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CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR



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JAIL DEPARTMENT

*Nagpur, the 22nd September 1941.*

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READ ALSO—The district reports.

RESOLUTION

[NOTE.—Figures in brackets are corresponding figures for the year 1939.]

Two important features of the administration of jails in the year under review are the starting of the civil disobedience movement and the repeal of the Central Provinces and Berar Prisons (Amendment) Act, 1939. As a result of the civil disobedience movement, 126 persons were convicted and sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment, 13 persons were sentenced till the rising of the court and two persons were detained under rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules. Out of the 126 persons sentenced to terms of imprisonment, 14 were placed in class A, 62 in class B and 50 in class C. The Provincial Government is gratified to note that discipline in the jails continues to be well maintained, the number of jail offences having fallen during the year from 1,715 to 1,588.

2. The year opened with a jail population of 5,251 [4,639], persons admitted during the year numbered 17,244 [18,460], and the year closed with a population of 5,441 [5,251].

3. Government is glad to note that the observations made by Government in last year's resolution on the subject of short term sentences have borne fruit. There has been a welcome decrease in the number of persons sentenced to less than three months imprisonment and in the number of persons sentenced to simple imprisonment. Government considers, however, that it is essential that Commissioners and District Magistrates should continue to show vigilance in the scrutiny of all short term sentences, where the short term sentence is not due to a statutory limit or to imprisonment in default of payment of fine.

4. The remission system continues to offer a stimulus to reform amongst prisoners. It is satisfactory to note that no prisoner to whom the remission rules were applied failed to gain some remission.

5. Rs. 6,68,346 [Rs. 6,53,536] was spent on guarding and maintaining prisoners. The increased expenditure is reported to be due to a larger average population and a rise in the price

of food grains. On account, however, of the total cost being distributed over a larger average population, the average cost per head fell from Rs. 129-9-2 to Rs. 126-7-3. Total cash earnings fell from Rs. 1,61,081 to Rs. 1,45,125; the cash profit per head also fell from Rs. 38-4-2 to Rs. 32-9-9 during the year under report. The decrease is mainly attributable to a revision in the rates charged for jail made articles supplied to Government departments.

6. Government is glad to note that in spite of the increase in the average population in the jails during the year, there was an appreciable decrease in the daily average sick, the admissions to hospital and the total number of deaths.

7. Lieut.-Col. N. S. Jatar, G.I.E., D.S.O., I.M.S., was in charge of the department for the whole of the year. Government desires once again to thank him for a year of efficient and successful administration.

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ORDER.—Ordered that a copy be forwarded to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Central Provinces and Berar, for information and that it be published in the *Central Provinces and Berar Gazette*.

By order of the Governor, C. P. & Berar,

D. R. RUTNAM,

*Joint Secy. to Govt., C. P. & Berar, Jail Dept.*

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