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FROM

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Central Provinces and Berar.

To

THE SECY. TO THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
SEPARATE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

Central Provinces.

Nagfur, the 8th November 1920,

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Triennial Report on the administration of Income-tax for the period ending the 31st March 1920. All the returns, both Imperial and Provincial, have been revised with a view to suit the requirements of the new Income-tax. Act and the form of this report has also been changed for the same reason.

- Changes in the Act.—So far as changes in legislature are concerned, the triennium under report was most eventful. In the first year the Income-tax Act, VII of 1917, introduced, for the first time, the system of calling for returns of income from assessees. The Super-tax Act (VIII of 1917) was also passed in the same year. In the following year, viz., 1918-19, was passed Act, VII of 1018, which radically altered the whole system of assessment, and, according to which, the assessee was bound to disclose the correct amount of his income, which the officers of Government were hitherto required to ascertain by independent enquiries from irresponsible panchas. This Act was further amended by Act IV of 1010, in the third year of the triennium and persons with incomes. below Rs. 2,000 who were hit hard by high prices were exempted, while Act X of 1919 (the Excess Profits Duty Act), which was brought into force in the same year rendered persons, who had made huge profits in some trades during the period of war, liable to contribute a share of the heavy expenditure which the Government had to incur on account of the war.
- Rules and Instructions issued and agency employed.—
  Rules under the new Act were published for the guidance of officers working in the Central Provinces and Berar, on the 11th April 1918 and 6th June 1918, respectively. Necessary instructions were also issued from time to time by means of circular letters. The department was altogether unprepared to give immediate effect to the provisions of the new Act and the rules issued thereunder. Colonel Plowden, who had permanently held the post of the Inspector-General for over three years, had, owing to ill-health, to

proceed on long leave at the close of the year 1917, and temporary arrangements were made to carry on the duties till I was available to take them up about three months after the new Act was introduced. In order to enforce the provisions of the new Act, it was necessary to take up the case of each assessee separately in the way of a judicial proceeding and officers in charge of Sub-Divisions with their heavy and manifold duties found it impossible to give that sustained attention to income-tax work which the provisions of the Act demanded. Although the necessity of a whole-time specialised staff of Collectors was foreseen some years ago. the question was not seriously taken up owing to the outbreak of war. The work had, however, to be got through as expediently as was possible with the agency that was available. In November 1010 instructions were issued to all the district officers suggesting that one of the officers of the district staff may be specially selected and placed in charge of income-tax work of the whole district, with a view to secure uniformity of procedure and to assess at one place all the income made by individuals and firms having business in more than one town. It was also about this time that a set of draft Executive Instructions was issued for the guidance of Collectors. Since the close of the triennium, proposals have been submitted for a whole-time staff of Collectors for being placed in charge of groups into which the several districts will be divided In their letter No. 2806-F, dated the 20th October 1018, prescribing revised forms of returns, the Government of India have laid down a form of challan which contains several heads in which the revenue has to be shown in public, accounts. with great difficulty that the clerks in district and tahsil offices could cope with the additional work thrown on them. Owing to the insufficiency of staff proper effect could not be given to the provisions of the new Act in the year 1918-19, but in the following year serious attempts were made to administer this Act in almost all the districts. The results will be found reflected in the figures of the abnormal and sudden rise in revenue which are shown below.

4. Growth of revenue and general conditions during the triennium.—The revenue from the tax during the last five triennial periods is shown below:—

	Net collec	tions in~	Total.	Percentage of increase over the previous triennium for the combined area.	
Period.	Central Provinces -	Berar.	. ]		
1905-06 to 1907-08 1508-09 to 1910-11 1911-12 to 1913-14 1914-15 to 1916-17 1917-18 to 1919-20	Rs 9,97,690 10,84,012 11,92,645 18,79,372 41,57,616	Rs 7,00,483 6,26,724 8,85,243 12,58,317 17,65,846	Rs. 16,98,173 17,10,736 22,75,888 31,37,689 59,23,462	 07 31 37 *, 89	

The gradual rise in the first 4 periods indicates beyond doubt the steady development of the province in trade and general prosperity. The rise in revenue by 89 per cent during the triennium under report is significant. This percentage would have gone up as high as 96 if the large number of assessees with incomes ranging between Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 2,000 had not been entirely exempted during the last year of the triennium. Several causes have contributed towards this remarkable increase. It has all along been suspected that several business towns were under-assessed in the past, as under the old Act the merchants could evade taxation by the concealment of true incomes with impunity. The provisions of the new Act afforded many facilities for ascertaining correct information about incomes by making it obligatory on assessees to submit returns, sign a declaration and produce accounts in support of the declaration made. The survey operations started in the towns of Nagpur, Jubbulpore, Wardha, Amraoti Khamgaon by the staff of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors, the information collected in various other smaller towns by temporary clerks specially sanctioned, the assistance given to Collectors by trained Examiners in scrutinising the accounts which were produced in pursuance to notices issued under Section 18 (2) of the Act in a large number of cases, the care with which the Collectors passed orders under Section 18 (4) of the Act after obtaining special reports from Tahsildars and other subordinate officers and the exchange of information by officers in charge of different districts and tahsils with a view to assess merchants at their principal place of business at the rate applicable according to the new Schedule of graduated rates, have all helped in swelling the figures of revenue during the last two years of the triennium.

It must not be supposed that this heavy increase in revenue was entirely due to the causes above specified. The steady development of trade continued throughout the province in spite of the war conditions. The incomes of the mercantile community as a whole were not affected by the war so seriously as is sometimes believed. In fact, those traders who held stocks of articles imported from enemy sources in previous years made huge profits. Persons doing business in cloth, food-grains, lac, kerosene oil, manyari and ironware did particularly well. Agriculturists, who obtained extraordinarily high prices for the produce in their fields and even coolies, who got wages at rates which were simply phenomenal, found ample cash to spend on articles of luxury and weddings. A typical case of an assessee residing in the Akola district, who had returned his income at the modest figure of Rs. 150, and, who on being compelled to produce his accounts was found to have made a clear profit of over Rs. 17,000, showed how the metchants dealing in hides prospered in a trade which

had not attracted public attention before. The Deputy Commissioner, Raipur (Mr. F. C Turner), brought to notice early in the year 1918-19 the cases of some merchants who did most lucrative business in exporting timber from the forests of Chhattisgarh for the purpose of railway sleepers and the Deputy Commissioner of Iubbulpore has, in his report, drawn attention to the large incomes on which the military contractors living in the cantonment area were found assessable by him. The returns furnished by medical practitioners in large towns showed that the severe epidemic of influenza which seriously, dislocated business and trade at the close of the year 1918 enabled them to make their fortune. Among the assessees who had not the luck to share in this unusual distribution of wealth were found included the large body of Government servants—class of assessees who have cheerfully paid their full share of this tax in the past and for whom very special provisions have been made enabling the Government to recover in advance income-tax on every rupee paid at the Treasury.

5. Comparison of figures of 1918-19 and 1919-20.—Owing to the numerous changes effected during the last few years in the methods of assessment and rates, the different forms of annual statements prescribed and the indifferent manner in which the registers in Collectors' offices were found written up at inspections as a result of the indequacy of the staff, an attempt to draw inferences by a comparison of the statistics for different years will not only be fruitless but may be actually misleading. The conditions of the last two years of the triennium under report did not, however, differ widely as the same Act was in force during this period. The following table compares the provisional and final assessments for these two years:—

•		1918-19 as	ssessment.		1919-20 a	ssessment,	
	Provisional.		Fin	al,	Provisional.		
,	Number of assessees	Amount of tax.	Number of assesses.	Amount of tax.	Number of assessees.	Amount of tax.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
`		Rs.	2000	1 s	. ,	Rs.	
Central Provinces . Berar	10,834 7,070	11,94,094 6,55,750		17,80,174 5,76,913	4,950 1,910	15,95,005 4,31,239	
Total	17,904	18,49,850	15,345	23,77,087	6,900	20,32,947	

According to the old procedure followed in some districts in 1918-19 the same assessee was shown more than once for incomes falling under the different parts, and this probably explains

the larger number of assessees in the provisional assessment of the year 1918-19 as compared with the number in the final assessment of the same year. The figure of the final assessment is higher than that of provisional assessment for the year 1918-19 by 28 per cent. A number of cases pending at the end of the year 1918-19 was disposed of in the following year when the final assessment was arrived at. The provisional assessment was based in most cases on the opinion of panchas, while the final assessment was made in 1919-20 after giving the assessees a chance to submit returns and produce accounts and this probably explains the increase. The provisional assessment for the year 1919-20 shows a decline both in the number of assessees as well as in the amount of the tax. This is obviously due to the total exemption of incomes below Rs. 2,000, but, if the figures of such incomes in the year 1918-19 are excluded, it will be found that the loss caused by the exemption of these incomes is more than counterbalanced by the increase obtained in the revenue.

6. Demand and collection.—The four parts into which the income-tax revenue was classified under the provisions of the old Act have disappeared. The heads of Salaries and Interest on Securities have been retained and the rest of the revenue has been sub-divided into (1) House property, (2) Business, (3) Professional earnings, and (4) Other sources. Comparison of figures under each sub-head will not be possible for some time.

Under Salaries the revenue shows an increase of 34 per cent in the Central Provinces, 16 per cent in Berar and 31 per cent in the combined area as compared with the previous triennium. The increase is partly due to the introduction of graduated rates and partly to the creation of new posts.

The average figures of Interest on Securities are compared below:—

						Trienniur	n ending
					-	1916-17.	1919-20.
						- Rs.	Rs.
Central	Provi	inces	•••	•		3,000	8,474
Berar			***	•	•••	99 <b>3</b>	1,521
,	-•	٠	·•	Total	•	3,993	9,995

The rise under this head is due to larger investments in Government securities including war bonds during the triennium. These figures represent the amount of the tax deducted at the source without reference to the refunds under Section 37.

The revenue from sub-heads other than Salaries and Interest on Securities has been grouped together and compared below.

Demand.—The average final demand in the Central Provinces rose from Rs. 4,18,900 in the previous triennium to Rs. 10,43,450 during the triennium under report, or by 149 per cent, while in Berar it rose from Rs. 3,83,198 to Rs. 5,92,101, or by 54 per cent. In the combined area it rose from Rs 8,02,100 to Rs. 16,35,554, or by 104 per cent.

Collections.—The average collections of demand from all sources except Salaries and Interest on Securities, rose from Rs. 4,17,108 to Rs. 9,53,846, or by 129 per cent in the Central Provinces and from Rs 3,81,889 to Rs 5,05,771, or by 32 per cent in Berar. The percentage of collection to demand shows a decline from 996 in the previous triennium to 892 in the triennium under report. Under the old Act, all the assessment work used to be completed during the first one or two months of the year and ample time was available for collection. Under the new conditions, the work of assessment is spread over all the months of the year. The assessment made during the last two months of the year, viz, February and March, does not become due for collection for about 60 days after the orders are passed. The percentage of collection to demand will therefore always be found to be less than what it used to be in previous years.

The total average collections of the tax from all sources, i e., including Salaries and Interest on Securities, rose from Rs. 6,18,813 to Rs. 12,28,257, or by 98 per cent in the Central Provinces and from Rs. 4,18,507 to Rs. 5,48,736, or by 31 per cent in Berar. The strikingly larger percentages of increase in the Central Provinces only shows that the hitherto backward districts of that area are rapidly approaching the stage of development which was attained in Berar some time back. Income-tax work had probably received greater attention in Berar than in the Central Provinces during recent years.

The rise in the net collections is shared by all the districts of the Central Provinces and is most marked in Nagpur (189 per cent) and Damoh (126 per cent). The high percentage in Nagpur is probably due to the assessment on the Empress Mills which, it would be interesing to observe, has steadily risen from Rs. 29,785 in 1914-15 to Rs. 4,94,144 in 1919-20, in a period of 6 years. In Damoh and some other districts such as Raipur and Saugor (112 per cent each), Nimar (109 per cent) and Drug (102 per cent), the high percentages are due to assessments being made under Section 18 (4) and the demand being pushed up high on the presumption that the assessees deliberately failed to submit returns with a view to conceal their incomes It is likely that heavy refunds may have to be ordered in the current year in case the assessees choose to submit returns and produce accounts. The

increase in Wardha (122 per cent), Jubbulpore (81 per cent) and Buldana (58 per cent) is probably due to the efforts of the special staff employed on survey work in some of the towns of those districts. The comparatively low percentages of increase in Akola (36 per cent) and Bilaspur (27 per cent) are due to several of the important cases being left pending at the close of the year. The other districts which also show small percentages of increase are Balaghat (32 per cent), Mandla (30 per cent) and Yeotmal (14 per cent). Special attention will have to be given to the work in these districts in the current year.

The incidence of taxation on the average collections per mille of population rose from Rs 58 to Rs. 128 in the Central Provinces and from Rs. 137 to Rs. 192 in Berar. The reasons for the increase in the incidence of taxation are the same as those

given in the above paragraphs.,

7. Arrears — The sums remaining uncollected on the 31st March 1920, the closing date of the triennium, were Rs 2,61,175 in the Central Provinces and Rs. 2,60,556 in Berar, the amount left pending on the corresponding date of the last triennium being Rs. 3,065 and Rs 2,999, respectively. The abnormal increase is due partly to the change in the method of assessment and partly to the heavy pressure of work in the offices of Collectors who had several other duties to perform. Heavy arrears are reported from several districts and specially from the districts of Berar and Chhattisgarh Divisions. The Deputy Commissioner, Raipur, attributes the arrears to the inability of the assessees to pay off the tax on account of the conditions of scarcity. The explanation does not appear to be satisfactory, because income-tax is, after all, a small fraction of the income actually earned The arrears will be considerably reduced when the proposed staff of whole-time Collectors is available for work

The above figures of arrears include demand fixed under the provisions of Section 25. The total collections under this section in 1319-20 were Rs. 30,139 in the Central Provinces and Rs. 1,441 in Berar.

8. Expenditure.—The average annual expenditure during the triennium ending 1916-17 was Rs. 16,333 and rose to Rs. 46,262 during the triennium under report. More than half of the amount represents payments to village officials in Berar and, as this remuneration is based on a fixed percentage on collections, the expenditure under this head rises or falls in proportion with the revenue. The balance represents chiefly the cost of entertainment of the whole-time staff of Inspectors and Examiners and of temporary clerks who had to be specially employed with a view to cope with the additional work caused by the introduction of the

improved methods of procedure. The percentage of average annual expenditure to average annual income rose from 1.5 to 2.3. This increase has been more than justified by the marked rise in revenue.

- 9. Procedure under the new Act.—As observed before, assessments were made in several districts on the strength of the cold weather enquiries made according to the old custom in the year 1918-19. In a few of the districts notices were issued under Section 17 (2) and returns were received even in the first year of the new Act, but the new forms of registers had not been prescribed and consequently the information as regards the number of notices issued, returns filed and accounts produced is not available. The figures dealt with below, therefore, refer only to the last year of the triennium (1919-20).
- Notices under Section 17.—The number of notices issued under Section 17 was 8,488 in the Central Provinces and 3,778 in Berar. In the absence of the necessary information from the Tahsildars as to the probable number of persons who had incomes of Rs. 2,000 and above, the Deputy Commissioners generally issued notices to all the persons who had been summarily assessed to incomes above Rs 1,500 in the year preceding. 3,138 cases in the Central Provinces and 800 cases in Berar had to be filed, because it was afterwards found that the persons to whom notices were issued were not assessable. The number of such cases as compared with the number of notices issued was very large in Wardha, Raipur and Bilaspur districts. This caused unnecessary work in the Collectors' offices and avoidable harassment to the public, but at the same time it must be admitted that the issue of notices to persons whose incomes were believed to be less than Rs. 2,000 in the previous year resulted in a large number of such persons being found assessable to the tax. The total number of such persons who were found assessable was nearly 1,590 and ranged from 8 in Balaghat district to 178 in Nagpur district.
- in the Central Provinces and 1,797 in Berar The districts in which very few returns were received were Damoh and Drug. Quite a large number of returns was received in Nagpur and Jubbulpore where special staff was available for explaining how to fill the forms. The returns received were generally rough, incomplete and unreliable, and, could not be accepted as correct, even in the cases of some respectable assessees who had no desire to keep back any information, owing to the bona fide mistakes which were discovered while scrutinising them. The absence of necessary information in the Survey and Assessment Registers

prepared by the Tahsildars rendered the work of the scrutiny of the returns extremely difficult. Notices under Section 18 (2) for the production of accounts were generally issued on the mere vague suspicion that the amount of income shown in the return was too small. Mr. Mathias, Deputy Commissioner, Jubbulpore, is of opinion that the procedure adopted in this connection was contrary to the spirit of the Act and also to the established practice in England. The discretion used by the Collectors in calling for accounts has however been justified by the income disclosed in the accounts produced being generally far in excess of the income originally shown in the returns. It would be difficult to lay down any general guide for the guidance of Collectors in this respect. It may, however, be pointed out that sub-section (2) of section 18 when read with sub-section (1) of that section shows that the words "reason to believe" in subsection (2) have a very wide significance

Scrutiny of accounts.—Accounts were examined in 2,313 cases in the Central Provinces and 1,326 cases in Berar. The number of accounts examined in the districts of Bhandara, Balaghat, Chhindwara, Damoh, Drug and Mandla was small. The number of trained Examiners available was too small to meet the requisitions from all the Collectors. The Collectors had instructions to examine accounts in all the simple cases themselves and to obtain the help of trained Examiners from head-quarters only in difficult and intricate cases. While the Collector of Nagpur thought it necessary to obtain the help in almost all the cases, some Collectors, like those of Raipur, Bilaspur and Akola, sent in very few requisitions. The reason probably was that they had not realised the nature of the assistance which the trained staff was competent to afford. The work of examination of accounts presented several difficulties. The accounts of most of the assessees were found incomplete. In some cases, the statement of profit and loss account had not been prepared. In others no stock was found to have been taken either in the beginning or at the close of the year. Expenses obviously inadmissible were claimed on a large scale. In some cases, bad debts, several years old, which it was the custom to show in accounts from year to year, were all written off in one year as soon as it was realised that these were allowable under the new Act. The Deputy Commissioner of Akola (Mr. Saiyid Abdur Rahman) points out in his report that discount on currency notes which was charged to such a scandalous extent hardly found a place in any of the accounts. Several district reports refer to the prospect of accounts being fudged and separate sets of accounts being maintained, one for production before Income-tax officers and Civil Courts and the other for private consumption. Every care is being taken to face

the difficulties that are likely to arise. The staff is still getting an insight into the work. It is intended to get useful notes prepared on different trades and businesses for the guidance of Collectors. There is, however, reason to fear that the dishonestly inclined class of Banya will manage to keep a little bit ahead of our staff for some time to come.

13. Summary disposal of cases under Section 18 (4) -Out of the total number of 7,955 cases disposed of in the combined area, assessments were made under the provisions of Section 18 (4) in 2,739 cases. This appears to be too large a number for summary disposal even for the second year after the introduction of the new Act. The assessing officers who were used to the rough and ready methods of assessment followed hitherto and who could not spare the time to adopt the new procedure, preferred this summary mode of disposal, while some other officers followed this procedure on principle. While every attempt was made to avoid resort to this summary method in Nagpur and lubbulpore, the Collectors of the neighbouring districts of Bhandara and Damoh, respectively, disposed of most of their cases in the summary manner and obtained larger increase in the revenue. The Deputy Commissioner, Chanda (Mr. Bewoor), gives it as his opinion that "the policy of increasing the assessment until the assessee is forced to produce his account books, or, to maintain accounts if he does not do so at present, is a fair and just one" This policy has been most systematically tried since the commencement of this Act in one of the important districts of the province. The Collector has assumed, in every case in which he was compelled to pass orders in the absence of the returns and the accounts, that the accounts had been suppressed for the reason that they would have disclosed too great an income and has arbitrarily pushed up the assessment by a fixed percentage. When I inspected some of the cases in this district a few weeks ago it was interesting to find that the assessees were still refraining from submitting returns and that there were good reasons to think that the district was distinctly under-assessed in spite of the continuous increase in assessments for a period of three years. I think the sooner this summary mode of disposal is put a stop to, the better. It only perpetuates all the inequities under the old Act and while a number of persons who are under-assessed prefer to keep quiet, the few cases of over-assessment that must arise under the system-are exposed and talked about and give rise to avoidable discontent. If we succeed in obtaining the services of patient and conscientious officers for the onerous duties of the Collector, no difficulty should be experienced in securing returns and accounts and disposing of the majority of cases under Section 18 (3) on the strength of definite information legally obtained.

14. Adjustment and refunds.—The system of adjustment by which assessment is first made provisionally on an assessee on his previous year's income and made final in the next year, is one of the novel features of the new Act. The amount, recovered by adjustment in the year 1919-20, in which the system was first introduced, was Rs. 4,96,033 and the amount refunded was Rs. 89,594. The larger recoveries on account of adjustment were partly due to the under-assessments in the previous year which, were made according to the old procedure and partly to the-large profits which were discovered to have been made by several merchants in trades which prospered during the period of war.

The average figures of refunds under all classes show a considerable rise from Rs. 9,919 in the previous triennium to Rs. 48,055 in the one under report. Refunds cn-account of adjustment are mainly responsible for this abnormal increase. The provisions of Section 37 of the Act are not yet fully known and assessees do not generally come forward to claim refunds on petty amounts because the labour involved in getting a refund is often not worth the amount of the claim. The refund rules are not sufficiently elastic to afford the relief contemplated by the provisions of the Act. The question is under consideration.

15. Objections and appeals.—The average number of appeals in which the tax was revised during the previous triencium was 1.141 in the Central Provinces and 544 in Berar, the corresponding figures for the triennium under report being 617 and 383, respectively A comparison of these figures shows a marked decline in the number of appeals and objections preferred in the triennium under report. The decrease is shared by almost all the districts of the province. Various reasons have been assigned for this One Deputy Commissioner thinks that the fall is due to under-assessment. Several district officers consider that the reduction in the number of objections is the natural consequence of the just and fair orders passed by Collectors. According to the Deputy Commissioner of Chhindwara, the fall is due to the people having acquired greater confidence in the assessing officers who are no longer subject to outside influences. It has not been sufficiently realised that no objection is allowed under Section 21 of the new Act in cases where the assessee has deliberately refrained from disclosing his income or from producing his accounts whendemanded and that objections in other cases could only be filed on technical points such as deductions allowable under the different provisions of the Act. The number of objections will be evensmaller in future when the case law is created by proper references to the High Court and the Chief Revenue Authority. The work of the assessing officers will no longer be tested by the number of

objections received against the assessments made but by the success attained in securing the submission of returns and the production of accounts and by the patience displayed in going through them.

- 16. Penalties and prosecutions.—The penal sections of the present Act are so widely different from those of the former Act that a comparison of the statistics of the two triennia would be The amount on account of penalties recovered during the last two years of the triennium during which the new Act was in force decreased from Rs. 9,010 in the year 1918-19 to Rs. 6,419 in the following year. The fall is probably due to the elimination of assessees with incomes of Rs. 2,000 and below. The number of persons penalised in 1919-20 was 273 for the combined area. - In most cases the penalties were recovered for unpunctuality in payment. Three prosecutions were taken up in Raipur in the year 1918-19 but two of them were compounded. In the following year, 1919-20, 8 prosecutions were instituted in Saugor. A perusal of the records of some of these cases showed that most of these prosecutions could have been avoided. The reasons for omission to resort to the penal provisions of the Act on a larger scale will be found in the following paragraph.
- 17. Policy of the Administration and co-operation by the public.—The orders issued by the Government of India that the new Act was to be administered with sympathy, received careful attention from all the officers concerned. In the beginning of the year 1018-10 when it was first realised that under the new Act returns of income had to be submitted and the accounts produced, considerable commotion was caused in business centres. Public meetings protesting against the passing of the Act and challenging the authority of the Imperial Legislative Council, were held in a few places following the example of Bombay and other larger towns, and petitions were received by several district officers requesting that the provisions of the Act may not be brought into effect until orders were passed by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the representations made. The forms prescribed for the returns were really difficult and intricate. unwillingness to produce private accounts and the desire to escape from meeting the additional demand of the State which was - likely to follow the disclosure of correct incomes, was only natural. The difficult situation, thus caused, was most successfully met by personal explanations and tactful leniency whenever it could be shown with due regard to the fiscal interests of the State. The interesting remarks made by Mr De, Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, in paragraph 15 of his report show how, by the adoption

of this policy, he was able to defeat the mischievous efforts of a few wire-pullers to spread discontent and how he succeeded in the year 1919-20 in securing 1,159 returns out of a total number of 1,210 notices issued in the district where not a single return was forthcoming in the previous year from the same persons when subjected to improper influences. Several district officers explained the new provisions of the Act in public meetings and private conversations. I took the opportunity to accompany Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers when they met the assessees in a body in important places like Akola, Khamgaon, Raipur, Bilaspur, Tumsar and Harda. The Revenue Officers of all ranks explained to the assessees how the new form of the return was to be filled. The staff of expert Examiners had orders to invariably get the return correctly filled before starting the examination of accounts. The form of declaration given in the return was amended by the addition of the words "to the best of assessee's knowledge and belief" with a view to inspire confidence among the assessees who had misgivings about the absolute correctness of their own accounts. The time of 30 days prescribed for the submission of returns from the date of the service of notice was indefinitely extended in a number of cases in order to enable the assessees to close their accounts whenever necessary. Orders were issued asking the Deputy Commissioners to keep on their own files all important cases with incomes of Rs. 10,000 and above, with a view to enable higher assessees liable to pay the Super-tax or the Excess Profits Duty to place all their objections before responsible and experienced officers. Objections were entertained, in spite of the restrictions of Section 21, in many cases where it was found that hardship had really been caused by ignorance of the obligations laid by the new Act, and heavy refunds were allowed in suitable cases whenever the assessees agreed to submit returns even after orders had been passed by Collectors. Every attempt was made to avoid the necessity of instituting prosecutions or enforcing the provisions of Section 24 of the Act with the result that the total number of prosecutions ordered and of cases of penalty recovered was insignificant. large number of the returns submitted and of the accounts produced commented on in paragraphs 11 and 12 above, points to the cordial reception and response which these measures met from the public. A large number of respectable merchants voluntarily disclosed incomes which were far in excess of the amounts on which they had been assessed in previous years. following extracts from the report of Mr. A. K. Smith, Deputy Commissioner, Nimar, will show what agreeable effect has been caused on some of the respectable members of the mercantile community by the adoption of the policy referred to above,

often astonished the assessee. Thus one man found that one of his sub-shops had been running at a loss \* \* \* Seth \* \* informed me that he himself had no notion what high profits his branches had been earning until he had to have his accounts inspected for income-tax purposes. He had hitherto examined these accounts in a very superficial manner and considers that many people would gain more by the accounts of their branches being scrutinised than they would lose by the extra incometax levied on them."

It must be pointed out here that some of the officers are of the opinion that over-leniency has been generally shown in dealing with assesses. The Deputy Commissioner, Jubbulpore (Mr. A. E Mathias), advocates "a rigorous application of Section 24 of the Income tax Act in the most flagrant cases," and the Commissioner, Jubbulpore, while supporting him suggests that "a few successful prosecutions would probably do more than anything else to secure true returns" The Deputy Commissioner. Yeotmal, has given it as his opinion that if the new Act is to be administered on a sound basis, we cannot afford to allow the penal provisions to remain merely a dead letter on the statute. The time has undoubtedly arrived now for a little change in the general policy. It must be remembered that a certain amount of irritation was inevitable when the public were suddenly called upon to pay much heavier demands by the introduction of improved methods of assessment and the employment of special staff. Harsher measures, however justifiable from the point of revenue, would have been hardly suitable in the first two years of the administration of the new Act. The success indicated by the remarkably little resentment that has been caused in spite of the very large increments that have been obtained in the revenue is the reward for the patience, tact and sympathy which most of the assessing officers have displayed in their by no means pleasant duties.

18. Survey operations and work of the special staff.—Astaff of whole-time officers, consisting of one Senior Inspector, 2 Inspectors and 2 Examiners, was entertained early in the year 1918 and deputed for training under the Collector of Bombay with the previous approval of Government. The staff arrived in Nagpur in the beginning of the year 1919 after receiving the recessary training. The inspecting staff was employed for the first three months in Nagpur and was of considerable use in detecting the names of several assessees to whom notices had remained to be issued and in helping the permanent staff in several other ways. This staff was supplemented by the appointment of a Assistant Inspectors and 4 Sub-Inspectors in April 1919 The

whole staff was divided into two batches and placed under the Deputy Commissioners of Nagpur and Jubbulpore with instructions to undertake a regular survey of the head-quarter cities. The training given in Bombay with a view to cope with the requirements of the old Act was found to be of little use. The members of the staff were confronted with special difficulties in. putting Act VII of 1918 into operation Under the old Act the. inspecting officers were expected to collect information as to the probable total income of the assessee with a view to assess him as it was certain in most cases that he would not disclose the correct income himself What is now required is not so much the information about the total income of the assessee, as a few definite details about his transactions with a view to verify whether the information supplied by him in his return is correct. and, in cases where accounts are demanded, to judge whether the accounts produced are not only consistent but also genuine. A new form of Survey Register was devised for the purpose of recording information obtained in preliminary enquiries. There is considerable difference of opinion about the necessity and nature of these enquiries. The subject is still under consideration. It is. however agreed that the Survey operations conducted in Nagpur. Jubbulpore, Waidha, Amraoti and Khamgaon, have led to satisfactory results. A large number of new assessees has been discovered in all these towns. In Nagpur, a few well-to-do persons who had escaped taxation were found assessable on large incomes on the information obtained by the special staff.', The' Deputy Commissioner, Wardha, has mentioned the names of three assessees who had escaped assessment in 1918-19 and who were found assessable on incomes of Rs. 20,000, Rs. 59,000 and Rs. 62,000 in the following year on the information collected by the same agency. A striking increase in revenue was secured in Jubbulpore which was one of the few towns specially mentioned as under-assessed in the last triennial report. The advantages, of these operations were not limited to the increases secured in revenue. The burden of taxation has also been adjusted more equitably in the areas surveyed. Recommendations for considerable increase in the inspecting staff have since been submitted and it is proposed to extend the operations to other towns as soon as the necessary trained staff is available.

The training given in Bombay to the staff of Examiners was found to be of much greater use. The two Examiners trained there took up the laborious task of scrutinising accounts in intricate cases almost from the date of arrival. This staff had also to be supplemented by the creation of two posts of Assistant Examiners early in the year 1919-20. The staff was found totally inadequate to meet the increasing demands of Collectors. Unfortunately

both the Examiners imported from Bombay could stand neither the hot climate of the cotton districts in which their services were most in requisition, nor the worry of constant travelling which was necessary for managing work arising in all the districts. Both fell ill. One died and the other obtained permission to resign and go back to his native place. Both the officers selected from the staff of auditors of the Co-operative Department for the posts of Assistant Examiners had to work under high pressure, and Mr. K. V. Gore, who had also held an Auditor's certificate under the Indian Companies Act, rendered valuable help in training the fresh recruits and giving the Collectors an insight into the work of the examination of intricate accounts. The staff has since been strengthened by the addition of 4 more Examiners. Three of them are graduates with special training in advanced accountancy.

the triennium Super-tax was levied in three districts, the total number of assessees being 13. The total amount of tax collected was Rs. 83,561. In the second year a sum of Rs. 32,473 was collected from 12 of the assessees. Owing to the pressure of the Income-tax work some of the assessment work under this tax was put off and in the following year a sum of Rs. 1,93,689 was collected for the year 1918. The income from this source in the year 1919-20 amounted to Rs. 54,897, the number of assessees being 17. The assessment was made in 10 districts. The figure would have gone still higher but for the Excess Profits Duty Act which was in force in this year.

Excess Profits Duty amounting to Rs. 26,60,594 was recovered in 5 districts. All the demand fixed was fully recovered. The duty recovered from the Empress Mills, Nagpur, alone amounted to Rs. 23,63,632. As the head office of most of the large firms and companies doing business in the province is situated in the large cities outside the province, the revenue from the Super-tax and Excess Profits Duty recovered in the province was com-

paratively small.

20. Inspections.—The total number of inspections made by the Inspector-General during the triennium was 40. Two of the offices were inspected by Colonel Plowden, one by Khan Bahadur Sorabji Shapurji who officiated for me temporarily while I was on special duty in the year 1919 and the rest by me. At the inspections much more time was taken up in giving instructions as regards the procedure to be followed under the new Act than in examining the work done by the Collectors. Mr. Sanjana, the Senior Inspector, also made several inspections of the Survey Registers under preparation by the special staff and rendered

useful help in giving instructions to the clerks in the Collectors' and Tahsil offices about filling the new registers and making entries in the complicated form of the touzi statement.

Notice of Officers.—Reference has already been made above to the excellent services rendered by various officers during the period under report. The orders requiring the Deputy Commissioners to issue final orders in all the important Incometax cases were most loyally carried out. Messrs. A. E. Mathias (Jubbulpore), P. S. Patuck (Amraoti) and A. K. Smith (Nimar). devoted a great deal of their precious time to closely going through a large number of intricate cases and I feel indebted to them also for making useful suggestions from time to time.

Among the Collectors, the greatest credit is due to Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath for his hard and conscientious work in the heavy charge of the Nagpur office Khan Sahib Wali Muhammad was one of the few officers who tried to give effect to the provisions of the new Act in Hoshangabad in the first year. Rao Bahadur S. R. Pandit (Chhindwara), Messrs. K. P. Verma (Khandwa), F. K Khan (Wardha) and B. B. Kekre (Bhandara), also deserve special mention for the keen interest which they

displayed in their duties.

vhich was due on the 1st August 1920. In addition to the annual report on the Joint Stock Companies, three triennial reports, on Registration, Stamps and Income-tax, have to be submitted in the same season within a few weeks of each other. The pressure of work in connection with the organisation of the new staff required for this department and the issue of executive instructions was also great—and it was impossible to submit the report earlier. The work in connection with the administration of the new Act imposed a heavy strain on the clerical staff of my office. My acknowledgments are due to the Superintendent, Pandit Mukund Rao Lokras, and to the Section Clerk, N. G. Barde, for the manner in which response was given to the call for additional work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

K. S. JATAR,

Inspector-General of Assessed Taxes,

Central Provinces and Berar.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

#### RETURN No. I.

Number and classification of persons assessed to income-tax in the year 1919-20, under Section 18 of the Indian Income-tax Act, 1918, preliminary.

٠	,	Collect indiv	ions from iduals.		tions from	Collect from f			Total lections.
Class	Amount of income	Number of assessees,	Amount of tax.	Number of assessees.	Amount of tax.	Number of assessees	Amount of tax.	Number of assessees.	Amount of tax.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
-	CENTRAL PRO- VINCES.		Rs.		Rs		Rs.		Rs.
1 2 3 4 5 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	Rs. Rs.  2,000 to 2,499 2,500 to 2,999 3,500 to 4,999 5,000 to 7,499 7,500 to 9,999 12,500 to 12,499 20,000 to 12,499 20,000 to 24,999 25,000 to 29,099 30,000 to 39,999 40,000 to 1,24,999 75,000 to 1,24,999 1,50,000 to 1,24,999 1,50,000 to 1,24,999 1,50,000 to 1,74,999 1,75,000 to 1,74,999 2,00,000 to 3,99,999 3,50,000 to 3,99,999 4,50,000 to 4,99,999 4,50,000 to 4,99,999 5,00,000 to 4,99,999 5,00,000 and over	1,437 627 558 866- 654 371 179 68 94 55 50 38 10 24 4 £	74,662 41,434 39,561 85,082 1,12,686 96,693 85,767 39,635 74,075 58,144 58,581 75,240 27,133 42,543 22,403 13,759  9,534 12,656  19,989  25,000	1	1,307  1,307  1,672   12,655 16,819			1,437 627 558 806 655 371 181 68 94 551 38 10 24 4 2 	74,662 41,434 39,561 85,082 1,13,032 95,603 87,074 39,635 74,075 58,144 60,253 75,240 22,403 13,759 9,534 12,656 12,655 16,819 17,989 25,000 5,48,629
-	Total Central Provinces for 1919-20.	4,983	10,69,062	7	5,26,943	•••		4,990	15,96,305

### RETURN. No. 11

Number and classification of persons assessed to income-tax in the year 1919-20, under Section 18 of the Indian Income-tax Act, 1918, preliminary.

				ions from uduals.		ions from		ctions firms.		Total lections.
Class.	Amount of i	ncome,	Number of assessees	Amount of tax.	Number of assessees	Amount of tax.	Number of assessees.	Amount of tax.	Number of assessees, 🕽	Amount of tax.
1	2		3	4	5	, 6	7	8	9	.10
	_	-		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
	BERA Rs.	R. Rs.								
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 2 22 23 24 25 26	2,500 to 3,500 to 3,500 to 5,000 to 10,000 to 112,500 to 15,000 to 20,000 to 25,000 to 30,000 to 40,000 to 1,00,000 to 1,00,000 to 1,00,000 to 1,00,000 to 2,50,000 to 2,50,000 to 2,300,000 to 2,50,000 to 2,50,000 to 2,50,000 to 3,50,000 to 4,50,000 to 4,500,000 to 4,500,0	49,999 74,999 99,999 49,999 99,999 49,999 99,999 over	344 207 229 365 340 104 29 527 17 8 8 4 1	17,312 17,856 18,439 38,041 61,934 44,530 53,504 18,283 39,783 28,397 27,135 15,702 21,113 14,903 15,877 6,798	I I I	128 356 1,895 3,192		000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 00	345 207 229 365 341 1704 29 52 277 17 98 51 1	17,440 13,856 18,439 38,041 62,290 53,504 18,283 39,783 28,397 27,136 17,597 21,113 18,095 5,877 6,798
	Total Berar for			4,25,668	4	5,571			1,910	4,31,239
	Total Central and Berar for	Provinces 1919-20.	6,889	14,94,730	11	5,32,514	***	***	б,900	(4)20,32,94

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Rs. 5,705 on account of interest on securities of the Government of India which cannot be properly included in the various classes.

### .RETURN No. II.

Number and classification of persons assessed to income-tax in the year 1919-20 for 1918-19, Final, after adjustments under Section 19 of the Act have been completed.

-	,	•	Collect indi	ions from viduals.	Collect com	ions from panies.	Collec	tions firms.	Tota	l collection
Class.	Amount o	f income.	Number of assessees,	Amount of tax charged.	Number of assessees	Amount of, tax charged	Number of assessees	Amount of tax charged	Number of assessees	Amount of tax charged
1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	CENTRA VINC	L PŘO- ES.								
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.		Re.		Rs.		Rø.
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### RETURN No. II.

Number and classification of persons assessed to income-tax in the year 1919-20 for 1918-19, Final, after adjustments under Section 19 of the Act have been completed.

		Col e t	ions from viduals.		ons from	Colle from	ctions firms	Total	collections.
Class	Amount of income.	Number of assessees.	Amount of tax charged	Number of assessees	Amount of tax charged	Number of assessees	Amount of tax charged.	Number of assessees.	Amount of tax
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Io
	BERAR.		Rs.	-	Rs.		Rs		Rs
1 2 3 3 4 5 5 6 7 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 22 23 24 5 26 27 28	7,500 to 9,999 10,000 to 12,499 15,000 to 19,999 25,000 to 29,999 30,000 to 44,999 40,000 to 44,999 1,00,000 to 1,24,999 1,25,000 to 1,24,999 1,25,000 to 1,74,999 1,75,000 to 1,74,999 1,75,000 to 1,74,999 1,75,000 to 1,74,999 1,75,000 to 1,99,999 2,00,000 to 2,99,999 2,00,000 to 2,99,999 3,00,000 to 2,99,999 3,00,000 to 3,49,999 3,00,000 to 3,49,999 3,00,000 to 3,49,999	903 389 2393 454 4442 2155 136 62 300 26 12 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13	53,754 33,807 21,235 16,276 25,110 47,789 78,000 50,831 66,845 14,926 44,497 28,849 38,634 21,424 22,051 11,622 58,77 6,798	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	128 - 65 347 356   1,895  5,797		000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 00	2,289 903 390 239 314 455 443 215 62 30 26 61 39 1 3	53,754 33,807 21,363 16,276 25,175 48,136 78,356 50,831 66,845 14,926 44,497 28,849 38,631 22,051 11,622 11,674 6,798
!	Total Berar for 1919-20 GRAND TOTAL CENTRA PROVINCES BERAR FOR 1919-20.	L 15,333	5,88,325 18,41,227	- 6	8,588 5,35,860	0170	***	5,556 15,346	5,96,913 23,77,087

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## RETURN No. 111.

## Refunds under Section 37, of the Income-tax Act, 1918, in 1919-20.

	•	On in sect	terest on		ividends mpanies.	To pa	artners rms.
Serial No.			Number of appli- cants		Amount.	Number of appli- cants.	Amount
1	. 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	CENTRAL PRO- VINCES.		Rs. a. p.	- 4	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p
1	0 1 0	9	103 1 0	5	143 0 4		-
2	0 0 8	,	5 14 2	.	16 7 1		
3	0 0 7	2	105 7 3	4	166 13 4		
4	0 0 6 ,,			12	580 11 6		
5	003	,	1 1 6	8	451 3 7	•••	***
<b>.</b>	Total Central Provinces for 1919-20.	13	215 7 11	30	1,358 3 10		944
	BERAR.						
1	010	. 4	180 9 0	<b>:</b>		<b></b>	
2	0 0 8				•••		[ "
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	Total Berar for 1919-20	5	193,13 0	<del>.</del>		***	
	Grand Total for Central Provinces and Berar for 1919-20.	48	409 4 11	30	1,358 3 10	116	107

### RETURN No. IV.—PROVINCIAL (PRELIMINARY).

Statement showing the district collections of the Tax, under Act VII of 1918 (as subsequently amended), in the Central Provinces and Berar in the year 1919-20.

-	i		Sala	ries.	
Division and District.		Paid by Govern- ment.	Paid by local authorities	Paid by companies, other public bodies and associations.	Paid by private employers under an agreemen with the Collector.
<b>,</b>	-	1	` 2	3	4
~	•	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
CENTRAL PROVINCES,					
Nagpur Nageur   Bhandara	•• ••	1,01,162 4.701	849	12,929	400
Division. Chanda Wardha Balaghat	61 ·	6,477 3,752 2,120	3	2,061 - 248 1,513	1,415
Jubbulpore Saugor		23,993 7,451	493	5,9 <sup>6</sup> 7	307
Division   Damoh   Seoni   Mandla	**	2,152 4,009 2,254		121	Ed 1- 000 600
Hoshangabad   Narsinghpur	•••	9,403 2,164	288	49	1
Nerbudda   Narsingnpur   Betul   Chhindwara   Nimar	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3,082 5,580 5,222	63 53 41	574 4,292 972	39
CHHATTIS-   Raipur		15,690 4,830	101 333	1,048	444
Division. ( Drug	**	3,905	***	197	
Total Central Provinces for 1919-20	•	2,08,749	2,259	30,939	1,762
BERAR.					
BERAR DIVISION. Amraoti Buldana Yeutmal		7,002 13,089 3,576 3,76a	205 232 4	1,462 909 296	1,248
Total Berar for 1919-20	••	27,429	441	2,667	1,248
Total Central Provinces and Berar for 1919	)-20		1	33,606	3,010

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Rs. 16,324 on account of receipts from "Forest" and "Exchange Account,"

RETURN No. IV.-

# Statement showing the district collections of the Tax, under Provinces and Berar

,		Interest or	securities.		
Division and District.		On securities of the Govern- ment of India	On debentures and other securities of a local authority or conpany.	Income derived from house property.	lucome derived from business
		5	6	7	8
CENTRAL PROVINCES.		Rs	, Rs	Rs.	Rs.
Nagpur Bhandara Chanda Wardha Balaghat		3, <b>233</b> 26 312 255 150	,  	10,948 767 757 1,614	6,43,810 49,465 41,413 1,44 201 8,164
JUBBULPORE Saugor Division. Seoni Mandla	** *** ***	1,083 246 40 55 63	бо1  	4,506  996 754 197	44, .72 44,423 14,290 16,473 3,354
NERBUDDA Horsinghpur Division, Chhindwara Nimar	40. 40. 61.	354 9 2 183 146	**** **** **** ***	1,954 597 195 1,235 1,830	31,727 18,685 13,460 20,917 61,363
CHNATTIS- Raipur GARH Bilaspur Division. Drug	10. 10.	2,122 315 126		2,531 187 124	62,858 2,399 16,739
Tetal Central Provinces for 1919-20	••	8,740	601	29,346	12,37,953
BERAR.  Akola Amraoti Buldana Yeotmal  Total Berar for 1919-20	**	109 903 9 23	78 27 29	2,450 1,773 1,864 678	75,764 1,10,407 99,182 41,400
Total Central Provinces and Berar for 1919	20	9.784	735	36,111	15,64,706

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Rs. 16,324 ca account of receipts

PROVINCIAL (PRELIMINARY).

Act VII of 1918 (as subsequently amended), in the Central in the year 1919-20.—(Contd.)

	Income deri	ved from urces.			Arrea	a <b>19.</b>
Professional earnings.	Salaries not included in columns I to 4.	Other sources.	Total (columns 1 to 11)	Excess collections and advance payments.	Collections under section 25.	Other arrears of previous year.
· 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.
17.332 1,228 548 1,913 1,197 2,853 1,800 1,455 566 93 1,716 1,065 2,06 1,25 2,293 1,024 36,7634	47 64 17  295  242  5 163 106 111  116 159 	263 96 464 155 363	23,029 17,272 34,093 72,220 86,759 6,868 21,458	901 80 339 65 12 3,906  49 49 952 152	348 2,025	8,636 79 2,128 27,786 494 4,559 950 566 -48 2,858 376 3 3,086 1,042 19,453 20,741 154
- 3,116 10,853 3,321 1,669 18,961	487 78 4	24 8,249 5,585 163	91,491 1,46,982 1,13,942 47,728 4,00,143	776 62		9,835 19,008 11,906 13,662 54,411
56,595	2,345	21,054	(a)19,83,148	8,434	31,580	T,47,372

from "Forest" and "Exchange Account."

RETURN No. IV.-

### Statement showing the district collections of the Tax, under Provinces and Bergr in

-			Penalties.	•	1	,
Division and District.	1	Penal assessment under Section 24.	Penal recoveries under Section 36 (1).	Other penal- ties ard fines	Miscellaneous receipts.	Total of columns 12 to 19.
		16	17	18	19	20
	٠.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs
CENTRAL PROVINCES						
Nagpur Bhandara Chanda Wardha Balaghat	81. 81. 84.	000 000 000 000 000	406 I 354 34 20	*** *** ***	1,51,677 9,281 19,714 71,220 2,454	9,78, <b>724</b> 68, <b>712</b> 75,680 2,52,890 16,984
JUBBULPORE Saugor Damoh Seon Mandla	•••	*** *** *** ***	901 421 121 449	*** *** *** ***	19,981 25,356 5,258 8,791	1,10,846 84,507 25,317 31,281 9,033
Nerbunda Division.  Hoshangabad Narsinghpur Betul Chhindwara Nimar	801 801 907 801	250   	18 • 69 101	840	7,665 7,216 1,956 6,201 26,065	54,459 30,248 21,091 43,829 1,01,362
CHHATTIS- GARH Bilaspur Division. Drug  Total Central Provinces for 1919-20	 	96 ::- 346	124	83 173 	18,840 1,160 7,581 3,90,416	1,26,884 31,865 29,469 20,93,271
	٠٠,		4,020	1,104	3,90,410	20,93,271
BERAR.  BERAR DIVISION.  Buldana Yeotmal	820 206 20 20 20	100 111 111	60 156 72 <b>5</b>	417 447 448 418	19,862 43,994 33,548 8,213	1,22 670 2,10,935 1,60,121 69,665
Total Berar for 1919-20	- **		941	• • •	1,05,617	5,63,391
otal Central Provinces and Berar for 1919	9-20.	346	4,969	1,104	4,96,033	(a)26,72,986

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Rs. 16,324 on account of receipts

### PROVINCIAL (PRELIMINARY).

Act VII of 1918 (as subsequently amended), in the Central the year 1919-20.— (Concld.)

		- R	efunds of ta	x.	_		-
On erest on curities under ction 37	companies under	To partners of firms under Section 37.	On adjust- ments under Section 19	On recti- fication of mistake under Section 26,	Other refunds.	Total refunds.	Net collection (column 2 minus column 2
2,1	22	23_	24 .	25	26	127	28
	_		_		´	-	,~;
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs,	Rs,	Rs.	Rs.
	\			- ·		۰. 	<i>3</i> -
27	1 342	•••	9,213	*	1.749	12,331	9,66,3
32	***	ş	1,563	31	1.358	2,964	9,00,3
,	•••	•••	941	` ,,,	1,710	2,651	73,0
15			4,483	••	16	4,590	2,48,30
_	9	anb	471	_ ***	300	795	16,18
3	7		<b>7,8</b> 9 <b>9</b>	169	412	8,490	1,02,35
			<b>3</b> 9 <b>9</b>	404	1,993	2,392	82,20
	ļ	•••	. 52	227	1,177	1,456	23,80
***	/907	***	, 1,053	1,377	285	· #,715	28,50
26	]	]	294	4*4	***	- 294	8,7
	•••	•••	2,527	139	36	2,728	l
***		•••	356 38	. 111	88 1		51,7( 29,80
2	***	•••		g00,	842	444. 88p.	20,21
***	***		5.717	62	65 i	5,846	37.98
	***-	•••	1,745	•••	865	2,610	98,7
7		]	17,725		4,324	83,056	
	•••		101		73-7	121	1,04,82 ^( 31,74
				p++	`•••		29,4
215	1,358		54,577	2,005	15,208	73 363	20,19,9
		j	1			, ,	77.4
13	<b></b>	1	0 =				
181		***	8,637	_ 949	6,349	14,999	1,07,6
•••			23,318	***.64	2,999	26,498	1,84,4
***	•••	***	2,503 559	164	3,066	t 5.733	54,3
194			35,017	164	12,414	559	69,10
409	1,358	•••	89,594			47,789	5,15,6
	1 ,,,,,	[• ·	~31274	<b>2,</b> 169	27,622	7,21,152	(4)25 51,83

from "Forest " and "Exchange Account."

Statement showing the general working of assessment under the Provinces and Berar

<b>.</b>				Number of	assessments
Division and district.		Number of motices issued under Section 17.	Number of cases filed, se, in which no assessment was made,	18 (1).	18 (3).
		2	3	4	5 .
CENTRAL PROVINCES.			,		
Nagpur Bhandara Chanda Wardha Balaghat  Jubulpore Saugor Damoh Seoni Mandla  Hoshangabad Narsinghpur Betul Chhindwara Nimar  Cuhattis- Garu  Raipur Bilaspur	000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 00	1,700 386 457 717 143 975 439 288 87 307 199 127 274 580 668 611	623 144 159 486 33 295 152 104 132 59 81 66 35 95 88	272 55 43 121 44 240 40 3 16 28 40 67 2 42 18	705 8 201 137 11 296 134 14 125  161 44 51  126
Division. Drug  Total Central Previnces	for		3,138	1,106	2,31
BERAR.  Akola BERAB Amraoti Buldana Yeotmal	•• •• •••	993 1,119 1,210 456	133 132 455 80	76 100 192 103	490 336 357 143
Total Berar for 1919-20	•••	3,778	800	. 471	1,326
Total Central Provinces and for 1919-80	Вегат	19,266	3,938	1,577	′ 3,639

<sup>\*</sup> In 7 cases notice<sup>5</sup>
† In 3 cases notice<sup>5</sup>

Incowe Tax Act, 1918 (as subsequently amended) in the Central in the year 1919-20.

ade under	Section	Number	of cases.		,	-	• ,
18 (4)	Total number of assessees (columns 4 to 6).	Revised by Commis- sioner.	Re- viewed by Financial Commis- sioner.	Final number of asses- sees.	Number of assessees on whom penalties were imposed.	Number of cases pending at the close of the year.	Remarks
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		<u> </u>	,				-
79 176 54 33	1,056 239 298 291 109	73 20 21 8	3	1, <b>0</b> 71 226 291 289 109	82-  59 10	21 3 	
127	663	43		663	12	17	
113	287	2	" <b>1</b>	287	11	'	
180	197	45	1	197		***	
15	116	5	•••	15 <b>6</b> 28	17	• • •	
25	225	,		225	1		
21	, 132	2	•••	132	· •	,	
39	92	28	3	89	6	***	
137 345	179 490	, 61	• ",	179 49 <b>0</b>	2 2	8	
112	356	2		<b>355</b>	6	1	
133	240	3	***	240	2	73	j
165	189	3	•••	189	54	ī	
1,809	5,228	322	9	5,176	264	126	
		[ <del></del> -					
155 518	721 954	15 194	1	721 762	2	139	
175 82	724	38	,	702	1 6	33	
82	328	23		314	,°	31 48	
930	2,737	275	2	2,521	9	251	
2,739	7,955	597	11	7,697	273	377	

were not issued. Were issued twice,

RETURN No. VI.— Statement showing the original and final demands and uncollected in the Central Provinces and Berar

	Original	sioner o	oy Commis- or review nancial issioner.	Final	Arrears	
Division and district.	demand of the tax.	Amount raised in appeal or review.	Amount reduced in appeal or review.	demand for recovery	of previous years.	Penal- ties.
,	1	2	3	4	5	6
CENTRAL PROVINCES.	Rs	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs	Rs
Nagpur  Nagpur  Bhandara  Chanda  Wardha  Balaghat	7,33,504 59,461 44,614 _1,63,071	-42 114  2	2,815 5,454 1,432 435	7,30,731 54,121 43,182 1,62,638 11,309	33,909 140 2,780 28,094 508	1,990 1,392 54 20
Jubbulpore Saugor Damoh Seom Mandla	65,874 54 143 19 619 18,538 3,810	68 . 5  	1,140 3,505 2,362 730	64.802 50,643 17,257 17,803 7 3,810	5,494 1,019 566 48 3,138	1,074 492 121 - 419
Hoshangabad Narsinghpur Betul Chhindwara Nimar	39,163 22,778 15,548 - 24,771 .71,528	13   647	1,107 222 1,597 53 1,601	38,069 <b>20,556</b> 13,951 24,718 <b>7</b> 0 574	394 3 2 3,476 4 209	268  909 101
O O O Raipur Bikaspur Drug	73,0c6 35,922 20,287	  16	6 130 109	<b>72,945</b> <b>35,79</b> 2 <b>20,</b> 194	22,987 32,040 175	218 402 180
Total Central Provinces for 1919-20.	14,74,945	907	22,753	14,53,100	1,28,982	7,680
BERAR.  Akols Amraoti Buldana Yeotmal	1,78,639 2,05,450 1,66,223 50,341	34 3,319 42 165	467 45,518 1,286 1,860	1,78,206 2,62,251 1,64,979 48,646	13,784 19,240 *\ 11,931 14,125	63 156 736
Total Berar for 1919-20	6,00,653	3,560	50,131	5,54,082	59,080	952
Total Central Provinces and Berar for 1919-20	20,75,599	4 467	72,884	20,07,132	(1,98,062	8 632

CENTRAL PROVINCES

Peduct-

Reduced

<sup>(</sup>a) Aircars of last year as shown in Add-

<sup>(1)</sup> Omitted to be (2) Demand under (3) Increased in

PROVINCIAL (PRELIMINARY).

balances of sums due under Act VII of 1918 (as subsequently amended) in the year 1919-20.

			Collections on account of									
	Total demand	,										
Miscel- laneous.	for recovery (columns 4 to 7)	Demand for current year (column 4)	Arrears of previous years (column 5).	Penalties (column 6)	Miscel- laneous (column 7)	Excess collections and recoveries in advance.	Total (columns 9 to 13)					
7	8	<sup>'</sup> 9	10	11	12	13	14					
R:	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.					
1,93,421	9,60,051	6,75,087	20.081	406	1,51,677	ļ ļ·	8,60,55					
26,808	81,060		3 <b>3</b> ,381	400		901	63,71					
		53,414	116		9,281	80	66,82					
19,813	67,167	42 945	2,726	1,362	19,714							
77,220	2,68,006	1,47,794	27,833	34	71,220	339	2,47,22					
3,152	14,989	9,654	508	20	2,454	65	12,70					
26,656	98,026	52,364	5,144	100	19,981	12	78,40					
28,321	80,475	46,224	950	421	25,356	3,906	76,85					
5,258	23,202	17,180	566	121	5,258		23,42					
8,791	27,096	17,808	48	. 449	8,791		27,09					
-1,75-	6,948	3,809	2,858	ייי	-179-	49	6,71					
8,454	47,185	25 740	376	268	7,665	304	44,36					
7,216		35.749			7,216	. 304	27,775					
	27,775	20,556	3	***								
1,956	16,818	13.951	2	909	1,956	952	17,77					
6,958	35,253	23,985	3,434	101	6,201	***	33,72					
26,076	1,00,869	65,800	3,06 <b>7</b>	10	26,065	***	·24,94					
		<u> </u>				}	<b>,</b> *					
21,095	1,17,245	<b>8</b> و8,66	21,193	83	18,840	• 9	1,07,02					
25,619	93,253	3,183	20,741	269	1,160	827	26,18					
9.586	30,135	17,230	1.54	124	7,581	152	25,24					
4,95,800	20,95,562	13,13 631	1,23,100	5,478	3,90,416	7,596	18,40,22					
		-3,-3 -3;										
						•						
57,900	2,49,950	81,455	11,257	<u>.</u> 60	19,862		1,12,64					
54,347	2,35,994	7,31,771	19,097	156	43.994	776	- 1,95,72,					
53 865	2,31,511	1,10,030	11,906	725	33,548		1,56,20					
10,076	72,847	43,914	13,662	- ***	8,213	62	65,85					
1,76,188	7,90,302	3,67,180	55,852	941	1,05,617	838	5,30,42					
6,71,958	28 85,864	16,80,811	1,78,952	6,419	4,96,033	8,434	23,70,64					

column a5 of	Statement	No. V		Rs 1,95,818
sidown Section 15 appeal		•••	:	1,673 34,180 1,455
in appeal	•	٠	•	2,33,126 35,064 1,98,062

### . RETURN No. VI -PROVINCIAL (PRELIMINARY).

Statement showing the original and final demands and uncollected balances of sums due under Act VII of 1918 (as subsequently amended) in the Central Provinces and Berar in the year 1919-20.

—(Concld.)

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Division and district.	Remitted as irrecovereable.	Balance outstanding (column 8 columns 9 to 12 and column	Provisional assessment of previous year	Final assessment of previous year	Remarks.
	15	16	17	18	19
CENTRAL PROVINCES	_ Rs	Rs.	Rs.	, Rs.	
Nagpur Bhandara Chanda Wardha Balaghat	120 28  21	99,380 18,230 420 21,104 2,353	4,96,904 43,835 31,154 1,15,305 18,681	8,96,226 58,205 50,417 1 77,383 19,916	
Jubbulpore Saugor Damoh Seoni Mardia	431 139	19,205 7,385 77 	1,18,279 34,775 11,220 19,916 8,096	1,08,787 50,457 16,053 29,537 8,143	-
Hoshangabad  Arsingbpur  Betur Chhindwara  Nimar	  41 150	3,127  1,491 5,77 <b>7</b>	46,822 17,881 20,413 38,196 52,438	51,180 23,323 - 22,370 38,410 84,002	
Child Parket Bilasbar Ding Bilasbar Ding Bilasbar Ding Bilasbar Bi	. 477 100 . 21	9,754 67,800 5,025	82,584 17,321 20,274	80 397 38,30 <b>3</b> 27,065	
Total Central Provinces for 1919-20.	1,762	2,61,175	11,94,091	17,80,174	
BERAR  Akola Amraoti Buldana Yeotmal	35 20 25 76	1,37,271 41,026 75,277 6,982	2,09,633 1,92,685 1,76,943 76,495	1,91,502 2,05,863 1,24,664 74,794	
Total Berar for 1919-20	156	2,60,556	6,55,756	5,96,913	
Total Central Provinces and Berar for 1919-20	1,918	5,27,731	18,49,850	23,77,087	

ANNUAL STATEMENTS OF THE SUPER-TAX ACT INTHE CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR FOR THE YEAR 1919-20.

RETURN'

# Statement showing collections of super-tax

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Class	Amanakatan	Collections from Collec					Collections from Firms,		
Class.	Amount or income.	No of Amount assess of tax		No. of asses-	Amount of tax	No. of asses-	Amount of tax		
1,	2	3	4	5	6.	7	8		
			` `						
•	CENTRAL PROVINCES		Rs.		Rs		R		
. L	Rs. 50,001 to Rs 99,999 .		17,845						
II	Rs 1,00,000 to Rs. 1,49 999		***	1	•••				
111	Rs. 1,50,000 to Rs 1,99,999.	''' <sub>1</sub>	8,130			•••			
IV	Ra 2,00,000 to Rs. 2,49,999		***	4	•••	***			
V	Rs 2,50,000 to Rs. 2,00,000		•••	,	)	***	·		
vr	Rs. 3,00,000 to Rs. 3,49,999.	·	***	1	•		•••		
VII	Rs 3,50,000 to Rs. 3 99,999.				***	•••	*		
VIII	Rs. 4,00,000 to Rs 4,49,999		***			Dag a	***		
ΙX	Rs. 4,50,000 to Rs. 4,99,999.		***			***			
X	Rs. 5,00,000 and more		40-	1	1,08,365	1	. 68,554		
	•		-	1	1	. `			
	Total Central Provinces for 1919-20.	12	25,975	, ,	1,08,365	1	68,554		
,									
				Ì					
•	- BERAR.	-					,		
Ŧ	Rs. 50,001 to Rs. 99,999	6	4,531		•••	•••			
II.	Rs 1,00,000 to Rs 1,49,999		***		. •	•••	••		
. !!!		i	•••			•••	***		
IV	Rs 2,00 000 to Rs 2,49,999		**1	•••	•••	***	•••		
.v	Rs. 2,50,000 to Rs. 2,99,999	<b>i</b> "	•••	****	***	~ ***	, 141		
VI	Rs. 3,00,000 to Rs 3,49,999.		***	•••	***	•••			
VII	Rs 3,50,000 to Rs 3,99 999 Rs 4,00,000 to Rs 4,49,999		*** ~	1			•••		
IX	Rs. 4,50,000 to Rs. 4,49,999	***	***	***	::	•••			
. 'X	Rs 5,00,000 and more 1.		***		•••	***	•••		
• ••	3,00,000 and more			···· ,					
, ,	Total Berar for 1919-20	6	4,531	 		,	***		
•	Grand Total Central Prov- inces and Berar for 1919-20		30,506	1	1,08,365	1	68,554		

<sup>(</sup>a) Rs. 1,244 were remitted in 1919-20

No. I.
under Act VIII of 1917 in the year 1919-20.

ollection lindu u fam	ons from ndivided ilies.		otal ctions	Penal-	Fines	Cos ts	Excess collec- tions and	Total of	Ŕе•	Net collec-
o of isses- sees.	Amount of tax	No of asses-sees.	Amount of tax.	by	Magis- trate.	Mis- cella- neous.	ad- vance pay- ments	12 to 16.	funds	tions.
9	10	3 I	12	13	14	15	16.	17	18	19
	Rs,		Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
3	1,558	14	19,403	ľ	***			19,403	3,691	15,712
***				1 .		***				
2	12,271	3	20,401	٠			•••	20,401	•••	20,40ì
1	27,212	1	27,212	<b>"</b>	<b></b>	•**		27,212		27,212
• •		` ···	•••	· ··· .	***	•••	•••		1 100	***
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***		!	] ···				·:::	***	714	- , , , , ,,
1 10		1	1	.,.	,	}				•••
•••	•••	2	(a)1,76,919	-	***	•••	***	1,76,919	,	1 <del>,</del> 76,919
6	41,041	. 20	2,43,935		,,,,			2,47,935	3,691	2,40,24
				.,	•			,		,
	120	, 7	4,651		. ,,,			4,651	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	4,65
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•••				••••	""	•••	1	10-6	100	***
	1 12	0 .7	4,651					4,651		4,65
:	7 41,16	1 27	2,48,586	,.,				2,48,586	3,691	2,44,89

### RETURN, No. II.

### Classified statement of Companies and Firms chargeable under the Super-tax Act in the year 1919-20.

			ntral vince	l Pro-	Berar.		Central Prov- inces and Berar-		
Serial No.	Sources of income.	No casse	s-  <sup>A</sup>	mount of tax	No of asses-	Amount of tax.	o of assesses sees .	Amount of tax.	
, :	2	. 3	-	4	5	6	7	8	
	Companies and Firms	1		Rs.		Rs		Rs	
<b>.</b>	Banking		2	76,684			2	76,684	
2	Building and land	.   .		(**		•••	'	,,,	
3	Chemical		.	•••					
4	Cotton spinning and weaving		1	65رو80,1		:	,	1,08,365	
5	Cotton pressing, ginning and cleaning	g .		•	·	••	1 .		
6	Engineering		•••	•••	-				
7	Flour mills		•			••			
8	Insurance, Fire, Life, Marine		•••						
9	Iron and Steel Works		•••	" "		•••			
10	Jute spinning and weaving	•	••			•••			
11	Jute Pressing		••• :			•••			
12	Landing, shipping and warehousi	ng	•••			•••			
13	Mining, coal		•••						
14	Mining, other minerals includ petroleum	ıng	•••	••					
15	Paper mills		•••			١		•••	
16	Printing and publishing		•••		"-			-	
12	Steam navigation, ocean		•••	<b></b>	"	***			
. 18	Steam navigation, river		٠,			•••	·   ··		
19	Railway			, •••			·		
20	Tanneries and leather work	$\cdot$	14	•••	"	•••	.   .	•••	
2	Tramway	**	-"	•••	"		.		
. 2:	Woollen mills		***			•••		ž	
2	Others		1	2,12	2			_	
	* Total	-	4	1,87,17	1		.   4	1,87,171	