	Amount.	Cause of expenditure.
	Rs.	
Panar, Takhatsingji Samatsingji ...	1,500	Repairs to buildings.
Do. do. ...	675	Sacrificial offerings.
Modhwana ...	750	Marriage expenses.
Napad, Umedbhai Girdharbhai ...	2,050	Obsequies of the father of the minor.
Olpad ...	990	Marriage expenses.

A sum of Rs. 1,000 out of the balance of the Mogar estate was invested in Government paper and an equal amount advanced to the Kherda estate.

It is satisfactory to note that the Tálukdári Settlement Officer has invested a surplus balance of Rs. 2,000 as advised by Government in last year's review. In this connection the Tálukdári Settlement Officer remarks that balances shown in the accounts at the end of July are not all available for investment as a considerable sum is required for the expenses of maintenance, etc., from August to January until fresh revenue comes in.

Central Division.—The total gross expenditure for the year under report was Rs. 11,571 against Rs. 5,985 in the previous year showing a net increase of Rs. 5,586 due chiefly to—

- (1) marriage expenses of the Matkar minor in West Khándesh,
- (2) repayment of debts and filing of suits in the case of the Powar, minor in Násik, and
- (3) repairs to the house of the Giram, minor in Sholápur.

No amount was spent by any of the estates in acquiring additional property.

During the year, three estates—one Patil in Ahmednagar and two (Shindkar and Banchod) in Poona were able to make investments out of surplus balances standing at their credit. The uninvested balances (Rs. 6,680 and 8,576) of the Matkar estate in West Khándesh and the Giram estate in Sholápur are unduly large. In the case of the former, the Collector of West Khándesh has not furnished any explanation and he is now being asked for one. As for the latter, the Collector reports that steps are being taken to invest Rs. 7,000 in the four per cent. Terminable Loan of 1915-16.

Southern Division.—The gross expenditure for the year (Rs. 54,274) shows an excess of Rs. 15,122 over that of last year, which is partly due to the increase in the number of estates during the year and partly to the marriage expenses (Rs. 7,000) of the Hebli ward's brother.

(4) COLLECTION OF ESTATES' DUES.

Northern Division.—The season being favourable, collections during the year were satisfactory, the amount collected being Rs. 58,283 or 78·7 per cent. of the total demand of Rs. 74,072. Out of Rs. 14,160 remaining over for collection (after writing off irrecoverable balances, etc.), Rs. 5,933 are for the current year and Rs. 8,222 for previous years. The four Broach estates released from management during the year are alone responsible for the arrears of Rs. 3,302 on account of previous years and of Rs. 2,550 for the current year.

Central Division.—Out of the nine managed estates, that of the Dhangar in Ahmednagar has neither houses nor agricultural lands but a promissory note of Rs. 300 only. The total demand in the case of the remaining eight estates amounted to Rs. 19,701 of which Rs. 14,413 were collected and Rs. 412 written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 4,816 of which Powar estate in Násik alone accounts for Rs. 4,394. The Collector of Násik reports that the arrears of debts due to this estate could not be recovered and suits for their recovery have been filed in the Civil Courts. None of the estates granted any remissions.

Southern Division.—The season was favourable and the collections inclusive of arrears were satisfactory; the amount collected being Rs. 82,500 or 69 per cent. of the total demand of Rs. 1,19,600 against 65,300 and 96,300, *i. e.*, 67 per cent. of the previous year. Of current revenue 94 per cent. was collected. Rs. 13,000 were written off against Rs. 1,000. Arrears fell from Rs. 29,900 to Rs. 24,100, a major portion of which (Rs. 18,600) represented outstandings of previous years. The arrears of Rs. 12,900 in Belgaum are distributed over 16 estates. Of them one estate alone (the Here estate) is responsible for nearly one-half of these arrears, which pertain to the villages attached under the orders of Government passed in May 1914, and therefore appear for the first time in the accounts of that estate. The reduction in the arrears of the Hobli estate in Dhárwár from Rs. 8,200 to Rs. 1,800 was effected by the write off of arrears of Rs. 6,780 with the consent of the ward who has attained his majority and will be shortly put in charge of the estate.

(5) GOVERNMENT REVENUE CESSES AND RATES.

Northern Division.—No suspensions or remissions were granted during the year. The Sher Juma Khanji and Lolia Vakhatsingji estates at Dholka paid off their Jamabandi debts of Rs. 2,134 and Rs. 138, respectively. The suspended arrears of Rs. 775 due from the Lolia Gagubha Dharsingji estate had again to be suspended this year.

Central Division.—All Government dues were paid in full and no remissions were granted in any case.

Southern Division.—The Government dues were fully paid including arrears suspended in previous years; and no remissions were granted in any case.

(6) COST OF MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—The cost of management of all the estates taken together amounted to Rs. 6,194. In addition to this Rs. 929 were paid for management charges incurred in the past two years for the Sher Juma Khanji estate. The total cost comes to about 7·7 per cent. of the gross income of the estates under management.

Central Division.—The following estates contribute towards the cost of their management :—

District.	Name of estate.
Ahmednagar ...	... Pátíl.
West Khándesh ...	... Matkar Jáhágirdár.
Násik ...	... Powar of Málegaon.
Poona ...	... Shindkar.
Sholápur ...	... Giram.

The management of the rest is conducted departmentally through the Mámlatdárs of the respective tálukas. The cost of management for all the estates taken together was Rs. 645, which comes to 3·5 per cent. of their gross income.

Southern Division.—The cost of management of all the estates taken together was 4·8 per cent.; viz., in Belgaum 6·2, Dhárwár 3·2 and Kánara 4·9.

All the estates were charged except three in Dhárwár and one in Kánara, which were excused—one owing to its recently being taken over and the others on account of their smallness.

(7) ADVANCES GRANTED TO CULTIVATORS.

Northern Division.—The Jhadeshwar estate in the Broach District advanced Rs. 888 to its cultivators and recovered the amount.

Central and Southern Divisions.—No advances were granted to cultivators during the year.

(8) SPECIAL SCHEME FOR MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—The Bhagvati Vahivat of Lolia Vakhatsingji estate was changed into Vighoti Vahivat which resulted in a net increase of Rs. 190 in its income. Seventeen out of the twenty-seven estates under the Tálukdári Settlement Officer's management were leased out. The rest were managed departmentally.

Central Division.—The practice of leasing the agricultural lands and houses of the minors, was, where possible, continued during the year. In the case of the Matkar estate in West Khándesh, survey rates have not yet been introduced into his inám village of Khed Digar for want of the akarbands which are being prepared in the office of the Superintendent, Land Records.

Southern Division.—No special scheme was adopted for the management of any of the estates.

(9) MAINTENANCE AND EDUCATION OF MINORS.

Northern Division.—Of the 28 boys of school-going age all except one in Ahmedabad are receiving education. One attends the Sádra Scott College, one the Baroda High School, one receives private tuition and the remaining 24 attend local schools. Of these, five reside in the King Edward Hostel at Dhandhuka and five in the Nadiád Hostel. Minor Somio Bimasio in the Surat District is being trained in agriculture by the Arett Mission in Mándvi Táluka where he lives. He has attained majority and his estate will be handed over to him during the current year.

Central Division.—In the case of two estates—one (Pátíl) in Ahmednagar and the other (Banchod) in Poona, there are two minor brothers in each. Thus there are in all eleven minors in the nine estates under management.

All the minors in Ahmednagar, two (Banchod brothers) in Poona, and the female minor, Renukabei, in Násik, are maintained by their guardians. The rest are maintained by allowances paid from their estates. The Matkar minor in West Khándesh was married in December last to a daughter of Colonel Lambhate, an officer in the service of His Highness the Mahárája Holkar.

Out of the eleven minors of school-going age, four (one Dhangar in Ahmednagar, two Banchod brothers in Poona, and one Renukabei in Násik) do not attend school. The minor Jahágirdár in West Khándesh attends the Garud High School, Dhulia. The Powar and Shindkar minors attend the New English School, and Nutan Maráthi Vidyalaya, Poona, respectively. The Giram minor in Sholápur is receiving education in the Anglo-Vernacular School at Bársi. The remaining three attend local vernacular schools. They are all progressing well.

Southern Division.—One ward in Dhárwár is maintained by his guardians and the rest are paid from their estates for their maintenance. All the wards

(viz., 25), except one in Belgaum and two in Dhárwár, are of school-going age. Five are attending High Schools and sixteen are reading in the primary schools. Of the remaining four, one has been placed under the care of Mr. Candy of the Sardars' School at Kolhápur, one being the head of a religious Math is undergoing training in a Lingayat monastery, one who is now an adult has left school, and is studying privately for the Matriculation examination; and one who was attending the Dhárwár High School has left it recently. The question of the discontinuance of his studies by the last-mentioned ward is under the enquiry of the Collector of Dhárwár. All the wards are progressing well, except one in Dhárwár and one in Kánara.

(10) REPAYMENT OF DEBT AND EXISTING LIABILITIES.

Northern Division.—The total liabilities were reduced from Rs. 1,40,260 to Rs. 1,31,758 at the close of the year.

The progress made towards the liquidation of debts is generally satisfactory the chief items being Rs. 2,401 repaid by Dholka Sher Jumakhanji estate, Rs. 2,246 by the Pipli estate of Kalubha Jasmatsang and Rs. 1,336 by the Pipli estate of Bhikhubha Lakhabhai and another. The estate of Kalubha Jasmatsang is now free from debt. On the other hand the condition of the Lolia estates has become worse on account of adverse seasons.

Central Division.—Only the three estates in Násik are in debt.

In the case of Powar estate investigation into all claims except one has been completed, and repayment to the extent of Rs. 3,890 has been made; but a fresh loan of Rs. 3,000 was taken during the year. One claim amounting to Rs. 135, was rejected.

In the case of the Kenge estate, the Collector reports that the loan of Rs. 200 drawn during the year for the expense of filing a civil suit, etc., will be paid off shortly.

The estate of Renukabaí is encumbered with a debt of Rs. 2,000. The claim is disputed and a suit is pending in the Civil Court.

Southern Division.—In all five estates two in Belgaum, two in Dhárwár and one in Kánara are in debt which in the aggregate amounts to Rs. 84,316. The heavily encumbered estates are those of the Ingli Desgat in Belgaum, and Konur Deshpande and Gurunath Shripad in Dhárwár. The first is involved to the extent of Rs. 62,981 the same as last year. The property is under the management of the Collector under Regulation VIII of 1827 and no loan can be raised for the liquidation of debt. The title to the property is in dispute and until the question is decided the management of this estate by the Collector must be of a temporary nature. The facts are not very clear and the Collector is being addressed on the subject. The liabilities of the second amount to Rs. 9,953. Instalments have already been agreed upon with the creditors, and Rs. 1,000 were repaid during the year. The third estate which was recently taken over for management has a debt of Rs. 8,500, of which 3,000 have been ordered to be paid since the close of the year and arrangements have been made to pay off the balance in annual instalments of Rs. 1,500.

(11) REDUCTION OF CLAIMS SECURED IN CONSIDERATION OF PROMPT SETTLEMENT.

Northern Division.—A claim of Rs. 135 filed against the Modhwana estate of Bhimsing Ratansing was rejected as time-barred.

(12) LITIGATION.

Northern Division.—The litigation regarding the Jalila estate is still undecided. A husband for the minor is still being sought and negotiations are in progress which it is hoped will be brought to a successful issue.

The Bhetashi estate, the Purshotam Gordhan and Chhotalal Motilal estate and the Napad estate respectively paid Rs. 398, Rs. 56 and Rs. 21 as pleaders' fees.

Central Division.—In the case of one estate (Pátíl) in Ahmednagar, nine darkhasts were filed during the year for recovery of amounts decreed in its favour. In the case of Renukabei's estate in Násik a creditor has filed a suit against the minor and the case is still pending. As regards the Shindkar estate in Poona, a suit filed in the Court of the Sub-Judge, Mahád, is still pending. During the year, another suit was filed in the Sub-Judge's Court, Bárámati, to recover Rs. 700, secured on a mortgage-deed. In the case of the Powár estate in Násik, suits have been filed to recover arrears of debts due to the estate. In respect of the other estates, there was no litigation.

Southern Division.—The Collector of Belgaum was concerned as plaintiff or defendant in 39 suits, of which 16 were decided in his favour, two against him, leaving 21 pending at the close of the year.

The appeal preferred to the High Court against the decision of the District Judge of Dhárwár dismissing the suit brought against the Hebli ward, and the suit instituted on behalf of the Alnavar ward referred to in the last year's report are still undecided.

GENERAL.

Southern Division.—The Collector of Belgaum reports :—

“ A serious irregularity was discovered in one case. Paddy worth Rs. 218-9-6 was recovered by the Kulkarni of Malgád on behalf of estate No. 1 and credited to the appropriate ledger accounts. The value of the grain was also shown by him in the village accounts as remitted to the Personal Assistant's office. The amount however could not be traced in the Personal Assistant's accounts. The mistake came to light while comparing the village accounts with the estate registers at the end of the year.

The Kulkarni has since made good the amount. The question of his punishment is under consideration.”

The estates had to their credit at the close of the year balances amounting to Rs. 2,73,644 of which Rs. 2,13,150 were invested and Rs. 60,494 were uninvested against Rs. 54,118 and Rs. 73,821 in the previous year. It will thus be seen that steps were taken to invest a large portion of the uninvested balance reported in the last year's returns. In the majority of the estates the uninvested balance at the close of the year represents the sum which it is necessary to retain in hand for the working expenses of the first half of the following year.

In Dhárwár, investments were made in Co-operative Societies to the extent of Rs. 6,750. Out of Rs. 5,000 deposited with the Northern Gujárath Trading and Banking Co-operative Society (now under liquidation) in 1912, Rs. 3,750 were received from the liquidator during the year, and steps are in progress for the recovery of the remaining amount from the assets of the Society.

STATEMENT I.

Statement showing the general position of Minors' Estates under Government management in 1914-15 in the Northern, Central and Southern Divisions.

(Details are given only for estates with gross income of Rs. 10,000 and above. Figures for other estates are lumped together.)

Serial No.	Name of District.	Name of Estate.	Total area of estates.	Cultivated area.	Uncultivated area.	Total assessment.	Total land revenue demand including cesses.	Total gross income recovered.	Total gross expenditure.	Balance.		Total liabilities.	Cost of management.	Percentage of cost on gross income.	Remarks.
										Invested.	Uninvested.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 *
Under the management of the Talukdari Settlement Officer.															
1	Ahmedabad...	Dholka-Sher Jumar Khanji Hava Sahab Sardar Mahomedkhanji.	7,098 ^a	8,783	8,395	10,547	8,435	8,953	10,975	...	705	4,631	730	7.7	
2 to 24	Do.	Total for small estates.	25,683	16,646	9,087	16,647	80,039	86,090	86,650	24,623	19,084	1,10,336	3,975	8.2	
25 to 27	Kaira														
		Total	32,781	30,409	12,372	37,194	38,524	45,022	47,625	24,623	20,402	1,20,336	3,704	8.2	
Under the Collectors.															
28, 29	Ahmedabad...	Total for small estates.	89	88	1	104	84	214	198	1,120	583	...	6	8	
30 to 32	Kaira	Do.	525	523	2	2,044	6,778	14,529	13,339	10,300	3,991	5,715	919	6.3	
37 to 45	Banach	Do.	1,151	1,095	56	4,268	13,834	16,592	34,464	1,980	5,723	5,158	1,549	9.8	
46 to 48	Surat	Do.	75	75	...	301	1,003	4,393	2,307	...	3,022	...	18	3.8	
		Total, N. D.	84,871	23,140	12,481	34,641	60,223	80,740	90,433	39,081	38,703	1,31,769	6,194	7.7	
Central Division.															
1-2	Ahmednagar														
3	West Khandesh.														
4-6	Nasik	Total for small estates.	4,632	8,043	689	2,425	14,308	18,088	11,571	36,600	20,013 ^b	11,204	645	8.5	
7-9	Poona														
9	Sholapur														
Southern Division.															
1	Bolgaum	Ingli Desgat	532 acres and 614 bighas.	532 acres and 614 bighas.	...	4,235	9,064	12,087	5,643	...	21,964	62,991	780	6.9	
2	Do.	Sankeshwar Math.	6,976	6,335	641	10,989	10,971	12,999	4,131	38,300	2,530	...	797	6.1	
3	Dharwar	Vithalrao Chidambarnao Hobli.	172 marn.	172 marn.	...	4,300	13,109	16,028	13,938	33,480	4,769	...	757	4.5	
	Bolgaum														
	Dharwar														
	Kanara														
		Totals for small estates (23).	6,373	6,537	636	10,395	44,722	68,341	29,512	1,16,400	21,241	21,336	2,813	4.6	
		Total, S. D.	Acres 18,681, 172 marn and 614 bighas.	Acres 12,404, 172 marn and 614 bighas.	1,677	29,821	78,226	1,05,005	54,274	2,12,180	60,494	64,819	5,116	4.8	
		Grand Total	89,094	33,487	14,607	66,967	1,53,337	2,03,821	1,64,278	3,37,741	1,03,109	3,27,376	11,955	5.8	

* The difference is due to the adoption of the detailed survey figures of area and assessment.
 † In addition to this, a sum of Rs. 929 on account of management charges for the previous two years was paid this year.
 ‡ The difference is due to 3 acres having been released from mortgage.
 § The last year's figure Rs. 2,354 was incorrect.
 ¶ Invested balance as shown last year

Rs.	39,600
Withdrawn this year by Giram estate (Sholapur)	5,000
Total	39,600
New investments made by 3 estates (Rs. 500 by Patil estate, Rs. 1,300 by Shindkar, Rs. 200 by Rancho)	2,000
Total	34,600

(1) Includes Rs. 5,000 withdrawn from investments by Giram estate (Sholapur).
 (2) The closing balance of Rs. 193 shown last year against one Kunge estate (Nasik) was found afterwards to be incorrect. The correct balance as now reported was Rs. 54.

STATEMENT II.

Statement showing the efficiency of rent collection in estates under Government management in the Northern, Central and Southern Divisions during the year 1914-15.

Serial No.	Name of District.	Name of Estate.	Demand.			Collections.			Amount written off.	Balance.			Details of balances.	Remarks.
			Current.	Arrears.	Total.	On account of current year.	On account of arrears.	Total.		Converted into bonds or decrees.	Others.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
Under the Talukdari Settlement Officer.														
1	Ahmedabad	Dholka—Sher Jumma-khanji Bava Saheb Sardar Mahomed-khanji.	8,435	1,513	9,948	8,003	673	8,706	267	...	915	915	Old Current	Rs. 694 221
2 to 24	Do.	Total for small estates.	30,689	4,457	34,546	27,833	1,993	29,826	235	...	4,485	4,485	Old Current	2,382 2,103
25 to 27	Kaira													
		Total ...	38,524	5,970	44,404	35,926	2,606	38,502	503	...	5,400	5,400	Old Current	3,076 2,324
Under the Collectors.														
28 & 29	Ahmedabad	Totals for small estates.	84	...	84	84	...	84	...	...	...	...	.....
30 to 36	Kaira	Do.	6,778	3,634	10,412	5,718	918	6,636	1,127	133	2,516	2,649	Old Current	1,539 1,060
37 to 45	Brouch	Do.	13,834	4,231	18,065	11,284	674	11,958	...	390	5,717	6,107	Old Current	3,557 2,550
40 to 49	Surat	Do.	1,017*	...	1,017	1,013	...	1,013	...	...	4	4	Old Current	... 4
		Total, N. D. ...	60,237	13,835	74,072	54,025	4,253	58,283	1,629	523	13,637	14,160	Old Current	8,222 5,938
1-2	Ahmednagar	Totals for small estates.	14,308	5,393	19,701	13,070	743	14,413	443	...	4,846	4,846	Current	638
3	West Khândesh.												Previous	4,208
4-6	Násik													4,846
7 to 8	Poona													
9	Sholápur													
1	Belgaum	Ingli Desgut	9,964	4,791	14,755	9,964	1,180	11,150	103	...	3,500	3,500	Current Previous	... 3,500
2	Do.	Sankeahwar Math	10,971	7,495‡	18,466	10,199	603	10,862	5,391	...	2,213	2,213	Current Previous	297 1,916
3	Dhárwar	Vithalrao Chidambar-rao Illobli.	13,109	8,199	21,308	13,271	431	12,702	6,780	955	871	1,828	Current Previous	838 988
	Belgaum	Total for small estates (13).	47,221	17,964	65,085	43,644	5,139	47,783	714	4,523	12,085	16,568	Current	4,479
	Dhárwar												Previous	12,100
	Kánara													
		Total, S. D. ...	61,265	38,349	1,19,614	78,078	7,419	63,497	12,999	5,478	16,649	24,127	Current Previous	5,614 18,513
		Grand Total ...	1,55,810	57,577	2,13,387	1,42,773	12,420	1,55,193	15,061	6,001	37,132	43,133	.....

* Includes Rs. 14 of house rent.

‡ The figure reported last year was in correct.

STATEMENT III.

Statement showing progress made in Liquidation of Debts in Minors' Estates in the Northern, Central and Southern Divisions during the year 1914-15.

Serial No.	Name of District.	Name of Estate.	Debts due on assumption of charge.	Balance of debt at the beginning of the year.	Additional debts incurred during the year.	Debts paid off during the year					Balance.	Date by which it was expected on assumption of management that estate could be clear of debt.	Remarks.	
						By incurring fresh debts.	By sale of property.	Rejected by the Manager or Civil Court.	Remitted by Creditors.	From current income.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
1	Ahmedabad	Dholka—Sher Jummakhanji Bava Saheb Sardar Mahomedkhanji.	7,693	6,891	831	...	...	...	...	2,401	4,621	1915-16.	
2 to 24	Do.	Total for small estates.	3,03,114	1,17,057	7,004	53	...	1,035	...	7,540	1,16,204	.....	
25 to 27	Kaira													
		Total ...	3,10,807	1,23,778	8,235	52	...	1,035	...	10,011	1,20,585			
					Under the Collectors.									
28 & 29	Ahmedabad	Total for small estates.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
30 to 36	Kaira	Do.	9,005	8,548	108	...	...	...	128	2,811	5,715	.....	
37 to 45	Broach	Do.	12,465	7,936	65	...	...	...	120	3,723	5,158	.....	
46 to 48	Burat	Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
		Total, N. D.	3,32,277	1,40,260	8,406	52	...	1,035	216	15,575	1,31,758			
1-2	Ahmednagar.	Total for small estates.	12,467	12,029	3,206	3,000	...	135	...	890	11,204	.....	
3	West Khandesh.													
4 to 6	Nasik													
7-9	Poona													
9	Sholapur													
1	Belgaum	Ingl Desgat	81,258	62,951	...	...	...	...	...	...	62,951	.....	
2	Do.	Sonkeshwar Math	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
3	Dharwar	Vithalrao Chidanbarao Hebl.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
	Belgaum	Total for small estates.	34,913	25,143	420	...	...	...	...	4,228	21,325	.....	
	Dharwar													
	Kanara													
		Total, S. D.	1,16,176	88,124	420	4,228	61,316			
		Grand Total	4,00,920	2,40,413	12,026	3,052	...	1,170	216	20,693	2,27,276			

Sind.

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Assumption and relinquishment of estates.—The number of estates under guardianship at the commencement of the year was ten. During the year only one estate was brought under management and none released. Neither of these ten estates is in the Hyderabad or Thar and Parkar Districts.

In no case was the guardianship of the person of a minor with the Collector.

Income.—The gross income of the estates amounted to Rs. 1,014 as against Rs. 697 in the preceding year. The increase is said to be chiefly due to the fact that a larger area of land was brought under cultivation during the year than in 1913-1914.

Expenditure.—The expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 482 as against Rs. 1,143 in the preceding year. Deducting from the latter figure Rs. 298 on account of the assessment paid by lessees, the net decrease in the expenditure amounts to Rs. 363. In the preceding year Rs. 175 were paid on account of liabilities of the estates, Rs. 100 were spent on advances for cultivation and Rs. 135 spent on litigation, while during the year under report no expenditure of the kind was incurred with the exception of Rs. 60 paid in liquidation of liabilities. The total land revenue demand rose from Rs. 456 to Rs. 597 during the year.

Management of immoveable property.—Out of the eleven estates under management, nine were given out on lease, one has no immoveable property and one remained as before in charge of the minors' uncle who enjoys the income of the land and in return pays the assessment and is responsible for the maintenance of the minors. The unauthorized sale of land belonging to one estate effected by the step-father of the minors concerned, to which reference was made in the reports of the preceding two years, has now been confirmed, one of the minors having come of age and applied to the District Court for the release of the estate.

Moveable property.—All the moveable property of the wards remained in charge of their relations.

Liabilities.—The liabilities of the estates under management at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 2,369, to which Rs. 552 were added on account of a newly admitted estate. Owing to lack of funds no more than Rs. 60 out of the total debt of Rs. 2,921 could be paid off. Of the outstanding balance, Rs. 2,066 are due from the six estates in the Larkana District. The recovery of the assets of the estates was unsatisfactory; only Rs. 130 being recovered out of Rs. 3,727.

Education.—In all fourteen wards (ten boys and four girls) are now under guardianship. One of the boys is debarred from study by defective eye-sight and two others are too old to go to school. Of the remaining seven, four are being educated at the primary schools—so that no improvement has been effected in this respect since the last report was submitted.

Litigation.—There was no litigation in respect of any of the estates under management.

Statement showing the general position of estates under Government management in the province of Sind.

Serial No.	Name of Division.	Name of estate.	Total area of the estates.	Cultivated area.	Uncultivated area.	Total assessment.	Land revenue demand including cesses.	Total gross income recovered.	Total gross expenditure.	Balance		Total liabilities.	Cost of management.	Percentage of gross income.	Remarks.
										Invested.	Un-invested				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
1 to 11	Sind	Total of small estates.	412	180	232	562	597	1,014	492	2,053	1,032	2,601	...	...

Annual Reports.

Reports on the Administration of Minors' Estates in the Northern, Central and Southern Divisions and in Sind for the year 1914-15.

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution No. 4556.

Bombay Castle, 1st May 1916.

Memorandum from the Commissioner in Sind No. 3220
dated 9th October 1915.

Letter from the Commissioner, N. D., No. W.R.D.—29
dated 22nd October 1915.

Letter from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 5142 dated
23rd November 1915.

Letter from the Commissioner, C. D., No. C.—1358 dated
16th December 1915.

Submitting the Reports on the Administration of Minors' Estates in their respective charges for the year 1914-15.

RESOLUTION.—The number of minors' estates under the management of district officers in the Presidency and Sind rose from 88 to 94, six estates being released and twelve taken under management during the year. The financial results of the year's administration were satisfactory. The combined income of the estates was Rs. 2,04,845—practically the same figure as last year—and although the expenditure increased from 1'37 to 1'65 lakhs, owing largely to exceptional charges such as marriage and funeral expenses, the year closed with a balance to the credit of the estates of Rs. 4,12,475 against a previous balance of Rs. 2,84,654. Government note with satisfaction that the remarks contained in last year's Review regarding the investment of balances have been generally attended to. The proportion of invested funds to the total balances has risen from 49 to 70 per cent., and except in a few cases it appears that the amounts still remaining uninvested are required for necessary expenditure which has to be met before current revenue can be realized.

2. As the season was normal there was no difficulty in collecting Government dues. The collection of estates' dues was satisfactory in the Presidency proper. In Sind the amount of assets recovered is reported to be Rs. 130 only out of a total of Rs. 3,727, and the attention of the Collectors in Sind should be drawn to this matter. Progress in debt liquidation was hampered by the special expenditure to which reference has been made above, but Rs. 20,000 was assigned for the purpose from the current revenues of the Presidency estates and the balance of debt due from estates was reduced from Rs. 2,34,761 to Rs. 2,27,278. The cost of management represents a charge of 5'8 per cent. on the gross income.

3. Out of sixty-one minors of school-going age in the Presidency proper 55 are attending schools or colleges. The figures for Sind are less satisfactory, but only three boys who might attend are reported to be absent and improvement in the education of minor girls is a matter of some difficulty. His Excellency the Governor in Council is satisfied with the progress recorded and is confident that the responsibilities attaching to the management of the estates are being discharged with care and efficiency by the district officers.

J. A. POPE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner in Sind,
The Commissioner, N. D.,
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All Collectors, including the Deputy Commissioner,
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The Talukdári Settlement Officer,
The Manager, Incumbered Estates in Sind,
The Director of Agriculture,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land
Records,
The Director of Public Instruction,
The Private Secretary to His Excellency the
Governor,
The Accountant General,
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