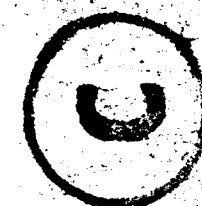


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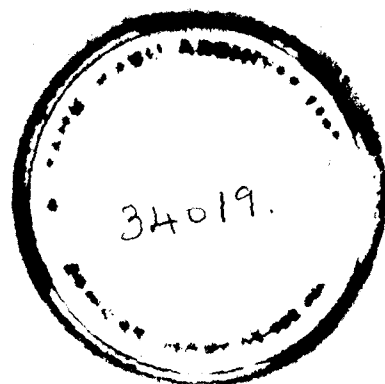


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ADMINISTRATION REPORT
OF THE
MADRAS ABKARI DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR 1913-1914.

CHAPTER I.—INTRODUCTORY.

The changes in the Excise Administration during the year under report were as follows :—

(1) COUNTRY SPIRITS.

(a) The contract distillery supply system was extended to British Cochin with the 17 outlying pattoms attached to it and to 16 villages in the Polavaram agency division of the Gōdāvari district. The rates of excise duty and cost price of arrack were the same as those in force in the rest of the Malabar district (except the Wynaad taluk and the Attapadi valley) and the Gōdāvari district (excise tracts), respectively. The supply contractors were allowed as a special case to charge Rs. 1-2 per gallon of 30° under-proof on the issues made from the wholesale depot opened in British Cochin for the supply of the shops therein and in the outlying pattoms.

(b) The arrack supply contracts for the several districts in the Presidency which expired on 31st March 1913 were renewed for a further period of three years from 1st April 1913. An increase of 2 annas per gallon of 30° under-proof (with a proportionate increase for 60° under-proof) was made in the cost price of arrack supplied from the Nidadavole, Bezwada, Nellore, Cuddapah, Ranipet, Suramungalam, Tanjore and Trichinopoly warehouses; of 1 anna and 6 pies a gallon for issues from the Tadpatri distillery and the Nandyal warehouse; of one anna a gallon for issues from the Samalkot, Veyasarpadi, Nellikuppam, Coimbatore and Tachanallur distilleries and the Madras, Madura, Coonoor and Calicut warehouses; and of 6 pies a gallon for issues from the Vizagapatam distillery. The increases were made with reference to the cost of production of arrack.

(c) The extra depot allowances sanctioned for the Vizagapatam and Tadpatri distillers were raised by one anna and nine pies a gallon, respectively.

(d) The rate of excise duty was raised from Rs. 6-4 to Rs. 6-14 per proof gallon in the Chingleput (except the high duty area), Chittoor (except the Madanapalli and Vayalpad taluks), North Arcot, South Arcot (excluding the frontier tracts), Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Madura, Rāmnād, Tinnevely, Coimbatore, Salem and the Nilgiri districts and in the Wynaad taluk; from Rs. 5-10 to Rs. 6-4 per proof gallon in the Madanapalli and Vayalpad taluks of the Chittoor district; from Rs. 1-14 to Rs. 2-8 per proof gallon in those portions of the Tindivanam, Villupuram and Cuddalore taluks which adjoin Pondicherry and from Rs. 1-9 to Rs. 1-14 per proof gallon in the Munagala and Lingagiri zamindaris of the Kistna district.

(e) The minimum quantity of issue of arrack to a shopkeeper at a distillery or warehouse was raised from one gallon to five gallons.

APPENDIX A (*vide* paragraph 2).

STATEMENT showing the various Systems in force at the close of 1913-1914 in each district for the manufacture and sale of Country Spirits and Toddy.

District.	Country spirits.	Toddy.	Changes effected during the year.
Ganjam— (a) Ordinary tracts.	The supply is under the contract distillery system and the shops are sold separately.	The shops are sold separately by auction under the tree-tax system.	
(b) Agency tracts.	The Kondhs and Savarabs distil spirits free for home consumption, etc., but not for sale. A fixed number of stills is also allowed for each muttah, licenses therefor being disposed of by auction. Spirit is generally manufactured from the <i>Ippa</i> or <i>Mohwa</i> flower (<i>Bassia latifolia</i>) and occasionally from rice. In the 122 low country villages of the Parlakimedi maliahs shops are sold separately under the contract distillery supply system.	In 122 low country villages of the Parlakimedi maliahs the renting system is in force. Elsewhere no revenue is collected.	
Vizagapatam— (a) Ordinary tracts.	The shops are sold separately under the contract distillery supply system.	The shops are sold separately under the tree-tax system.	
(b) Agency tracts.	The contract distillery supply system is in force in the 36 villages of the Salur, Pottangi, Golconda and Viravilli agencies, and in the Palkonda and Gunupur agencies, excluding the Kondh and Savarah hills but including the Gumma and Konda muttas of the Kurapam zamindari and the Mondemkallu and Konda muttas of the Merangi zamindari. In the remaining agency tracts the privilege of combined manufacture and sale of country spirits in each shop is disposed of separately. Spirit is manufactured from the <i>Ippa</i> or <i>Mohwa</i> flower and in certain parts from rice and <i>sama</i> . The privilege of free distillation is enjoyed by the Savarabs and Kondhs in the Savarah and Khotia Kondh hills of the Gunupur and Bissamkatak taluks.	The shops are sold separately under the tree-tax system in the 36 villages of the Salur, Pottangi, Golconda and Viravilli agencies. In the rest of the agency tracts toddy is untaxed.	
Godavari— (a) Ordinary tracts.	The supply is under the contract distillery system and the shops are sold separately.	The shops are sold separately under the tree-tax system.	
(b) Agency tracts.	Forty-six villages of the Polavaram, Chodavaram and Yellavaram divisions are under the contract distillery supply system. The shops in them are sold separately. In the rest of the villages comprising the above divisions, arrack is made from toddy and the privileges of manufacture and vend, except in certain Koya and Reddi villages of the Polavaram division are sold separately by auction, but the shopkeepers are also allowed to supplement their stocks with molasses arrack of 60° under-proof manufactured at the Samalkot distillery and supplied by the distillers from depots opened in the area. In the Telaga or riverside villages of the Bhadrachalam taluk, and in the Nugur taluk the monopoly of manufacture and sale of spirits made from the <i>Ippa</i> or <i>Mohwa</i> flower (<i>Bassia latifolia</i>) is sold by individual shops. In the Koya and Reddi villages of the Bhadrachalam taluk and in 20 of such villages of the Polavaram division, the privilege of manufacturing country spirits from <i>Mohwa</i> or toddy, as the case may be, for domestic consumption but not for sale, is granted to the villagers on payment of a fee of Rs. 2 per head of the adult male population.	The tree-tax system is in force in 68 villages of the Polavaram, Chodavaram and Yellavaram divisions and shops are sold separately. In the Nugur taluk, and in 8 "riverside villages of the Bhadrachalam taluk, shops are sold separately under the renting system. In the remaining tracts no revenue is collected.	The contract distillery supply system was extended to 18 villages of the Polavaram division; and the tree-tax system to 39 villages of the same division.

APPENDIX M (*vide* paragraphs 91—104 and 106).

CLASSIFIED Statement of Offences against the Abkari Laws reported in the several sub-divisions during the year 1913.

Sub-divisions.	Offences relating to foreign liquor, arrack and toddy revenue.											Offences relating to intoxicating drugs.							Grand total.
	Smuggling.	Illicit distillation and possession and sale of illicitly-distilled spirits.	Illicit manufacture of toddy.	Illicit transport.	Unlicensed sales.	Possession without license.	Adulteration.	Dilution.	Use of false measures.	Other offences (breaches of licenses, etc.).	Total.	Illicit cultivation of the hemp plant.	Smuggling.	Illicit transport.	Unlicensed sales.	Possession without license.	Other offences.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1. Waltair ..	95	226	17	35	33	77	1	71	7	318	880	4	2	4	5	10	1	26	906
2. Cocanada ..	5	22	413	117	94	152	..	102	7	1,043	1,955	2	1	..	1	5	..	9	1,964
3. Masulipatam..	7	67	146	69	90	132	..	77	2	677	1,261	3	1	..	1	9	..	14	1,275
4. Nellore ..	1	23	121	34	145	38	..	16	..	177	555	3	..	..	3	4	..	10	565
5. Arcot ..	14	231	579	210	344	129	1	81	25	685	2,299	4	..	4	18	11	1	38	2,337

APPENDIX T (*vide* paragraph 124).

STATEMENT explaining the difference between the Collection of Excise Revenue in the Accountant-General's books and those shown in the Demand, Collection and Balance Statement for 1913-14.

District or office.	Amount as per Treasury account.	Deduct		Net collections.	Add		Amount as per demand, collection and balance statement.
		Collection made on account of other districts, etc.	Collection on account of future kists.		Collection made in other districts.	Collections made in advance and subsequently brought to account.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	9,45,583	546	9,738	9,85,304	16	12,757	9,48,077
2. Vizagapatam	12,91,977	88	14,295	12,77,644	557	12,453	12,90,654
3. Godāvari	16,54,471	..	2,14,209	14,40,262	554	2,07,545	16,48,361
4. Kistna	25,03,844	2,64,746	2,13,599	20,25,299	3,057	1,98,106	22,26,462
5. Guntur	6,10,589	364	60,827	5,49,398	4,46,972	60,803	10,57,173
6. Nellore	8,24,344	1,84,848	54,695	5,84,801	2,815	47,858	6,35,274
7. Cuddapah	6,74,241	68,717	13,830	5,91,694	3,149	11,923	6,06,766
8. Anantapur	12,57,304	1,32,369	2,76,442	8,48,493	1,44,546	2,72,403	12,65,442
9. Bellary	15,60,568	29,717	27,518	15,03,333	3,303	82,293	15,38,929
10. Kurnool	12,30,287						

APPENDIX U
IMPERIAL FORM No. IV.—

Districts.	Spirits manufactured in India paying duty at higher rates than ordinary spirits.			Country spirits issued Excoise	
	Gross Imperial gallons issued.	Average strength.	Rate of duty per gallon.	Issues in Imperial	
				30° under-proof.	40° under-proof.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Ganjam ..	..	London proof.	Ra. 9-6-0 and in the case of issues to F.L. 13 (a) licensees Ra. 7-13-0.	104,859	..
Vizagapatam ..	..			..	..
Godavari ..	367			100,206	..
Kistna ..	122			75,383	..
Guntur ..	..			7,250	..
Nellore ..	..			182,159	..
Cuddapah ..	..			114,258	..
Anantapur ..	..			82,109	..
Bellary ..	..			71,124	..
Kurnool (including Banganapalle) ..	73			63,157	..
Madras ..	13,732			88,799	..
Chingleput ..	19			58,963	..
Chittoor ..	8			126,238	..
North Arcot ..	..			7,628	..
South Arcot ..	395			94,012	..
Tanjore ..	21			8,092	..
Trichinopoly ..	11			49,368	..
Madura ..	78			173,838	70,753
Ramanad ..					

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† Memorandum explaining the cause of serious wastages discovered in the heaps outturned in the year 1890-91.

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