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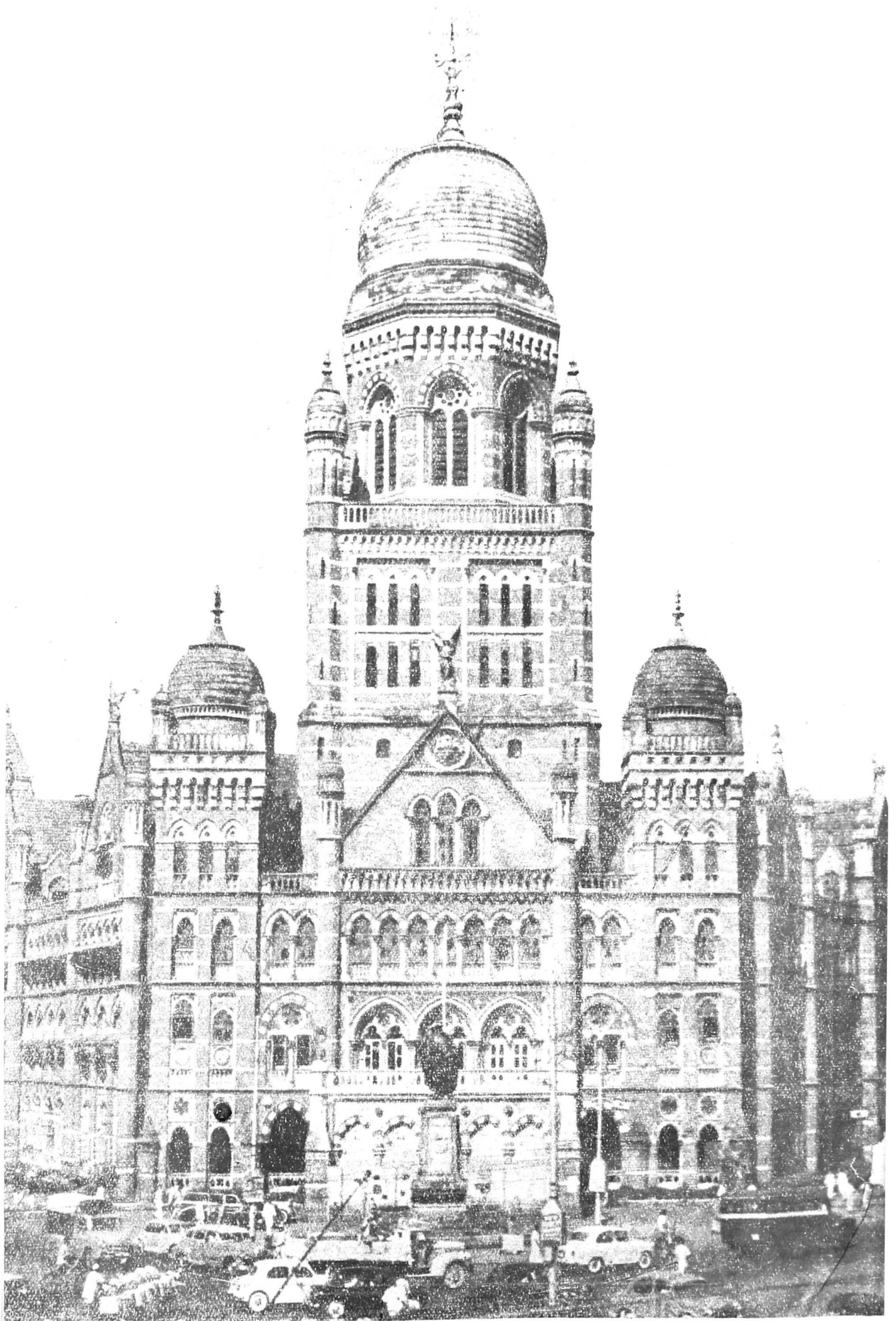
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**REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ADMINISTRATION
REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER FOR
GREATER BOMBAY FOR THE YEAR 1970-71.**

The Administration Report submitted by the Municipal Commissioner, gives in detail the working of the various Municipal Departments, for the year 1970-71.

CORPORATION.

2. Dr. S. G. Patel was elected Mayor of Bombay for the year under report and he continued to hold that Office throughout the year. Shri M. G. Joshi was the Chairman, of the Standing Committee, Shri V. S. Mahadik was the Chairman of the Improvements Committee and Shri P. M. Indulkar was the Chairman of the Education Committee for the year under report and they continued to hold their respective offices throughout the year.

A change in the personnel of the Improvements Committee was the appointment of Shri V. M. Tikekar as the member of that Committee from 14th January 1971 *vice* Shri K. A. Sapat resigned from 2nd December 1970.

Commissioner.

3. Shri C. Soares, from 1-4-1970 to 22-5-1970; Dr. M. N. Desai, from 23-5-1970 to 11-10-1970 ; Shri S. M. Y. Sastry, from 12-10-1970 to 28-10-1970; and Dr. M. N. Desai from 29-10-1970 to 31-3-1971 held the post of the Municipal Commissioner during the year under report.

Complaints Section.

This Section dealt with the complaints concerning Municipal Services received from the public about repairs to buildings, water supply, drainage, sanitation, etc., Complaints were referred to the departments concerned, systematically followed up and the complainants were contacted, if required, in order to see that their grievances were redressed within a reasonable time. The total number of complaints registered and followed up by the Central Control Room during the year under report was 12,361. The Standing Committee finds that the Administration has not effected economy in the cost by substituting complaints officers by complaint clerks.

Birla Kreedha Kendra.

This multi-purpose recreational centre was reserved by the public for various cultural activities.

Documentaries and demonstrations of the electric toy trains, etc., were shown free of charge to the visitors to the Children's Halls on the first floor on all days between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. except Sundays and Public Holidays. An amount of Rs. 1,07,330 was collected by way of revenue.

Special Technical Unit.

The Executive Engineer (Vigilance) is in charge of the Special Technical Unit attached to the Municipal Commissioner's Office. This Unit supervises the construction works in progress and exercises control over construction jobs for quality control and investigates various complaints of serious nature connected with Engineering Branch received from the public, etc. The Unit also functions as a co-ordinating agency of the work of different Branches of Engineering Department, etc. The Unit also pays surprise visits to Wards and checks maintenance jobs carried out under the supervision of Ward Maintenance Engineers. It also assists the Municipal Commissioner, the Dy. Municipal Commissioners, the City Engineer and other Heads of Departments in all technical matters, etc. This Unit inspected 301, 152 and 166 works in respect of building construction, road construction and drainage construction, respectively; visited 298 private properties; attended 15 rounds of Works Committee (Suburbs) and the Education Committee.

FINANCIAL.

4. The financial transactions have resulted in a deficit of Rs. 53.27 lakhs at the end of the year instead of the anticipated deficit of Rs. 87.13 lakhs. This was due to the fact that the actual expenditure decreased by Rs. 688.55 lakhs over the Revised Budget Estimates while the income decreased by Rs. 398.55 lakhs over the revised budgeted amount.

Variation in Income and Expenditure.

5. In preparing the Budget Estimates for the year under report, an Opening Cash Balance of 273.50 lakhs was estimated. On the final closing of the accounts for the previous year, the actual Opening Balance for the year under report amounted to Rs. 395.37 lakhs. The total income budgeted for was Rs. 52,23.27 lakhs, while the actual realizations amounted to Rs. 52,04.49 lakhs. On the expenditure side, the amount budgeted for was Rs. 53,10.40 lakhs whereas the actuals of expenditure were Rs. 52,57.76 lakhs.

Loan Funds.

6. The Opening Balance on 1st April 1970 on account of Loan Funds excluding the Trust Fund was Rs. 11,13.81 lakhs for the City, and the opening deficit on 1st April 1970 for the Suburbs on account of Loan Funds and Trust Funds was Rs. 2,63.72 inclusive of Trust Fund and Rs. 1,86.30 lakhs for the Extended Suburbs exclusive of Trust Fund. Loans aggregating to Rs. 1,61.60 lakhs for the City, Rs. 429 lakhs for the Suburbs and Rs. 308 lakhs for the Extended Suburbs were raised during the year.

The total Loan Funds available for expenditure during the year were Rs. 12,75.41 lakhs for the City. After wiping out the deficit the total Loan Funds available for expenditure during the year were Rs. 165.78 for the Suburbs and Rs. 121.70 for the Extended Suburbs.

The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 7,88.1 lakhs for the City, Rs. 130.98 lakhs for the Suburbs and Rs. 80.40 lakhs for the Extended Suburbs on Capital Works as against the budgeted figure of Rs. 16,55.97 lakhs for the City, Rs. 3,89.24 lakhs for the Suburbs and Rs. 186.42 lakhs for the Extended Suburbs.

Sinking Funds.

7. The Book Value of investments of the Sinking Funds at the close of the year amounted to Rs. 23,92.64 lakhs for the City, Rs. 599.23 lakhs for the Suburbs and Rs. 175.77 lakhs for the Extended Suburbs, made up of the book value of securities and the amounts in cash with the State Bank of India. Valuing the Municipal and Improvement Trust Debentures at par, the market value of the Sinking Fund Investments held on 31st March 1971 came to Rs. 23,91.27 lakhs for the City, Rs. 595.39 lakhs for the Suburbs and Rs. 175.32 lakhs for the Extended Suburbs. The total amount of Sinking Fund thus inclusive of the interest accrued and cash with the Bank came to Rs. 24,15.23 lakhs for the City, Rs. 6,04.22 lakhs for Suburbs and Rs. 1,77.61 lakhs for the Extended Suburbs, the excess in the Sinking Fund Account being Rs. 1,97.20 lakhs for the City, Rs. 55.27 lakhs for the Suburbs and Rs. 8.89 lakhs for the Extended Suburbs respectively.

Improvement Schemes Account, General Account, Income and Expenditure.

8. The total income for the year amounted to Rs. 3,16.43 lakhs against Rs. 2,51.95 lakhs for the previous year, showing a net increase of Rs. 64.48 lakhs. The increases were in respect of (1) Rent and other proceeds of properties Rs. 1.58 lakhs; (2) Contribution from Municipal Corporation Rs. 61.40 lakhs; (3) Interest and Profit on Investments Rs. 1.72 lakhs; (4) Miscellaneous Receipts Rs. 3.62 lakhs, counter-balanced by decrease under Grant-in-Aid from Government for meeting the deficit in the General Account Rs. 39,000.

The total expenditure for the year, viz., Rs. 271.88 lakhs as against Rs. 2,33.07 lakhs for the previous year, showed an increase of Rs. 38.80 lakhs on that of the previous year. This is made up of increase of Rs. 42.66 lakhs under maintenance of properties and streets counter-balanced by decrease of Rs. 3.86 lakhs under Debt Charges.

The surplus of Rs. 44.56 lakhs in General Account is transferred to Capital Account.

Loan Account.

The loan liability for the City, at the beginning of the year was Rs. 15,42.42 lakhs. The repayment of loan during the year under report was Rs. 89.1 lakhs of which Rs. 12.53 lakhs were repaid to Government and Rs. 76.56 lakhs to the debenture holders. The outstanding liability on loan account at the close of the year stood at Rs. 14,53.02 lakhs.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

The year began with an Opening Balance of Rs. 54.27 lakhs. In the course of the year, receipts on account of Sale Proceeds of Lands and Buildings amounted to Rs. 21.85 lakhs. The total funds thus available were Rs. 76.13 lakhs. The total expenditure incurred amounted to Rs. 17.15 lakhs. The surplus in General Account for the year which amounted to Rs. 44.56 lakhs, was transferred to the Capital Account. The unspent balance at the close of the year was Rs. 103.54 lakhs.

The actual expenditure during the year on schemes amounted to Rs. 17.15 lakhs as against the Revised Estimates of Rs. 47.58 lakhs including Rs. 5.64 lakhs on account of the cost of Management and Establishment but minus Rs. 30.07 lakhs of which the

That total expenditure on the improvement schemes against the Budget Estimates of Rs. 47.58 lakhs

The amount of Sinking Fund on 31st March, 1971 was Rs. 703.88 lakhs including cash with the State Bank of India. Valuing the Municipal and Trust debentures at par (the market value) of Sinking Fund Investments at the end of the year under review amounted to Rs. 703.40 lakhs. This together with interest accrued upto 31st March 1971, viz. Rs. 0.89 lakhs and cash with the State Bank of India brought the total amount of Sinking Fund to Rs. 704.20 lakhs against Rs. 527.29 lakhs, the amount to which the Sinking Fund should have accumulated at the close of the year. The excess in the fund thus amounted to Rs. 176.91 lakhs.

The Gross Capital Liabilities of the Improvement Schemes stood at Rs. 1500.61 lakhs at the close of the year under review and the assets at Rs. 99,62.39 lakhs including the book value of funds comprised in Schedules 'W' and 'X', resulting in a Surplus of Rs. 2461.78 lakhs.

General Account, Slum Clearance—City and Suburbs.

The total income during the year under Slum Clearance, City Section, amounted to Rs. 16.79 lakhs against Rs. 16.59 lakhs in the previous year showing a net increase of Rs. 0.20 lakhs. This is made up of increase of Rs. 1.23 lakh under Rent and other proceeds of properties counterbalanced by decrease of Rs. 1.02 lakh under Interest and Profit on investments.

The expenditure on this account during the year amounted to Rs. 28.84 lakhs consisting of Rs. 11.44 lakhs on Maintenance of Properties and Streets and Rs. 17.40 lakhs on Debt Charges resulting in a deficit of Rs. 12.05 lakhs at the close of the year which was made good from the Capital Account.

The total income during the year under Slum Clearance Suburban Section, amounted to Rs. 7.95 lakhs against Rs. 4.88 lakhs in the previous year showing a net increase of Rs. 3.07 lakhs. This is made up of increase of Rs. 2.41 lakh under Rent and other Proceeds of Properties and Rs. 0.66 lakh under Miscellaneous Receipts counterbalanced by decrease of Rs. 0.67 lakh under Interest and Profit on Investments.

The expenditure during the year on this account amounted to Rs. 19.73 lakhs made up of Rs. 3.05 lakhs under Maintenance of Properties and Streets and Rs. 16.69 lakhs under Debt Charges. The net deficit of Rs. 11.78 lakhs was transferred to Capital Account.

Capital Account, Slum Clearance—City and Suburbs

The Opening Balance under Capital Account, Slum Clearance City, on 1st April 1970 was Rs. 25.1 lakhs. An amount of Rs. 4.05 lakhs was received from Government as loan. An amount of Rs. 4.05 lakhs was received from the Government as Subsidy. Thus the total funds available for expenditure amounted to Rs. 33.2 lakhs, against which the expenditure incurred during the year amounted to Rs. 17.75 lakhs. The deficit in the General Account amounting to Rs. 12.05 lakhs was transferred to Capital Account. The unspent balance at the close of the year stood at Rs. 13.4 lakhs.

The Standing Committee view with concern such large amount remaining unspent in this account here as also in the Suburban Sections especially when the Housing problem is very acute and hope that efforts are made to utilise all Fund assigned for this purpose within the scheduled time.

Capital Account, Slum Clearance—Suburbs

The Opening Balance under Capital Account, Slum Clearance, Suburbs, on 1st April 1970 was Rs. 23.44 lakhs. An amount of Rs. 19.02 lakhs was received as Sale Proceeds of Lands and Buildings. The total funds available for expenditure thus amounted to Rs. 42.46 lakhs against which expenditure incurred during the year amounted to Rs. 10.55 lakhs and deficit in the General Account amounting to Rs. 11.78 lakhs was transferred to the Capital Account leaving an unspent balance of Rs. 20.19 lakhs.

Education Fund

The actual income for the year amounted to Rs. 893.05 lakhs resulting in a decrease of Rs. 35.38 lakhs in the Budget Estimates and of Rs. 11.82 lakhs in the Revised Estimates. The rate of Education Cess was continued at 2½ per cent of rateable

value on buildings and lands, the rateable value of each of which was not less than Rs. 300 per annum and 2 per cent. of the rateable value on buildings and lands, the rateable value each of which was less than Rs. 300 per annum but not less than Rs. 75 per annum.

That total expenditure for the year amounted to Rs. 881.95 lakhs against the Budget Estimates of Rs. 917.6 lakhs.

The Opening Balance on account of Loan Funds excluding Trust Funds on 1st April 1970 was Rs. 8.97 lakhs. A new loan of Rs. 50 lakhs was proposed for 1970-71 but actually a loan of Rs. 33 lakhs was raised during the year. The total loan funds thus available amounted to Rs. 41.97 lakhs against which expenditure booked on loan funds amounted to Rs. 25.33 lakhs. The closing balance at the end of the year in loan funds amounted to Rs. 16.64 lakhs.

The percentage of actual expenditure on Loan Works to the Loan Funds available was 60.

Taxation, Demands Collection and Outstanding.

10. During the year under report, the rates of taxation in the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs remained the same as in the previous year. The rates of taxation thus stood as follows :—

General Tax (including Fire Tax) at 24½ per cent. Water Tax at 4½ per cent. and Halalkhore Tax at 3½ per cent. Tax on vehicles and animals was levied at the maximum rates mentioned in Schedule 'G' of the Bombay Municipal Corporation Act. Rates charged for the supply of water by meter measurement ranged between Rs. 1.70 and Rs. 10 per 10,000 litres according to the class of properties.

The net demand in respect of State Education Cess in the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs was for Rs. 141.25 lakhs, 82.22 lakhs and 37.2 lakhs, respectively, while the collections amounted to Rs. 106.78 lakhs, 40.6 lakhs and 16.03 lakhs, respectively.

On the Assessment Register at the close of the year, there were 86,546, 78,049 and 41,600 properties in the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs, respectively. 902 properties in the City, 2,779 in the Suburbs and 1,330 in the Extended Suburbs were newly assessed to General Tax, while 3,223 properties in the City, 1,910 in the Suburbs and 1,009 in the Extended Suburbs were exempted from the General Tax during the year under report.

The total number of properties in the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs accounted for as newly assessed, demolished and enlarged during the year was 5,011, 649, and 4,073 respectively.

The rateable value of all properties on 31st March 1970 was Rs. 49,18,68,419 in the City; Rs. 20,99,46,521 in the Suburbs and Rs. 9,07,82,704 in the Extended Suburbs as against Rs. 46,20,11,753, Rs. 18,65,45,100 and Rs. 7,97,32,991 in the preceding year. It worked out to Rs. 160.35, Rs. 96.83 and Rs. 123.84 per head of population as per the census of 1969 (mid-year estimate), against Rs. 125.07, Rs. 134.98 and Rs. 174.09 in the preceding year.

Wheel Tax in respect of hack-victorias, labour carts and hand carts was levied at the same rates as of the previous year.

The total number of bills in respect of property taxes and Wheel Tax issued during the year was 1,45,107 and 3,00,759, respectively for the City, 1,55,240 and 73,603 for the Suburbs and 83,497 and 14,861 for the Extended Suburbs. The total number of bills for water charges by meter measurement issued during the year by the Hydraulic Engineer was 51,491 for the City, 79,663 for the Suburbs and 37,880 for the Extended Suburbs. As regards property taxes, out of the net demand of Rs. 24,62,73,137 an amount of Rs. 19,81,78,732 was collected leaving the amount of Rs. 4,80,94,405 as outstanding, percentage of outstanding to net demand comes to 19.53 for the City; the figures for Suburbs for net demand and collection stood at Rs. 14,59,97,263 and Rs. 7,85,74,048 leaving the balance at Rs. 6,74,23,215 as outstanding and percentage of outstanding to net demand comes to 46.18. The net demand and collection in the Extended Suburbs stood at Rs. 5,62,53,971 and Rs. 2,71,00,950 leaving the balance at Rs. 2,91,53,021 and percentage of outstanding to net demand comes to 51.82.

In the case of Wheel Tax in the City, the net demand was for Rs. 2,62,99,029 and the amount collected was Rs. 92,93,849 thus leaving an amount of Rs. 1,70,05,180 as outstanding, the percentage of outstanding to net demand comes to 65. As regards Suburbs and Extended Suburbs, the net demand was Rs. 73,22,928 and Rs. 14,29,762 the collection at Rs. 18,67,129 and Rs. 4,37,751 thus leaving an amount of Rs. 54,55,799 and Rs. 9,92,011 as outstanding, respectively and the percentage of outstanding to net demand comes to 74.50 and 69.42, respectively.

2,507, 1,974 and 2,012 complaints in respect of rateable values of the properties in the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs, respectively, were disposed of during the year under report. There were 231, 305 and 398 appeals against the rateable value during the year under report in the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs respectively, out of which 200, 258 and 359 remained pending at the close of the year.

The Urban Immovable Property Tax.

This tax was abolished from 1st April 1963. The arrears of the tax as on 1st April 1970 were Rs. 7,83,729, Rs. 4,75,012 and Rs. 2,84,731 for the City Suburbs and Extended Suburbs respectively. Out of this amount, a sum of Rs. 87,155, Rs. 73,298 and Rs. 61,749, was collected.

Theatre tax.

11. There were in all 43 Class I and 18 Class II Cinema Theatres in the City and 24 and 12 Cinema Theatres in Suburbs and Extended Suburbs, respectively, out of which 21 and 7 were Class I Cinema Theatres and the remaining were Class II Cinema Theatres. The tax was generally received regularly. Theatre Tax was also recovered in respect of various dramatic performances, dances, variety entertainments, etc., held at various places in Greater Bombay where admission was on payment.

The total income derived by way of Theatre Tax during the year under report was Rs. 8,06,574 in the City, Rs. 3,17,331.69 in the Suburbs and Rs. 1,50,653.20 in the Extended Suburbs.

The Standing Committee note with concern the high percentage of outstanding of property taxes especially in Suburbs and Extended Suburbs and Wheel Tax in general and hope that vigorous efforts will be made and if necessary, the collection machinery remodelled in order to reduce the outstandings to the minimum possible extent as the revenue collection is the mainstay of Municipal finance and hence also of the Civic Administration of this Great City.

OCTROI.

12. The same rate of Octroi as specified in the Octroi Schedule 'H' to the B.M.C. Act as amended, continued for the year under report except in respect of 17 items of goods. The gross collections from Octroi during the year under report amounted to Rs. 17,78 lakhs as against Rs. 14,25 lakhs in the preceding year. The amount refunded during the year under review was Rs. 2,73 lakhs as against Rs. 1,84 lakhs in the previous year. Octroi gave a net revenue of about Rs. 15,05 lakhs as against Rs. 12,40 lakhs in the previous year. The total number of claims for refund was 80,603 as against 77,501 in the previous year.

Fees for stamping sugar bags, tea cases, etc., amounted to Rs. 3.53 lakhs as against Rs. 1.05 lakhs in the preceding year.

The Standing Committee is of the view that Octroi Schedule should be enlarged and made broad-based to cover a number of other items. The Standing Committee also feels that with vigilant efforts, revenue from this source can be increased further.

Elections.

13. Due to the death of Shri Jivraj B. Shah, the Municipal Councillor elected from Ward No. 22 (Mandvi) on 20th November 1969, the By-election was held on 8th May 1970 to fill up the casual vacancy and Shri J. G. Kajriya was declared elected at the said By-election but another candidate who was declared defeated filed an Election Petition and the learned Chief Judge, Small Causes Court after allowing partial rescrutiny and re-counting of votes delivered his judgment confirming election of Shri Kajriya on 2nd February 1971.

2. During the year 1970-71 two vacancies of Councillors occurred due to the resignations of two sitting Councillors, Shri K. A. Sapat, from Ward No. 123 (Charkop and Borivli West) and Shri S. A. Modi from Ward No. 122 (Borivli West Rural) and poll for By-Elections in those two wards is yet to be held.

VAITARNA-CUM-TANSA SCHEME.

14. The various works under this Scheme have been completed since long and only correspondence for transfer of Government lands was in progress during the year under report.

MASTER PLAN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER SUPPLY.

The final report on investigations and the recommendations from the Consulting Engineers regarding foundation conditions for the Ravli Hill Reservoir were received. It was not possible to construct the R.C.C. reservoir on top of the hill and designs for steel tank on the top of the hill, etc., were in progress. The works of construction of Reservoir at Powai Hill (High Level) and the construction work of Ghatkopar Hill Reservoir were in progress during the year and the work of construction of Bhandup Hill Reservoir was nearing completion.

The Standing Committee desire that all the Reservoirs should be completed and commissioned expeditiously in order to ensure equitable distribution of water supply and avoid hardships to citizens receiving supply, at odd hours at present.

Upper Vaitarna Scheme.—The work of preparing formation for pipeline awarded to various Contractors was in progress. The cost of the work executed by Messrs. The Indian Hume Pipe Co. Ltd., Messrs. The Richardson & Cruddas Ltd. and Messrs. Vikhroll Metal Fabricators Ltd., upto 31st March 1971 was Rs. 2,00,00,000.

Out of 67 kms. of pipe line between Bell Nallah and Bhandup only 34 kms. has been laid down and out of 16 kms. between Bhandup and Dharavi about 6.5 kms. has been laid. The work was to be completed by November 1971 but it would be completed by December 1972. The work was delayed due to difficulties in land acquisition in the initial stage, non-release of Municipal Steel material by Banks/Court Receiver and failure of the suppliers of Inertol Paint from Calcutta, due to un-rest prevailing there.

BHATSAI SCHEME.

Messrs. Binnie and Partners (India) Ltd., the Consulting Engineers, as consultants to the Corporation for water supply and sewerage Schemes started the work from 1st June 1970. Five proposals for acquisition of private land were in progress.

ULHAS RIVER SCHEME.

Construction of Road along 1200 mm. dia. pipe line between Ambivli Railway Station and Pogaon Cross connection and Development of plot at Mohone Pump House and construction of outlet channel from the pump etc., was in progress during the year under review, respectively at the cost of Rs. 19,80,025 and Rs. 45,965.00. Acquisition proceedings in respect of private lands required for implementing 20 M. g. p. d. Ulhas Pumping Scheme for augmenting Bombay City's water supply were in progress.

Planning Section, Public Works.

15. During the year, the Building, Roads and Drainage Construction sections which worked on functional basis for whole of greater Bombay were decentralized into 3 Zones.

The Architectural Planning Branch for the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs prepared in all 49 contract Plans, 141 Cloth Tracings, 31 Block Estimates and 58 Detailed Estimates in connection with different building works including (housing in Greater Bombay) costing Rs. 1,76,13,361 in the City and Rs. 1,67,45,465.00 in Subs. and Extended Suburbs.

On account of rock-fall at Malbar Hill area on 6th September 1969 the Municipal Corporation was appointed as Central Agency to carry out protective measures. The work had to be abandoned due to the non-co-operative attitude shown by the concerned property owners by bringing Court Injunctions against Municipal Corporation restraining them from carrying out the works of protective measures and the Special Division Created for the said work was wound up from 1st April 1971.

Municipal Properties.

16. The total number of buildings and other properties both Municipal and ex-Trust maintained by the Maintenance Branch during the year, was 6,453 as against 7,676 in the previous year. The amount spent on 737 buildings in the Suburbs and 132 in the Extended Suburbs for such works was Rs. 2,01,555.69 and Rs. 2,38,545.78 respectively. The work of upkeep and maintenance of buildings including school buildings was carried out partly by contracts and partly by departmental agency in the City and by the Petty Works Contractors in the Suburbs and the Extended Suburbs.

Construction.—During the year under report works amounting to Rs. 84 lakhs were completed. Works amounting to Rs. 14 lakhs were in progress.

Private Buildings.

17. During the year, 1097 applications were received for the construction of new buildings or additions and alterations to the existing ones. The total number of new buildings constructed by private enterprise during the year was 72 out of which 17 buildings were constructed by Co-operative Societies. If proper encouragement and guidance is given, the Standing Committee is confident that the Co-operative Housing will be of great help in solving the baffling housing problem. The Standing Committee is of the view that if incentive is given in the form of concession in taxes, it would serve as an impetus for building activities.

In the case of dilapidated houses, the issue of notices and launching of prosecutions continued as before. 8069 Notices were issued for repairs and/or removal of unsafe buildings. In deserving cases, where the owners resorted to delaying tactics or refused to comply with Municipal requisitions, authorisations under Section 499 of the Act, were given to tenants to carry out repairs works and to recover reasonable expenses incurred by them from the rents. In 73 cases such authorities were given during the year as against 68 in the previous year and 1,133 tenants took advantage of it against sa 1,574 during the last year.

In 348 cases, departmental action had to be taken to pull down unsafe portions of buildings in the interest of public safety, as the owners failed to comply with the Municipal Requisitions meeting the cost in the first instance from the special provision made for the purpose in the Budget and an expenditure of Rs. 3,18,805,67 was incurred therefor.

During the year 170 buildings or portions thereof collapsed. The total number of persons injured were 77 and those killed was 25. The estimated damage to property was Rs. 5,77,580.

Slum Clearance, Housing and Land Acquisition.

18. The various works under the Slum Clearance Schemes during the year were in progress.

Clearance of Municipal Slums.—By the end of the year, 18 slums were cleared and redeveloped. Clearance and re-development of 4 slums in stages was in progress.

Tenements under the Government of India's Subsidised Slum Clearance Scheme—Under the Scheme, 6,098 tenements were sanctioned. Out of these, 74 tenements were completed during the year, bringing the total number of tenements completed upto 31st March 1971 to 4,821. Construction of 329 tenements was in progress during the year under review.

Financial Assistance from Government under subsidised Slum Clearance Schemes—The Corporation have received Rs. 4.05 lakhs by way of loan and Rs. 4.05 lakhs by way of subsidy from the Government during the year under report. The Corporation has thus so far received Rs. 1,27.93 lakhs by way of loan and Rs. 1,51.03 lakhs by way of subsidy upto 31st March 1971.

Drainage and Sewerage.

19. *Dadar Purification Works.*—The working of the Sewage Purification Works was satisfactory throughout the year. The plant pumped 98.38 M. litres of sewage during the year under report.

Love Grove Pumping Station and Purification Works.

The working of the old and new pumping stations was satisfactory during the year under report. The old pump house pumped out 51,118 M. litres of sewage directly to sea and the new pump house discharged in all 1,23,421.61 M. litres of sewage.

Dharavi Purification Works.

The sludge gas was supplied fairly continuously to all the consumers during the year under report.

Pumping and Compressor Stations and Ejectors.

All the sewage pumping and compressor stations worked satisfactorily during the year. Sewage from the sewerage system of the City was pumped through all pumping stations.

The works of cleansing pipe sewers, storm water drains and open drains were attended to.

Transport.

20. During the year 330 motor vehicles and 288 trailers were in commission in the City and 239 vehicles in the Suburbs and Extended Suburbs.

The transport fleet for the removal of refuse was not sufficient to cope up with the daily output of refuse, extra vehicles from private agency had to be requisitioned for the removal of refuse. The average collection of refuse in the City worked out to 1,800 tons per day.

Repairs and Maintenance of Roads and Footpaths.

21. The total length of roads in the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs at the end of the year was 481.48 K.M., and 549.66 K.M., respectively.

The work of maintenance of roads and footpaths was generally satisfactory throughout the year.

The number of street lights maintained in the City was 19,225; 11,261, in the Suburbs and 52,55 in the Extended Suburbs at an expenditure of Rs. 76,62,174.50, 31,65,000.62 and Rs. 12,90,514.31, respectively.

The lighting of 88 roads was improved with HPMV lamps under the 'All-in-Hire Scheme,' 12 roads were provided with new lighting arrangements, and 15 roads were improved with Tungston filament lamps. 2nd October Colony roads were further provided with additional Tungston Filament lamps under Slums Improvements Programme. The Standing Committee is of the view that better maintenance of internal lanes and by lanes needs greater attention of the Administration.

5 New hutments Colonies were provided with Tungston Filament lamps under Slum Improvement Programme.

Removal of Town Refuse.

22. As in the past a major portion of the City refuse was transported to Deonar and also at Dharavi for disposal.

The total number of wagons sent to Deonar during the year under report was 9,942 as against 16,313, during the preceding year.

As the number of Municipal wagons was insufficient to transport the huge quantity of city refuse 61 wagons were taken on hire from Western Railway during the year at the charges of Rs. 5.08 per wagon per day.

The cost of maintenance of Mahalaxmi and Chembur Siding was Rs. 71,554.

Town Planning Schemes.

23. Within the limits of the City, there are 4 Town Planning Schemes viz., Town Planning Schemes for the Bombay City No. 1 (Mandvi and Elphinstone Estate); Town Planning Scheme No. II (Mahim area); Town Planning Scheme No. III (Mahim area); and Town Planning Scheme No. IV (Mahim area). Out of the four Schemes the last one had been declared for variation and the Draft Scheme (I variation) has been submitted to the Government for sanction. Schemes at Sr. Nos. 2 and 3 are also intended to be taken up for variation.

There are 25 Town Planning Schemes in the Suburbs out of which 19 have been finalised and are in force. There are only 3 Schemes at present in the Extended Suburbs out of which one Scheme viz., Town Planning Scheme, Malad No. (I variation) has been sanctioned by the Government and has come into force.

Conservancy.

24. All roads, footpaths and house gullies were cleaned daily in the morning as well as afternoon. The total refuse collected and removed by engaging stationary as well as mobile traction was 1,800 tons in the City, 2,11,094 tons in the Suburbs and the Extended Suburbs.

2,035 actions were taken in Suburbs and Extended Suburbs under the Municipal Act and the Bombay City Police Act during the year for committing nuisance by throwing refuse in the streets or public places or fouling roads by urinating, etc.

There were in all 888 privy seats in the City. The work of removal of night-soil was attended to regularly by 10 cesspool lorries.

There were 622 public sanitary conveniences in the Suburbs and the Extended Suburbs.

The number of basket privies existing in Suburbs and Extended Suburbs was 8,216 as against 6,541 during the previous year and 242 basket privies were either demolished or converted during the year. In addition there were 484 cesspools.

Control of Stray Dogs.—69,001 stray dogs were caught and destroyed, 12,450 pet dogs were licensed and immunization of 438 dogs was carried out at different Anti-Rabic Centres.

The work of immunizing the milch cattle against Rinder Pest was continued. The total number of animals immunized was 49,742 and 58 suspected cases were kept under observation.

In addition to the above, the Conservancy branch also rendered special conservancy and halakhore services to various circuses, exhibitions, fairs, etc., in the City realising thereby Rs. 3,91,035.75 and also collected a sum amounting to Rs. 1,59,786.00 for cleaning of Government Foreshore.

The Municipal Hot Mix Asphalt Plant at Worli was in operation throughout the year except during the monsoon from 1st July 1970 to 31st October 1970. The number of boxes turned out by the main plant and pegson plants were 77,21,980 boxes and 27,03,795 kgs. approximately.

The Crushers at Worli worked satisfactorily during the year. The total output was 3,370.50 brass as against 3,164 brass in the previous year.

ESTATE AND LAND MANAGEMENT

25. The undeveloped land at present with the Corporation is approximately 494 acres which covers the land at Dharavi, Scheme 56. There were no changes in the layout of *ex-Trust* Estates. One plot in Municipal Scheme has been disposed of in the year 1970-71.

The total area though available for disposal in Municipal laid out schemes as on 1st April 1971 was about 3,182.30 sq. metres, the same cannot be disposed of as it is required for Municipal purposes. The total number of plots disposed of upto the end of 1970-71 was 4,344 with an area of 52,36,519.77 sq. metres and valued at Rs. 13,52,73,812.

The amount received by way of commutation of ground rent and premium, etc., during the year was Rs. 6,73,667 as against Rs. 3,30,012 in the preceding year.

The collection on account of rents from the permanent chawls during the year amounted to Rs. 28,14,871. The revenue actually collected on account of rents in respect of S.P. Sheds came to Rs. 19,77,746. The figures in respect of slum clearance tenements and acquired premises stood at Rs. 20,91,808 and Rs. 13,66,724, respectively.

307 tenements at Peru Chawl, Lalbaug Gas work Lane, 45 tenements and 12 shops at M. Z. area, Kamathipura Stable Street, and 287 tenements at Khan Abdul Gafar Khan Road, were completed.

The recoveries of the rent in the Squatters' Colonies at Mankhurd and Jogeshwari were Rs. 26,770 and Rs. 61,081 against the demand including the arrears of Rs. 12,84,675 and Rs. 5,99,269, respectively and at Palton Road Dormitory amounted to Rs. 47,679 during the year.

During the year under review, the demand and recovery of taxes aggregated to Rs. 72,690 and Rs. 1,09,907 respectively. The arrears due for collection at the close of the year stood at Rs. 6,02,994.

The Standing Committee desire that the Corporation should maintain their properties in good condition. It is also necessary to check unauthorized works on vacant land tenancies in order to ensure proper use of the land. The ground rent in respect of vacant land tenancies requires to be recovered in time as a number of proposals are received to write of the dues.

WATER SUPPLY.

26. The Tansa, Vaitarna, Vehar, Tulsi and Ulhas were the principle sources of the City's water supply.

The average daily supply to Greater Bombay during the year under report was about 966.85 mega litres as against 914.15 mega litres in the previous year. During the year, the quantity of water supplied to Greater Bombay was 3,52,902.86 mega litres as against 3,33,673.46 mega litres in the preceding year. Supply to the Thana Municipality, etc., was 6,047.28 mega litres as against 5,753.79 mega litres in the previous year. The total quantity of water supplied to bodies outside the limits of Greater Bombay was 16,443.71 mega litres as against 12,740.83 mega litres in the preceding year. Of the total supply to Greater Bombay, a quantity of 2,16,773.93 mega litres was for domestic purposes as against 2,02,896.47 mega litres in the previous year. The average daily supply for all purposes per head in Greater Bombay was 161.97 litres, while that for domestic purposes only worked out to 99.47 litres. Percentage of total supply for domestic and other purposes worked out at 61.42 and 23.58, respectively.

During the year under review two more pairs of additional openings were provided in the intake tower at levels of 152.40 metres. (500 ft.) T.H.D. and 146.30 Mts. (480 ft.) T.H.D. in order to enable the water to be drawn from levels nearer the surface at Vaitarna.

The new service Reservoirs provided at Worli, Golanji Hill, Pali and Veravali High level were in use during the year.

A new pump house at Malabar Hill Reservoir was commissioned on 10th October 1970 for supplying water to Walkeshwar, Banganga and Ridge Road areas.

The water from Powai Lake was used for non-potable purposes, viz., Irrigation and Aarey Colony Stables owing to its rather inferior quality.

The transfer of water from the Alwandi Lake at Upper Vaitarna in the Vaitarna Lake continued intermittently from 22nd October 1970.

The total number of water connections was 1,00,500 in the City, and new connections given were, respectively, 3,583, 1,813, and 828 in the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs, 195 metered standing pipes were given during the year out of which 175 were given in Suburbs and 20 in the Extended Suburbs. The total number of stand-pipes in the Suburbs and the Extended Suburbs was 2,464, out of which 2,009 were in Suburbs and 455 in the Extended Suburbs.

The number of complaints about short supply, etc., was 45,662, 11,412 and 1,280 in the City, Suburbs and the Extended Suburbs, respectively.

189, 20 and 178 new properties were metered in the City, Suburbs and the Extended Suburbs, respectively, during the year. The total revenue derived from water supply by meter measurement was Rs. 595,13,440 for the City as against Rs. 4,53,81,398 during the previous year. The total revenue collected from the Suburbs from supply of water by meter measurement was about Rs. 2,53,40,398. The figure for the Extended Suburbs for these items was Rs. 76,48,208.

In order to give interim relief to the consumers whose pumps had gone out of order 15 numbers of pumping sets (1 to 5 H.P.) were maintained and given on hire for short duration. 2 numbers of plastic tanks each of 49,987 litres (11,000 gallons) capacity were also offered on hire to public.

The Standing Committee, feel that effective steps are required to be taken to ensure equitable distribution of water till execution of augmentation schemes is over.

FIRE BRIGADE DEPARTMENT.

27. During the year, the total number of Fire Stations was 14, viz., 11 in the City proper and 3 in the Suburbs as in the previous year.

The Fire Brigade received during the year 3,920 calls (including City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs) as against 3,246 calls during the preceding year. Out of these 2,124 calls were for actual fires as against 1,747 calls during the preceding year. 635 calls were false alarms of which as many as 385 were due to malicious interference with street alarms as against 403 in the preceding year. 1,161 calls as against 808 in the preceding year were for special services, such as, house collapses, rescue works, etc.

The City was served by 213 fire alarm posts (including 28 private ones).

There were 22 serious fires during the year. The estimated total loss to property damaged by the fire was about Rs. 5,89,96,893 as against Rs. 2,00,85,438 during the previous year. The value of the insurance of properties affected by fire was about Rs. 3,99,17,794 as

against Rs. 1,92,39,441 during the previous year and the total value of the property involved was worth Rs. 5,24.04 crores as against Rs. 2,34.50 crores in the preceding year.

During the year 47 persons lost their lives due to burns of which 17 were males and 30 were women.

169 persons received minor injuries and 29 persons lost their lives in 371 incidents of house collapses during the year.

The approximate quantity of water used in extinguishing fires was 1,34,81,057 litres out of which 1,15,13,992 litres were drawn from Municipal mains, and the rest from the sea, wells, ponds, etc.

The total number of calls for Ambulance Service within the limits of Greater Bombay received during the year was 6,662 of which 1070 were for accidents, 686 for maternity cases and 4,886 for hire cases.

First-Aid was rendered by the Ambulance staff on 184 occasions as against 136 occasions in the previous year.

The annual maintenance cost of the Fire Brigade Department including the ambulance service but excluding the supervision Charges and Provident Fund, Pension and Proportion of General Supervision and Revenue and Debt Charges, etc., was Rs. 26,35,498 as against Rs. 36,47,519 in the preceding year.

PUBLIC GARDENS.

28. During the year under report, the Department maintained 205 sites for public recreation, including 71 Gardens, 8 Fountains, 6 Band Stands, 11 Traffic Islands, 92 Recreation Grounds, 5 Statues and 6 Box Hedges in the City, 44 Gardens, 2 Playgrounds, 1 Band Stand and 1 Traffic Island in Suburbs and 12 Gardens, 1 Statue and 1 Band Stand in the Extended Suburbs.

During the year, 197 wild animals, birds and reptiles were treated in the Zoo Hospital. The total livestock in the Zoo was 899.

7 New Gardens and 22 Playgrounds were Developed during the year under report.

The Standing Committee feels that gardens and open spaces being the lungs of the City, be maintained properly and development of sites reserved in the Development Plan for such purposes should be undertaken, as early as possible. At the same time, the Executive should see that efforts are made to ensure improvement in the maintenance of existing gardens and recreation places.

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM.

29. The total number of visitors during the year was 7.11 lacs as against 5.45 lacs in the preceding year.

The amount realised by the levy of admission fee was Rs. 19,844 as against Rs. 15,193 in the preceding year. The total expenditure on the maintenance of the Museum, during the year was Rs. 65,886 as against Rs. 60,039 during the preceding year.

MUNICIPAL FREE READING ROOMS AND LIBRARIES.

30. As per Corporation Resolution No. 114, dated the 26th April 1965, 16 Municipal Free Reading Rooms and Libraries out of 23 in Greater Bombay were being managed by the Mumbai Marathi Grantha Sangrahalaya. During the year one Municipal Free Reading Room and Library was opened at Byculla and two more Municipal Free Reading Rooms and Libraries at Mandvi and Lower Parel were handed over to the Mumbai Marathi Granth Sangrahalaya. Thus out of 24 Municipal Free Reading Rooms and Libraries 18 are managed by Sangrahalaya. The total number of new books purchased in Libraries in the City and Suburbs was 343 and 276, respectively, during the year under review and the number of visitors to the Reading Rooms and Libraries in the respective areas was 0.75 lacs, and 0.17 lacs as against 1.30 lacs in the City and 0.24 lacs in the Suburbs, during the preceding year which indicate fall in number in the City and the Suburbs. The income from the Libraries and Reading Rooms in the City and Suburbs stood at Rs. 754 and Rs. 652, respectively.

CENTRAL STORES.

31. The work done by this Department includes invitation of tenders, award of contracts, placing of purchase orders, etc.

Tenders were invited for the purchase of stores, during the year under report, in 287 cases as against 311 in the previous year and the number of contracts entered into for the various scheduled articles was 452 as against 513 in the preceding year. The number of casual or market enquiries or quotations invited for articles not covered under the schedule was 275 as against 398 in the preceding year. The value of stores and other materials purchased including articles received from other Departments on Return Stores Memo., during the year amounted to Rs. 153.15 lacs as against Rs. 138.50 lacs in the previous year.

3014 orders for the purchase of stores against 2,937 in the preceding year were placed with contractors and other dealers. Against these purchases and stock on hand, the consuming departments submitted 26,254 indents and Sales Memo. as against 24,236 in the preceding year. At the close of the year, the department had, on hand, stores of the value of Rs. 70.56 lacs against Rs. 57.97 lacs in the preceding year.

The total amount realised by the sale of unserviceable articles through private offers including mixed scrap amounted to Rs. 3.14 lacs as against Rs. 2.08 lacs in the preceding year.

On a surprise visit to the Central Stores by the Standing Committee it was revealed that articles actually supplied were not as per approved samples. The Standing Committee takes a serious view of this and would like the Commissioner to take necessary steps to in that behalf.

LICENCE DEPARTMENT.

32. During the year, the amount collected by way of licence fees, permit fees and transfer fees was Rs. 45.20 lakhs.

From the permits issued for exhibiting sky signs, advertisements, etc., the total revenue realised was Rs. 13.76 lakhs in the City, Rs. 2.52 lakhs in the Suburbs and Rs. 0.47 lakh in the Extended Suburbs, the corresponding figures for the last year being Rs. 13.39 lakhs in the City, Rs. 2.49 lakhs in the Suburbs and Rs. 0.45 lakhs in the Extended Suburbs.

The Department instituted 3,668 cases in the City, 1,492 cases in the Suburbs and 679 cases in the Extended Suburbs for offences under Sections 328, 328A, 394 and 412A of the Bombay Municipal Corporation Act. The total amount of fines inflicted was Rs. 2,60,799 in the City, Rs. 93,685 in the Suburbs and Rs. 88,080 in the Extended Suburbs.

The number of squatters' and hawkers' licences issued were 71,428 in the City, 12,045 in the Suburbs and 429 in the Extended Suburbs. The amount realised therefrom was Rs. 11,85,452 for the City, Rs. 2,73,530 for the Suburbs and Rs. 39,667 for the Extended Suburbs, respectively.

The Corporation had appointed a Committee regarding the question of suitably modifying the present policy of issue of hawkers' licences so as to provide more licences to the hawkers in the City (*Vide* C. R. No. 1816, dated the 19th March 1964). Accordingly, new Reserved Areas are created and licences are being issued by the Ward Officers in consultation with the Ward Councillors.

Under Government Resolution, Revenue and Forest Deptt. No. MDA/2564/209479-AI, dated the 19th January 1971 the State Government has appointed a Committee, under the chairmanship of the Collector of Bombay, of which the Deputy Municipal Commissioner (I) and the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) are other Members, has been examining the issue of new licences with a view to have a solution for the hawkers' problem. No new licences are granted by Municipal authorities without consulting this Committee.

During the year under report, 2,671 auction sales of the articles seized by the encroachment removal staff but not redeemed by the parties were held and amount of Rs. 29,555 was realised as against Rs. 26,003.79 last year.

The number of unauthorised hawkers and squatters have been found to be increasing at every nook and corner of the City, particularly on the footpaths, making it a hindrance to the pedestrians every day. Unless vigilance is exercised and drastic measures are taken against such unauthorised squatters and hawkers with the help of the Police, the Committee feels that the nuisance would increase, defying solution.

33. The total number of establishments under the various categories including Theatres, etc., on 31st March 1971 was 96,345 in the City, 24,308 in the Suburbs and 13,523 in the Extended Suburbs as against 94,782 in the City, 22,932 in the Suburbs and 12,284 in the Extended Suburbs in the last year.

During the year under report, 1,157, 280 and 90 complaints, respectively, pertaining to City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs, were received in addition to complaints pending from the preceding year out of which 1,183, 280 and 92 were investigated, leaving 51, 9 and 1 complaints pending at the close of the year.

At the beginning of the year 3,764, 853 and 220 prosecutions were pending while 6,596, 1,858 and 887 new prosecutions were instituted during the year. Of these prosecutions, 6,604, 1,254 and 837 resulted in convictions, 9 and 1 in acquittals and 24 and 9 cases were withdrawn. The number of cases pending at the end of the year was 3,719, 1,427 and 270. The total amount of fines realised was Rs. 2,36,861, Rs. 45,360 and Rs. 24,405 as against Rs. 2,76,521, Rs. 50,250 and Rs. 14,355 in the previous year.

The total expenditure incurred in the administration of the shops and Establishments Act, and the Payment of Wages Act, 1936, during the year under report was Rs. 5,77,654, Rs. 1,54,630.39 and Rs. 82,312.85 for the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs (exclusive of Provident Fund, Leave Contributions and Supervision Charges) against which a grant-in-aid of Rs. 3,41,126 was received from Government for the year 1969-70 for meeting part of the expenditure incurred during the year 1969-70. The total income by way of Registration fees, etc., for the year amounted to Rs. 2,40,981.82, Rs. 58,452.34 and Rs. 31,781.25 for the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs, respectively. Thus the total income including Government grant was Rs. 5,04,492.82 for the City, Rs. 1,08,916.34 for the Suburbs and Rs. 58,932.25 for the Extended Suburbs.

164 complaints pertaining to the Payment of Wages Act. in the City, 42 for the Suburbs and 10 for the Extended Suburbs were received. 2 complaints in respect of City and 3 complaints in respect of Suburbs were pending disposal at the close of the year under report.

The Standing Committee regrets to note that the Executive has not been successful in removing unauthorised encroachments, stalls and hawkers from the roads and footpaths in accordance with the provisions of the Bombay Municipal Corporation Act and is, therefore, of the considered opinion that a Special Cell for vigilance and effective supervision be created to pursue action rigorously against the unauthorised hawkers occupying road spaces on all important roads and near the Markets.

MARKETS AND SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

34. The total income of the Department for the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs, during the year was Rs. 97.00 lakhs as against Rs. 94.48 lakhs in the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 2.52 lakhs.

During the year there were 62 Municipal and 22 private markets. One open Air Market at Janata Colony, Jogeshwari was started from 1st November 1969. The number of outside meat shops was 196 in the City, 246 in Suburbs and 91 in Extended Suburbs. The licence fees realised from private markets and outside meat shops were Rs. 93,660 and Rs. 19,400, respectively, in the City. The work of collecting scale fees at the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Market continued to be carried out departmentally and the revenue collected therefrom amounted to Rs. 13,87,516 as against Rs. 13,28,636 during the previous year.

Surprise raids to detect the smuggling of animals and also the import and sale of contraband meat and unauthorised slaughter as also insanitation and congestion in markets were carried out during the year.

The total number of animals slaughtered during the year in the City was 14,25,124 as against 15,01,935 during the previous year.

The work of construction of an upto-date Abatoir to replace the outdated Bandra Slaughter House was in progress during the year.

The Standing Committee feels that construction of additional markets preferably near the Railway Stations be undertaken expeditiously to cater to the needs of ever-increasing population so that apart from augmenting the revenue of the Corporation the nuisance of squatters can also be minimised by allotting stalls to them in the markets. The Committee also feels that the markets should be maintained clean and decent so as to attract more visitors and be laid out on the lines of Departmental Stores.

MUNICIPAL PRINTING PRESS.

35. During the year under report 291½ metric tons of paper was purchased. The total number of printing jobs carried out was 11,576 and the number of pages printed was 41,470 as against 10,596 and 41,489 in the preceding year. The total quantity of paper consumed during the year under report was 384½ metric tons as against 394½ metric tons in the previous year.

The transactions of the Press for the year closed with a working surplus of Rs. 69,416 on the total turnover of Rs. 33,04,800 as against the deficit of Rs. 2,26,688 and the turnover of Rs. 26.54 lacs for previous year. The labour staff as on 28th February 1971, consisted of 295 workers as against 270 on the 28th February 1970.

The Standing Committee regrets to note considerable delay in printing of proceedings of the Corporation and its various Committees. The Standing Committee is of the opinion that strict supervision is necessary for efficient working of the Press and defects in its working should be eliminated. The Committee is of the view that as the work of printing in Marathi is increasing it is necessary to effect extension to the existing premises in order to accommodate the Marathi Section of Printing and the executive should take prompt measures for the same instead of awarding contracts for getting the work done.

K. E. M. Hospital.

36. This Hospital has completed 45 years of service. The scheduled bed strength of the Hospital during the year was 1,333. Throughout the year, there was constant overcrowding in the Hospital as usual particularly in the Children Wards and the Medical and Surgical Wards for females. The total number of inpatients admitted during the year was 60,761 as against 61,011 during the preceding year. The average number of days each patient was resident was 10.8 days as against 10.6 days in the last year. The average cost per in-patient per day was Rs. 19.46 as against Rs. 18.47 in the previous year.

The total number of new out-patients treated was 3,66,994 as against 3,45,096 in the previous year. The out-patients attendance including casualty patients during the year came to 7,17,150.

25,849 operations were performed on in-patients and 45,209 operations were performed on out-patients.

The Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta Pharmaceutical Laboratory attached to the Hospital manufactured many injectables viz., 85,514 transfusion bottles 500ml. 10,275 A. C. D. bottles, vials, 100, 50 and 10 ml. (14 types) 17,424 bottles, bulk injections and sterile solutions (five types) 244 412 litres stains and solutions for clinical use. The Blood Bank worked satisfactorily and during the year 11,041 Blood samples were supplied for transfusion out of Blood samples Collected; 3,784 were from Voluntary donors and 2,375 from relative donors and 4,179 from professional donors. An amount of Rs. 60,352 was paid from the Poor Box Charity Fund on payment to the professional donors.

The Family Planning Centre which is aided by the Government of India, performed 193 vasectomy operations and 666 Sterilization Operations. The total number of cases registered was 815 and the total attendance was 2,846.

2,170 Food Handlers working in hotels and restaurants in the City were referred to the hospital by H.O.'s Department from 1st January 1970 to 31st December 1970 for examination, of which only 869 persons attended. 429 persons did not give their stools, etc., for pathological examination and hence their reports were pending.

The total expenditure incurred during the year for the maintenance of the Hospital including liabilities at the end of the year but exclusive of the cost of extension scheme was Rs. 1,77.44 lacs approximately as against Rs. 155.44 lacs in the previous year.

Seth G. S. Medical College.

37. During the year under report 160 admissions were made. Five students who came from outside India were nominated by the Government of India to the reserved seats and two were taken from Schedule Caste and Backward Class Community. There were 1,315 students on the roll, excluding overseas students.

There are three Hostels attached to the Seth G. S. Medical College. Male students Hostel has 125 rooms accommodation and Ladies Hostel has 36 rooms accommodation and Hostel situated at Naigaum meant for Interns has 44 rooms accommodation.

The different departments of the College and the Hospital, in addition to their normal teaching and departmental works, conducted various researches under the auspices of the Indian Council of Medical Research, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, K.E.M. Hospital and Seth G. S. Medical College Staff Research Society and through help of some pharmaceutical firms etc.

The progress of other activities like Library, Museum, Gymkhana, etc., was satisfactory.

E. N. T. Hospital.

38. The Hospital has a provision for 100 beds and all the 100 beds were commissioned for the use of in-patients, during the year under report. The total number of patients admitted in the Hospital during the year was 5,483, out of which 124 were cured, 5,084 were relieved, 194 were otherwise discharged, 31 left against medical advice and 19 died leaving 62 patients under treatment in the Hospital at the close of the year. The daily average attendance of out-patients was 264.85.

In all 4,745 operations were performed on in-patients during the year.

An amount of Rs. 23,650.55 was collected in the Poor Box Charity Fund.

Bai Yamunabai L. Nair Charitable Hospital.

39. The Hospital has an accommodation of 713 beds, fully occupied throughout the year. During the year, daily number of inpatients on an average was 773.90 in-patients in the Hospital as against the scheduled bed strength of 713. The total number of in-patients admitted during the year was 30,909 as against 26,987 during the previous year. The total number of in-patients treated was 31,654. The average cost per day per in-patient was Rs. 25.03 as against Rs. 28.85 during the previous year.

The total number of out-patients treated was 7,10,921 as against 4,52,775 during the previous year and the average number of out-patients attendance per day was 233.89 as against 1,479.66 of the previous year.

A hospital with 300 beds has been proposed to be constructed during the year under review.

Dr. Bhajekar Municipal Hospital at Khetwadi continued to be under the supervision of the Dean, B. Y. L. Nair Charitable Hospital with the scheduled bed strength of 45.

The expenditure incurred on the maintenance of the Hospital during the year 1970 amounted to Rs. 1,46,850 including repairs.

Topiwala National Medical College.

40. The College had 657 under-graduate students on the roll at the close of the year, out of whom 204 were lady students. Besides, there were 300 post-graduate students including 103 lady students. 152 students including 62 lady students were registered for Diploma Courses of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay.

The total expenditure incurred on the maintenance of the College amounted to Rs. 33.18 lacs as against 20.13 lacs during the previous year. The total income by way of tuition fees, miscellaneous, etc., receipts amounted to Rs. 3.41 lacs as against Rs. 3.33 lacs during the last year.

868 books were added to the Library during the year of which 115 were received by way of donations. The Library had at the end of the year 17,220 books as against 16,363 in the previous year.

Nair Hospital Dental College.

41. During the year under report, 57 students including 20 ladies passed the Final B.D.S. and 7 male students and 1 lady student passed M. D. S. Examination of the Bombay University from the College. The College has 97 Dental Chairs, 77 Dental Units and 4 Dental X-Ray Machines and other equipments to give dental treatment on most modern lines and also to facilitate teaching of dentistry. During the year, 86,028 patients were treated as against 85,433 during the previous year. 7,716 municipal school children were treated in the clinics. The total expenditure incurred was Rs. 13.52 lacs as against Rs. 8.63 lacs in the preceding year and the total revenue was Rs. 1,67,984 as against Rs. 1,74,625 during the preceding year.

808 Sets of the upper and lower Artificial Teeth, 553 Partial Sets of Teeth, and repairs to 144 Sets of Teeth were given free to poor deserving patients from the Poor Box Fund.

**Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital, Sion, and Annapurnabai
Deshmukh Hospital for Women and The Lokmanya Tilak Municipal
Medical College, Sion.**

42. The bed accommodation of the Hospital was 507 (447 non-paying, 50 part-paying and 10 reserved for B.E.S. & T. Employees). 44,755 patients were admitted for indoor treatment during the year as against 40,541 during the preceding year. The daily average number of in-patients was 933.4 as against 879.7 in the preceding year. The average number of days each patient was resident was 7.6 as against 7.9 during the preceding year.

The total average cost per day per in-patient was Rs. 21.73 as against Rs. 21.37 in the preceding year. The highest number of in-patients attendance on a single day was 1,020.

The total number of new out-patients was 2,31,513 with a daily average of 759 as against 2,03,202 and 664.15 respectively, in the preceding year. The highest number of out-patients attendance on a single day was 1,242 as against 1,711 in the preceding year.

The Paying Bed Scheme which started from 1st September 1951 worked satisfactorily. The number of patients admitted in the General and Special rooms during the year was 1,057 as against 1,112 during the preceding year.

Audiology and Speech Therapy Department started from January 1970, gave satisfactory treatment to 751 patients.

The approximate total expenditure during the year under report was Rs. 96.35 lakhs as against Rs. 77.33 lakhs in the preceding year.

The Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College attached to this Hospital which was started in November 1964 entered into its seventh academic year. The College has a strength of 360 students.

The total expenditure of the College amounted to Rs. 2,46,160 during the year under report as against Rs. 3,82,804 during the previous year. The revenue of the College by way of tuition fees and miscellaneous receipts, etc., amounted to Rs. 99,855 as against Rs. 1,32,895 for the previous year.

Group of T. B. Hospitals, Sewri.

43. The total number of beds for T. B. patients at the Corporation's disposal was 1,418 viz., Group of T. B. Hospitals, Sewri, 830, Isolation Centre attached to the Ramkunwar Daftary T. B. Clinic, Dadar, 88, and Sarvodaya Hospital, Ghatkopar, 500 (reserved for the Corporation). The total number of patients treated was 7,078 as against 7,349 during the previous year. Of these 5,848 were discharged as improved, 118 were non-Tuberculosis cases, 494 left prematurely against advice, 618 died and 807 remained under treatment at the close of the year. Mortality figures revealed high incidence in the age group of 26-30 years. The ratio of death percentage of the total number of patients treated was 8.7 per cent. Major lung operations were performed in 685 cases.

As many as 3,400 patients attended the follow-up examination for check-up after discharge from the Hospitals during the year.

The total expenditure on Group of T. B. Hospitals, Sewri, was Rs. 59,98,694 during the year. The average expenditure per patient per day was Rs. 15.95 as against Rs. 14.59 in the previous year.

The expenditure incurred during the year by the Corporation for treatment, etc., at the Sarvodaya Hospital, Ghatkopar, was Rs. 15.52 lakhs as against Rs. 19.25 lakhs for the previous year. The expenditure incurred by the Corporation on the 4 T. B. Clinics attached to G.T.B. Hospitals was Rs. 10,92,240. The total expenditure thus incurred by Corporation on Tuberculosis Services amounted to Rs. 70,90,934.

Legal Department.

44. During the year under report, the Department continued to attend to contested matters and other legal proceedings in the Supreme Court, the High Court, the City Civil Court, the Small Causes Court and the Police Courts as also to other legal matters. During the year, the Department received 32,105 files as against 34,834 during the preceding year.

Education.

45. At the close of the year, there were 5,03,047 pupils in 934 Schools and 114 classes in Greater Bombay, the number in the City being 2,60,027 pupils in 490 Schools and 46 classes in the Suburbs, 1,73,349 pupils in 316 schools and 45 classes and in the Extended Suburbs 69,671 pupils in 128 Schools and 23 classes. During the year, there was a net increase of 7,761 pupils in Municipal Schools. The total number of teachers in Greater Bombay at the end of the year was 14,525 including special teachers.

With a view to avoiding over-crowding in classes and to facilitate proper attention to pupils it was laid down that ordinarily a class should not have more than 50 pupils. In schools housed in hired residential buildings, over-crowding on account of inadequate space was an impediment in the way of efficient teaching. Out of 1,048 schools and classes, about 706 schools and classes were required to be run in two sessions and more than two sessions for want of sufficient accommodation.

The number of Municipal owned buildings at the beginning of the year in Greater Bombay was 211. 4 schools were built during the year under report. The total number of municipal owned school buildings in Greater Bombay at the end of the year was 215. Wherever possible additional floors were constructed on some Municipal school buildings thereby increasing the number of class-rooms.

599 schools (including classes) were housed in Municipal owned school buildings, 421 schools including classes were housed in rented buildings and 28 schools were housed in rentfree buildings. Due to yearly increase in the number of pupils it has become practically impossible to acquire additional accommodation except by way of constructing buildings or extending the existing ones. The Standing Committee is, however, of the opinion that under the Development Plan, sites have been reserved for schools and as such speedy efforts should be made to construct buildings on vacant plots which are in possession by giving priority.

Rahimtulla Currimbhoy Municipal Urdu Teachers' Junior College of Education, Imamwada—During the year under report, there were 78 trainees for D.Ed. Course of 2 years. All the trainees were sent up for the First D.Ed. Examination held in April 1971.

Municipal Urdu Teachers' Junior College of Education, Mahim—During the year under report, there were 40 trainees in the D.Ed. Course. 36 trainees appeared for the D.Ed. 1st Year Examination held in April 1971.

The Corporation continued to impart vocational education through 33 Vocational Classes in 22 Vocational Schools.

The Educational Guidance Centre opened to help students to receive educational, vocational and developmental guidance continued to function. The Centre undertook the extra-curricular activities, such as, Guidance Conference, Career Information Centre at each Ward.

In all 1,34,314 pupils were medically examined out of whom 1,13,367 were found to be suffering from one defect or the other. The defects, such as Scabies, Ringworm, etc., noticed were treated at the Municipal Dispensaries. Screening of suspected cases of T. B. was carried out at the Municipal T. B. Clinic. Suspected cases of Leprosy were directed to Special Clinic for treatment and were not allowed to attend school, if found infectious. All Municipal Schools have been supplied with emergency outfit.

The total number of Aided Schools in Greater Bombay during the year was 207 out of which 119 were in the City, 55 in the Suburbs and 33 in the Extended Suburbs as against 201 in the previous year. The total number of teachers in Aided Schools was 1856 (1613 ordinary and 243 special) imparting education to 62,122 pupils. The number of pupils in Aided Schools in the City, Suburbs and Extended Suburbs increased during the year under review from 59,149 to 61,633. The total number of Recognised Schools not receiving Grant-in-Aid was 381 (203 in the City, 122 in the Suburbs and 56 in the Extended Suburbs) with 4,021 teachers imparting education to 1,26,957 pupils.

The total expenditure for the year amounted to Rs. 8,81,94,656 which was met from Municipal contribution (Rs. 6,44,94,910), Government Grant, (Rs. 71,95,460), Education Cess (Rs. 1,43,06,168) and miscellaneous receipts (Rs. 8,76,254).

Secondary Schools.

During the year under report no new secondary schools were opened due to paucity of funds. During the year there were 402 divisions, and the teaching staff was 610. The total number of pupils attending these schools was 17,214.

The Standing Committee also feels that the tone of Education should be upgraded by giving frequent visits by the Supervisory Staff. The Administration should also consider the feasibility of entrusting the work of medical examination to private practitioners in order to ensure medical check-up of all pupils attending municipal schools at reduced cost.

Research Unit.

46. The Research Unit carried out special experiments in selected schools on several educational problems, such as, how to make classes interesting, to increase attendance, to minimise the failure, etc. Reading habits of children were studied and a language Development Project in Standards I to IV in model schools was undertaken. "Supervision Project" in multilingual schools in almost all the Wards was continued and in-service Training Classes for teachers teaching science in Primary Classes had been conducted. Science and Mathematics curriculum Improvement Programme was conducted for teachers and Officers for giving them orientation training in modern science teaching, etc.

LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

47. During the year, 22 Recognised Trade Unions represented Municipal employees, with a view to promote cordial relations between the staff and the Administration, the total number of Joint Councils representing labour staff which continued to function was 22, their scope being wide enough to permit discussions on various matters relating to grievances and conditions of service of the staff. A four-stage grievance procedure was continued in all Departments for redressal of the employees' grievances. Four new Unions were recognised during the year under report, viz., (1) Association of Inspectors (Schools); (2) Municipal Head and Dy. Head Teachers Association; (3) Municipal Secondary Teachers' Association; and (4) Bharatiya Kamgar Sena. Recognition granted to (1) the Bombay Municipal Engineering Officials Association; (2) Bombay Municipal Hindi Shikshak Parishad; (3) Municipal Primary Sindhi Teachers' Association; and (4) Bombay Municipal Peons' Union was withdrawn as they failed to produce the records and receipts books for verification for the year 1968-69 which amounted to violation of Rule No. 5 of the Rules and Regulations for recognition of the Associations or Unions.

The Department dealt with 16,562 complaints (including Suburbs) as against 14,918 in the previous year, regarding service conditions, recruitments, promotions, transfers, etc. Of these complaints 15,836 were redressed, 656 were found not genuine cases and 70 cases were pending at the close of the year.

Three Awards under Industrial Disputes Act were received and published during the year under report.

The recreation, educational, hygienic, cultural and social activities, indoor as well as outdoor, organised by the Welfare Branch of the Department, for the benefit of Municipal workers and their dependents, were continued. The average daily attendance of adults and children at the different Welfare Centres was 2,400 and 2,580, respectively as against 2,392 and 2,286 during the preceding year.

Under the scheme for granting scholarships to the children of Municipal employees, 628 applications were received and 214 scholarships were granted to applicants for higher education and 269 for secondary education. The total amount given by way of scholarships to the municipal employees was Rs. 29,887. The total strength in Scout and Guide Sections was 4,311 as against 4,098 during the preceding year.

4 new welfare centres were opened during the year under report One each at Powai, Tansa, Vaitarna and Municipal Staff Quarters at Khar.

PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT.

48. This Department effected general publicity about the various activities and services rendered by different Departments. The Department also worked as a "clearing house" in respect of criticisms and suggestions appearing in local newspapers. It also carried out health education work and dissemination of information to the public through various media.

The Department participated in various important celebrations, such as, World Health Day, National Cleanliness Day, World Leprosy Day, etc., and published a Civic Diary, 1971, in English, Marathi and Gujarati.

A Press Room was put into Commission to enable Press reporters and the Departments to keep proper liaison with each other.

M. G. M. O. Swimming Pool.

49. During the year under report, the working and progress of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool at Shivaji Park was satisfactory.

The total reservation hours of the Pool by private parties were 727 which brought a revenue of Rs. 15,740. Facilities to 8 crippled children were given free of charge. As many as 50,152 casual swimmers including labourers and factory workers availed themselves of the facilities of swimming. Reservation of the Pool at a concessional charge of Rs. 100 per month was also allowed, as usual, to Seven Educational Institutions. Sixteen members of the Pool were included in the Maharashtra State Aquatic Association's team for participating in the National Aquatic Championship held at Bangalore in October 1970. Free Swimming facilities were provided to the blind persons by granting reservation of the Pool for two hours in a week. 50% concession in fees to the school going children was granted from January 1971.

6,302 new members joined the Pool during the year under report. 3,397 beginners were trained during the year. An amount of Rs. 3,05,861 was collected by way of fees as against Rs. 2,62,789 during the previous year. The expenditure during the year was Rs. 1,46,386.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Swimming Pool.

A new small size Swimming Pool at Kandivli was opened for the public on 17th July 1970, which is named after Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

4488 members joined the pool of which 2,537 were beginners. The collection of fees during the year was Rs. 1,58,856 as against total expenditure of Rs. 68,310.

Administrative Office (Enquiries) Department.

50. The Department functions in three Sections viz., (1) Enquiries, (2) Stock Verification and (3) Security Force.

During the year 678 cases of misconduct and breach of rules were dealt with as against 882 cases during the previous year. In 94 cases, punishments varying from dismissal, removal from service to censures and warnings were meted out. In 72 cases enquiries were in progress at the end of the year.

The distribution of relief grants from the Mayor's Fund to the families affected by fires, house collapses and other natural calamities was carried out by the Stock Verification Section in addition to their normal work.

Industrial Unit of Home Guards continued to function well during the year under report.

The Bombay Municipal Security Force is conducting a Training School for the Security Guards. 165 Security Guards were imparted training during the year under report.

The Standing Committee note with concern the inordinate delay caused in finalizing Departmental Enquiries and hope that vigorous efforts will be made to expedite disposal of such enquiries.

THE BOMBAY CIVIC JOURNAL.

51. The monthly issues of the Journal contained articles on civic matters, such as slum clearance and improvement, water supply, etc., and other significant events.

As decided by the Corporation a Marathi Section was introduced in the Journal for the first time from March 1970.

Efforts to bring in more revenue by way of advertisements and increase in circulation were continued during the year under report.

The Standing Committee feels that vigorous efforts need to be made to ensure wider circulation of the Journal by giving due publication to the improvements made in the various civic services from month to month.

ORGANISATION AND METHODS DIVISION.

52. The Organization and Methods Division works as an Advisory unit of the Municipal Commissioner's Office. The work done by this Department includes *inter-alia* standardization of forms and registers, operation of suggestion scheme, re-arrangement of Municipal Records, examination of office procedures and suggesting improvements therein, etc.

The Staff of this Unit had undergone during the year the advanced training course in management arranged in consultation with the Central Labour Institute. FERT/CPM training programmes were carried out for Engineering Staff.

To facilitate introduction of Marathi as the official language eleven Classes were continued to teach Marathi to 308 non-Marathi employees.

The Standing Committee feels that the main objective of setting up the Division is not being pursued and desires that concerted and vigorous drive should be undertaken by this Division to re-organise the functioning and streamlining the staff pattern in various Departments and Ward Offices to bring about efficiency and uniformity in the Municipal Administration.

Public Health.

53. *Population Census.*—The mid-year estimated population of Greater Bombay was 57,00,000.

Birth and birth rate.—The total number of live births recorded in Greater Bombay during the year was 1,61,312 which were 1,741 more than in 1969 and 9,223 above the average of the quinquennium 1965-69. The birth rate was 28.3.

Deaths and death rate.—The total number of deaths registered from all causes during the year was 55,898 in 1970 as against 54,831 in 1969 being 2,561 more than the mean mortality of the preceding 5 years and the death rate was 9.8 against 9.9 in the year 1969. Out of 55,898 deaths, 33,003 deaths were among males and 22,895 among females. The excess of deaths amongst males may be ascribed to the preponderance of males in population. The death rate among females was, however, actually higher than that among males, the male death rate being 13.2 per cent and the female death rate 13.8 p.c. against 12.9 and 13.6, respectively, in 1969. Diseases of the respiratory system claimed the highest number of deaths as in the past with a death rate of 1.6 per 1,000 of population. The causes coming next on the list for the year were tube culosis 1.1., congenital malformation and diseases of early infancy. 0.9 diarrhoea and dysentery 0.7.

Infant Mortality.—Deaths among infants under one year of age numbered 12,994 which were 512 less than in preceding year and 331 less than the annual average of the previous quinquennium (1965-69). The infant mortality rate for the year was 80.6 per 1,000 live births as against 84.6 in 1969.

Maternity and Child Welfare.—During the year under report, services were rendered through 19 Municipal Maternity Homes, three Hospitals with Maternity Wards and 32 Maternity and Child Welfare Centres. The number of deliveries conducted in these Homes was 60,798 during the year. The average stay of mothers at the Maternity Homes was 5 days.

Communicable Diseases.—The total number of cases of infectious diseases reported during the year was 33,673 as against 34,023 in the preceding year. Infectious Hepatitis caused 2,518 attacks and 20 deaths. Small-pox caused 13 attacks and 2 deaths, Influenza did not cause any death. Enteric Fever caused 2,200 attacks and 36 deaths. Diphtheria caused 1,796 attacks and 6 deaths. Cerebro-spinal meningitis caused 6 attacks. Tuberculosis took a toll of 6,173 lives and the death rate of Tuberculosis was 1.1 per 1,000 of mid-year estimated population.

273 cases of Acute Interior Poliomyelitis and 36 deaths hereby were reported during the year.

Municipal Group of Tuberculosis Hospital at Sewri has an accommodation for 830 in-patients; besides 500 beds are reserved at the Sarvodaya Hospital, Ghatkopar. The advance cases of T. B. were isolated at the Daftary Municipal Isolation Wards at Dadar.

During the year 5,83,088 persons were inoculated against Cholera and 1,92,614 persons were inoculated with T.A.B. Vaccine.

The Standing Committee view with concern the existence of different kinds of diseases. So far as Tuberculosis is concerned, there is not much improvement although B.C.G. vaccination campaign is pursued vigorously. The Standing Committee, therefore, feel that medical authorities should investigate this problem with a view to find out other remedial measures to meet the growing menace of this dreaded disease to the citizens of this City.

Dispensaries.

54. The number of new cases treated at the 67 dispensaries and 113 mobile dispensaries were 23,68,630 as against 19,87,255 in the year 1969. In addition to the above dispensary work, women and children's clinics were conducted by three part-time lady doctors at six Municipal dispensaries for two hours, thrice a week. The number of new cases treated at these dispensaries was 1,875 (1,712 women and 163 children) as against 1,980 in 1969. The total attendance was 16,456. These figures include the visits of lady doctors to patients at their homes. At 32 Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics 2,10,689 new cases (1,30,213 women and 80,476 children) were treated. The total attendance was 4,81,917.

The Standing Committee emphasises the urgent need to upgrade all Municipal dispensaries and convert them into Diagnostic Centres so as to provide X-Ray, Pathology and other facilities to render these services to patients attending them and to reduce congestion at the General Hospitals.

Leprosy.—The control of Leprosy in the City was exercised as before through the Acworth Leprosy Hospital, Wadala, with an accommodation of 500 beds. In addition to this the Institution conducts a well equipped out-patients' clinic the entire cost of which is borne by the Corporation. The Corporation also bears the cost on account of voluntary patients domiciled in Bombay and 150-170 beds for the Bombay resident patients. Besides, the payment of cost of Domiciliary Services and Rs. 10,000 for rendering Sulphone treatment, the Corporation pays one third of the recurring expenditure of Greater Bombay Leprosy Control Scheme activities as also the entire cost of Capital Works.

The average daily attendance of patients was 231.8 and the total number of new cases, treated at the Acworth Leprosy Clinic was 4,039 and the average daily attendance of patients was 41.0 and the total number of new cases treated at the Greater Bombay Leprosy Control Scheme, was 2,122.

School Health Work.

55. During the year, out of about 5,41,982 primary municipal school children, 1,16,353 children were found to be defective. Of 16,628 students studying in secondary schools, 10,870 were medically examined and 10,664 were found defective. 650 cases with minor ailments among the children were treated in the municipal dispensaries. 56,902 children with major ailments were treated at the K.E.M. Hospital, Nair Hospital and the L.T.M.G. Hospital and Dental Clinic at Nair Hospital, etc.

79,765 children from Municipal Schools were B.C.G. vaccinated and 2,12,135 children were given T.A.B. inoculation. The Mobile Health Unit examined 45,805 children from I to IV Standards, in Municipal Schools. The Standing Committee is also of the view that a survey of schools should also be taken as regards leprosy is concerned, with a view to take preventive measures.

Kasturba Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Arthur Road.

56. Except Tuberculosis and Leprosy, patients suffering from other infectious diseases are admitted to the Hospital. The total number of patients admitted during the year was 33,673 as against 34,023 in the preceding year. They included 15 cases of Small-pox, 2,129 of Enteric Fever and 1,694 of Diphtheria.

There were as many as 1,694 cases of Diphtheria out of which 133 proved fatal showing the fatality rate of 6.7 per cent. The cases admitted were from all parts of Greater Bombay, predominantly from Byculla, Parel, Lalbaug, Sewree, Matunga, Mahim, Sion, H and K Wards.

15 cases of Small-pox were admitted in the hospital out of which 3 died, giving a fatality rate of 13.3 per cent.

The total expenditure of the Hospital during the year was Rs. 63,84,834 as against Rs. 60,62,649 in the preceding year.

The Standing Committee repeatedly regrets to note that the question of setting up of an Infectious Diseases Hospital in Suburbs is kept pending over years..

Audit.

57. This year also the Municipal Chief Auditor's Report has not been included in the Municipal Commissioner's Administration Report, as required by Section 137(4) of the Bombay Municipal Corporation Act.

The Standing Committee are of the considered opinion that every effort must be made by the respective Heads of the Departments to comply with the statutory provisions. The Municipal Chief Auditor's Report would have been of much help to the Standing Committee in their scrutiny of the various facts and figures incorporated in the Report of the Municipal Commissioner. The Report, however, will be forwarded to the Corporation separately when received. The Standing Committee is of the view that after submission of the Report by the Municipal Chief Auditor, the Administration should see that the same is printed within three months from its receipt so as to make it available to Councillors earlier.

Acknowledgement:

58. In conclusion, the Standing Committee desire to record their appreciation of the very valuable services rendered by Dr. M. N. Desai, Shri S. M. Y. Sastry and Shri C. Soares who held the office of the Municipal Commissioner during the year under report.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OFFICE,

BOMBAY, 8th January 1972.

R. P. PATIL
Chairman,
Standing Committee.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT
OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
FOR GREATER BOMBAY
FOR THE YEAR 1970-71**

Herewith a detailed report of the Municipal
Administration of Greater Bombay as required under
Section 124 of the Bombay Municipal Corporation Act.

M. N. DESAI,
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for Greater Bombay.*