

Administration Report.

Court of Wards.

— for the year ending 31st
July 1924 of estates in the
Bombay Presidency under,

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution No. P.—54.

Bombay Castle, 10th January 1925.

Letter from the Commissioner, N. D.,
No. W.R.D.—28 dated 1st October 1924.Letter from the Commissioner, C. D.,
No. W.R.D.-P.R.B.-II dated 3rd Octo-
ber 1924.Letter from the Commissioner, S. D.,
No. W.R.D.-P.R.B. dated 9th October
1924.Letter from the Commissioner, Bom-
bay Suburban Division, No. W.R.D.-
P.R.—2 dated 4th November 1924.Submitting their reports
for the year ending
31st July 1924 on the
administration of es-
tates under the Court
of Wards.Memorandum from the Commissioner in Sind No. P.—83-R.
dated 22nd September 1924—Forwarding, with his remarks, the
report for the year ending 31st July 1924 of the Court of Wards in
Sind on the administration of estates under his management.

RESOLUTION.—Recorded.

By order of the Governor in Council,

H. K. KIRPALANI,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner in Sind,
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Commissioner, Bombay
Suburban Division,
All Collectors, including the
Deputy Commissioner,
Upper Sind Frontier,
The Manager, Incumbered
Estates in Sind,
The Director of Agriculture,
The Settlement Commissioner
and Director of Land
Records,
The Director of Public
Instruction,The Accountant General,
The Oriental Translator to
Government,
The Editors' Tables,
The Non-official Members of
the Legislative Council,
Bombay,
The Non-official Members of
the Legislative Assembly
and the Council of State
representing the Bombay
Presidency,
The Secretary to the High
Commissioner for India in
the United Kingdom.

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NORTHERN DIVISION.

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SOUTHERN DIVISION.

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BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION.

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I.—NUMBER OF ESTATES UNDER MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—At the beginning of the year there were 40 estates under management (5 large and 35 small). One small estate in the Ahmedabad District was taken under management and two (one in Broach and one in Surat) were released. The year thus closed with 39 estates under management (5 large and 34 small).

Central Division.—At the beginning of the year there were 8 large and 15 small estates under management. One large estate (Pande of Dharangaon), and two small estates (one of Malegaon Raje Bahadur in Nasik and the other of Natu in Poona) were released while the large Warad estate of Sholapur and three small estates—Purandhare and Shikarkhane estates in Poona and Shrikrishna Deshpande estate in Nasik—were taken up during the year. The year thus closed with 24 estates under management (8 large and 16 small).

As the two estates of the wards Shikarkhane and Shrikrishna Deshpande were taken over at the close of the year, the statistical information in respect of them is not given in this report.

Southern Division.—The year began with 50 estates and closed with 49, one estate having been relinquished in Dharwar under Government Resolution No. 1900/24 dated 13th September 1924.

Bombay Suburban Division.—The number of estates under management was the same as in the previous year, *viz.*, two.

II.—INCOME.

Northern Division.—The total gross income amounted to Rs. 3,53,287 against Rs. 3,17,304 in the previous year. The increase in small estates from Rs. 1,33,040 to Rs. 1,66,085 was due mainly to the recovery of Rs. 30,256 on account of rent and royalty for mining leases in the Shivrajpur estate of the Panch Mahals District.

Central Division.—The total gross income of the estates amounted to Rs. 4,60,975 against 3,51,966 of the previous year. The increase was mainly due to the addition of the income from the Warad estate of Sholapur.

Southern Division.—The total gross income rose from Rs. 3,32,010 to Rs. 3,76,256 in the previous year. The increase was due mainly to the recovery of outstanding arrears, to larger receipts, and to the release of some inam villages of the Dattawad estate which were till now under attachment under a Court decree.

Bombay Suburban Division.—The gross income rose from Rs. 9,776 to Rs. 31,964. The rise in recurring income was due to increased rent recovered from immoveable property such as chawls in Miss Weir's estate. But the largest increase in this year's account is due to the sale proceeds of moveable property in Miss Weir's estate such as jewels, furniture, Municipal and Port Trust Bonds and other miscellaneous items.

III.—EXPENDITURE.

Northern Division.—The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 2,61,278 against Rs. 2,60,137 in the previous year.

The following were items of special expenditure during the year :—

Name of the estate.	Amount.	Object of expenditure.
	Rs.	
Buxi (Surat)	9,348	Marriage expenses of Buxi Mir Shujandinkhan, step-brother of the Government ward, and advances to the members of Buxi family.
Bhetashi (Kaira) (Small estate).	2,562	Purchase of land.
Kajee (Surat) (Small estate).	1,581	Construction of a building.
Ramchandra (Surat) (Small estate).	1,704	Purchase of cash certificates.

Central Division.—The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 3,82,837 as compared with Rs. 2,34,470 in the previous year. Besides the ordinary expenses of management of the estates and of maintenance

of the wards and their relatives and dependents, expenditure was incurred from some of the estates on the following special items:—

Rs.	
65,280	... Repayment of loans.
8,227	... Law charges.
14,290	... Repairs to bungalows and houses.

During the year fresh investments as shown below were made in purchasing Government bonds and securities:—

Name of estate.	Amount invested.
	Rs.
Fakirchand of Chopda	37,000
Deshmukh of Amalner	4,000
Deshmukh of Yawal	19,000
Naik of Paldhi	17,000
Raisingpur	35,000
Deshmukh of Chikurde	10,000

Southern Division.—The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 3,36,617 against Rs. 3,04,048 in the previous year. The increase was due to—

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| (1) Special allowance to the Desai of Nipani and to the widow of the late Desai (Belgaum) | Rs. 7,400 |
| (2) Survey operations in Belgaum | 9,000 |
| (3) Special grants to wards in Belgaum for pilgrimage, presents to relatives, medical treatment, etc. | 4,000 |
| (4) Improvement to estate buildings in Belgaum | 11,800 |

Bombay Suburban Division.—The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 37,151 against Rs. 17,229 in the previous year. The increase is due to the extra medical charges incurred for one of the wards and special boarding, lodging and nursing arrangements provided for her health at Poona. This year's expenditure also includes Rs. 13,531-12-6 paid on account of the clearing of an overdraft of Rs. 12,975-10-8 with interest thereon.

IV.—COLLECTION OF ESTATE DUES.

Northern Division.—Out of the total demand of Rs. 3,09,121 on account of rents, Rs. 2,24,909 were collected (including Rs. 14 on account of over-collections) and Rs. 7,370 were written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 76,856 for collection at the close of the year. Of these, Rs. 2,035 were on account of authorized suspensions and Rs. 74,821 represent unauthorized arrears. Of these unauthorized arrears Rs. 26,570 were on account of arrears of past years due to the Edroos estate which are reported to be irrecoverable and Rs. 32,400 were on account of arrears due to the Gauph estate for years prior to the assumption of management and these are being enquired into by the Collector.

Central Division.—The total demand including arrears was Rs. 2,59,861 of which Rs. 2,05,325 were collected and Rs. 544 were written off as irrecoverable leaving a balance of Rs. 53,992 against Rs. 47,453 in the previous year. Detailed reasons for the heavy arrears in some of the estates are given below :—

Name of estate.	Amount of arrears.	Reasons.
Fakirchand of Chopda ...	Rs. 8,475	Out of the arrears of Rs. 8,475 due to the estate, fresh bonds have been taken for Rs. 1,443. The real balance therefore comes to Rs. 7,032 of which Rs. 5,000 are due from a tenant residing in Holkar territory as reported last year. Lands belonging to this tenant have been acquired by purchase in liquidation of the debt and have been taken possession of; but the sale deed is yet to be executed—when this has been done, the arrears of Rs. 5,000 will be struck off the accounts. Thus the balance remaining to be recovered is Rs. 2,032 and steps are being taken for its recovery.
Deshmukh of Chikurde ...	5,220	Out of the arrears outstanding Rs. 1,735 are accounted for as follows :— Rs. 735 collected in August 1925. 775 a suit has been filed in the Miraj Court. 225 are due from a tenant who is in jail. <hr/> 1,735
Deshmukh of Yawal ...	2,748	Steps are in progress for the recovery of the remaining amount. Civil Court decrees have been obtained for Rs. 805 and steps are being taken to recover the balance of Rs. 1,943.
Kadam of Poona (small estate).	18,032	The anna valuation of the crops in the inam village Shirasgaonkata belonging to the estate was 5 annas and so only half of the year's demand was put down for collection, and this was recovered. The large arrears chiefly represent the suspended arrears for the current and past years which could not be recovered. The estate has been released with effect from 16th August 1925.
Deshmukh of Amalner (small estate).	3,661	Out of the balance a sum of Rs. 1,400 has since been recovered and steps are in progress for the recovery of the remaining dues.
Four small estates of Ahmednagar.	10,462	The Collector has taken steps for the recovery of the arrears of Rs. 3,407 of two estates. The Collector has been asked to expedite the recovery of the outstanding balance of Rs. 7,055 in respect of the remaining two estates.

Southern Division.—The total demand including arrears was Rs. 4,57,742 of which Rs. 2,94,459 were collected and Rs. 5,834 written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,55,917 arrived at after accounting for Rs. 1,610 collected in advance in the preceding year and Rs. 78 over-collections. Belgaum alone is responsible for arrears to the extent of Rs. 1,47,313. More than one-fourth of these arrears (Rs. 37,962) pertains to Akbarnavis estate; this amount consists partly of irrecoverable arrears and partly of the amount embezzled by the manager. Inquiry about the embezzlement is in progress. The bulk of the remaining portion of the balance represents the accumulated arrears (Rs. 48,998) of Dattawad estate prior to the taking over of the management by the Court of Wards. The Yergatti and Chandur estates contribute Rs. 11,480 and Rs. 8,161 respectively. The Collector has been asked to clear off the arrears as early as possible. This represents past arrears and assistance suit decrees which are often many years old and are difficult to collect. Of the remaining arrears, Rs. 8,162 are shared by Dharwar and the necessary steps have been taken for their recovery.

Bombay Suburban Division.—Out of the total rental demand of Rs. 10,755, Rs. 10,507 were collected during the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 248 which has mostly been recovered since.

V.—GOVERNMENT REVENUE, CESSSES AND RATES.

Northern Division.—All Government dues ordered to be recovered were paid in full.

Central Division.—Amounts due to Government have been paid by all the estates.

Southern Division.—All Government dues were paid up in full.

Bombay Suburban Division.—The amount due to Government was paid in full by the estates. There were no suspensions or remissions.

VI.—COST OF MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—The total cost of management amounted to Rs. 35,897 or 10.16 per cent. of the gross income recovered as against Rs. 25,746 or 8.1 per cent. in the previous year. The increase is due to the inclusion, as desired by the auditor in the Mehlo estate, of charges on account of pay of talatis, havildars, patels, etc., which were hitherto omitted as being indispensable to the estate even if there was no Government management.

Central Division.—The total cost of management amounted to Rs. 34,076, or 7.4 per cent. of the income, against 9.1 per cent. in the previous year.

The management charges of the Raisingpur estate amounted to Rs. 10,740 against Rs. 12,051 in the previous year. The decrease is due to the reduction in the forest establishment sanctioned by

Government Resolution No. 222/24 of 16th February 1924. The Collector reports that the question of making further reductions in the police establishment and other private servants of the estate is under consideration.

The management charges of the estate of Deshmukh of Chikurde are slightly over the prescribed limit of 10 per cent. (Government Resolution No. 4459 of 12th May 1914). The Collector reports that this is due to the payment of fees for audit and fees for Government management according to the recent orders.

Southern Division.—The aggregate cost of management amounted to Rs. 31,716, or 8·4 per cent. of the income, against Rs. 29,466, or 8·9 per cent. in the previous year. Taking estates individually the incidence of cost of management exceeded 10 per cent. in the case of Nipani (12·9 per cent.), Jamboti (11·3 per cent.), Here (11·2 per cent.) and Kudchi (12·5 per cent.) in Belgaum and the Gore estate (21·4 per cent. against 9 per cent.) in Ratnagiri. The Collector of Ratnagiri has been asked to explain the abnormal increase.

Bombay Suburban Division.—The management charges of the estates amounted to Rs. 2,326, or 7·27 per cent. of the gross income, against Rs. 2,294 or 23·4 per cent. for the preceding year. The actual cost of management is almost the same and the variation in the percentage is nominal, being due to the large increase in the revenue this year.

VII.—ADVANCES TO CULTIVATORS.

Northern Division.—In one estate only, *viz.*, the Kantilal estate in the Thana District, Rs. 12,660 in addition to paddy worth Rs. 891 were advanced to cultivators as against Rs. 11,929 and Rs. 1,843 worth of paddy advanced during the previous year.

Central Division.—No advances were granted to cultivators from any estate.

Southern Division.—Nil.

Bombay Suburban Division.—Nil.

VIII.—SPECIAL SCHEMES FOR MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—There was no special scheme for management of any of the estates.

Central Division.—Raisingpur estate—The management of the forests is being conducted according to the sanctioned working plan, by which the estate is divided into 3 circles A, B, and C. The land in C circle, on the level of the Tapti, valley plain, consists of rich black soil. The revenue survey of C circle was begun during the year under report. If a reasonably permanent land tenure can be introduced into this area there is a prospect of attracting a considerable number of settlers here. But pending the decision of the Mewas Chieftains' appeal regarding their status it is difficult to

suggest a tenure which will not lapse when the estate is handed back by the Court of Wards 13 years hence. For the present some concessions by way of levy of rent on a graduated scale and the grant of tagai free of interest for 5 years are granted to new settlers.

The estate of minor Chanbasappa Warad which has been taken for management during the year is heavily encumbered, the debts amounting to Rs. 6,60,000. A scheme to raise a loan from another estate under Government management and to sell a part of the immoveable property of the estate for liquidation of the debts has been recently submitted to Government.

Southern Division.—Nil.

Bombay Suburban Division.—In the year under report there was no special scheme for the management of the estates.

IX—MAINTENANCE AND EDUCATION OF WARDS.

Northern Division.—All reasonable demands on account of the maintenance of wards and their relatives were met and Rs. 53,228 were spent under the head as against Rs. 61,657 in the previous year. The decrease is due to the completion of their studies by the Thakore of Gamph (Ahmedabad) and by the minor Mansingji V. of Kaira.

There were in all 59 wards (55 males and 4 females). Out of the female wards, one who was studying Sanskrit and Hindu religious books has ceased to do so owing to ill health. Of the male wards—

- 3 are below school-going age.
- 3 are above school-going age.
- 2 are of unsound mind.
- 5 have left school during the year under report.
- 15 are receiving education as follows :—
 - 3 in Vernacular schools.
 - 9 in Anglo-Vernacular schools.
 - 1 in Gujarat College, Ahmedabad.
 - 1 in Kalabhavan, Baroda.
 - 1 under a private tutor.

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- 12 are learning professional work or are engaged in the management of their estates.
- 15 are in service.

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Central Division.—All reasonable demands for the maintenance of the wards and their relatives dependent on them continued to be satisfied except in the case of two wards—one in Ahmednagar and the other in Poona—whose relatives support them. The expenditure on this account amounted to Rs. 52,842.

There are in all 32 wards—30 males and 2 females. Of the two female wards, one is married and the other does not attend school. Out of the 30 males:—

- 3 are below school-going age.
- 8 are above school-going age.
- 19 are receiving education as under :—
 - 8 in primary schools.
 - 9 in English schools.
 - 2 in Colleges.

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Southern Division.—All reasonable demands for the maintenance of the wards and their relatives dependent on them continued to be satisfied. The total expenditure on this account was Rs. 1,02,187 against Rs. 96,154 in the previous year. The rise was due to increased allowances to some wards and payment of previous arrears to others in Belgaum.

There were in all 80 wards (75 males and 5 females). One female ward is attending College at Poona and another is studying Marathi at Shirpur. Of the 75 male wards :—

- 2 are below school-going age.
- 34 „ above „ „ „
- 39 „ receiving education—15 in primary schools; 22 in English schools; 2 in College.

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Bombay Suburban Division.—All reasonable demands for the maintenance and education of the wards were satisfied during the year under report.

X.—REPAYMENT OF EXISTING DEBTS AND LIABILITIES.

Northern Division.—The aggregate amount of debt due by the estates, which amounted to Rs. 6,71,142 when management was assumed, was reduced to Rs. 1,72,257 at the beginning of the year.

During the year the liabilities increased by Rs. 52,033, mainly due to the necessity of borrowing Rs. 15,000 for Gamph estate

and to the admission of certain claims against the same estate; this figure also includes interest charges. Claims to the extent of Rs. 19,961 were rejected by the Court of Wards, Rs. 336 were remitted by creditors, Rs. 12,679 were paid by incurring fresh debts and Rs. 33,138 out of the current income of the estates, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,58,176.

Central Division.—Six out of the 8 large estates and six out of the 14 small estates for which statistics are available are free from debt.

The total balance of debt due by the estates at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 9,09,620. Fresh claims amounting to Rs. 75,868 were filed during the year. Loans to the extent of Rs. 34,000 were raised to pay off old debts due by two small estates—Kazi of Ahmednagar and Panse of Poona. Out of total liabilities amounting to Rs. 10,19,488 claims of Rs. 2,34,311 were cleared off—leaving a balance of Rs. 7,85,177 of which Rs. 6,42,653 are due by the Warad estate. The claims in respect of the Warad estate are being investigated and a scheme for the liquidation of the debts is under consideration.

As stated above the small estate of Raje Bahadur of Malegaon was released during the year. It is gratifying to note that the estate was handed to the ward not only free from debt which amounted to Rs. 78,629 at its assumption but with a credit balance of Rs. 19,076.

Southern Division.—The total balance due by the estates at the commencement of the year was Rs. 7,33,532. An additional debt of Rs. 50,300 was incurred wholly in Belgaum. The total amount of debt repaid was Rs. 58,686, inclusive of Rs. 1,150 remitted (as against Rs. 70,846 in the previous year), of which Rs. 33,980 was paid from current income and Rs. 23,556 by taking loans at low interest.

Thirteen out of 41 estates in Belgaum are free from debt.

Both the estates in Bijapur are heavily encumbered. The liabilities of the Durga estate amounted to Rs. 84,261 at the close of the year exclusive of the accumulated interest of Rs. 13,600. In order to reduce these debts the sale of some lands of the estate has been recently sanctioned by Government.

Only one estate in Dharwar, *viz.*, Belagali, is in debt to the extent of Rs. 729 which will be cleared off next year. The Gore estate in Ratnagiri has no debt.

Bombay Suburban Division.—In the case of Miss Weir's estate the bank overdraft amounting to Rs. 13,531 including interest was fully repaid during the year under report and the estate was made clear of all liabilities.

In the case of the wards Gulamalli and Nurmahomed, a claim of Rs. 900 has been received and is under investigation.

XI.—REDUCTION OF CLAIMS SECURED IN CONSIDERATION OF PROMPT PAYMENT.

There were no such cases in the Northern, Central and Bombay Suburban Divisions. In the Southern Division the Yengi estate in Belgaum received a remission of Rs. 1,150 out of Rs. 9,700 from the creditors in consideration of prompt payment.

XII.—GENERAL REMARKS.

Northern Division.—In the beginning of the year 23 suits were pending in the Ahmedabad District Court. Two fresh suits were added during the year. Of these 13 were decided in favour of and 2 against the estates and one was compromised. The year closed with 9 suits pending.

Central Division.—The appeal in the High Court regarding the two inam villages of the small Javle estate in the Ahmednagar District which was mentioned in the last year's report was decided in favour of the ward and the villages have been finally taken under the management of the Court of Wards. The suit against the Malegaon Raje Bahadur estate in the Nasik District was also decided in the ward's favour. Two suits in the case of the small Kulkarni estate in Nasik are pending in the Civil Court. Of these suits one is filed against the estate for the recovery of old Sawkari dues and the other has been filed by the estate for a right of way to the ward's field.

2. The administration of the estates through local officers continued to be efficient and satisfactory.

Southern Division.—Out of 77 suits (14 pending from the last year and 63 instituted during the year) 13 were decided in favour of the Court of Wards and 2 against it, leaving 62 pending at the close of the year. Many debtors of an estate in Belgaum being residents of the Kolhapur State had to be sued in the State Courts owing to a change in the law of limitation and this accounts for the abnormal increase of the number of fresh suits.

The result of the appeal preferred to the High Court on behalf of the Tignibidri estate was unfavourable.

The administration of the estates continued to be efficient and satisfactory.

Bombay Suburban Division.—Miss Weir's estate has been cleared of debts and special arrangements were made for the restoration of her health by keeping her at Poona. No cash balances were therefore available for investment. The management expenses are being curtailed.

The present Collector and his predecessor have taken a keen interest in the administration of the estates and the welfare of the wards.

STATEMENT No. I.

STATEMENT
*Statement showing the general position of estates under
Bombay Suburban Divisions*

(Details are given only for estates with gross income of Rs. 10,000)

Serial Number.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Total area of estate.	Cultivated area.	Uncultivated area.	Total assessment.	Total land revenue amount including cesses.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NORTHERN DIVISION.			Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Ahmedabad	Gampb	24,503	18,390	6,213	25,110	43,319
2	Kaira	Janod	13,274	11,303	2,071	19,960	18,560
3	Panch Mahals	Mehlol	129,336	16,868	12,468	37,772	30,328
4	Surat	Edroos	4,598	4,358	340	5,919	13,113
5	Do.	Buxi	...	...	...	...	...
6-17	Ahmedabad	Total for small estates.	29,609	19,625	10,083	35,328	1,12,596
18-21	Kaira						
22-26	Panch Mahals						
27-28	Broach						
29-37	Surat						
38-39	Thana						
Total, Northern Division.			101,320	70,145	31,175	1,24,659	2,27,908
CENTRAL DIVISION.							
1	Ahmednagar	Kosti of Rahuri...	89	89	...	134	687
2	East Khandesh.	Fakirchand of Chopda.	917	900	17	1,400	15,201
3	Do.	Deshmukh of Yawal.	827	790	37	1,283	12,735
4	Do.	Naik of Paldhi	551	523	28	946	6,266
5	West Khandesh	Raisingpur	128,000	7,200	120,800	5,758	5,758
6	Poona	Naik	100	100	...	74	17,574
7	Satara	Deshmukh of Chikurde.	Acres 853 and Bighas 266	Acres 853 and Bighas 266	...	4,448	16,969
8	Sholapur	Warad	4,800	4,783	17	4,403	59,107
9-12	Ahmednagar	Total for small estates.	27,874	24,841	3,033	23,216	78,238
13	East Khandesh						
14-17	Nasik						
18-22	Poona	Total, Central Division.	Acres 164,011 and Bighas 266.	Acres 40,079 and Bighas 266.	123,932	41,690	2,12,535

I.

Government management in the Northern, Central, Southern and during the year 1924-25.

(and above; figures for the other estates are lumped.)

9	10	Balance.		13	14	15	16
		11	12				
Total income recovered.	Total gross expenditure.	Invested.	Uninvested.	Total liabilities.	Cost of management.	Percentage of gross income.	Remarks.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
59,330	53,779	...	9,172	52,068	4,355	7.3	*Particulars regarding Gorasn and Padana villages of this estate are omitted because these villages are under management by virtue of a mortgage deed. † Variation due to survey correction.
24,925	11,318	20,338	17,766	.....	2,782	11.16
46,699	38,906	1,22,640	19,987	.....	11,192	23.9
32,113	38,095	...	2,561	600	1,598	5.0	
24,145	26,925	600	8,042	63,576	1,532	6.3	
1,66,065	92,255	2,64,090	92,675	41,932	14,488	8.7	
3,53,287	2,61,278	4,97,668	1,50,323	1,58,176	35,897	10.16	
12,755	2,454	58,025	5,231	644	5	*The changes in area and assessment are due partly to the reconveyance of two S. Nos. and partly to one S. No. being held in mortgage. †The assessment shown last year was incorrect. ‡The changes in area and assessment are due to the reconveyance of three S. Nos. and purchase of one S. No. in a Darkhast sale. §The assessment of this estate always varies as it is based on Autbandi system.
54,906	20,016	2,11,400	17,026	.....	4,336	*7.9
24,475	10,602	38,000	3,851	.....	2,281	†9.3
25,328	10,038	1,04,500	9,246	.....	2,548	‡10
38,339	29,721	2,51,800	33,116	.....	10,740	§28.013
18,433	20,794	...	761	952	1,793	9.73	
14,671	19,628	10,000	8,466	.....	1,913	13
1,40,161	1,36,454	...	16,105	6,42,653	4,170	2.9	
1,31,907	1,43,180	30,422	33,753	1,41,572	5,551	4.3	
4,60,975	3,82,837	7,04,147	1,37,575	7,85,177	34,076	7.4	

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Serial Number.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Total area of estate.	Cultivated area.	Uncultivated area.	Total assessment.	Total land revenue including cesses.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	SOUTHERN DIVISION.		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Belgaum	Nipani	7,016	6,676	441	8,170	34,655
2	Do.	Chandur	2,437	2,437	...	3,883	30,692
3	Do.	Jamboti	16,633	6,610	10,023	7,492	11,003
4	Do.	Here	...	...	...	...	12,496
6	Do.	Yargatti	17,844	17,844	...	9,299	19,994
6	Do.	Kudchi	14,359	14,036	323	18,452	10,968
7	Do.	Ghosarwad	1,334	1,334	...	3,951	8,737
8	Do.	Metigud	393	393	...	955	15,000
9	Do.	Datwad	...	...	...	...	60,584
10	Bijapur	Darga	1,316	1,316	...	529	157
11	Dharwar	Aminbhavi	742	741	1	1,586	16,594
12	Do.	Bhadrapur	691	691	...	1,705	9,903
13	Do.	Sortur	644	644	...	905	9,824
14-45	Belgaum	Total for small estates.	27,148	17,527	9,621	23,054	1,03,141
46	Bijapur						
47-48	Dharwar						
49	Ratnagiri						
	Total, Southern Division.		90,766	70,347	20,409	80,281	3,43,947

I—continued.

9 Total gross in- comercovered.	10 Total gross ex- penditure.	BALANCE.		13 Total liabilities.	14 Cost of manage- ment.	15 Percentage of gross income.	16 Remarks.
		11 Invested.	12 Uninvested.				
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
34,312	35,463	36,802	3,872	1,74,448	4,504	12.9	
35,380	33,071	19,450	10,174	20,402	3,544	10.0	
17,804	13,166	37,400	6,107	...	2,014	11.3	
22,847	27,175	...	546	25,325	2,566	11.2	
13,037	20,581	195	1,453	8,500	1,709	9.5	
10,992	16,223	7,100	1,799	23,038	1,371	12.5	
12,695	4,334	20,030	3,174	3,638	...	...
15,000	11,924	...	2,459	42,994	...	...
31,491	9,861	6,850	23,918	1,98,300	941	2.9	
12,899	11,045	...	3,875	84,261	286	2.3	
12,510	8,606	19,200	19,450	...	1,003	8.01	
15,637	19,115	78,000	22,680	...	760	4.8	
11,461	10,391	41,544	11,463	...	542	4.7	
1,24,441	1,15,632	2,27,437	71,720	1,44,340	12,476	10.0	
3,76,256	3,36,617	4,92,978	1,52,690	7,25,146	31,716	8.4	

STATEMENT

1 Serial Number.	2 Name of district.	3 Name of estate.	4 Total area of estate.	5 Cultivated area.	6 Uncultivated area.	7 Total assessment.	8 Total land revenue demand including cesses.
			A. g.	A. g.	A. g.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. e. p.
1	BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION. Bombay Suburban.	Estate of Miss Mary Nazli Weir.	331 0	84 0	247 0	854 12 6	2,316 14 6
2	Do. ..	Gulamalli and Nur mohomed Abdulla.	2 16½	1 6½	1 10	18 1 0	25 8 0
		Total, Bombay Suburban Division.	333 16½	85 6½	248 10	872 13 6	2,342 6 6
		Grand Total...	356,420 Acres, 266 Bighas, and 16½ Gunthas.	180,656 Acres 266, Bighas and 6½ Gunthas.	175,764 10	2,47,532 13 6	7,86,732 6 6

I—concluded.

9 Total gross income recovered.	10 Total gross expenditure.	BALANCE.		13 Total liabilities.	14 Cost of management.	15 Percentage of gross income.	16 Remarks.
		11 Invested.	12 Uninvested.				
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
31,141 13 8	36,700 11 3	8,000 0 0	*1,097 4 1	Nil	2,272 10 0	7.8	
822 4 0	490 8 0	750 15 10	144 3 10	Nil	54 0 0	6.6	
31,964 1 8	37,191 3 3	8,750 15 10	1,241 7 11	Nil	2,326 10 0	7.27	
12,22,482 1 8	10,17,923 3 3	16,13,543 15 10	4,61,729 7 11	16,68,499 0 0	1,04,015 10 0	8.5	

* Last year's figure, Rs. 5,945-9-8, was incorrect, the correct figure being Rs. 6,656-1-8.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the efficiency of rent collections in estates
Southern and Bombay Suburban

Serial No.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Demand.			Collec	
			Current.	Arrears.	Total.	On account of current year.	On account of arrears.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NORTHERN DIVISION.			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Ahmedabad ...	Gamph ...	43,319	35,590	79,909	41,621	2,587
2	Kaira ...	Janod ...	18,550	(a) 2,263	20,812	18,476	1,609
3	Panch Mahals ...	Mehlol ...	22,510	69	22,579	22,738	69
4	Surat ...	Edroos ...	23,113	35,509	59,622	22,713	445
5	Do. ...	Buxi ...	...	...	...	...	...
6-17	Ahmedabad ...	} Total for small estates.	1,12,653	13,246	1,25,899	1,07,387	6,514
18-21	Kaira ...						
22-26	Panch Mahals ...						
27-28	Broach ...						
29-37	Surat ...						
38-39	Thana ...						
Total, Northern Division ...			2,90,445	88,576	3,09,121	2,13,485	11,424
CENTRAL DIVISION.							
1	Ahmednagar ...	Kosti of Rahuri ...	687	265*	953	457	266
2	East Khandesh ...	Fakirchand Chopda. of	15,301	7,312	22,513	13,209	829
3	Do. ...	Deshmukh Yawal. of	12,735	1,973	14,708	11,280	596
4	Do. ...	Naik of Paldhi ...	6,266	1,000	7,266	6,022	101
5	West Khandesh...	Raisingpur ...	5,758	400	6,158	5,658	400
6	Poona ...	Naik ...	17,574	1,196	18,770	16,552	760
7	Satara ...	Deshmukh Chikurde. of	16,969	4,509	21,478	15,694	564
8	Sholapur ...	Warad ...	69,107	...	69,107	66,723	...
9-12	Ahmednagar ...	} Total for small estates.	78,228	30,670	1,08,908	67,067	9,144
13	East Khandesh ...						
14-17	Nasik ...						
18-22	Poona ...						
Total, Central Division.			2,12,535	47,326	2,59,861	1,92,662	12,663

(a) In last year's statement arrears at the end of the year

II.

under Government management in the Northern, Central,
Divisions during the year 1924-25.

tions.	Amount written-off.	Balance.			Details of Balance.		Overcollections.	Amount collected in advance last year.	Remarks.
		Converted into cents or decies.	Others.	Total.	Current.	Arrears.			
Total.		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	/		
44,308	2,075	...	33,625	33,625	1,659	31,966	...		
20,285	235	...	292	292	64	228	...		
22,857	8	...	14	14	14	...	...
23,158	...	...	36,472	36,472	408	36,064	8		
.....		
1,14,401	5,051	...	6,453	6,453	2,817	3,636	6		
2,24,909	7,370	...	76,856	76,856	4,962	71,894	14		
723	...	...	230	230	230	...			* Last year the balance was roughly shown as Rs. 418.
14,038	...	1,443	7,032	8,475	1,992	6,483			† Out of current demand.
11,879	81†	806	1,943	2,748	1,374	1,374			‡ Out of arrears.
6,123	227‡	...	916	916	244	672			§ Out of current demand.
6,058	28§	...	72	72	72	...			
17,312	...	...	1,458	1,458	1,022	436			
16,258	...	...	5,220	5,220	1,275	3,945			
56,723	...	...	2,384	2,384	2,384	...			
76,211	208||	69	32,420	32,489	11,012	21,477			Rs. 1159 out of current demand. 49 Out of past arrears.
2,05,325	544	2,317	51,675	53,992	19,605	34,387			208

were reported to be Rs. 2,258 by the Collector through mistake.

STATEMENT

Serial No.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Demand.			Collec
			Current.	Arrears.	Total.	On account of current year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	SOUTHERN DIVISION.					
1	Belgaum	Nipani	34,655 0 0	2,969 0 0	37,624 0 0	30,773 0 0
2	Do.	Chandur	30,892 0 0	9,554 0 0	40,446 0 0	26,849 0 0
3	Do.	Jamboti	11,002 0 0	3,615 0 0	14,617 0 0	10,633 0 0
4	Do.	Here	12,496 0 0	1,614 0 0	14,110 0 0	11,984 0 0
5	Do.	Yargatti	19,994 0 0	9,664 0 0	29,658 0 0	14,167 0 0
6	Do.	Kudchi	10,968 0 0	1,149 0 0	12,117 0 0	9,675 0 0
7	Do.	Ghosarwad	8,737 0 0	3,308 0 0	12,645 0 0	7,048 0 0
8	Do.	Metgud	15,000 0 0	.....	15,000 0 0	15,000 0 0
9	Do.	Datwad	60,584 0 0	11,941 0 0	72,525 0 0	16,436 0 0
10	Bijapur	Darga	3,270 0 0	584 0 0	3,854 0 0	2,947 0 0
11	Dharwar	Aminbhavi	16,594 0 0	2,041 0 0	18,635 0 0	12,359 0 0
12	Do.	Bhadrapur	9,903 0 0	2,915 0 0	12,818 0 0	9,203 0 0
13	Do.	Sortur	9,824 0 0	22 0 0	9,846 0 0	9,106 0 0
		Total of big estates.	2,43,919 0 0	49,576 0 0	2,93,795 0 0	1,76,170 0 0
14-49		Total of other small estates.	1,09,084 0 0	54,863 0 0	1,63,947 0 0	81,383 0 0
		Total, Southern Division.	3,53,003 0 0	1,04,739 0 0	4,57,742 0 0	2,57,553 0 0
	BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION.					
1	Bombay Suburban	Miss Mary Nazli Weir.	9,079 5 8	606 0 0	9,685 5 8	9,079 5 8
2	Do.	Gullamalli and Nurmoahmed Abdulla.	893 12 0	176 9 7	1,070 5 7	709 12 0
		Total, Bombay Suburban Division.	9,973 1 8	782 9 7	10,756 11 3	9,789 1 8
		Grand Total	7,95,966 1 8	2,41,523 9 7	10,37,470 11 3	6,73,499 1 8

II—continued.

tions.		Amount written-off.	Balance.			Details of Balance.		Over collections.	Amount collected in advance last year.	Remarks.
On account of arrears.	Total.		Converted into bonds or decrees.	Others.	Total.	Current.	Arrears.			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.	
2,340 0 0	33,113 0 0	..	..	4,568 0 0	4,568 0 0	3,939	629 0 0	57	..	
3,492 0 0	30,341 0 0	1,944	..	8,161 0 0	8,161 0 0	4,154	4,007 0 0	..	..
101 0 0	10,734 0 0	2,225	..	1,551 0 0	1,551 0 0	372	1,189 0 0	3	..	
652 0 0	12,536 0 0	70	..	1,404 0 0	1,404 0 0	512	892 0 0	..	..
3,768 0 0	17,925 0 0	244	..	11,480 0 0	11,480 0 0	5,584	5,896 0 0	5	14	
243 0 0	9,918 0 0	..	..	1,625 0 0	1,625 0 0	719	906 0 0	..	574	
2,291 0 0	9,839 0 0	105	..	3,113 0 0	3,113 0 0	1,543	1,670 0 0	1	69	
.....	15,000 0 0	..	..	.....	.....	..	.....	..	..
7,047 0 0	23,483 0 0	..	..	48,998 0 0	48,998 0 0	44,104	4,894 0 0	..	44	
351 0 0	3,298 0 0	158	..	398 0 0	398 0 0	323	75 0 0	..	..
161 0 0	12,510 0 0	975	..	5,150 0 0	5,150 0 0	3,345	1,805 0 0	..	..
1,574 0 0	10,777 0 0	1	290	1,750 0 0	2,040 0 0	699	1,341 0 0	..	..
92 0 0	9,128 0 0	..	718	.....	718 0 0	718	.....	..	..
22,032 0 0	198,202 0 0	5,722	1,008	68,308 0 0	89,216 0 0	66,012	23,204 0 0	66	721	
14,874 0 0	96,257 0 0	112	..	66,701 0 0	66,701 0 0	26,799	39,902 0 0	12	689	
36,906 0 0	2,94,459 0 0	5,834	1,008	1,54,909 0 0	1,55,917 0 0	92,811	63,106 0 0	78	1,610	
606 0 0	9,585 5 8	Nil	..	.....	.....	..	..	..	..
112 8 0	822 4 0	Nil	..	248 1 7	248 1 7	184	64 1 7	..	..
718 8 0	10,507 9 8	Nil	..	248 1 7	248 1 7	184	64 1 7	..	..
61,711 8 0	7,35,200 9 8	13,748	3,325	2,83,688 1 7	2,87,013 1 7	1,17,562	1,69,451 1 7	92	1,610	

STATEMENT

Statement showing progress made in liquidation of debt in
Central, Southern and Bombay Suburban

Serial No.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Date on which management was assumed.	Debts due on assumption of charge.	Balance of debt at the beginning of the year.	Additional debts incurred during the year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
NORTHERN DIVISION.						
1	Ahmedabad ...	Gampth ...	20th July 1923 ...	1,58,236	61,004	44,486
2	Kaira ...	Janod ...	.....	...	...	...
3	Panch Mahals ...	Mehlol ...	.....	...	...	...
4	Surat ...	Edroos ...	.....	Amount not settled	...	1,646
5	Do. ...	Buxi ...	.....	1,21,309	63,576	...
6 to 17	Ahmedabad ...	Total for small estates		3,90,597	47,677	5,901
18-21	Kaira ...					
22-26	Panch Mahals ...					
27-28	Broach ...					
29-37	Surat ...					
38-39	Thana ...					
Total, Northern Division ...							6,70,143	1,73,237	62,033
CENTRAL DIVISION.						
1	Ahmednagar ...	Kosti of Rahuri ...	1st June 1920 ...	...	...	...
2	East Khandesh ...	Fakirchand of Chopda ...	12th May 1917 ...	54,227	...	...
3	Do. ...	Deshmukh of Yawal ...	20th Feb. 1919 ...	35,157	...	...
4	Do. ...	Naik of Paldhi ...	14th Sep. 1930 ...	120	...	...
5	West Khandesh ...	Raisingpur ...	15th July 1909 ...	...	...	...
6	Poona ...	Naik ...	2nd August 1923 ...	5,806	5,755	52*
7	Satara ...	Deshmukh of Chikurde ...	6th October 1923 ...	29,241	...	...
8	Sholapur ...	Warad ...	17th October 1924 ...	6,60,000	6,60,000	...
9-12	Ahmednagar ...	Total for small estates		3,27,704	2,43,865	1,09,816
13	East Khandesh ...					
14-17	Nasik ...					
18-22	Poona ...					
Total, Central Division ...				11,12,255	9,09,690	1,03,868

* Additional claims received

† This consists of the following: Rs. 34,000 Loans

III.

estates under management of the Court of Wards in the Northern, Divisions during the year 1924-25.

Debts settled during the year.						Balance.	Date by which it was expected on assumption of management that estate would be clear of debt.	Remarks.
By incurring fresh debts.	By sale of property.	Rejected by Court of Wards or Civil Court.	Remitted by creditors.	From current income.				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
12,679	...	19,961	67	20,715	52,068	.....	
...		
...	1,046	600	.....	
...	63,576	.....	
...	269	11,377	41,932	.....	
12,679	...	19,961	336	33,138	1,55,176	.....	
...		
...		
...		
...	...	1,177	906	3,472	952	.....	
...		
...	17,347	6,42,633	.....	Details in columns 7 to 11 cannot be filed in this year as a scheme for the payment of debts is under consideration.	
34,000	...	1,09,572	23,976	44,461	1,41,572	.....	
34,000	...	1,10,849	24,182	65,280	7,85,177	.....	

during the year.

raised, Rs. 75,968 Additional claims received during the year = Rs. 1,02,863.

STATEMENT

Serial No.	Name of district.	Name of estate.	Date on which management was assumed.	Debits due on assumption of charge.	Balance of debt at the beginning of the year.	Additional debits incurred during the year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SOUTHERN DIVISION.				Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	Belgaum	Nipani	.....	3,66,796 0 0	1,76,658 0 0	9,500 0 0
2	Do.	Chandur	.....	10,145 0 0	21,402 0 0	.....
3	Do.	Jamboti	.....	1,708 0 0	.....	.....
4	Do.	Here	.....	17,613 0 0	24,325 0 0	2,500 0 0
5	Do.	Yargatti	.....	2,000 0 0	7,500 0 0	2,000 0 0
6	Do.	Kudchi	.....	28,609 0 0	23,038 0 0	.....
7	Do.	Ghosarwad	.....	.....	4,388 0 0	.....
8	Do.	Metigud	.....	81,185 0 0	45,646 0 0	10,100 0 0
9	Do.	Datwad	.....	*1,98,505 0 0	*1,98,505 0 0	.....
10	Bijapur	Darga	.....	98,002 0 0	90,648 0 0	.....
11	Dharwar	Aminbbavi	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Do.	Bhadrapur	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Do.	Sortur	.....	.....	.....	.....
14 to 49		Total for small estates		1,57,998 0 0	1,41,422 0 0	95,200 0 0
			Total, Southern Division	9,12,561 0 0	7,33,532 0 0	50,300 0 0
BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION.						
1	Bombay Suburban.	Miss Mary Nazli Weir.	G. R., R. D., No. 3585 of 22nd July 1922.	21,608 7 3	12,975 10 8	556 1 10 (interest.)
2	Do.	Gulamall and Nur Mohamed Abdulla.	G. R., R. D., No. 7373 of 19th February 1923.	Nil	.....	.....
			Total, Bombay Suburban Division	21,608 7 3	12,975 10 8	556 1 10
			Grand Total	27,16,566 7 3	18,28,384 10 8	3,12,757 1 10

III—contd.

Debts settled during current year.						Date by which it was expected on assumption of management that they would be clear of debt.	Remarks.
8	9	10	11	12	13			14	15
By incurring fresh debts.	By sale of property.	Rejected by Court of Wards or Civil Court.	Remitted by creditors.	From current income.	Balance.		
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.		
...	11,710 0 0	1,74,448	.....
...	1,000 0 0	20,402	.....
...	
...	1,500 0 0	25,325	.....
1,000	8,500	.....
...	23,038	.....
...	750 0 0	3,638	.....
10,100	2,652 0 0	42,994	.....
...	305 0 0	1,98,200	.....
...	6,387 0 0	84,261	.....	*Not shown in last year's statement as information was not available.
...	
...	
12,456	1,150	9,676 0 0	1,44,340	.....	† Difference of Rs. 1,000. Reasons same as against Datwad (No. 9),
23,566	1,150	32,980	7,25,146	.....
..	13,531 12 6	Nil	.....
...	
...	13,531 12 6	...	.....
70,335	...	1,30,510	25,668	1,45,929 12 6	16,68,499	.....

SIND.

No. A-673.

From

KHAN BAHADUR NABI BAKSH MUHAMMED
 HUSSAIN, M.A., LL.B.,
 Court of Wards in Sind;

To

THE COMMISSIONER IN SIND.

SIND COURT OF WARDS OFFICE.

Camp Hyderabad, 5th September 1925.

Subject:—*Annual Administration Report.*

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the annual report on the administration of the estates under the superintendence of the Court of Wards in the province of Sind for the year ending the 31st July 1925.

Personnel. 2. The charge of the office was held by me throughout the year.

3. The number of estates under superintendence at the close of the year was 228 as compared with 207 in the previous year, the details being as under:—

Number of estates under superintendence.

At the beginning of the year ... 207

Taken up during the year:—

(a) On applications to the Commissioner in Sind ...	5	
(b) On applications to the Court of Wards in Sind ...	19	
(c) On applications to Collectors ...	5	
(d) On applications to District Courts for guardianship certificates ...	6	
	—	35
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Deduct—

(a) Released on their owners' attaining majority ...	10	
(b) Released on owners' death ...	3	
(c) Released on account of low income ...	1	
	—	14

Balance at the close of the year ... 228

4. The number of applications for superintendence disposed of during the year was 88 as compared with 99 in the last year.

The number of applications for superintendence pending at the close of the last year was		...	...	43	
Received during the year under report		...	...	76	
				<hr/>	119
<i>Disposal—</i>					
(a) Admitted (two estates taken on one application)		...	...	34	
(b) Rejected		...	...	54	
				<hr/>	88
Pending at the close of the year		...	...		31

Out of these, one has since been reported upon, 21 were received within 3 months of the close of the year, 5 within 6 months; the remaining 4 have been pending for longer periods on account of the non-receipt of the reports from the Mukhtiarkars, all of whom are being expedited from time to time.

5. 242 estates remained under superintendence for the whole Management by leasing or part of the year under report. The details are as under:—

(a) Wholly leased to outsiders	...	...	182
(b) Leased partly to estate owners and partly to outsiders	...	...	18
(c) Leased partly to outsiders and partly managed by the Department	...	...	10
(d) Entirely managed departmentally including those worked on cash rents	...	...	6
(e) Leased partly to estate owners and partly amani	...	...	5
(f) Rabi produce taken away by the estate owners.	...	...	1
(g) Only house rents	...	...	2
(h) Partly under pre-existing leases and partly amani	...	...	2
(i) Superintendence assumed after crops were removed	...	...	12
(j) Discharged from superintendence before crops were ready	...	...	4
			<hr/>
			242
			<hr/>

The number of estates wholly leased to outsiders was 182 out of 242 as compared with 158 out of 224 in the preceding year. There was no estate which remained uncultivated.

The results of the working are shown in the following table; the totals given in this table will be found to agree with those given in statement II.

Produce.	Demands.		Recoveries.		Written off or otherwise struck off.		Balance.	
	Arrears.	Current.	Arrears.	Current.	Arrears.	Current.	Arrears.	Current.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Lease money ...	37,511	3,62,104	21,473	3,31,949	3,575	2,313	12,463	27,842
Assessment (1) ...	2,535	1,32,356	527	1,31,918	2,136	...	72	338
Net Amani produce (2).	2,166	57,920	795	23,196	...	...	1,371	34,734
Assessment (1) ...	...	13,230	...	13,230	...	...	...	...
Rents ...	507	5,830	436	5,011	...	68	71	761
Total ...	42,719	5,71,340	23,031	5,05,304	5,711	2,371	13,977	63,665

(1) Includes fallow assessment and assessment due on land given on cash rents.

(2) Includes net cash rents.

6. The following figures show the total receipts under the various heads for the year under report and the preceding year:—

	1924-25.	1923-24.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Rents and produce ...	5,28,335	5,13,569	14,766	...
2. Earnest money ...	8,945	10,104	...	1,159
3. Adjustment of lease money ...	10,132	12,282	...	2,150
4. Interest, Notice fee, etc. ...	4,286	2,349	1,937	...
5. Cash balances of new estates ...	800	33,259	...	32,459
6. Sale proceeds of land ...	8,545	3,931	4,614	...
7. Compensation for land acquired by Government.	4,304	995	3,309	...
8. Old debts ...	59,610	15,817	43,793	...
9. Sale proceeds of moveable property.	4,044	2,348	1,696	...
10. Paid by estate owners ...	3,152	...	3,152	...
11. Interest on investments ...	28,822	50,116	...	1,294
12. Government loan ...	...	...	...	...
13. Recovery of takavi ...	3,354	4,207	...	853
14. Recoveries on account of registration, etc.	...	...	...	...
15. Private loan ...	2,400	600	1,800	...
16. Pension ...	963	...	963	...
Total ...	6,67,692	6,29,577	76,030	37,915
Net increase ...	...	...	38,115	...

The increase of 14,766 under the head "Rents and produce" is due to a number of new estates having been admitted to superintendence and of Rs. 43,793 under the head "Old debts" is explained below :—

The account of old debts recoverable stands as under :—

	Rs.
Balance outstanding at the beginning of the year	17,330
<i>Add—</i>	
(a) Shown in the last report as recoverable in the future years	18,504
(b) Determined during the year	63,513
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	99,347
	Rs.
<i>Deduct—</i>	
(a) Recoverable in future years ...	19,693
(b) Written off, estates being discharged	2,458
(c) Written off for other reasons ...	610
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	22,761
Balance to be recovered within the year ...	76,586
Recoveries	59,610
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Balance still due	16,976
	Rs.
(a) Recoverable through civil courts being decretal debts (execution applications pending) ...	249
(b) Due from Manager and so to be paid in course of liquidation...	448
(c) Balance under process ...	16,279
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	16,976

Recovery of the sum of Rs. 59,610 under this head shows a great improvement on that in the previous year when the amount recovered was Rs. 15,817. Never before in the past few years has the recovery of old debts been so satisfactory. Very stringent steps were taken during the year to bring about this result.

7. The expenditure for the year under report excluding investments amounted to Rs. 7,65,272 against 4,53,273 in the previous year.

	1924-25.	1923-24.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Government demands ...	1,65,884	1,82,247	...	16,363
2. Maintenance and tuition ...	1,25,183	1,05,274	19,909	...
3. Personal expenses ...	48,348	34,258	14,090	...
4. Suit expenses, etc. ...	8,336	3,672	4,664	...
5. Paid under civil court decrees in discharge of decretal debts.	2,586	...	2,586	...
6. Municipal and other taxes ...	690	26	664	...
7. Pay of servants ...	1,694	1,715	...	21
8. Registration and stamp ...	348	37	311	...
9. Redemption of ornaments ...	...	370	...	370
10. Garden and other cultivation expenses.	936	2,632	...	1,696
11. Produce to co-sharers ...	1,351	5,453	...	4,102
12. Adjustment to maintenance of lease money.	10,132	12,282	...	2,150
13. Purchase of lands and buildings, etc.	3,544	6,055	...	2,511
14. Construction of building, etc. ...	...	...	...	...
15. Savings paid to estate owners ...	3,15,307	27,279	2,88,028	...
16. Petty items ...	968	683	285	...
17. Cost of management ...	40,786	42,980	...	2,194
18. Proved debts paid with interest ...	27,221	14,625	12,596	...
19. Loans repaid with interest ...	5,404	759	4,645	...
20. Government loan repaid ...	...	...	...	...
21. Interest paid on Government loan .	57	9	48	...
22. Takavi advances ...	3,952	7,907	...	3,955
23. Purchase of engine ...	1,157	5,010	...	3,853
24. Produce enjoyed by mortgagees ...	1,388	...	1,388	...
	7,65,272	4,53,273	3,49,214	37,215
	Net increase	3,11,999		

The increase of Rs. 2,88,028 under the head "Savings paid to estate owners" is due to a big estate having been withdrawn from superintendence and the decrease of Rs. 16,363 under the head "Government demands" is also due to the above fact.

Collection of dues. 8. The figures regarding collections of rents and produce stand as under —

	Rs.
Arrears shown last year	18,125
Under postponement allowed in previous years	22,037
Amount prohibited under civil court orders	2,557
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	42,719
Current demands	5,71,340
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	6,14,059
	Rs.
<i>Deductions :—</i>	
Amount written off out of arrears	158
Amount remitted out of current year's dues	1,100
Amount under postponement	20,299
Amount struck off owing to discharge of estates—	
(a) Arrears	5,553
(b) Current	1,271
Amount prohibited under civil court orders	1,250
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	29,631
Amount recoverable within the year	5,84,428
Collections out of arrears	23,031
Collections out of current demands	5,05,304
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Total recovery	5,28,335
Balance	56,093
Since recovered	32,746
Under process	23,347

The percentage of total recovery (5,28,335) to the amount recoverable within the year (5,84,428) works out at 90.40 as compared with 96.5 in the preceding year, and that of recoveries (5,05,304) out of the current demands recoverable within the year

[5,71,340—(1,100 remitted—1,271 due on account of discharged estates—18,174 postponed=20,545)] works out at 91·74 as compared with 97·6 in the preceding year. The decrease in the percentage of recoveries is due to bad crops in some portions of the Province. In the cotton growing tracts early winter frost did a good deal of damage and elsewhere floods also were responsible for crops falling short of expectations. Even then no efforts were spared to reduce the arrears to the lowest possible limit with the result that since the close of the year Rs. 32,746 have been recovered. This amount practically raises the percentage of recoveries to 96.

Government demands. 9. The account of Government demands stands as under :—

	Rs.
Balance outstanding shown last year	... 12,636
<i>Add—</i>	
(a) Arrears claimed for new estates	... 2,625
(b) Current demands	... 1,59,374
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<i>Deduct—</i>	
Under postponement and estate discharged...	1,215
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Amount due within the year	... 1,73,420
Payments	... 1,65,884
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Balance outstanding	... 7,536
	Rs.
<i>Details of balance—</i>	
1. Due in future years	... 53
2. Under postponement allowed by the Revenue Department	... 563
3. Not paid for want of balance available in estates by which due (all prior to assumption of superintendence)	... 6,675
4. Under dispute hence under correspondence	... 75
5. Since paid	... 170

The percentage of payments made (Rs. 1,65,884) to amount payable (Rs. 1,73,420-53-563-170) is 96·09 per cent. as compared with 94·73 per cent. in the previous year. The above demands include demands on account of land revenue due whether before or after assumption of superintendence as also demands on account of Takavi due before assumption of superintendence.

The balance outstanding, *viz.*, Rs. 7,536 is made up of :—

	Rs.
Land Revenue ..	808
Takavi ...	6,410
Non-Jamabandi items ...	318

The figures of land revenue arrears and takavi outstanding at the close of the year have been compiled according to statements supplied by the Mukhtiarkars on the requisition of this office (some Mukhtiarkars have not as yet complied with it but the record of this office shows Rs. 1,237 as arrears on account of takavi of one of these talukas). The statements show the balances due to these talukas including the above amount of Rs. 1,237 to be Rs. 1,828 on account of land revenue, Rs. 6,779 on account of takavi and Rs. 710 on account of Non-Jamabandi items as against the corresponding figures of Rs. 808, Rs. 6,410 and Rs. 318 shown above. In most of the cases the amounts shown in excess have not been demanded before. The balance of takavi outstanding at the beginning of the year was Rs. 50. No loan was raised or repaid during the year under report.

10. The cost of management for 1923-24 which was recovered during the year under report was Rs. 40,786 as against Rs. 42,980 recovered in the preceding year. This works out at 6.16 on the gross income of 1923-24 as compared with 8.26 per cent. at which it was recovered for 1922-23. The total cost of the joint Departments—the Incumbered Estates and the Court of Wards—was Rs. 87,755 as against Rs. 92,263.

Advances and cost of cultivation. 11. The details of advances for cultivation are as under :—

	Rs.
Balance shown outstanding at the end of the last year ...	6,672
<i>Add—</i>	
Advances made during the year ...	3,952
	<u>10,624</u>
<i>Deduct—</i>	
(a) Recovery ...	3,354
(b) Written off as irrecoverable ...	2,025
	<u>5,379</u>
Balance outstanding at the close of the year ...	5,245
(a) Due in 1925-26 ...	3,000
(b) Under postponement ...	2,060
(c) Recovered by Revenue Department and credited to land revenue in mistake, hence under correspondence for its transfer .	90
(d) Under process of recovery ...	95
	<u>5,245</u>

12. Rs. 1,25,183 were spent on maintenance and education of the wards as against Rs. 1,05,274 spent in the previous year, details being as under :—

	Rs.
Cash for maintenance and tuition ...	1,09,366
Produce enjoyed by the wards or on their behalf and adjusted to maintenance .	15,817
Total ...	<u>1,25,183</u>

There are in all 444 wards. Out of these 317 are males and 127 females. The persons of 27 are under superintendence, 19 of them being males and 8 females. 3 of the females have been receiving education and 2 are dead. Out of the 317 males:—

- 14 are below school age;
- 43 are over school age;
- 4 are in service;
- 7 are lunatics;
- 3 are deaf and dumb;
- 6 are invalids;
- 3 are dead;
- 54 are learning profession or doing agricultural work;
- 29 are doing nothing (2 are given up as hopeless cases, 13 are without a school in their vicinity, attempts to send the remaining 14 to school continue).
- 7 have come under superintendence only recently.
- 147 are receiving education as under:—
 - 38 Qoran;
 - 6 Hindu Sindhi characters;
 - 67 Vernacular tuition;
 - 35 English education;
 - 1 College education.

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Payment of existing debts and liabilities.

13. Statement III shows the progress in payment of debts. The following is an abstract :—

	Rs. •
Balance at the opening of the year ...	69,130
Fresh claims filed ...	58,006
Interest accrued ...	2,878
Loans raised	2,400
Total ...	<u>1,32,414</u>

Deduct—Settled during the year :—

	Rs.	Rs.
(a) Paid—		
Private loan and interest on it .	5,404	
Proved debts and interest thereon ...	27,221	
(b) Disallowed ...	32,171	
(c) Written off ...	...
		<u>64,796</u>
Balance ...		<u>67,618</u>

Details of Balance.

	Rs.
(a) Amount awarded ...	50,098
(b) Claims not yet settled ...	9,420
(c) Private loan ...	8,100
	<u>67,618</u>

14. The following figures relate to claims:—

	No. of claims.	Amount.
		Rs.
Pending at the beginning of the year ...	10	18,838
Filed during the year ...	61	57,949
		<u>71</u>
Decided ...	67	67,367
		<u>4</u>
Balance ...	4	9,420

Out of the 4 claims pending at the close of the year, one relates to an estate which has been thrown out, two claims are connected with a pending civil suit and have been put off *sine die* and the remaining claim could not be heard on account of non-appearance of the parties. One appeal was filed during the year under report. In that appeal the Commissioner in Sind modified the order to the extent of Rs. 7 only.

15. The total investments at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 4,87,918 as compared with Rs. 6,31,093 in the previous year, taking the war loan bonds and the several debentures at their nominal face value.

The investments are as under:—

	Rs.
War loan bonds (1929-47)	52,000
Do. (1926)	7,900
Do. (1927)	23,600
Do. (1928)	1,30,300
Do. (1932)	2,11,800
Do. (1933)	24,000
Debentures of Municipalities Port Trust and Bombay Improvement Trust } ...	5,000
Bombay Development Loans	19,100
Savings Bank deposits with Post Office and Cash Certificates, etc.	18
Loan to Incumbered Estates	5,600
Do. Court of Wards Estates	8,100
Do. Co-operative Societies	500
Total	4,87,918

The uninvested balance amounts to Rs. 3,50,901 as compared with Rs. 2,84,632 shown in the last year. Steps are being taken to invest a good portion of the balance in Government securities. The decrease in the local investments is due to a big estate having been withdrawn from superintendence.

16. Seventeen suits were pending at the close of the year 1923-24, 21 new suits were filed during the year making a total of 38 in all. In 5 Court of Wards was plaintiff and in 33 defendant. Out of the first five, two were for dissolution and rendition of partnership accounts, one for redemption of ornaments mortgaged, one for accounts and one for recovery of money. As for the latter 33 suits in which the Court of Wards was the defendant, 8 were for partition, 1 for partition and recovery of mesne profits, 2 for possession of land, 16 for recovery of debts due by estates under superintendence, 1 for filling up a pit, 1 for damages, 2 for declaration and injunction against taking estates under superintendence, 1 for injunction against cancellation of lease, and 1 for declaration of title.

Nine suits were disposed of during the year. Out of these, 3 were decided (all dismissed) in favour of the Court of Wards and 6 against (5 of these were for recovery of produce each for one season or year separately, *i.e.*, it was practically 1 suit). In 1 case the estate was discharged. Of the remaining 28, 15 are comparatively fresh, 1 is about to be finished, and the remaining 12 have remained pending for longer periods.

Six appeals were pending at the close of the year 1923-24. In 4 the Court of Wards was appellant, and in the remaining 2 respondent. Two more appeals were filed during the year against the Court of Wards. One appeal relates to an estate which was discharged during the year and the remaining 7 are pending.

Record.

17. The record due for destruction in the year under report was duly destroyed.

18. The Department shows considerable progress in the year.

General.

The number of the estates under superintendence is on the increase. There were 228 estates under superintendence at the close of the year against 207 in the previous year and 181 in 1922-23. This increase has devolved extra work on myself and the staff. Some of the estates are very big and bristle with complications. I have maintained close touch with most of the wards during my tour. Special attention has been paid to their education, up-bringing and health. The wants and necessities of the wards are readily attended to.

I inspected the properties of 27 estates in 26 dehs besides buildings of 17 estates.

The Deputy Manager, Upper Sind and Lower Sind, inspected the properties of 33 and 38 estates, respectively.

The office of the Assistant Manager was held by Mr. Nanikram Jethmal throughout the year. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the good work done by Mr. Nanikram and the entire staff during a very arduous year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

N. B. MUHAMMED HUSSAIN,

Court of Wards in Sind.

STATEMENT I.

Statement showing the general position of estates under Government management for the year 1924-25.

Serial No.	Name of the province.	Name of the estate owner and number of estate.	Total area of the estate.	Cultivated area.	Uncultivated area.	Total Gov. Government demand.	Total due to the Department, including assessment.	Total gross receipts.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sind	Dhani Parto, No. 80.	3,827	2,311	1,616	3,749	11,524	13,796
2	Do.	Ganwharkhan No. 278.	4,979	3,123	1,856	7,740	27,017	29,717
3	Do.	Tajokhan No. 302	6,307	4,706	1,601	26,129	79,662	1,06,400
4	Do.	Mir. Malik Mahomed, No. 309.	3,642	1,030	2,612	4,655	11,586	15,139
5	Do.	Mahomed Lukman, No. 310.	3,238	1,017	2,221	3,788	13,286	26,298
6	Do.	Kararo Shah, No. 314	4,775	1,835	2,940	8,953	29,912	23,735
7	Do.	Hamzokhan, No. 321	2,527	1,683	844	6,419	19,363	19,403
8	Do.	Abdul Nabi, No. 394.	4,756	1,639	3,147	9,307	42,408	17,058
		Total ...	34,081	17,244	16,837	70,040	2,27,748	2,51,546
		Total of other estates.	64,504	29,358	35,246	75,446	3,43,592	4,16,146
		Grand Total ...	98,585	46,502	52,083	1,45,486	5,71,340	6,67,692
								(A)

Serial No.	Name of the province.	Name of the estate owner and number of estate.	Total expenditure.	Balance.		Total liability.	Cost of management for 1923-24.	Percentage on gross income, 1923-24.	Remarks.
				Invested.	Uninvested.				
1	2	3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Rs. (4)	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
1	Sind	Dhani Parto, No. 80.	9,739	42,600	6,405	...	798	6-16	
2	Do.	Ganwharkhan, No. 278.	21,625	11,500	14,657	...	1,729	"	
3	Do.	Tajokhan, No. 302...	51,530	1,01,200	72,649	...	4,397	"	
4	Do.	Mir Malik Mahomed, No. 309.	8,443	52,900	9,568	...	816	"	
5	Do.	Mahomed Lukman No. 310.	17,571	10,300	15,245	...	943	"	
6	Do.	Kararo Shah, No. 314	22,478	...	4,373	...	1,292	"	
7	Do.	Hamzokhan, No. 321	13,873	...	7,822	...	900	"	
8	Do.	Abdul Nabi, No. 394.	13,280	...	3,778	...	...	"
		Total ...	1,58,529	1,98,500	1,35,010	...	10,875	"	
		Total of other estates	6,06,743	2,89,418	2,15,891	67,618	29,911	"	
		Grand Total ...	7,65,272	4,87,918	3,50,901	67,618	40,786	"	
			(B)						

(A)—Besides the total gross receipts shown in column 9 the following amounts were realized by sale of investments and by return of money on loan:—

	Rs.
(1)	4
(2)	473
(3)	206
	683

(B)—Besides the total gross expenditure shown in column 10 the following amounts were invested and paid for cost of establishment in advance:—

	Rs.
(4)	6,728
(5)	5,264
(6)	38,084
(7)	5,156
(8)	9,407

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STATEMENT II.

Statement showing the efficiency of rent and produce collections in estates under superintendence of Court of Wards for the year 1924-25.

Serial No.	Name of the province.	Name of the estate owner and number of estate.	Demand on account of			Collections on account of		
			Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sind	Dhani Parto, No. 80.	45	11,524	11,569	45	11,524	11,569
2	Do.	Ganwharkhan, No. 278.	...	27,017	27,017	...	27,017	27,017
3	Do.	Tajokhan, No. 302.	11,274	79,662	90,936	11,274	79,640	90,914
4	Do.	Mir Malik Mahomed, No. 309.	...	11,586	11,586	...	11,586	11,586
5	Do.	Mahomed Lukman, No. 310.	185	13,285	13,471	173	12,910	13,083
6	Do.	Kararo Shah, No. 314.	44	22,919	22,956	...	22,911	22,911
7	Do.	Hamzokhan, No. 321.	4,259	19,353	23,613	313	17,041	17,354
8	Do.	Abdul Nabi, No. 324.	...	42,406	42,406	...	13,956	12,368
		Total ...	15,807	2,27,748	2,43,555	11,805	1,95,567	2,07,392
		Total of other estates ...	26,912	3,43,592	3,70,504	11,325	3,09,717	3,20,943
		Grand Total...	42,719	5,71,340	6,14,059	23,031	5,05,304	5,28,335

Serial No.	Name of the province.	Name of the estate owner and number of estate.	Written off from			Struck off owing to discharge of estates from			Balance from		
			Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
1	2	3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sind	Dhani Parto, No. 80.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Do.	Ganwharkhan, No. 278.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Do.	Tajokhan, No. 302	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	22
4	Do.	Mir Malik Mahomed, No. 309.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Do.	Mahomed Lukman, No. 310.	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	376	388
6	Do.	Kararo Shah, No. 314.	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	1	45
7	Do.	Hamzokhan, No. 321.	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,946	9,312	6,258
8	Do.	Abdul Nabi, No. 324.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29,450	29,450
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,002	32,161	36,163
		Total of other estates ...	158	1,100	1,258	5,553	1,271	6,824	9,975	31,504	41,479
		Grand Total...	158	1,100	1,258	5,553	1,271	6,824	13,977	63,665	77,642

STATEMENT III.

Statement showing the progress made in the liquidation of debts in the Court of Wards estates during the year 1924-25.

Name of the province.	Name of the estate owner and number of estate.	Date on which superintendence was assumed.	Debts due on assumption of charge.	Debts incurred in previous years after charge was assumed.	Balance of the debts at the beginning of the year.	Additional debts incurred during the year.	Debts settled during the year.
							By incurring fresh debts.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sind	Dhani Parto, No. 80.	24th February 1911.	Rs. 100	Rs. 1,200	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...
Do.	Ganwharkhan, No. 278.	10th October 1921.	.....	..... 888	.....	.....	.....
Do.	Tajokhan, No. 302.	14th September 1922.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	Mir Malik Mahomad, No. 309.	31st October 1922.	.....	..... 1,001	.....	.....	.....
Do.	Mahomed Lukman, No. 310.	2nd December 1922.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	Kararo Shah, No. 314.	3rd February 1923.	.....	..... 21,759	..... 1,691	.....	.....
Do.	Hamzokhan, No. 321.	10th May 1923.	.....	..... 916	.....	.....	.....
Do.	Abdul Nabi, No. 324.	4th February 1925.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total of other estates	.....	5,47,116	2,74,632	67,439	63,264	.....
	Total	.....	5,47,216	3,00,366	69,130	63,264	.....

Name of the province.	Name of the estate owner and number of estate.	Date on which superintendence was assumed.	Debts settled during the year—contd.						Date by which it was expected that estates would be clear of debts.
			By sale of property.	Rejected by Court of Wards.	Written off.	Remitted by creditors.	From current income.	Balance.	
1	2	3	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sind	Dhani Parto, No. 80.	24th February 1911.	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	.....
Do.	Ganwharkhan, No. 278.	10th October 1921.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	Tajokhan, No. 302.	14th September 1922.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	Mir Malik Mahomad, No. 309.	31st October 1922.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	Mahomed Lukman, No. 310.	2nd December 1922.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	Kararo Shah, No. 314.	3rd February 1923.	.....	.....	.....	.....	..... 1,691	.....	.....
Do.	Hamzokhan, No. 321.	10th May 1923.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.	Abdul Nabi, No. 324.	4th February 1925.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total of other estates	.....	5,150	32,171	.....	.....	25,784	67,618	.....
	Total	.....	5,150	32,171	.....	.....	27,475	67,618	.....

(Below report of the estates under management of the Court of
Wards in Sind for the year 1924-25.)

No. P-88—R.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER IN SIND,

Government House, Karachi, 29th September 1925.

Submitted to Government.

2. There were 207 estates under management at the beginning of the year. Of these, 14 were relinquished during the year, while 35 new estates were taken up, leaving a closing total of 228.

3. Out of 119 applications, including 43 pending at the close of the previous year, 88 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 31 at the end of the year. These include 4 which have been pending disposal for more than six months.

4. The income of the estates was Rs. 6,68,000 as against Rs. 6,30,000 in the previous year. The increase is mainly due to the increase in the number of estates.

5. The total expenditure shows a net increase of Rs. 3,12,000. The heads of increase were as follows :—

	Rs.
Maintenance and tuition	20,000
Personal expenses	14,000
Suit expenses	5,000
Payment of decretal debts	3,000
Savings paid to estate owners	2,88,000
Proved debts paid with interest	13,000
Loans repaid with interest	5,000
Produce enjoyed by mortgagees	1,000
	3,49,000

Expenditure decreased under the following heads :—

	Rs.
Government assessment	16,000
Garden and other cultivation expenses	2,000
Produce to co-sharers	4,000
Adjustment to maintenance of lease money	2,000
Purchase of lands and buildings	3,000
Cost of management	2,000
Takavi advances	4,000
Purchase of Engine	4,000
	37,000

The increase in expenditure is chiefly due to the large amount of savings paid to estate owners, owing to a large estate having gone out of management.

6. The aggregate amount due to the estates was Rs. 6,14,000, of which Rs. 5,28,000 were collected and Rs. 8,000 remitted and written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 78,000 to be recovered. The balance compared with that of the previous year is detailed below :—

	1924-25.	1923-24.
	Rs.	Rs.
Postponements	20,000	22,000
Recovery prohibited by Civil Courts.	1,000	3,000
Recovered after the close of the year.	33,000	3,000
Under process	24,000	15,000
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	78,000	43,000
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The percentage of recoveries to the total amount due for collection during the year is 90·4 as compared with 96·5 in the previous year. This was due to poor crops and damage done by frost and floods. A large portion of the balance has been collected since the end of the year.

7. The aggregate amount of old debts due to estates at the commencement of the year was Rs. 35, 834, to which Rs. 63,513 were added during the year. Of the total of Rs. 99,347, Rs. 59,610 have been recovered and Rs. 3,068 written off. The balance of Rs. 36,669 is accounted for as under:—

	Rs.
Recoverable in future years	19,693
Recoverable through Civil Courts being decretal debts.	249
Due from the Incumbered Estates	448
Under process of recovery	16,279
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	36,669
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8. The Government arrears due by the Court of Wards at the close of the year amounted to Rs. 7,536 as against Rs. 12,636 in the previous year, a satisfactory result.

9. The total indebtedness of the estates at the commencement of the year amounted to Rs. 69,130, to which new debts of Rs. 63,284 were added during the year. Out of the total liabilities of

Rs. 1,32,414, Rs. 64,796 compared with Rs. 45,476 in the preceding year, were settled as under, reducing the balance to Rs. 67,618 at the close of the year :—

			Rs,
Debts paid	32,625
Claims rejected	32,171
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			64,796
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10. Out of 71 claims including 10 remaining undecided from the previous year, 67 were disposed of, leaving 4 unsettled claims at the end of the year.

11. The total investments at the close of the year amounted to Rs. 4,87,918, while the uninvested balance was Rs. 3,50,901. These figures compare unfavourably with those of the previous year. The decrease in investments was due to a large estate passing out of management, but it has not been explained why the uninvested balance should be so large. It is, however, stated that steps are being taken to invest a substantial portion of this balance in Government securities. The invested balance includes Rs. 52,000 deposited in the War Loan of 1929-47, Rs. 3,97,600 in the War Bonds of 1926, 1927, 1928, 1932 and 1933, Rs. 5,000 in the debentures of local bodies, Rs. 19,100 in the Bombay Development Loan, and Rs. 14,218 advanced to estates under Government management.

12. The administration of the estates has been carried on satisfactorily by Khan Bahadur Nabi Bakhsh, who was in charge of them throughout the year.

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