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**LAND REVENUE ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE
BOMBAY PRESIDENCY, INCLUDING SIND,
FOR THE YEAR 1929-30**

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1. SEASON

Northern Division

The season of 1929-30 was on the whole fair in the Gujarat districts of the division. The rains set in in about the middle of June and gave a good start for sowing operations. The fall in July was quite normal and adequate, but in August the rainfall was insufficient for the transplantation of rice and tobacco.

With the end of August, the season practically ended and this affected the rice and the late sown kharif crops and the rabi crops which thrive on the later rains.

Locusts appeared in September in all the talukas except Gogho Mahal of the Ahmedabad District and they visited the Kapadvanj, Mehmedabad, Matar and Nadiad talukas of the Kaira District, the Jhalod Mahal of the Panch Mahals District and the Bulsar and Pardi, Jalalpore and Chikhli talukas of the Surat District in October. The damage done to the standing crops by locusts in the Ahmedabad and Kaira districts necessitated the grant of suspensions and remissions under the suspensions and remissions rules. In the Jhalod Mahal and the Bulsar, Pardi, Jalalpore and Chikhli talukas the damage was not appreciable. In Thana the season was satisfactory. The monsoon set in in the first week of June and ended in the last week of September. Rain was sufficient for transplantation of rice except in the coastal villages of the Palghar and Bassein talukas. Some anxiety was caused during the last week of August and first fortnight of September when the rains held off, but the showers in the second half of September and first week of October saved the situation.

The average rainfall in each district of the division during the year under report as compared with that of the last five years was as shown below :—

Name of District	Average rainfall in 1929-30	Average rainfall of the last five years
	In. Cents	In. Cents
Ahmedabad	22 35	34 43
Kaira	26 43	41 96
Panch Mahals	30 37	41 73
Broach	29 60	35 60
Surat	47 83	50 97
Thana	63 28	87 33

The average outturn of kharif crops in Ahmedabad was 4 to 8 annas while in Kaira the average outturn of these crops ranged from 4 to

10½ annas. In the Panch Mahals maize which is the principal crop yielded a crop of over 10 annas.

In Broach, cotton is the main produce of the district and its average yield in the talukas except Jambusar ranged from 6 to 12 annas. In Jambusar it yielded a 3 anna crop.

In Surat the average outturn of kharif crops ranged from 4 to 10 annas.

In Thana the outturn of paddy and nagli which are the staple products was as shown below :—

Paddy	..	..	..	9 to 11 annas
Nagli	..	..	..	8 to 12 annas

Water supply.—The supply of water for drinking and domestic purposes was sufficient in all the districts of the division except in the Bahra tract of the Broach District and in the jungle patti villages of Thana District where scarcity of drinking water was as usual felt in April and May. Efforts are being made to improve the village water supply there.

A grant of Rs. 1,17,200 was sanctioned by Government (Rs. 57,000 for non-precarious districts and Rs. 60,200 for precarious districts) under their Resolutions Nos. 2429 dated 30th May 1929 and S-92 dated 1st July 1929 for the improvement of village water supply, during the financial year 1929-30 and it was distributed as under :—

				Rs.
Ahmedabad	..	..	..	15,683 (including Rs. 15,563 for the Bhal tract).
Kaira	..	..	..	27,400
Panch Mahals	..	..	..	16,000
Broach	..	..	..	11,376
Surat	..	..	..	23,000
Thana	..	..	..	22,000
				<u>1,15,459</u>

The balance of Rs. 1,741 was surrendered to Government.

The ordinary grant of Rs. 15,563 allotted for the Bhal tract was supplemented by a special grant of Rs. 25,000 (*vide* Government Resolution, General Department, No. S-92 (1) dated 24th March 1930). Out of the total grant, Rs. 2,879 remained unutilized at the end of the financial year. It has however been allowed to be utilized before 31st March 1931 under Government Resolution No. S-92-1 dated 11th September 1930.

The amount spent by each District Local Board during the year (including Government grant) for the improvement of water supply was as shown below :—

				Rs.
Ahmedabad	..	..	..	65,368
Kaira	..	..	..	52,973
Panch Mahals	..	..	..	28,707
Broach	..	..	..	33,642
Surat	..	..	..	24,103
Thana	..	..	..	55,251
				<u>2,60,044</u>