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GOVERNMENT OF THE
CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR
SEPARATE REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Nagpur, the 13th July 1937.

READ—

Report on the excise administration of the Central Provinces and Berar during the calendar year 1936.

READ ALSO—

The district reports.

RESOLUTION

Although the agricultural and economic conditions of the year were only slightly better than those of the previous year, revenue rose by over two lakhs to Rs. 61,45 [59,31] lakhs.

2. The reduction in 1936 of the issue price rates of liquor by 21 per cent marked a further step in the readjustment of the tax on liquor to the altered economic conditions. This, together with the large extension of the out-still system in the aboriginal tracts, narrowed the wide disparity between the price of licit and illicit liquor, and brought the evil of illicit distillation, which had assumed such alarming proportions, definitely under control for the first time for many years. The improvement in the situation was reflected in the increase in consumption of licit liquor by 39 per cent in the contract supply area. The bulk of the increase occurred in towns and the open and more developed rural tracts, and is a measure of the substitution of licit for illicit liquor.

3. Further experience is required before a definite opinion can be pronounced on the scheme of commission and departmental shops, opened 18 months ago as an experimental measure in the Jubbulpore and Hoshangabad districts. The Excise Commissioner should watch them and report on their working at the time of applying for sanction to the excise arrangements for 1938.

4. The consumption of opium has been steadily going down during recent years, the fall during the year

under report being 8 per cent. It is gratifying to note that the enforcement of the Opium Smoking Act is tending to keep the younger generation away from this pernicious habit. No less welcome is the reported decline in the habit of administering opium to infants.

5. With a 45 per cent fall in the number of illicit distillation cases, the number of prosecutions and convictions decreased by two-thirds, and the number of persons sent to jail from 1,308 to 806. The reintroduction of charas into the province has been fully justified and has greatly reduced the volume of illicit traffic in the drug. More spectacular results cannot be expected except with the active sympathy of the general public, which is not always forthcoming. Government would also like to see revenue officers, particularly sub-divisional officers, taking greater interest in excise matters.

6. The thanks of Government are due to Mr. Jayaratnam for his efficient handling of the many difficult problems that arose in administering the department, and to Mr. Rau for his interesting report. Government is also pleased to note the names of the officers whose services have been specially commended in the report.

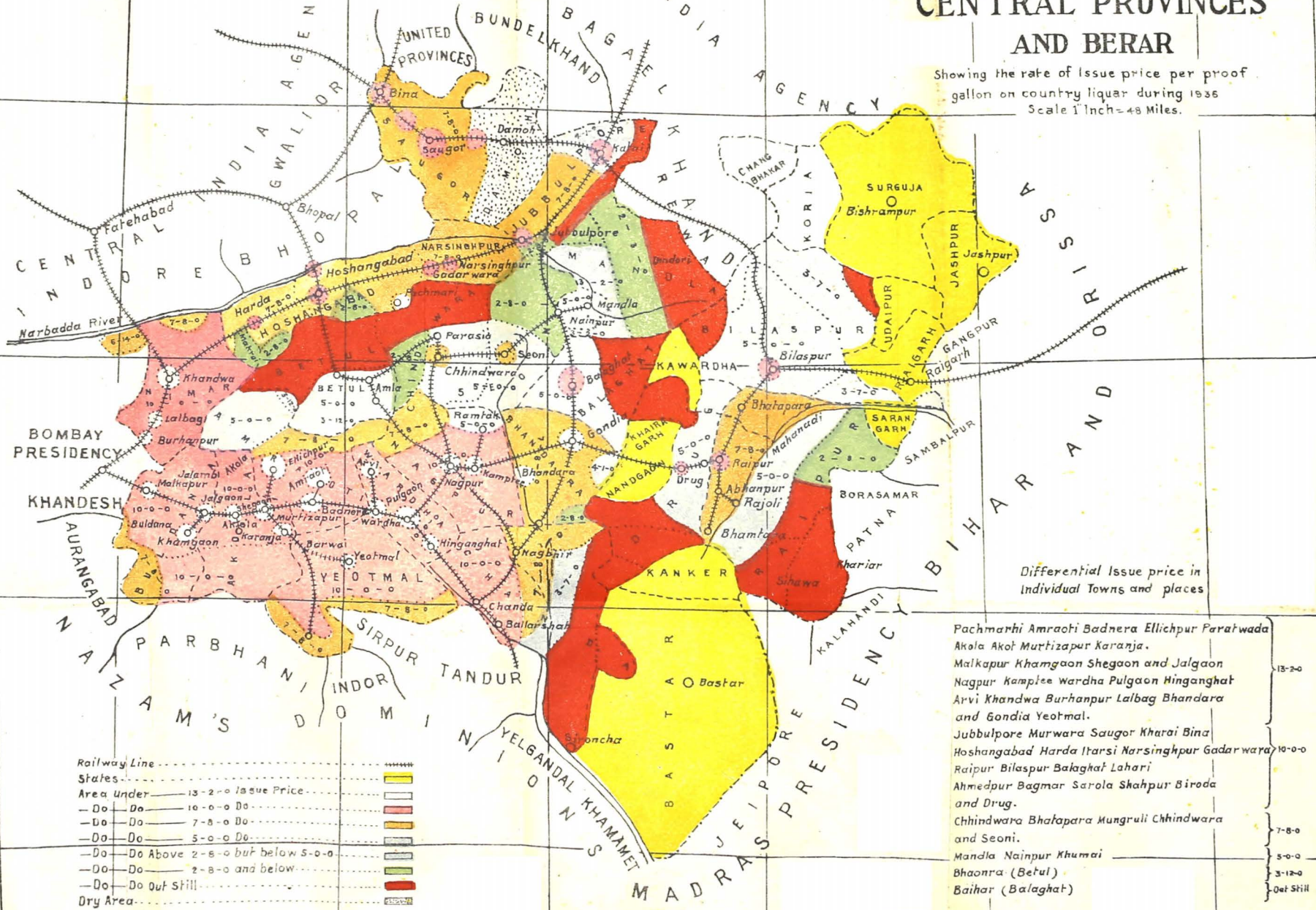
ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the resolution be submitted to the Government of India, Finance Department (Central Revenues), and that a copy be forwarded to the Excise Commissioner, Central Provinces and Berar, for information and guidance, also that it be published in the *Central Provinces and Berar Gazette*.

By order of the Governor,
Central Provinces & Berar,

C. D. DESHMUKH,
Secy. to Govt., C. P. & Berar,
Separate Revenue Department.

MAP OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR

Showing the rate of Issue price per proof gallon on country liquor during 1936
Scale 1 Inch = 48 Miles.



Differential Issue price in Individual Towns and places

- Pachmarhi Amraoti Badnera Ellichpur Paratwada
- Akola Akot Murtizapur Karanja
- Malkapur Khamgaon Shegaon and Jalgaon
- Nagpur Kamplée wardha Pulgaon Hinganghat
- Arvi Khandwa Burhanpur Lalbag Bhandara and Gondia Yeotmal.
- Jubbulpore Murwara Saugor Kharai Bina
- Hoshangabad Harda Itarsi Narsinghpur Gardarwara
- Raipur Bilaspur Balaghat Lahari
- Ahmedpur Bagmar Sarola Shahpur Biroda and Drug.
- Chhindwara Bhatapara Mungruli Chhindwara and Seoni.
- Mandla Nainpur Khumai
- Bhaonra (Betul)
- Baihar (Balaghat)

Railway Line	-----
States	-----
Area Under	13-2-0 Issue Price
- Do - Do	10-0-0 Do
- Do - Do	7-8-0 Do
- Do - Do	5-0-0 Do
- Do - Do	Above 2-8-0 but below 5-0-0
- Do - Do	2-8-0 and below
- Do - Do	Out Still
Dry Area	-----

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