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CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR



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ON THE WORKING OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES  
IN THE  
CENTRAL PROVINCES & BERAR  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE  
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GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

*Nagpur, the 7th January 1941.*

READ—

The annual report on the working of the Department of Industries, Central Provinces and Berar, for the year ending the 31st March 1940.

RESOLUTION

Hitherto it has not been the practice of Government to issue a resolution on the working of the Department of Industries but now that the activities of the department are expanding rapidly and the post of a separate Director of Industries has been created, the Provincial Government has decided to issue a resolution reviewing the working of the department in the preceding year.

2. The outstanding features of the year under review were the decision to separate the post of Director of Industries from that of Registrar, Co-operative Societies, submission of reports by the Industrial Survey Committee which was appointed in 1938-39 and legislation relating to collection of statistics, regulation of cotton ginning and pressing rates and imposition of factory inspection fees with a view to making the factory department self-supporting. Government is glad to note that the expansion in the activities of the department in such branches as electricity, industrial education, training in cottage industries and promotion of subsidiary occupations was maintained. Full advantage is taken of the labour branch of the Department of Industries by both employers and employees in the adjustment of differences and settlement of disputes.

3. The Industrial Survey Committee presided over by Mr. J. C. Kumarappa reviewed the work done by the Department of Industries since its establishment and has made a number of recommendations for the reorganization of the department. The principal recommendation, *viz.*, to have a separate whole-time Director of Industries—was accepted by Government and has been given effect to since the close of the year. The Survey Committee carried out an intensive survey of 606 villages scattered all over the province with the aid of specially selected workers and has made suggestions to Government for the encouragement of nearly 30 village and cottage industries. Three volumes of the report of the committee have already been published and the fourth is under preparation. Government takes this opportunity to thank Mr. Kumarappa and the members of the committee for their labours which have given to the province valuable material for planning future industrial development.

4. The scheme for the utilisation of dead cattle did not turn out to be as successful as was at first hoped. There was growing opposition from kotwars whose vested interests were affected by the scheme. It is clear that until this difficulty is overcome the scheme cannot be expected to make any progress. Government is examining the question of the title of kotwars to dead cattle in the villages. Meanwhile the dead cattle scheme will remain under suspension.

5. Handloom weaving is the principal cottage industry in the province but Government regrets to observe that all attempts to encourage it through the Central Co-operative Weavers' Society and special marketing organisation have not so far proved successful owing to the attitude of the weaver community itself. The working of the society was recently examined by the Senior Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Societies, whose report is now receiving the attention of Government. Government is satisfied with the efforts made by the Textile Expert to introduce new designs in cotton weaving, to introduce labour saving devices in looms and to stimulate interest in the improvement of tasar, silk and woollen industries of the province. The Provincial Government is indebted to the Government of India for financial assistance to these schemes.

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ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Director of Industries, Central Provinces and Berar, for information. Ordered also that the resolution be published in Part I of the *Central Provinces and Berar Gazette* and circulated with the report.

C. C. DESAI,

*Secy. to Govt., C. P. & Berar,  
Commerce and Industry Department*

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