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No. A.D.—132.

Poona, 10th December 1924.

From

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Settlement Commissioner and Director of
Land and Records, Poona;

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Land Records Department for the year ending 31st July 1924.

CHAPTER I.

Prefatory.

1. The charge of the Department was held by me throughout the year.

2. *Superintendents of Land Records.*—These posts in the three Divisions were held as follows:—

Northern Division—Mr. C. D. Kavi, 1-8-23 to 15-4-24; Mr. M. S. Maulvi, 16-4-24 to 31-7-24.

(Change due to Mr. Kavi going on the Baroda Boundary delegation.)

Central Division—Mr. V. B. Mardhekar, 1-8-23 to 20-6-24;
Mr. A. H. Antia, 21-6-24 to 6-7-24;
Mr. V. B. Naik, 7-7-24 to 31-7-24.

(Change due to Mr. Mardhekar going to act as Collector at Broach.)

Southern Division—Rao Saheb D. B. Nesarikar, 1-8-23 to 6-8-23; Mr. H. F. Ball, I.C.S., 7-8-23 to 31-7-24.

I deeply regret to record that shortly after the close of the year Mr. Ball's health broke down completely and we thus lose the experience he has gained in over a year's tenure.

3. *Touring.*— I toured in the districts of Ahmedabad, Surat, Panch Mahals, Kaira, Thana, Poona, Sholapur, Satara, Belgaum, Dharwar, Bijapur, Kanara, Ratnagiri, Kolaba, Hyderabad, Nawabshah, Karachi, Larkana, Sukkur, Mirpurkhas and Jacobabad. The

Superintendent of Land Records, Northern Division, toured for 136 days in all districts in the division camping in 24 talukas. The Superintendent of Land Records, Central Division, toured for 158 days in all districts of his division camping in 24 talukas. The Superintendent of Land Records, Southern Division, toured for 144 days in all districts of the division camping in 21 talukas. Besides the routine inspection of villages, Circle Inspectors and Taluka daftars, special attention was given to city, pot-hissa and Inam surveys and all measurement work performed by Cadastral Surveyors.

The activity of all touring officers was greater than in the preceding year.

CHAPTER II.

Land Records Establishment.

4. The establishments under the Divisional Superintendents were the District Survey Offices, Permanent Field Parties, District and Cadastral Surveyors, establishments for city surveys and measurement of sub-divisions and the City Survey maintenance establishments. The field party establishment which was wholly or partly curtailed since 1921-22 owing to financial stringency was revived this year. All these establishments were controlled by the Superintendents of Land Records and supervised by District Inspectors of Land Records, Survey Mamlatdars and Head Surveyors.

Training of Junior Civilians.

5. One Junior Civilian, Mr. R. S. Bavdekar, I.C.S., Assistant Collector, Nasik, was trained in survey and settlement matters.

District Survey Offices.

6. The outturn of the Central Record Office, Ahmedabad, was satisfactory in quality and quantity. Arrears of 159 correction cases (355 survey nos.) in hand at the beginning of the year were reduced to 48 cases (232 survey nos.) at the end of the year. This is a most satisfactory accomplishment seeing that four places have been kept vacant in this office throughout the year. 1,174 correction cases (5,514 survey nos.) were disposed of during the year. Rs. 1,142 were realised for supplying extracts from survey records and sale of maps. Tallying of Akarbands with abstracts of V. F. No. I was completed in seven villages leaving only two villages (in all Gujarat) to be done next year.

7. Thana District Survey Office disposed of 261 correction cases (2,338 survey nos.) as against 171 cases (762 survey nos.) of last year leaving 127 cases (1,724 survey nos.) in arrears as against 131 cases (1,451 survey nos.) of last year. Two posts in this office were kept vacant throughout the year. Rs. 589 were realised for supplying extracts of survey records and sale of maps.

The Superintendent of Land Records inspected both these offices, while I myself with my staff inspected the Central Record Office, Ahmedabad.

8. District Survey Offices in the Central Division disposed of 1,430 correction cases containing 5,673 survey nos. and 6,609 pot-hissas as against 1,504 cases containing 7,695 survey nos. and 5,049 hissass of last year leaving 210 cases containing 941 survey nos. and 852 hissass in arrears as against 205 cases containing 1,104 survey nos. and 1,335 hissass of last year. The Cadastral Surveyors in Ahmednagar were newly recruited. They therefore had to be instructed in the work of survey correction. So they could not help the District Survey Office much. The balance of cases in hand this year in both survey numbers and hissass has decreased. It is hoped next year it will be further diminished. Rs. 5,574 were realised for supplying extracts from survey records and sale of maps. Akarbands were tallied with abstracts of V.F. No. I in seven villages leaving only one village to be done next year. The Superintendent inspected all the offices while my staff and I inspected the offices at Sholapur and Satara.

9. District Survey Offices in the Southern Division disposed of correction work of 18,859 survey nos. as against 16,383 survey nos. of last year leaving in balance correction work of 3,551 survey nos. against 3,965 survey nos. of last year. The outturn on the whole is satisfactory. Except Kanara, the work in every District Survey Office in this Division is increasing in respect of all kinds of work. This increase is due to work arising from the upkeep of hissa survey which has devolved on all District Survey Offices, except Kanara where hissa survey has not yet been done. The Superintendent inspected all the District Survey Offices and the Settlement Commissioner also inspected all, except Kolaba.

District Inspectors.

10. Statement IV shows the routine work performed by these officers during the year. Comparing last year the amount of work performed has greatly increased in all respects owing to the removal of restriction on touring. Surat and Broach were in charge of one District Inspector as also Kaira and Panch Mahals.

11. The work of Messrs. M. V. Joshi (Thana), I. D. Shukla (Surat and Broach), N. S. Joshi (Sholapur), G. V. Velhal (Poona), N. S. Kulkarni (Belgaum) and S. J. Moghe (Bijapur) is specially commended by the Superintendents of Land Records.

In my opinion the constitution of a separate cadre has resulted in more zealous work; we have better control over them, and have been freer to select the more suitable men. I have heard no complaints from Collectors of any trouble, or dissatisfaction with the scheme.

Measurement Work.

12. The following statement will show the establishment employed, its outturn and financial position :—

| Division. | Strength. | | Survey Nos. and hissas measured. | | | | Fees earned including Government work. | Cost of establishment. |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|------------------------|
| | Cadastral Surveyors. | District Surveyors. | Private. | | Government. | | | |
| | | | Hissas. | Survey Nos. | Hissas. | Survey Nos. | | |
| Northern ... | 17 | 6 | 10,114 | 2,127 | ..... | 2,023 | 24,882 | 22,916 |
| Central ... | 45 | 7 | 15,704 | 5,254 | 1,640 | 2,901 | 44,661 | 45,229 |
| Southern ... | 23 | 6 | 16,553 | 4,776 | 1,158 | 3,558 | 41,550 | 44,283 |
| | permanent | | | | | | | |
| | 18 | | | | | | | |
| | temporary. | | | | | | | |

13. The outturn in all the Divisions is greater than last year's. The staff in Northern Division is self-supporting. In Central Division there is a deficit of only Rs. 568 as against Rs. 7,546 of last year. This deficit is due to some Cadastral Surveyors going on leave who had to be paid leave allowance of about Rs. 600 while they did not earn any fees. Southern Division shows a deficit of Rs. 2,733 as against Rs. 5,433 of last year. The Superintendent assigns the following causes for this :—

(a) The failure of the Village Officers to co-operate with the surveyors by being present at the time of measurement with the records and securing the presence of the parties interested.

The want of discipline, zeal and training of our Village Officers is the most grave defect in our whole Land Revenue organisation.

(b) The failure of the Mamlatdars to furnish at the beginning of the Revenue year even approximately accurate statements of hissas to be measured. This leads to disorganisation of surveyors' programmes; but is in turn due to the same cause, the inefficiency of Village Officers.

(c) The recruitment of Revenue Circle Inspectors as Cadastral Surveyors. These men as a rule show no interest and keenness for survey work as it is harder than that of the Circle Inspector. Moreover, the duality of control (Superintendent's and Collector's) makes it difficult to exact a full output.

We are however becoming more and more able to make our own selection and shall not be able to make this complaint when the full control of the Cadastral Surveyors is vested in this Department.

On the whole this year's results are much more satisfactory.

14. Statement II shows the outturn of measurement and classification work in each district. The balances at the close of this

year have increased owing to the increase of measurement work received while the staff employed was smaller than last year. In spite of this, Broach, Surat, Thana, Kolaba, Bijapur and Belgaum have managed to keep the balance low.

Circle Inspectors.

15. Statement I shows the work of these officials compared to last year; no appreciable improvement is noticeable in their work. On the contrary there is a general decrease in outturn. As the Settlement Commissioner does not come much in contact with the work of these officials and has no control over them, no useful comments can be made.

16. Statement III shows the inspection work of Sub-divisional Officers and Mamlatdars. Although restriction on touring has been removed the outturn does not show improvement in many districts over last year's figures.

Boundary Disputes.

17. The District Inspector of Land Records, Panch Mahals, settled 3 boundary disputes with Baria State.

18. Mr. C. D. Kavi, Superintendent of Land Records, Northern Division, was appointed British Delegate for settlement of boundary between the Baroda State and British territory. He assumed charge of the post on 15th April 1924. The frontier line to be verified and settled in accordance with the draft convention approved by Government is about 1,000 miles in length, and this season, *i.e.*, from 15th April 1924 to end of June, Mr. Kavi and the Baroda Delegate did the work of 67 miles in 33 villages in talukas of Godhra, Kalol, and Halol of Panch Mahals district, with the help of 2 surveyors on each side. Of the 67 miles settled the frontier of 48½ miles was surveyed and settled before and the Delegates have only verified the former settlement. The remaining 18½ miles had actually to be surveyed and settled.

19. Out of 18½ miles newly surveyed and settled Godhra taluka covered 1¼ miles and Kalol 17¼ miles. In Godhra 24 interstatal marks (stones) were set up at a cost of Rs. 2-12-0 per mark and the Kalol marks, *viz.*, 177 cost Rs. 3-12-0 each. On the whole frontier of 67 miles so far settled there are 756 interstatal marks which are to be maintained jointly by British Government and Baroda Darbar. Besides there are 1,015 British Revenue Survey Marks and 220 Baroda Revenue Survey Marks to be maintained by the occupants. The field books and maps prepared in connection with the settlement show distinctly which are interstatal marks and which are marks of occupants.

20. The cost of the Delegate and his establishment up to end of June is Rs. 4,799 against the allotment of Rs. 22,000. The total expenditure up to end of March 1925 will be within the allotment.

21. The season's experience showed that the small party of surveyors, *viz.* 2, could not keep up with the Delegates who had to

sit idle sometimes, and it has therefore been separately recommended to Government to sanction 4 surveyors under the British Delegate.

22. One more important change proposed by the Delegate and recommended by me is the combination of the posts of the Superintendent of Land Records and the British Delegate. This combination if approved, will save a very large proportion of the total expense, say, Rs. 12,000 a year out of total estimates of Rs. 23,000. It is possible for Mr. Kavi to perform both the duties in combination.

Measurement of Sub-divisions.

23. *Northern Division.*—This work has now been completed in this division. Revision of pot-hissa survey in North Salsette was taken up by 20 surveyors under one nimitandar. 10,949 hissass in 1,202 survey nos. of 51 villages were measured.

Out of the arrears of pot-hissa fees of Rs. 4,015 in Gujarat, Rs. 1,472 were collected. In Thana recovery statements for Rs. 44,112 were sent to Shahapur taluka. Rs. 14,197 including arrears of previous year's work were collected. Rs. 43,514 remain as arrears.

24. *Central Division.*—At the beginning of the year there were 16 parties, including one Head Quarter Party with a total strength of 188 hands. These parties were engaged in the monsoon on calculating areas and distribution of assessment over the sub-divisions measured during the previous fair season and preparing extracts of maps to be supplied to *kabjedars*.

Constant drafts are being made on this staff whenever measuring establishments are required by other Departments. A class was therefore opened to train 16 new recruits.

25. At the beginning of the season some men had to be drafted to the Central Division field party for pushing on survey of Inam villages and for Land Acquisition work for extension of Lake Whiting. So the field season opened with 12 parties in the field and two Head Quarter Parties, with a total strength of 172 hands under two Survey Mamlatdars. During the fair season these parties measured 86,540 hissass (in 37 talukas and 5 petas) against 230,817 hissass of last year. The outturn is very much smaller than last year. This is partly due to the fact that portions of talukas selected were hilly and of difficult nature and also partly due to the staff curtailed from 210 of last year to 172 of this year. In the monsoon the parties calculated assessments of 199,850 hissass and prepared 253,342 extracts of maps for supplying to *kabjedars*. Demand statements for Rs. 1,61,490 were sent to talukas. Including arrears of past years Rs. 1,44,336 were recovered. Rs. 1,46,247 remain as arrears. A special party of 7 measurers under a nimitandar measured 6,813 new hissass in 129 villages of Yawal taluka and Edlabad Peta of East Khindesh District, and 3 measurers measured 2,201 new hissass in 9 villages of Bhimthadi taluka of Poona District.

26. *Southern Division.*—A party of 7 measurers under a head surveyor measured 895 hissas in Kadwai and 2,401 hissas in Kutre of Ratnagiri district. Three parties in Karjat taluka and one in Khalapur Peta of Kolaba measured 24,698 hissas. During the year demand statements for Rs. 59,413 were sent to talukas. Including arrears of past years Rs. 1,15,850 were recovered as pot-hissa fees.

27. During the course of pot-hissa measurements mistakes in original survey records are detected which result in decreasing the assessment of the fields concerned. Total assessment reduced during the year owing to the detection of such mistakes amounts to Rs. 1,283. There are of course an equal number of cases in which the assessment is increased. Most of these increases however, take effect at the next revision settlement.

28. From the beginning, the Department has now surveyed hissas at no cost to the general tax-payer:—

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----|---------|-----------|
| Up to 1922-23 | ... | ... | 5,449,381 |
| 1923-24— | | | |
| Northern Division | ... | 21,063 | |
| Central Division | ... | 113,157 | |
| Southern Division | ... | 45,705 | |
| | | | 179,925 |
| | | | 5,629,306 |

Even including Kanara not yet taken up there are probably nothing like a million remaining to be done.

CHAPTER III.

Survey and Settlement.

Revenue Survey.

29. *Northern Division.*—Five field party surveyors were employed in Gujarat during the year. They examined the sub-soil classification and himayat in Kaira district, surveyed and classed some land in talukdari estates in Panch Mahals and reclassified lands in South Daskroi and in 9 villages of Dhandhuka taluka. In Thana one field party surveyor was employed throughout the year and another surveyor was employed for about 3 months. They measured 249 survey nos. and classed 32 survey nos. in different talukas of the district. Some important surveys were also carried out, *viz.*, survey of Briavi-Vadtal road in Kaira District, survey for development purposes in 7 villages of Surat district, survey of transmission line of Tata Power Supply Company in 8 villages of North Salsette, and survey of inam village of Lonad in Bhivndi taluka. Land registers of roads in Surat and Broach districts were prepared at the cost of Public Works Department.

30. *Central Division.*—One field party (called the Inam Survey Party) consisting of 41 hands supervised by one head surveyor was employed on original and revision survey of Inam villages in the

Central Division. The principal surveys carried out by this party during the year were the surveys of 28 (19 complete and 9 incomplete) inam villages in the Satara, Poona, and Nagar districts for settlement purposes. Also one special party (called the Triangulation Party) consisting of 10 measurers and one nimtandar was engaged on the survey of 6 inam villages (4 in Karad and 2 in Koregaon) in the Satara district for Record of Rights purposes. Survey of pasture lands and forest survey nos. in West Khandesh was also done by detached measurers.

31. *Southern Division.*—Out of 23 villages of the Here Jaghir the survey of 16 villages was completed up to last year. Three more villages were completed this year. In four other villages the survey is in progress. One village of Shirsangi Desgat was also completed. The survey of all villages of this estate has now been completed. Three inam villages in Gokak taluka were completely surveyed for introduction of Record of Rights. Ten inam villages in Belgaum district and 2 in Kolaba were surveyed for introducing Settlement and Record of Rights. The Hill-site of Yellamma in Paragad taluka, Belgaum district, was surveyed for a water-supply scheme.

Settlements.

32. Government passed orders on the proposals for the revision settlements of Gogha Mahal (Ahmedabad), Sindkheda taluka (West Khandesh) and Kopargaon taluka (Ahmednagar) and for the villages of Watwa (South Daskroi) and Wasna-Bujrag (Matar).

33. Orders were also issued on the settlement reports of the Inam villages of Dhekwad and Pathrai (West Khandesh), Umbarpada (Nasik), Shedani (Poona) and Dhamni, Tung, Chikhalgaon, Brahmnal and Kaulge (Satara). The settlement in 5 villages in Satara is provisional.

34. The revision settlement proposals for the talukas and Inam villages mentioned below are under the consideration of Government pending receipt of the report of the Land Assessment Committee recently appointed in pursuance of a Resolution passed in the Legislative Council.

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Talukas—North Daskroi, Sanand, and Viramgam. | } Ahmedabad. |
| Satara, Jaoli, Khatav, Kore- gaon, Man, Khanapur and Wai. | } Satara. |
| Rajapur and Deogad | ... Ratnagiri. |
| Talukdari village Baroda | ... (Matar taluka). |
| Inam villages—Taloda, Bhaver, Delapur, Panibare and Rozavi. | } Taloda taluka. |
| Khamgaon | ... Nandurbar taluka. |
| Sakarde | ... Nawapur ,, |
| Bhondan | ... Parola ,, |
| Tondapur | ... Jamner ,, |
| Nanaj and Nanduri | ... Sangamner ,, |

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Inam villages—Donaj | ... | Pandharpur taluka. |
| Kondhar Chincholi | ... | Karmala „ |
| Visapur | ... | Tasgaon „ |
| Mahalungi, Sidhatek and Bidsangwi. | ... | Karjat „ |

35. The temporary revision settlement proposals for the inam villages of—

| | | |
|---|-----|----------------|
| Newasa Budruk, Ranjangaon, Usthal-Dumala, Kolegaon, Dongaon and Miri. | ... | Newasa taluka. |
| Torkhede, Abhanpur Khurd, Abhan- pur Budruk and Kakarde. | ... | Shahada „ |
| Gondegaon | ... | Pachora „ |

were sanctioned by the Settlement Commissioner under the authority of Resolution No. 9529 of 12th November 1923 and Government have been addressed to confirm the revised rates sanctioned in view of the orders passed by them in Resolution No. 9529 of 14th February 1924.

36. The revision settlement reports of Murbad (Thana), and Pen (Kolaba) are under consideration of the Commissioners and those of Kalyan (Thana), and Alibag (Kolaba) are under consideration of the Settlement Commissioner. The proposals for the revision settlements of Prantij and Modasa (Ahmedabad), Bhiwndi (Thana), Nadiad, Borsad, Anand, Thasra, and Kapadwanj (Kaira) and Kalol, Halol and Jhalod (Panch Mahals), Khed and Mandangad Peta (Ratnagiri) are under consideration of the Collectors concerned. Dohad settlement report is under preparation.

CHAPTER IV.

City Surveys.

37. *Northern Division.*—City surveys of Ahmedabad, Modasa, Jambusar and Kaira were completed. Surveys in Surat, Prantij, Hansot, Bassein and Halol are completed but enquiry is in progress. Rander city survey revision is going on. Twenty city surveys are under regular maintenance.

38. *Central Division.*—During the year, surveys of cities of Dharangaon, Chopda, Nawapur, Wai and Pachgani have been completed and that of Trimbak, Malegaon, Yawal and Raver are in progress. Twenty-one city surveys in all are under regular maintenance.

39. *Southern Division.*—Survey of Panwel was completed and enquiry is in progress. Surveys of Uran, Nargund, Indi, Roha and Alibag towns are in hand. The Hill Station of Matheran is being surveyed. Twelve city surveys have come under regular maintenance.

40. In cities where lands fetch high prices and where non-agricultural activity is great, the staff entertained for maintenance of such city surveys earns sufficient revenue to cover their cost. City survey operations are now being extended to small towns and in such cases they do not yield directly and immediately sufficient revenue to make the maintenance staff self-supporting.

41. To remedy this, at least partially, steps have been taken to transfer some of the maintenance work to sub-registrars where they are available and have not got sufficient work of their own. In places where the maintenance work is not heavy and the Sub-registrars have got only light work, the whole of the maintenance work except the technical measurement and map correction work, which is to be done by the maintenance surveyor of some adjoining city survey, is entrusted to the Sub-registrar. In others, where the city survey work is rather heavy or the Sub-registrar has not got sufficient leisure to look to the whole maintenance work in addition to his own proper work, he is required only to index in the Property Register registered documents relating to city survey properties.

42. By this arrangement it is intended to utilise the spare time of the existing staff and to see that the maximum number of city surveys are maintained with no more extra staff than absolutely needed.

43. The scheme detailed above is at present extended to the following towns as an experimental measure and will shortly be extended to those distinguished with asterisks.

| Northern Division. | Central Division. | Southern Division. |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Murbad | 1. Nandurbar | 1. Nargund |
| 2. Dahanu | 2. Shirpur | 2. Pen* |
| 3. Shahapur | 3. Yeola | 3. Uran* |
| 4. Bassein* | 4. Igatpuri | 4. Roha* |
| 5. Kaira | 5. Barsi | 5. Nawalgund |
| 6. Prantij* | | 6. Alibag* |
| 7. Thana | | 7. Panwel* |
| 8. Ankleshwar | | |
| 9. Bulsar | | |
| 10. Jambusar | | |

Village Site Surveys.

44. The 24 village sites in Gujarat and one in the Central Division surveyed previously are being properly maintained. Four inam village sites (Bhokri, Tamaswadi, Anchalgaon and Gondegaon) in East Khandesh were surveyed *at the request of the Inamdar.* Enquiry is in progress.

Photozinco Press.

45. The work turned out in the printing branch during the financial year was 1,428,145 machine pulls costing Rs. 25,854 and 94,645 hand pulls costing Rs. 20,958. Other branches turned out work costing Rs. 70,587. The work of this press is reviewed in a separate administration report.

CHAPTER V.

Record of Rights.

46. *Northern Division.*—The record is being re-written on the Maxwell System in all talukas of Ahmedabad and in talukas of Nadiad, Anand, Borsad, Thasra and Kapadwanj and in the inam village of Vasna Bujrag of Matar in Kaira and in Bhagdari villages of Broach.

47. *Central Division.*—In Sholapur district the Index of lands is being prepared on the Maxwell System in all talukas, except Karmala and Malsiras. In Poona district checking of entries in existing record is being done in Mawal and Purandhar talukas and in Dhond Peta, preliminary to writing the record on the Maxwell System. In Nagar district Village Form VI has been brought up-to-date. In East Khandesh district the record is being written on Maxwell System in talukas of Jalgaon, Chopda, Yawal, Erandol and Bhadgaon Peta. In West Khandesh the record is being written in 17 villages of Sakri and in Navapur taluka.

48. *Southern Division.*—The record has already been written on the Maxwell System in many talukas: and in the following talukas it is being done this year:—

| District. | Talukas. |
|-----------|--|
| Belgaum | ... Gokak. |
| Bijapur | ... Bagalkot, Sindgi. |
| Dharwar | ... Dharwar, Hubli, Kalghatgi, Karajgi, Bankapur, Gadag and Ron. |
| Kanara | ... Ankola and Halyal. |
| Kolaba | ... Alibag. |
| Ratnagiri | ... Deogad, Rajapur, Khed, Sangmeshwar, Ratnagiri. |

49. The record has been promulgated for the first time in the following unsettled villages of Bagalkot taluka:—

Honyal, Mugalalli, Mannikeri, Mudawinkop, Sutgundar, Mannihalli, Chowdapur, Bilkerur, Mudpaljivi.

50. Irrigation record of rights is being prepared in Halyal, Yellapur and Sirsi talukas of Kanara.

Retrenchment.

51. Two posts of District Inspectors of Land Records, Panch Mahals and Broach, four posts of clerks in Central Record Office, Ahmedabad, one post in the District Survey Office, Thana, and one post of Assistant District Inspector of Land Records, Ratnagiri, have been kept vacant.

General Remarks.

52. This Department has since the last 10—12 years added the details of nearly 6 millions of agricultural sub-divisions to its previous records: and has also surveyed and prepared full records for about half a million city properties. Every change in these holdings means work for the Land Records: whereas 15 years ago the Department concerned itself only with changes altering the whole "survey no."

53. By zeal and hard work, and continual striving after more and more refinements of efficiency and labour saving, hitherto the Department has well acquitted itself of this enormous increase in its burdens. We have even reduced the number of District Inspectors. But I doubt if this can go on indefinitely. The full recording and accurate mapping of every plot means greater security of title, better market value for every owner; and this increase in the value of land is conferred by the tax-payer. This enhanced value must inevitably be called upon to pay a reasonable contribution to the extra staff which must in course of time be needed, if the Department is to cope with the strain. I am not sanguine enough to believe that the internal improvements in working have equipped us for dealing permanently with thrice the work we attempted before 1910.

54. I have received the same able support as recorded last year throughout the Department. There is no further praise left for me to bestow on the work of Messrs. Mardhekar and Kavi in Central Division and Northern Division. Mr. Bail soon began to get a grip of his work and was taking his place as one of the veteran pillars of the Department when so sadly struck down in October last. In Sind Mr. Jagatsingh has shown the full measure of ability and interest needed for the task: and all the work done by him that I have seen has been most praiseworthy.

55. Messrs. Master, Bristow, Braham, Gordon, Hood, Baskerville, Maulvi, Dikshit and Kothavala have given not only much care and labour to the settlement investigations they have carried through but several of them by their thoughtful and penetrating reports are lifting the work of settlement into a clearer and more convincing plane of illumination.

Your most obedient Servant,

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Settlement Commissioner and Director
of Land Records.

STATEMENT I.

STATEMENT

Statement I showing crop, waste, boundary marks and other inspections

| Name of District. | Number of Circle Inspectors in the District. | Number of villages in each District. | | Number of days actually devoted to inspection work. |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| | | Total. | Number inspected. | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>Northern Division.</i> | | | | <i>Average.</i> |
| Ahmedabad | 18 | 445 | 445 | 175 |
| Kaira | 20 | 569 | 564 | 286 |
| Panch Mahals | 13 | 430 | 430 | 215 |
| Broach | 14 | 397 | 397 | 145 |
| Surat | 18 | 821 | 780 | 90 |
| Thana | 35 | 1,542 | 1,355 | 143 |
| <i>Central Division.</i> | | | | |
| East Khandesh | 40 | 1,802½ | 1,781 | 182 |
| West Khandesh | 25 | 1,216 | 1,205 | 140 |
| Nasik | 37 | 1,685 | 1,689 | 231 |
| Ahmednagar | 34 | 1,375 | 1,362 | 254 |
| Poona | 26 | 1,176 | 1,176 | 91 |
| Sholapur | 15 | 702 | 700 | 118 |
| Satara | 32 | 1,358 | 1,353 | 222 |
| <i>Southern Division.</i> | | | | |
| Belgaum | 30 | 1,083 | 1,024 | 157 |
| Bijapur | 24 | 1,168 | 1,013 | 245 |
| Dharwar | 34 | 1,379 | 1,231 | 260 |
| Kolaba | 30 | 1,627 | 1,520 | 145 |
| Ratnagiri | 17 | 322 | 316 | 166 |
| Kanara | 28 | 419 | 1,022 | 163 |

I.

carried out by Circle Inspectors during the year 1923-24.

| Crop and Tenancy Inspection. | | Waste Inspection. | | Repair of boundary marks. | |
|--|---|--|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Total number of occupied Survey Numbers. | Number of Survey Numbers and Sub-divisions. | Number of waste numbers other than forest. | Number inspected. | Number of villages due for repair. | |
| | | | | Arrears of past year. | Current year's Programme. |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 182,117 | { 25,640 H 5,057 } | 28,133 | { 3,716 4 } | 8 | 37 |
| 310,907 | { 32,377 H 35,231 } | 16,806 | 1,275 | The work owing to season. | was postponed unfavourable |
| 85,584 | { 16,331 H 7,090 17,927 } | 11,864 | 2,749 | 4 | 67 |
| 136,038 | { H 30,316 } | 8,738 | 1,367 | 1 | 53 |
| 246,214 | { 23,354 H 46,466 14,882 } | 11,723 | 1,525 | 9 | 89 |
| 197,150 | | 16,667 | 2,591 | 12 | 131½ |
| 311,802 | { 23,129 H 14,459 } | 9,048 | 2,308 | ..... | 341½ |
| 149,238 | 23,459 | 13,439 | 2,368 | 20 | 163 |
| 244,533 | { 21,030 H 14,155 } | 12,654 | 1,674 | 43½ | 197 |
| 238,116 | 28,283 | 5,299 | 1,734 | 75½ | 139 |
| 253,630 | { 15,510 H 13,100 } | 3,770 | 773 | 55 | 131 |
| 114,320 | 11,085 | 2,721 | 532 | 12 | 66 |
| 263,434 | { 33,988 H 122,708 } | 1,951 | 824 | 5 | 79 |
| 183,805 | { 4,566 H 31,093 } | 5,689 | 1,068 | 1 | 104 |
| 178,033 | { 23,809 H 11,431 } | 2,971 | 1,043 | 23½ | 37½ |
| 176,350 | 41,836 | 7,890 | 2,607 | 9 | 91 |
| 154,267 | 7,139 | 6,527 | 1,940 | 99½ | 150½ |
| 65,629 | { 4,871 H 33,412 } | 2,070 | 738 | 7 | 43½ |
| 143,069 | { 22,731 H 6,253 } | 10,118 | 2,813 | 1 | 160 |

H. - Hissas.

STATEMENT

| Name of District. 1 | Repair of boundary marks— <i>concl.</i> | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| | Number of villages completely inspected and repaired. | | Balance of villages outstanding at close of year. | |
| | Arrears of past year. 12 | Current year's programme. 13 | Arrears of past year. 14 | Current year's programme. 15 |
| <i>Northern Division.</i> | | | | |
| Ahmedabad | 2 | 32 | 6 | 5 |
| Kaira | The work was postponed owing to unfavourable season. |  |  | ..... |
| Panch Mahals | 4 | 57 | ..... | ..... |
| Broach | 1 | 53 | ..... | ..... |
| Surat | 2 | 89 | ..... | ..... |
| Thana | 11 | 128½ | 1 | 3 |
| <i>Central Division.</i> | | | | |
| East Khandesh | ..... | 266½ | ..... | 75 |
| West Khandesh | 18 | 160 | 3 | 3 |
| Nasik | 39 | 187 | 4½ | 10 |
| Ahmednagar | 45½ | 82 | 30 | 57 |
| Poona | 43 | 32 | 13 | 99 |
| Sholapur | 12 | 63 | ..... | 3 |
| Satara | 1 | 60 | 4 | 19 |
| <i>Southern Division.</i> | | | | |
| Belgaum | 1 | 85 | ..... | 19 |
| Bijapur | 6 | 12 | 17½ | 25½ |
| Dharwar | 9 | 85 | | 6 |
| Kolaba | 43½ | 109 | 56 | 41½ |
| Belgaon | 7 | 38½ | | 5 |
| Kanara | | 158 | 1 | 2 |

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I—concluded.

| Average number of days spent by Circle Inspectors of the District on inspection and repairs. | Inspection of Tagai works. | | Number of entries checked in the Birth and Death Register. | Number of entries checked in Village Forms VI and VII. | Remarks. |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| | Number of Tagai works examined. | Number in which work was finished. | | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 37 | 14 | 13 | 6,694 | 9,549 | The Revenue staff checked 29,129 entries in Settlement Register in 17 villages. |
| ..... | 39 | 24 | 15,064 | 36,045 | |
| 58 | 2 | 2 | 7,136 | 10,378 | |
| 46 | ..... | ..... | 8,285 | 12,045 | |
| 46 | ..... | ..... | 12,063 | 66,025 | |
| 91 | 1 | 1 | 10,287 | 55,643 | |
| 59 | 20 | 18 | 99,145 | 28,735 | |
| 66 | 11 | 8 | 20,713 | 64,174 | |
| 172 | ..... | ..... | 19,352 | 21,966 | |
| 52 | 52 | 49 | 22,868 | 80,490 | |
| 23 | 109 | 107 | 9,376 | 177,054 | |
| 30 | 43 | 37 | 9,819 | 25,045 | |
| 109 | 430 | 349 | 18,479 | 146,829 | |
| 43 | 78 | 26 | 21,736 | 31,110 | |
| 98 | 520 | 491 | 18,734 | 38,203 | |
| 65 | 80 | 45 | 31,475 | 104,489 | |
| 74 | 1 | | 13,373 | 24,254 | Last year the figures were not correctly reported. |
| 65 | | | 3,683 | 32,913 | |
| 76 | 3 | 1 | 6,545 | 59,352 | Do. do. |

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STATEMENT II.

Statement II showing the measurement and classification work performed by Cadastral Surveyors and other establishments deputed on measurement work during the year 1923-1924.

| Name of District. | Arrears at the beginning of the year. | | Received during the year. | | Disposed of during the year. | | Balance at the close of the year. | | Remarks. |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| | Measurement. | Classification. | Measurement. | Classification. | Measurement. | Classification. | Measurement. | Classification. | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Northern Division. | | | | | | | | | |
| Ahmedabad ... | 24 | ... | 629 | 29 | 585 | 21 | 68 | 8 | |
| Kaira ... | 64 | 1 | 998 | 304 | 826 | 303 | 236 | 2 | |
| Panch Mahals. | 16 | ... | 535 | 246 | 340 | 238 | 211 | 8 | |
| Broach ... | 32 | ... | 231 | 20 | 259 | 20 | 3 | ... | |
| Surat ... | 98 | ... | 897 | 11 | 959 | 11 | 36 | ... | |
| Thana ... | 314 | 9 | 1,333 | 94 | 1,612 | 90 | 35 | 13 | |
| Total ... | 548 | 10 | 4,622 | 704 | 4,561 | 683 | 689 | 31 | |
| Central Division. | | | | | | | | | |
| East Khandesh. | 99 | ... | 1,413 | 205 | 1,347 | 198 | 165 | 7 | |
| West Khandesh. | 66 | 8 | 276 | 9 | 271 | 5 | 71 | 12 | |
| Nasik ... | 177 | .. | 953 | 6 | 975 | 6 | 155 | ... | |
| Ahmednagar... | 197 | 13 | 551 | 22 | 600 | 9 | 248 | 26 | |
| Poona ... | 789 | 38 | 1,496 | 18 | 1,614 | 27 | 671 | 29 | |
| Sholapur ... | 306 | 9 | 4,590 | 56 | 4,466 | 21 | 430 | 44 | |
| Satara ... | 365 | 5 | 2,401 | 34 | 2,284 | 31 | 462 | 8 | |
| Total ... | 1,999 | 73 | 11,680 | 350 | 11,487 | 297 | 2,222 | 126 | |
| Southern Division. | | | | | | | | | |
| Belgaum ... | 148 | 6 | 1,243 | 12 | 1,263 | 17 | 198 | 1 | |
| Bijapur ... | 360 | 1 | 1,938 | 74 | 2,042 | 66 | 256 | 9 | |
| Dharwar ... | 1,122 | 72 | 1,765 | 77 | 1,566 | 110 | 1,321 | 39 | |
| Kolaba ... | 303 | ... | 1,045 | 24 | 1,177 | 24 | 171 | ... | |
| Ratnagiri ... | 172 | 8 | 952 | 86 | 870 | 77 | 254 | 17 | |
| Kanara ... | 269 | 5 | 1,959 | 257 | 1,799 | 238 | 429 | 24 | |
| Total ... | 2,374 | 92 | 8,902 | 530 | 8,717 | 632 | 2,559 | 90 | |
| Grand Total ... | 4,921 | 175 | 25,204 | 1,584 | 24,755 | 1,512 | 5,370 | 247 | |

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STATEMENT III.

STATEMENT

Statement III showing the test of Village Officers' and Circle
in the districts during

| Name of District. | Number of villages. | | Number of boundary marks inspected. | |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| | Total in District. | Number inspected. | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Ahmedabad ... | { S. D. O. ... 3 | 446 | { 387 | 1,244 |
| | { Mr. ... 9 | | { 421 | 3,525 |
| Kaira ... | { S. D. O. ... 2 | 589 | { 430 | *..... |
| | { Mr. ... 7 | | { 543 | ..... |
| Panch Mahals ... | { S. D. O. ... 2 | 430 | { 277 | 302 |
| | { Mr. ... 5 | | { 364 | 1,562 |
| Broach ... | { S. D. O. ... 2 | 397 | { 369 | 2,934 |
| | { Mr. ... 6 | | { 397 | 3,110 |
| Surat ... | { S. D. O. ... 2 | 821 | { 485 | 590 |
| | { Mr. ... 9 | | { 732 | 4,186 |
| Thana ... | { S. D. O. ... 3 | 1,542 | { 473 | 814 |
| | { Mr. ... 11 | | { 900 | 20,507 |
| East Khandesh ... | { S. D. O. ... 2 | †1,737 | { 296 | 107 |
| | { Mr. ... 13 | | { 1,555 | 9,274 |
| West Khandesh ... | { S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,216 | { 404 | 1,993 |
| | { Mr. ... 8 | | { 1,212 | 6,199 |
| Nasik ... | { S. D. O. ... 3 | 1,695 | { 441 | 563 |
| | { Mr. ... 12 | | { 1,662 | 8,966 |
| Ahmednagar ... | { S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,375 | { 368 | 123 |
| | { Mr. ... 12 | | { 1,311 | 1,672 |

S. D. O. = Sub-Divisional Officer.

Mr. = Mamlatdar or Mahalkari.

III.

*Inspectors' work by Sub-Divisional Officers and Mamltdars
the year 1923-24.*

| Number of Survey Numbers in which Crop and Tenancy Record was inspected. | | Number of villages in which Birth and Death Registers were checked. | Number of entries checked in Village Form VI and VII. | Remarks. |
|--|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Village Officers' work. | Circle Inspectors' work. | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1,776 | 1,161 | 321 | 5,752 | |
| { 4,401 H 2,001 | { 1,487 H 884 | 410 | 4,455 | |
| { 2,257 H 2,271 | { 1,428 H 1,030 | 342 | 1,770 | * Repair of boundary marks postponed owing to unavourable season. |
| { 7,831 H 5,451 | { 2,475 H 2,904 | 514 | 11,496 | |
| { 3,576 H 1,548 | { 584 H 180 | 299 | 5,829 | |
| { 4,632 H 1,784 | { 1,896 H 601 | 319 | 4,492 | |
| { 1,844 H 3,023 | { 141 H 250 | 267 | 7,632 | |
| { 4,443 H 4,008 | { 862 H 877 | 400 | 7,769 | |
| 2,746 | 60 | 477 | 8,211 | |
| 8,628 | 4,590 | 685 | 17,627 | |
| { 1,072 H 1,446 | 433 | 402 | 6,231 | |
| { 5,190 H 3,934 | { 1,608 H 201 | 839 | 53,259 | |
| { 1,048 H 251 | 176 | 172 | 3,113 | |
| { 4,163 H 2,075 | { 1,340 H 4,643 | 1,410 | 17,478 | † Government villages only. |
| 3,046 | 1,832 | 339 | 5,940 | |
| 5,452 | 2,605 | 1,115 | 19,512 | |
| { 1,103 6,498 H 2,054 743 | { 325 1,416 H 630 55 | { 4,039 1,659 162 | { 1,708 17,350 1,658 | |
| 8,463 | 3,981 | 1,205 | 43,147 | |

H. = Hissas.

STATEMENT

| Name of District. | Number of villages. | | Number of boundary marks inspected. | |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| | Total in District. | Number inspected. | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Poona | S. D. O. ... 3 | 1,176 | 228 | 47 |
| | Mr. ... 12 | | 974 | 1,528 |
| Sholapur | S. D. O. ... 2 | 702 | 230 | 145 |
| | Mr. ... 7 | | 694 | 1,157 |
| Satara | S. D. O. ... 3 | 1,358 | 291 | 131 |
| | Mr. ... 17 | | 1,598 | 2,077 |
| Belgaum | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,083 | 210 | 442 |
| | Mr. ... 10 | | 938 | 2,691 |
| Bijapur | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,168 | 556 | 113 |
| | Mr. ... 9 | | 1,064 | 1,564 |
| Dharwar | S. D. O. ... 3 | 1,279 | 416 | 2,295 |
| | Mr. ... 11 | | 1,092 | 2,495 |
| Kolaba | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,627 | 402 | 6,758 |
| | Mr. ... 9 | | 1,268 | 13,183 |
| Ratnagiri | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,336 | 875 | 1,296 |
| | Mr. ... 11 | | 1,333 | 4,510 |
| Kanara | S. D. O. ... 4 | 1,419 | 340 | 3,665 |
| | Mr. ... 11 | | 1,287 | 10,579 |

S. D. O. = Sub-Divisional Officer.

Mr. = Mamlatdar or Mahalkari.

Poona, 10th December 1924.

III—concluded.

| Number of Survey Numbers in which Crop and Tenancy Record was inspected. | | Number of villages in which Birth and Death Registers were checked. | Number of entries checked in Village Form VI and VII. | Remarks. |
|--|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| Village Officers' work. | Circle Inspectors' work. | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 774 | ..... | 223 | 2,710 | |
| H 1,399 | | | | |
| 3,873 | 9,865 | 907 | 22,635 | |
| H 8,405 | H 1,736 | | | |
| 671 | | 186 | 1,765 | |
| 2,866 | 2,066 | 667 | 29,870 | |
| 510 | 200 | | | |
| H 1,323 | H 495 | 275 | 2,308 | |
| 7,849 | 5,518 | | | |
| H 25,198 | H 16,607 | 1,591* | 55,251 | * The figure includes the villages inspected by the extra Head Karkuns. |
| 1,388 | 463 | | | |
| H 830 | H 181 | 200 | 2,528 | |
| 7,274 | 5,137 | | | |
| H 1,618 | H 1,044 | 868 | 14,191 | |
| 2,931 | 1,097 | 453 | 3,420 | |
| 4,856 | 1,316 | 1,039 | 17,199 | |
| 2,193 | 1,474 | 249 | 2,016 | |
| 9,766 | 4,133 | 959 | 15,603 | |
| 1,185 | 463 | | | |
| H 2,182 | H 1,766 | 336 | 2,031 | |
| 1,548 | 562 | | | |
| H 4,078 | H 2,207 | 1,105 | 19,995 | |
| 484 | 470 | 825 | 9,110 | |
| 1,414 | 1,319 | 1,253 | 20,803 | |
| 997 | 71 | 142 | 2,721 | |
| 6,302 | 3,650 | 1,173 | 39,056 | |

H. = Hissas.

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STATEMENT

Statement IV showing the details of work done by the District

| Name of District. | Total Number of villages in the District. | | Total Number of days devoted to all kinds of inspection. | Number of Circle Inspectors. |
|---------------------------|---|------------|--|------------------------------|
| | Total. | Inspected. | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>Northern Division.</i> | | | | |
| Ahmedabad | 446 | 97 | 137 | 18 |
| Kaira | 589 | 90 | 125 | 20 |
| Panch Mahals | 430 | 23 | 52 | 13 |
| Broach | 397 | 47 | 44 | 14 |
| Surat | 621 | 103 | 110 | 18 |
| Thana | 1,542 | 224 | 214 | 35 |
| <i>Central Division.</i> | | | | |
| East Khandesh | 1,602½ | 127 | 122 | 40 |
| West Khandesh | 1,216 | 185 | 110 | 25 |
| Nasik | 1,695 | 198 | 193 | 37 |
| Ahmednagar | 1,375 | 76 | 112 | 34 |
| Poona | 1,176 | 99 | 125 | 26 |
| Sholapur | 702 | 76 | 198 | 15 |
| Satara | 1,358 | 125 | 106 | 35 |
| <i>Southern Division.</i> | | | | |
| Belgaum | 1,083 | 100 | 131 | 28 |
| Bijapur | 1,168 | 152 | 160 | 24 |
| Dharwar | 1,279 | 128 | 164 | 34 |
| Kolaba | 1,550 | 113 | 94 | 30 |
| Batnagiri | 322 | 139 | 150 | 17 |
| Kanera | 1,419 | 154 | 136 | 28 |

IV.

Inspectors of Land Records of the Districts during the year 1923-24.

| Number of Circles. | Crop and Waste Inspection numbers checked. | | | | | | Number of boundary marks examined. | Entries in the Return of Population and agricultural stock tested. |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| | Early. | | Late. | | Waste. | | | |
| | Circle Inspectors' work. | Village Accountants' work. | Circle Inspectors' work. | Village Accountants' work. | Circle Inspectors' work. | Village Accountants' work. | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 18 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 138 \\ \text{H } 183 \end{array} \right.$ | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 728 \\ \text{H } 1,170 \end{array} \right.$ | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 18 \\ \text{H } 23 \end{array} \right.$ | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 140 \\ \text{H } 198 \end{array} \right.$ | 20 | 93 | 1,879 | ..... |
| 20 | ..... | 1,287 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... |
| 13 | ..... | 319 | .. | ... | ... | ... | 90 | ..... |
| 14 | ... | ... | ... | 672 | ... | ... | 60 | ..... |
| 18 | ... | 296 | ... | 528 | ... | ... | 781 | ..... |
| 35 | ..... | 5,143 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 57 | ..... |
| 40 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 140 \\ \text{H } 1,345 \end{array} \right.$ | 320 | 46 | 138 | 14 | 51 | 2,242 | ..... |
| 25 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{H } 674 \end{array} \right.$ | | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 746 \\ \text{H } 205 \end{array} \right.$ | | 139 | | 8,216 | ..... |
| 37 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 187 \\ \text{H } 350 \end{array} \right.$ | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 314 \\ \text{H } 600 \end{array} \right.$ | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 158 \\ \text{H } 290 \end{array} \right.$ | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 272 \\ \text{H } 614 \end{array} \right.$ | 24 | 75 | 2,106 | ..... |
| 34 | ..... | 405 | ... | 336 | ... | ... | 313 | ..... |
| 26 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 65 \\ \text{H } 142 \end{array} \right.$ | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 441 \\ \text{H } 915 \end{array} \right.$ | ... | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 102 \\ \text{H } 214 \end{array} \right.$ | 7 | 35 | 352 | ..... |
| 15 | ..... | ... | ... | 151 | ... | ... | 1,049 | ..... |
| 35 | ..... | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 906 \\ \text{H } 1,595 \end{array} \right.$ | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,800 | ..... |
| 28 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 33 \\ \text{H } 22 \end{array} \right.$ | ... | 387 | ... | ... | ... | 397 | ..... |
| 24 | 87 | 190 | 89 | 337 | ... | ... | 549 | ..... |
| 34 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 110 \\ \text{H } 49 \end{array} \right.$ | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 291 \\ \text{H } 66 \end{array} \right.$ | 35 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 159 \\ \text{H } 37 \end{array} \right.$ | ... | 1 | 1,666 | ..... |
| 30 | 45 | 220 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,423 | ..... |
| 17 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 102 \\ \text{H } 630 \end{array} \right.$ | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 109 \\ \text{H } 691 \end{array} \right.$ | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 190 \\ \text{H } 1,276 \end{array} \right.$ | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 190 \\ \text{H } 1,276 \end{array} \right.$ | 4 | 3 | 2,974 | ..... |
| 28 | 175 | 217 | 6 | 13 | ... | 3 | 2,173 | ..... |

STATEMENT

| Name of District. | Entries in the Birth and Death Register tested. | Number of Survey Numbers tested. | | | |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | Measured by the Circle Inspectors. | Classed by the Circle Inspectors. | Measured by the District Surveyors. | Classed by the District Surveyors. |
| 1 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| <i>Northern Division.</i> | | | | | |
| Ahmedabad | 227 | 17 | ... | 18 | ... |
| Kaira | 252 | 11 | 1 | 19 | 30 |
| Panch Mahals | 34 | 2 | ... | 2 | ... |
| Broach | 191 | 153 | ... | ... | ... |
| Surat | 188 | 18 | ... | 35 | ... |
| Thana | 674 | 95 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| <i>Central Division.</i> | | | | | |
| East Khandesh | 920 | { 109 H 337 137 H 76 | ... | { 14 H 9 | { 35 H 10 18 H 5 |
| West Khandesh | 959 | { 91 H 199 | ... | { 6 H 3 | ... |
| Nasik | 840 | { 46 54 H 283 | ... | { 6 H 8 | ... |
| Ahmednagar | 263 | { 161 83 H 151 | ... | 7 | ... |
| Poona | 453 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Sholapur | 17 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Satara | 403 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| <i>Southern Division.</i> | | | | | |
| Belgaum | 212 | { 140 H 153 | 2 | { 15 H 13 | 2 |
| Bijapur | 997 | { 125 H 190 | 10 H 7 | { 22 H 9 | 3 |
| Dharwar | 570 | { 75 H 77 | ... | 15 | 4 |
| Kolaba | 272 | 102 | ... | ... | 1 |
| Ratnagiri | ... | 116 | ... | 15 | 32 |
| Kanara | 276 | 68 | 20 | 28 | 25 |

H. = Hissas.

Poona, 10th December 1924.

IV—continued.

| Number of entries in Village Forms VI and VII tested. | Number of Village Accountants examined in measurement work. | Taluka Forms XX to XXII tested. | Number of Tregi Works inspected. | Number of entries in Village Form XVI inspected. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 1,284 | | | | 214 | |
| 1,188 | | | | 132 | |
| 245 | | | | 13 | |
| 1,613 | | | | | |
| 1,084 | | | | | |
| 5,935 | | | | | |
| 3,133 | | | | 47 | |
| 4,438 | | | | | |
| 2,698 | | | 5 | ..... |  |
| 601 | | | | | |
| 2,632 | | 12 | ..... | ..... |  |
| 2,411 | | | | | |
| 3,681 | | | | | |
| 2,360 | 30 | 8 | ..... | 62 | |
| 1,255 | | | | 5 | |
| 1,741 | | | | 5 | |
| 2,661 | | | | | |
| *2,028 | | | | | *Government villages only. |
| 3,462 | | | | 17 | |

F. G. H. ANDERSON,
Settlement Commissioner and
Director of Land Records.

*Part III of the Land Revenue Administration Report of the
Province of Sind for the year 1923-24.*

No. P. 85—I.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT:

Office of the Commissioner in Sind,
Government House, Karachi, 13th October 1924.

The only revised irrigational settlement that was introduced during the year was the one introduced in the Warah taluka. The levy of the revised rates in this case has however been stopped by Government in pursuance of a resolution accepted by them at the last session of the Bombay Legislative Council that in all talukas in Sind the revision of the settlement should not be undertaken until after the expiration of 20 years from the date of the last revision. No increase in revenue is therefore anticipated in the taluka, and consequently appendix A is blank. The acceptance of the resolution referred to above has also resulted in the cancellation of all the revision settlements in progress or awaiting Government sanction, and for the same reason no taluka is due for revision during the current year.

2. The amount of work done during the year at the Head Record Office is detailed in appendices B and C. The figures in columns 2 to 4 of Appendix B show a falling off from those of the previous year. This is due to the restriction on land grants on account of the Lloyd Barrage and Canals Scheme. There were no arrears at the end of the year. The entries relating to 1,331 survey numbers were examined in the office of the Superintendent, Land Records, and only 9 mistakes were discovered, which were corrected at the time of inspection.

In all, 103 land registers were prepared during the year as against 938 in the previous year.

The number of maps prepared and supplied to Government officers and private individuals was 6,303 as against 5,899 in the previous year. The increase was due to more numerous requisitions from the Village establishments. In addition to the maps shown above, 11,632 maps were supplied to Public Works Department officers in connection with the Lloyd Barrage. For this purpose a special temporary establishment was entertained in the Head Record Office.

Appendix C relates to the work done in the Record Office in consequence of the measurement carried out by the Village establishments. The number of measurement papers relating to survey numbers received for examination and entry in the Record Office was less than in the previous year by 4,624. The decrease is due mainly to the restriction on the grant of land on account of the Lloyd Barrage and Canals Scheme. Out of 8,326 survey numbers for which measurement papers were disposed of during

the year, the papers relating to 3,572 survey numbers were returned unentered, their amendment being necessary. This figure shows only a slight percentage increase over the last year's figure. The proposal for the appointment of a separate staff for survey work referred to in the previous year's report, is being kept in abeyance pending the development of the Lloyd Barrage project under the orders contained in Government memorandum No. 1704-B-24, dated the 11th August 1924.

3. The work of sorting and destroying records is reported to be up to date.

4. The Head Record Office was inspected by the Settlement Commissioner, and Director of Land Records in March last and the Superintendent of Land Records in May and June last, and the result was satisfactory.

5. No field survey parties were organized during the year. Two Revenue Surveyors were deputed to perform the survey of Sind Cutch boundary extending over a length of 45 miles. They completed the work in about 3 weeks only. The cost of the survey and inspection of the demarcation work incurred by the Land Records department came to Rs. 1,958-15-4 as against the total amount of Rs. 7,500 sanctioned for the purpose. The operations were carried out very economically in spite of serious difficulties.

The survey of the towns of Larkana and Jacobabad, which had been started during the preceding year, was completed during the year under report. The question of appointing establishment for the maintenance of the two surveys has been held over pending settlement of the general question how the maintenance of city surveys can be made self-supporting. The work connected with these surveys was frequently inspected by the Superintendent, Land Records in Sind. It was also inspected by the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, who was favourably impressed with it.

The remaining miscellaneous work of the Hyderabad City survey was also completed during the year, but the delivery of sanads and the recovery of sanad fees have been held in abeyance, pending the decision of the general question referred to above. The total amount spent in connection with the maintenance of this city survey during the year was Rs. 1,810. The maintenance establishment inspected 80 theodolite stations and reviewed 1,410 properties before the end of the year. The mutations recorded in the Property Registers were 226 and the corrections made in maps were 39. The income accruing to the city survey office during the year from copying fees amounted to Rs. 57-5-0.

In the course of the maintenance of the Shikarpur city survey, 954 theodolite stations and 6,897 properties were reviewed during the year. Of the properties reviewed, 2,491 pertained to the third cycle of review. The number of mutations recorded in the Property Registers during the year was 2,994 and the number of corrections made in the maps amounted to 562. The realizations of the city

survey office during the year amounted to Rs. 3,173-6-0. Besides these, the following sums were realized by Government and the municipality from the city survey area.

By Government.

| | | Rs. | a. | p. |
|--------------------------|-----|--------|----|----|
| Sale of plots | ... | 11,678 | 11 | 0 |
| Assessment on plots sold | ... | 431 | 12 | 0 |
| Total | ... | 12,110 | 7 | 0 |

By the Municipality.

| | | Rs. | a. | p. |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Occupancy price of plots sold | ... | 286 | 3 | 3 |
| Assessment on plots sold | ... | 224 | 13 | 2 |
| Total | .. | 511 | 0 | 5 |

The realizations from sanad fees including late fees amounted to Rs. 3,299-12-0. The balance of Rs. 1,000-6-10, shown last year as outstanding on account of the cost of the survey operations has since been wiped off. The expenditure incurred in connection with the city survey office on account of pay, allowances and contingencies amounted to Rs. 4,343-3-6. Taking the total realizations so far effected, there is a surplus of Rs. 2,299-5-2 in favour of Government over and above the cost of the survey.

In the course of the maintenance of the Garhi Yasin town survey, 65 theodolite stations and 1,665 properties were reviewed, leaving a balance of 12 theodolite stations and 175 properties to be dealt with in the second cycle of review. A sum of Rs. 70 was recovered during the year on account of sanad fees and late fees. This sum added to the previous surplus in favour of Government over the cost of the survey raises it to Rs. 478-3-11. The receipts of the city survey office during the year amounted to Rs. 147-11-0. The Municipality also realized a sum of Rs. 14-5-4 on account of occupancy price of plots sold by them. The expenditure on account of maintenance during the year amounted to Rs. 594-12-0.

In the course of the maintenance of the city survey, Sukkur, 141 theodolite stations and 2,874 properties were reviewed during the year, leaving a balance of 55 stations and 143 properties in the first cycle of review. Out of the balance of Rs. 6,151-14-11 shown as outstanding against this survey on account of survey expenses, Rs. 508-12-0 on account of sanad fees chargeable on properties belonging to Government were written off, Rs. 2,215-1-0 were recovered from people and a sum of Rs. 43-0-0 was refunded. The unrecovered balance at the end of the year thus amounted to Rs. 3,471-2-11. The realizations of Government from Copying fee, etc., amounted to Rs. 600-11-6. Besides the above sum, the following amounts were realized by Government and the Municipality from the city survey area,

By Government.

| | | Rs. | a. | p. |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Occupancy price of plots | ... | 6 | 14 | 0 |
| Late fee of sanads | ... | 87 | 8 | 0 |
| Total | ... | 94 | 6 | 0 |

By the Municipality.

| | | Rs. | a. | p. |
|-----------------------|-----|--------|----|----|
| Sale of plots | ... | 29,458 | 11 | 6 |
| Rent for plots leased | ... | 47 | 10 | 0 |
| Total | ... | 29,506 | 5 | 6 |

The maintenance charges during the year amounted to Rs. 3,096-4-0.

In the course of the maintenance of Rohri city survey, 120 theodolite stations and 2,210 properties came under review, leaving a balance of 125 theodolite stations and 340 properties to complete the first cycle of review. The balance of Rs. 196-5-9 outstanding against this survey at the close of the preceding year was wiped off. The total recoveries amounted to Rs. 696-4-0, leaving a surplus of Rs. 499-14-3 in favour of Government at the end of the year. The realizations of the city survey office during the year amounted to Rs. 145-0-0. Besides this, Government realized Rs. 4,134-10-0 from occupancy price and rent of plots and the Municipality Rs. 154 from occupancy price. The expenditure of the city survey office amounted to Rs. 2,069-8-0.

6. The Superintendent tested 217 survey numbers measured by the Village establishment.

7. The four weeks' survey class was held in August and September. It was attended by four Mukhtyarkars and one Assistant Master of the Tapadars' Training School. All of them were granted the usual certificates. No survey party was formed for the training of Head Munshis and Graduates.

8. The total cost of the Land Records Department for the year amounted to Rs. 89,494-1-7 of which Rs. 19,029-14-8 were spent on city surveys.

9. The Record of Rights was introduced and promulgated during the year only in the eight lately surveyed dehs of the Ghorabari taluka of the Karachi district.

The record was due for re-writing in the Manjhand mahal of the Karachi district, in the Larkana, Kambar, Mehar, Karkar, Warah and Labdaria talukas of the Larkana district and in the Pano Akil, Ghotki, Mirpur, Mathelo and Ubauro talukas of the Sukkur district. The work of re-writing the Record in dehs Thano and Drigh of the Karachi taluka, referred to in the previous year's

report, was completed during the year under report. The re-writing was postponed in deh Kartar of the Rohri taluka owing to the land being still under water. Re-writing was also postponed in all the talukas referred to above as well as the Tando Bago taluka of the Hyderabad district, the Shahdadpur taluka of the Nawabshah district, the Samaro taluka of the Thar Parkar district, the Ratodero and Mirokhan talukas of the Larkana district and the Thul, Kaudhkot and Kashmir talukas of the Upper Sind Frontier district, referred to in the previous year's report. In the case of these talukas the reason for postponement was the prospective introduction of the Maxwell system of keeping the Record of Rights, under Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 395-B, dated the 28th February 1923.

The work of measuring fresh sub-divisions was up to date except in deh Juna, taluka Kotri of the Karachi district, where it could not be finished owing to the flooding of the whole deh. This work was done by the village establishment as a part of their ordinary duties.

The total number of cases in which acquisition of rights was not reported during the year was 742, and the fines imposed amounted roughly to Rs. 2,000.

The revenue accounts were based on the entries in the Record of Rights except in the areas specially exempted from the operation of the rules.

The maintenance of the Record is on the whole satisfactory.

J. L. RIEU,
Commissioner in Sind.

APPENDIX B.

Showing the work done in the Head Record Office, Hyderabad, Sind, in connection with sketches, etc., during 1923-24

| Year. | Number of cases necessitating corrections in Survey Records. | | | | Number of cases returned duly corrected. | | | | Number of cases remaining for correction at the end of the year. | | | | Number of extracts from Survey Registers supplied. | Number of Survey Registers prepared and supplied to | | |
|---------|--|----------|---------|------------------------|--|----------|---------|------------------------|--|----------|---------|------------------------|--|---|--------------------|--------------|
| | Survey Registers. | Maps. | | Lists of Karia rebate. | Survey Registers. | Maps. | | Lists of Karia rebate. | Survey Registers. | Maps. | | Lists of Karia rebate. | | Village Establishments. | District Officers. | Petitioners. |
| | | English. | Sindhi. | | | English. | Sindhi. | | | English. | Sindhi. | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 1923-24 | 2,125 | 53 | 1,353 | ... | 2,125 | 53 | 1,353 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,217 | 44 | 3 | 7 |
| 1922-23 | 2,948 | 115 | 2,248 | ... | 2,948 | 115 | 2,248 | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | 252 | 32 | ... | 19 |

APPENDIX B--continued.

| Year. | Number of copies of Field Books supplied. | Land Registers prepared for the Head Record Office. | Number of Maps supplied— | | | | | | | | Maps prepared for printing. | | Maps prepared to replace old office copies at the Head Record Office. | Remarks. |
|---------|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|---|----------|
| | | | Free of cost to Village Establishments. | On payment to Village Establishments. | To District Officers. | | To petitioners on payment. | | To the Public Works Department. | | English. | Sindhi. | | |
| | | | | | English. | Sindhi. | English. | Sindhi. | English. | Sindhi. | | | | |
| 1 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| 1923-24 | Cases 2,701 S. Nos. 9505 | 103 | 3,567 | 169 | 63 | 142 | 7 | 603 | 5 | 1,747 | 20 | 640 | 343 | |
| 1922-23 | Cases 2,665 S. Nos. 9031 | 938 | 2,928 | 148 | 2 | 118 | 19 | 756 | 97 | 1,831 | 13 | 411 | 411 | |

A. M. GREEN,
Assistant Commissioner in Sind.

APPENDIX C.

Showing the work done, at the Head Record Office, Hyderabad, Sind, in connection with measurement done by Village Establishments during 1923-24.

| District, | Number of talukas in which survey work was done. | Number of survey numbers received for examination and entry in the Survey records. | Number of survey numbers returned after making entries in the Survey records, maps and registers. | Number of survey numbers returned without entry in the Survey records, maps and registers. | Arrears at the end of the year. | Remarks. |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------|----------|
| Sukkur ... | 8 | 2,066 | 1,332 | 734 | ... | |
| Upper Sind Frontier ... | 5 | 527 | 458 | 69 | ... | |
| Karachi ... | 10 | 1,859 | 990 | 869 | ... | |
| Thar Parkar ... | 7 | 506 | 337 | 169 | ... | |
| Larkana ... | 11 | 813 | 478 | 335 | ... | |
| Nawabshah ... | 7 | 1,703 | 655 | 1,048 | ... | |
| Hyderabad ... | 7 | 852 | 504 | 348 | ... | |
| Total for 1923-24 .. | 55 | 8,328 | 4,754 | 3,572 | ... | |
| Total for 1922-23 ... | 56 | 12,950 | 7,679 | 5,271 | ... | |

A. M. GREEN,
Assistant Commissioner in Sind.

APPENDIX D.

Statement showing the test of Tapadars' and Supervising Tapadars' inspection work by Sub-divisional Officers in the Province during 1923-24.

| Name of district. | Name of dehs. | | Number of dehs in which boundary marks repair was examined. | Number of survey numbers in which crops and tenancy record was checked. | | Number of dehs in which birth and death registers were checked. | Number of entries checked in Village Forms 1-C and 1-D. | Remarks. |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|----------|
| | Total in the district. | Number visited during the year. | | Tapadars' work. | Supervising Tapadars' work. | | | |
| Karachi | 798 | 541 | 23 | 14,910 A. g. +36 11 bagoti measurement. | 3,309 | 277 | 3,720 | |
| Hyderabad | 925 | 888 | 51 | 8,026 | 2,404 | 981 | 4,126 | |
| Thar Parkar | 964 | 798 | 93 | 43,633 | 13,754 | 468 | 26,951 | |
| Nawabshah | 675 | 535 | 58 | A. g. +1,807 16 bagoti measurement. | A. g. +34 13 bagoti measurement. | 4,612 | 8,899 | |
| Sukkur | 667 | 511 | 2,180 | 15,714 | 4,634 | 498 | 8,912 | |
| Larkana | 754 | 476 | 34 | 13,551 | 3,428 | 147 | 10,076 | |
| Upper Sind Frontier | 438 | 290 | 46 | 5,764 A. g. +461 20 bagoti measurement. | 1,003 | 65 | 2,601 | |
| Total | 5,306 | 3,539 | 2,485 | 116,621 A. g. +2,306 7 bagoti measurement. | 33,144 +34 13 | 2,070 | 65,265 | |

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A. M. GREEN,
Assistant Commissioner in Sind.

No. 1793 of 1924.

OFFICE OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT, LAND RECORDS,
BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION.

Old Custom House Yard, Fort,
Bombay, 7th November 1924.

From

W. J. NEWLAND, Esq.,

Superintendent, Land Records,

Bombay Suburban Division, Bombay ;

To

THE SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER AND

DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS,

Bombay Suburban Division, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the office of the Superintendent, Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, for the year ending 31st July 1924.

2. *Charge.*—I held charge of the office from 1st August 1923 to 23rd May 1924 when I proceeded on leave; during my absence Mr. Bhatkar acted as Superintendent for the latter part of the year. The charge of the office of the District Inspector, Land Records, Bombay Suburban District, was held partly by Mr. Bhatkar and partly by Mr. Nadgir, my Head Clerk. From 24th November to the end of the 1923 Mr. Bhatkar was on leave and Mr. Nadgir acted as District Inspector. Again from 23rd May 1924 onwards he acted as District Inspector *vice* Mr. Bhatkar.

3. *District Survey office.*—As the new office building was ready for occupation, all the survey records were removed from Gazdar Hall to the new building on 5th January 1924. There is ample accommodation for the office, and it has also been possible to provide room for the office of the Maintenance Surveyor of the surveyed village-sites.

During the year under report the District Survey office disposed of 71 correction cases affecting 810 S. Nos., out of 73 cases received during the year; Rs. 622 9-3 were realised from the sale of printed village maps and extracts from survey records. The approximate cost of extracts supplied free of charge to Government officers is Rs. 418-12-0.

The District Survey office was inspected by me in May last, and no serious irregularities were noticed. With reference to paragraph 4 of Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. P-62, dated 22nd February 1924 on the annual report of the Land Records Department for 1922-23, it may be remarked that as a result of the action taken by the Collector, the survey correction papers with regard to many acquisition and N. A. cases were

received during the year. The Salsette Development Officer has deputed three of his surveyors to work under the supervision of the District Inspector, in order to help the District Survey office in bringing the records up-to-date. It is hoped that this arrangement will clear off all arrears.

4. *Measurement and Classification.*—As in previous years, simple cases of measurement on private application, such as showing boundaries, etc., were disposed of by the Revenue Circle Inspectors and the difficult and complicated cases were undertaken by the District Surveyor. During the year 88 measurement cases consisting of 219 S. Nos. and 4 classification cases consisting of 65 S. Nos. were disposed of, leaving a balance of 16 measurement and 2 classification cases. Rs. 761-8-0 were realised from private parties as survey fees for showing boundaries, etc. During this year a new village called Parigha Khari was formed out of the lands and the waterway in the Mahim creek between Bandra and Mahim. The preparation of the village map is in abeyance, as the northern boundary of Bombay Island conflicts with the southern boundary of the new village given in the Notification; the matter is under consideration.

5. *City Surveys and Maintenance.*—The Maintenance Surveyor for Bandra and Dandis reviewed during the year 1,052 properties out of 2,091, and examined 420 theodolite stones. Actual measurement was done in respect of 251 properties reviewed.

The Record of Rights for all the surveyed village-sites, except Malad, was declared in January 1924. The Maintenance Surveyor was appointed from 1st July 1924.

6. *Record of Rights.*—The rewriting of Record of Rights in 5 villages of Bandra Circle, 6 villages of Borivli Circle, all villages except 3 of Kurla Circle and all villages of Ambarnath taluka is long overdue; it is understood that detailed instructions and printed forms under the Maxwell system have not yet been received.

7. *Boundary Marks.*—Three villages in Bandra Circle, 6 villages in Borivli Circle and 2 villages in Kurla Circle were taken up for boundary marks inspection work during the year, and duly completed.

8. *Boundary disputes.*—Two disputes about village boundaries were decided by the Superintendent during the year, one between Malad and Kandivli and the other between Akurli and Poisar.

9. *Establishment.*—The District Survey Office staff under the control of Messrs. Bhatkar and Nadgir efficiently carried out their duties.

10. The requisite statements accompany.

Your most obedient servant,

W. J. NEWLAND,

Superintendent, Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division.

No. 132 of 1924.

OFFICE OF THE SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER
AND DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS,
BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION :

Old Custom House Yard, Fort,
Bombay, 10th November 1924.

Submitted to Government.

2. The report of the Superintendent covers the whole of the Bombay Suburban Division and, as in previous years, a separate divisional report is therefore not submitted. The work done seems generally sufficient and satisfactory. Measures were taken to dispose of the arrears of corrections reported last year and to prevent similar arrears again accumulating. These have resulted in a considerable improvement and it is hoped that the records will soon be brought up-to-date and kept so. The importance of this has been duly impressed on those concerned.

3. The duties of the office of the Superintendent, Land Records, were satisfactorily discharged by Mr. Newland during the greater part of the year and during his absence on leave, by Mr. Buatkar who acted for him.

J. R. MARTIN,
Settlement Commissioner and
Director of Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division.

STATEMENT I.

Statement I showing Crop, Waste, Boundary Marks and other Inspection carried out by Circle Inspectors in the district during the year 1923-24.

| Name of District. | 8 Number of Circle Inspectors in the district. | | Number of villages in the district. | | 9 Number of days actually devoted to inspection work (average). | Crop and Tenancy Inspection. | | Waste Inspection. | | REPAIR OF BOUNDARY MARKS. | | | | | | Inspection of Tagal work. | | Remarks. | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|--|---|---|--|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|----------|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-------|--------|--|
| | 8 Total. | 4 Number Inspected. | 9 Total number of occupied Survey Numbers. | 7 Number of Survey Numbers and sub-divisions. | | 8 Number of Waste numbers other than forest. | 6 Number Inspected. | 10 Arrears, past year. | 11 Current year's programme. | 12 Arrears, past year. | 13 Current year's programme. | 14 Arrears, past year. | 15 Current year's programme. | 16 Average number of days spent by Circle Inspectors on inspection and repairs. | 17 Number of Tagal works examined. | 18 Number in which work was finished. | 19 Number of entries checked in Birth and Death Registers. | | 20 Number of entries checked in V. F. VI and VII. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Bombay Suburban District. | 4 | 74 | 8,327 | 1,204 8,702 | 171 | 8,327 | 1,204 8,702 | 184 | 567 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 214 | ... | ... | 1,236 | 12,816 | |

STATEMENT II.

Statement II showing the measurement and classification work performed by the Circle Inspectors during the year 1923-24.

| Name of District. | Arrears at the beginning of the year. | | Received during the year. | | Disposed of during the year. | | Balance at close of the year. | | Remarks. |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| | Measurement. | Classification. | Measurement. | Classification. | Measurement. | Classification. | Measurement. | Classification. | |
| | S. Nos. | S. Nos. | S. Nos. | S. Nos. | S. Nos. | S. Nos. | S. Nos. | S. Nos. | |
| Bombay Suburban District | 94 | 3 | 192 | 5 | 219 | 6 | 67 | 2 | |

STATEMENT III.

Statement III showing the test of Village Officers' and Circle Inspectors' work by the Sub-Divisional Officers and Mamltdars in the district during the year 1923-24.

| Name of District. | Number of villages. | | Number of boundary marks examined. | Number of S. Nos. in which Crop and Tenancy Records were inspected. | | Number of villages in which Birth and Death Registers were checked. | Number of entries checked in V. F. VI and VII. | Remarks. |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--|----------|
| | Total in district. | Number inspected. | | Village Officers' work. | Circle Inspectors' work. | | | |
| <i>Bombay Suburban District.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| S. D. O. 1 | ..... | 85 | 88 | 132 | 40 | 28 | 546 | |
| Mr. 2 | 93 | 84 | 704 | 688 H 2,581 | 230 | 65 | 5,031 | |

H = Hissas.

STATEMENT IV.
Statement IV showing details of work done by the District Inspectors of Land Records, Bombay Suburban District, during the year 1923-24.

| 1 | Name of District. | 2 | No. of Villages in the District. | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Crop and Waste Inspection | | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|----------------------------------|-----|--|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|
| | | | | | | | | | 8 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Bombay Sub-urban District. | | 83 | 56 | 182 | 4 | 4 | 4 | ... | | 61 | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 275 | ... | 177 | 325 | ... | 76 | 5 | 4,523 | ... | ... | ... | 39 | |
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J. R. MARTIN,
 Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
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GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution No. P.—62.

Bombay Castle, 16th February 1925.

Memorandum from the Commissioner in Sind No. P.—85-I dated 13th October 1924.

Letter from the Superintendent of Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, No. 1793 dated 7th November 1924—Submitting the Annual Report of the Department of Land Records of the Bombay Suburban Division for the year 1923-24.

Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, No. 132 dated 10th November 1924.

Letter from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. A.D.—132 dated 11th December 1924—Submitting copy of the report of the Department of Land Records in the Bombay Presidency for the year 1923-24 and making remarks.

RESOLUTION.—The measurement and classification work continues to be satisfactory. The balances at the close of the year under report are larger than those during the preceding year, but the increase is due to the fact that while the temporary establishment employed was smaller than in the previous year, the volume of measurement work received for disposal was much greater. The staff in the Northern Division remained self-supporting, but the increased measurement fees from January 1923 have not yielded the same result in the other two Divisions. The deficit in the Central Division has however come down from Rs. 7,546 to Rs. 568 and that in the Southern Division from Rs. 5,438 to Rs. 2,733. The small deficit in the Central Division calls for no remarks, but the Director of Land Records attributes the still large deficit in the Southern Division to want of proper co-operation of the revenue staff with the Land Records Staff. The attention of the Commissioner, S. D., should be invited to the Director's remarks in paragraph 13 of his report and he should be requested to examine the situation and to report, in consultation with the Director, whether any special measures are called for.

2. The attention of the Commissioners, Northern, Central and Southern Divisions, should be invited to the remarks made by the Director in paragraphs 15 and 16 of his report regarding the inadequate inspection work performed by Circle Inspectors and by sub-

divisional officers and mamlatdars, and they should be asked to take such steps as they may, on enquiry, consider necessary.

3. The requisite action has been taken in respect of the suggestions made by the Settlement Commissioner in paragraphs 21 and 22 of the report regarding the settlement of the boundary between the Baroda State and British territory.

4. It appears from Mr. Anderson's report that comparatively large sums have remained unrecovered on account of the measurement of sub-divisions in the Central Division. The arrears in the preceding year in this Division were Rs. 1,96,357 and there still remain Rs. 1,46,247 unrecovered at the close of the year under report. Gujarat, where the measurement work has now been completed, shows a practically clean sheet, but Thana alone is in arrears to the extent of Rs. 43,514. The arrears in the Southern Division at the end of the last year were Rs. 1,07,157. The arrears at the end of the current year have not been reported. Government hope that the Director will not allow these heavy arrears to remain unrecovered longer than is necessary.

5. Government notice with satisfaction the measures reported by the Director in paragraph 41 of his report for the maintenance of city surveys in small towns from which much revenue is not expected to be derived. They expect to pass orders shortly on the general question of making all city surveys self-supporting, which has long been under their consideration.

6. It is stated in paragraph 6 of the report of the Bombay Suburban Division that the re-writing of the record of rights has been held up in several villages because of the absence of detailed instructions and forms under the new system. The attention of the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, should be invited to revised pages 56 to 95-F of the Manual of Revenue Accounts which were prepared in accordance with Government Resolution No. 395-B, dated 28th February 1923 and distributed in March 1923.

7. Government are glad to notice the improvement in the work of keeping the land records up to date in the Bombay Suburban Division to which attention was specially drawn in the last report, and they hope that this important work will not again be allowed to fall into neglect.

8. The work of the Land Records Department both in the Presidency proper and in Sind was, on the whole, satisfactory, and the Governor in Council is pleased to convey his thanks to the Directors for their energetic administration.

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 Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division,
The Accountant General,
The Director of Information,
The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,
F. G. H. Anderson, Esquire, I.C.S.,
J. R. Martin, Esquire, I.C.S.,
The High Commissioner for India (by letter).