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REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF MINORS ESTATES.

PROVINCE OF BOMBAY.

Northern Division.

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(1) NUMBER OF ESTATES UNDER MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—At the beginning of the year there were 3 estates (one large and two small). No new estate was taken under management nor was any released from management during the year under report. The year thus closed with the same number of estates under management.

Central Division.—At the beginning of the year there were 5 estates (one large and four small) under management. Two small estates (1 in Sholapur and the other in East Khandesh) were released from management and, therefore, at the close of the year only three estates remained.

Southern Division.—There were 13 estates under management at the beginning of the year. One estate in Kolaba was restored during the year. No new estate was taken under management. There were thus 12 estates at the close of the year.

(2) INCOME.

Northern Division.—The total income of the estates during the year amounted to Rs. 15,468 as against Rs. 18,474 in the last year. The decrease is chiefly due to the unfavourable season in the estates of the Ahmedabad district and the release of one estate, viz., Segwa

from management in the Broach and Panch Mahals district last year.

Central Division.—The gross income of the estates amounted to Rs. 70,678 as against Rs. 78,422 in the preceding year. The fall in the income of the Bhayya estate, viz., Rs. 6,721 is due partly to the fact that the previous year's figures were increased by the recovery of the loans advanced to private individuals and partly to the fall in the rents of the lands and houses belonging to the estate.

Southern Division.—The total gross income of the estates during the year amounted to Rs. 29,479 as against Rs. 33,243 in the preceding year. The decrease is shared by all the three districts in which the estates under management are situated. The decrease of Rs. 3,000 in Belgaum is mainly due to the fact that the income of the last year was swelled on account of the recovery of interest due to the Kamodini estate. The decreases in the other two districts are small and call for no remarks.

(3) EXPENDITURE.

Northern Division.—The total gross expenditure of the estates under management amounted to Rs. 13,521 during the year as against Rs. 16,207 during the preceding year. The decrease is mainly due to the release of one estate, viz., Segwa in the Broach and Panch Mahals district from management during last year.

Central Division.—The gross expenditure amounted to Rs. 96,424 as against Rs. 72,107 in the previous year. The increase is chiefly due to the sum of Rs. 35,000 having been spent on the marriage ceremony of the minor Shrikisan Narayandas Bhayya. This expense could not have been reduced without offending custom and prejudicing the reputation of the family.

Southern Division.—The total gross expenditure of the estates amounted to Rs. 16,598 as against Rs. 28,718 in the previous year. Out of the total decrease of nearly Rs. 12,000, Belgaum is responsible for a decrease of Rs. 1,600 which is attributed to the payment of accumulated interest due by the Kamodini estate during 1935-36. Similarly a decrease of Rs. 1,000 occurred in Bijapur due to the fact that unlike in the previous year, there were no investments during the year. The decrease of over Rs. 9,000 in Dharwar is attributed to the fact that during the previous year there were extraordinary items of expenditure such as an investment of Rs. 5,600 and marriage expenses of Rs. 3,400.

(4) COLLECTION OF ESTATES' DUES.

Northern Division.—Out of the total demand of Rs. 10,385 (inclusive of Rs. 1,055 on account of arrears), Rs. 8,837 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,548 (Rs. 1,165 on account of the year under report and Rs. 383 on account of past years). The arrears relate chiefly to the Timbi estate in the Broach and Panch Mahals district.

Central Division.—The total demand on account of rents including the arrears of Rs. 9,779 was Rs. 18,842. Rs. 7,715 were collected.

The balance to be collected is Rs. 11,127 of which Rs. 9,014 are on account of past years. Steps are being taken for the recovery of the arrears.

Southern Division.—Out of the total demand of Rs. 23,977 (inclusive of Rs. 14,112 on account of arrears) Rs. 11,422 including over-collections of Rs. 40 were collected and Rs. 254 were written off leaving a balance of Rs. 12,341,—Rs. 2,904 on account of the year under report and Rs. 9,437 on account of past arrears. The details of the arrears are as shown below :—

		Arrears.	
		Current.	Past.
		Rs.	Rs.
Belgaum	...	1,159	5,133
Bijapur	...	1,709	365
Dharwar	...	36	3,939
Total		2,904	9,437

The Collector of Belgaum reports that out of the arrears, about Rs. 712 representing very old dues are not likely to be recovered.

Steps are in progress for the recovery of the arrears in all the districts.

(5) GOVERNMENT REVENUE, CESSES AND RATES.

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

Central Division.—All Government dues were paid in full by the Estates.

Southern Division.—All Government dues and cesses for the year were paid in full.

In Bijapur the supervision charges and audit fees payable to Government during 1935-36, which were in arrears, were credited during the year.

(6) COST OF MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—The total cost of management amounted to Rs. 1,167 or 7.5 per cent. of the gross income as against Rs. 1,367 or 7.4 per cent. in the previous year.

Central Division.—The total cost of management amounted to Rs. 5,645 or 7.9 per cent. of the gross income as against Rs. 6,212 or 7.9 per cent. in the preceding year.

Southern Division.—The total cost of management amounted to Rs. 2,544 or 8.6 per cent. of the gross income as against Rs. 2,420 or 7.3 per cent. in the preceding year. The increase in the percentage is due to less realisations of income.

(7) ADVANCES TO CULTIVATORS.

Northern Division.—No advances were made to cultivators out of the funds of any managed estate.

Central Division.—No advances were made to cultivators out of the funds of the estates.

Southern Division.—No advances were made to cultivators out of the funds of the estates.

(8) SPECIAL SCHEME FOR MANAGEMENT.

Northern Division.—All the estates were managed departmentally and no special scheme was necessary for their management.

Central Division.—No special scheme for management was framed or undertaken.

Southern Division.—No special scheme was undertaken.

(9) MAINTENANCE AND EDUCATION OF MINORS.

Northern Division.—The total gross expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 5,702 as against Rs. 6,008 during the preceding year. The decrease is chiefly due to the release of the Segwa estate in Broach and Panch Mahals district from Government management last year.

There are 5 minors (all males) from the beginning of the year. The number of minors receiving education is 4 as shown below including the one (out of two who had left studies last year) whose study has been again continued by his personal guardian :—

2 in English schools.

2 in primary schools.

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The remaining one has left his studies since 1934-35.

Central Division.—All reasonable demands for the maintenance and education of the minors and their dependents continued to be met as far as funds permitted. The total expenditure incurred on this account was Rs. 17,096.

There are in all 6 male wards. Two of them are receiving education, one in an English school and the other in a primary school.

Southern Division.—All reasonable demands for the maintenance and education of the minors and their dependents were met. The total expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 6,357 as against Rs. 5,314 during the preceding year. The increase is mainly due to the fact that a sum of Rs. 1,232 was spent on charges of the Beleri ward in Dharwar who is undergoing treatment in the mental hospital.

There are seventeen minors—13 males and 4 females. Out of these 9 male wards are receiving education as under :—

- 4 in English schools,
- 5 in primary schools.

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One female ward is attending primary school. The remaining three female wards were married during the year.

(10) REPAYMENT OF DEBTS AND EXISTING LIABILITIES.

Northern Division.—All the estates are free from debts and statement III is, therefore, blank.

Central Division.—None of the estates is free from debt. The total balance of debts payable by the estates at the beginning of the year was Rs. 23,022 and an additional debt of Rs. 5 only was incurred. Out of the total liabilities of Rs. 23,027 claims to the extent of Rs. 911 were cleared off leaving a balance of Rs. 22,116 which is due from the three estates as shown below—

Name of the estate.	Amount.
	Rs.
(1) Bhayya (Sholapur)	6,907
(2) Kasvekar of Savda (East Khandesh) ...	7,464
(3) Deshpande of Wani (Nasik)	7,745

The debts of the Bhayya estate are deposits of the relatives of the ward and they can be paid off at any time.

Southern Division.—Out of the 12 estates nine are free from liabilities. The three indebted estates are in Belgaum. The total balance of debt payable by the estates at the beginning of the year was Rs. 24,754. A small sum of Rs. 293 only was repaid from the current income. A debt of Rs. 200 payable on a promissory note by the Nidgundi estate in Bijapur district has been written off as the claim is time-barred. The balance at the close of the year was Rs. 24,261.

(11) LITIGATION.

Northern Division.—There were seventeen suits and one appeal pending at the beginning of the year on behalf of the following estates :—

Suits.	Appeal.	
15	1	for Thori Thambha estate.
1	...	for Kherwa estate.
1	...	for Timbi estate.
—	—	
17	1	

Twelve more possessory suits were filed against the tenants of Thori Thambha estate during the year in the Mamlatdar's Court, under the Mamlatdars' Courts Act, thus bringing the total to 27 suits and one appeal for Thori Thambha estate. Two of these suits were decided in favour of the estate which brought the other tenants to their senses and they also agreed that they were tenants-at-will and so the remaining 25 suits of this estate were withdrawn on the request of the tenants. The appeal is also decided in favour of the estate.

The suit of Kherwa estate is also decided during the year in favour of the estate.

One suit filed in the year 1933-34 on behalf of the Timbi estate in Broach and Panch Mahals district has not yet been decided and it was the only one left at the close of the year.

Central Division—Bhayya Estate.—A suit brought by Mr. Pandarkar in which the Court was requested to declare that the property in the custody of the Court consisting of Government securities of the value of Rs. 81,000 was attachable property for the purpose of recovering the decretal debt of Rs. 53,000 due from Mr. Laxminarayan Bhawaniram was decided against the estate. An appeal has been preferred in the High Court and is pending.

Deshpande Estate.—The balance of the estate has been attached by one of the creditors who had filed darkhasts against the wards. The darkhasts are being defended. The decision of the Court is awaited.

Southern Division.—There were five suits pending at the beginning of the year. Two new suits were instituted during the year. Out of these, four were disposed of—three in favour of the estates and one against it, leaving 3 pending cases at the close of the year, all in Belgaum. An appeal preferred in Bijapur against the decision of the lower Court is also pending.

(12) GENERAL REMARKS.

Northern Division.—The administration of the estates through the local officers continued to be satisfactory.

Central Division.—The administration of the estates through the local officers continued to be satisfactory.

Southern Division.—The administration of the estates through the local officers continued to be satisfactory.

STATEMENTS Nos. I, II AND III.

STATEMENT No. I.

Statement showing general position of Minors' Estates under Government management in the Northern, Central and Southern Divisions during the year 1936-37.

[Details are given only for estates with gross income of Rs. 10,000 and above. Figures for other estates are lumped together.]

1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Government demand				Total gross income			14	15	Balance		18	19	20	
						7	8	9	10	11	12	13			16	17				
			Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Percentage of cost on gross income
1	Ahmedabad.	Thori Thambha.	3,504	3,61	343	739	749	...	1,492	6,847	5,706	12,555	12,555	11,494	40,020	14,890	...	914	7.2	
2	Alimedabad.	Total for small estates.	906*	863	43	423	41	3	467	3,689	93	3,975	2,918	2,027	21,300	4,405	...	253	8.7	
3	Branch and Panoh Mahals.																			
	Total, Northern Division.		4,410	4,024	386	1,162	784	3	1,949	10,729	5,801	16,530	15,468	18,521	70,920	18,795	...	1,167	7.6	

<i>Central Division.</i>																			
1	Sholapur ...	Bhayya ...	247	247	...	165	25	...	100	915	5,411	6,325	67,360	93,690	10,93,400	17,951	6,907	5,545	8-2
2	East Khan- desh ...	} Total for small estates.	617	538	79	645	85	...	730	1,388	1,177	2,655	3,318	2,744	742	1,127	15,209	100	8-0
3	Nasik ...																		
Total, Central Division ...			664	785	79	810	110	...	920	2,303	6,538	8,801	70,678	96,421	10,94,142	19,078	22,116	5,645	7-9
<i>Southern Division.</i>																			
1	Bijapur ...	Nidgundi ...	244†	215	29	180	19	161	380	135	1,648	1,781	12,919	6,656	1,96,627	4,541	...	402	8-1
2-7	Belgaum ...	} Total for small estates.	1,645	1,551	84	1,372	175	161	1,708	6,547	401	7,048	15,550	9,942	2,17,567	16,035	24,261	2,142	12-9
8-12	Dharwar ...																		
Total, South- ern Division.			1,689	1,776	113	1,552	194	342	2,088	6,763	2,047	8,829	29,479	15,528	4,14,194	20,576	24,201	2,544	8-6
Grand Total...			7,153	6,585	579	3,624	1,068	345	4,967	19,814	14,435	24,250	1,15,545	1,85,543	15,78,558	59,449	46,377	9,356	8-0

*The area of small estates reported by the Collector of Broach and Panch Mahals is 98 instead of 125 reported by him last year. The difference of 27 is due to the release of Segwa estate from management in that district.

†29 acres of land were purchased during the year under report.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the efficiency of rent collections in the Minors' Central and Southern Divisions

Serial No.	Name of district	Name of estate	DEMANDS			COLLECTIONS	
			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 ...	Thori Thambha ...	6,694	1	6,695	6,693	1
2	Ahmedabad ...	} Total for small estates.	2,636	1,054	3,690	1,472	671
3	Broach and Panch Mahals.						
		Total, Northern Division ...	9,330	1,055	10,385	8,165	672
	Central Division.						
1	Sholapur ...	Bhayya ...	6,516	9,997	15,513	4,499	667
2	East Khandesh.	} Total for small estates.	2,547	482	3,029	2,451	98
3	Nasik ...						
		Total, Central Division ...	9,063	9,779	18,842	6,950	765
	Southern Division.						
1	Bijapur ...	Nidgundi ...	1,860	2,129	3,989	190	1,764
2-7	Belgaum ...	} Total for small estates.	8,005	11,928	19,933	6,736	2,732
8-12	Dharwar ...						
		Total, Southern Division ...	9,865	14,117	23,977	6,926	4,496
		Grand Total ...	22,258	24,946	47,204	22,041	5,933

No. II.

*Estates under Government management in the Northern,
during the year 1936-37.*

Total	Amount written off	BALANCE			DETAILS OF BALANCE		Over collections	Collected in advance	Remarks
		Converted into bonds or decrees	Others	Total	Current year	Previous years			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
6,694	...	.....	1	1	1	...	...	...
2,143	...	432	1,115	1,547	1,164	383	...	...
8,837	...	432	1,116	1,548	1,165	383	...	...
5,156	...	7,351	2,796	10,647	2,017	8,630	...	...
2,549	...	.....	490	480	96	334	...	...
7,715	...	7,851	3,276	11,127	2,113	9,014	...	...
1,954	..	.....	2,074	2,074	1,709	365	39	...	
9,483	254	671	9,696	10,367	1,195	9,072	1	...	
11,423	254	671	11,670	12,341	2,904	9,437	40	...	
27,974	254	8,954	16,062	25,016	6,182	18,834	40	...	

* The previous arrears amounting to Rs. 1,733 were omitted to be included in the figures of arrears shown in the statement of the previous year. The Collector states that they have been accounted for now.

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Statement showing the progress made in liquidation of debts Divisions during the

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 debt incurred during the year
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Northern Division.						
1	Ahmedabad ...	Thori Thamba ...		700	.....	.....
2-3	Ahmedabad ...	Total for small estates.		350	.....	.....
4-5	Bronch and Panch Mahals.					
Total, Northern Division.				1,050	.....	.....
Central Division.						
1	Bhopal ...	Bhaya ...	18th August 1923.	37,319	6,907	.....
2	East Khandesh.	Total for small estates.	.....	38,400	16,116	5
3	Nasik ...					
Total, Central Division.				75,769	23,023	5
Southern Division.						
1	Bijapur ...	Nidguni ...	25th June 1927.	17,144	200	.....
2-7	Belgaum ...	Total for small estates.	.....	48,527	24,554	.....
8-13	Dharwar ...					
Total, Southern Division.				65,671	24,754	.....
Grand Total ...				1,86,440	47,776	5

No. III.

of Minors' Estates in the Northern, Central and Southern year 1936-37.

DEBTS SETTLED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR					Balance	Date by which it was expected on assumption of management that the 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 the creditors	From current income			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
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.....	6,907		
.....	911	15,209	
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.....	911	22,116	
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.....	200	
.....	293	24,261	
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.....	200	293	24,261	
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.....	200	1,304	46,277	