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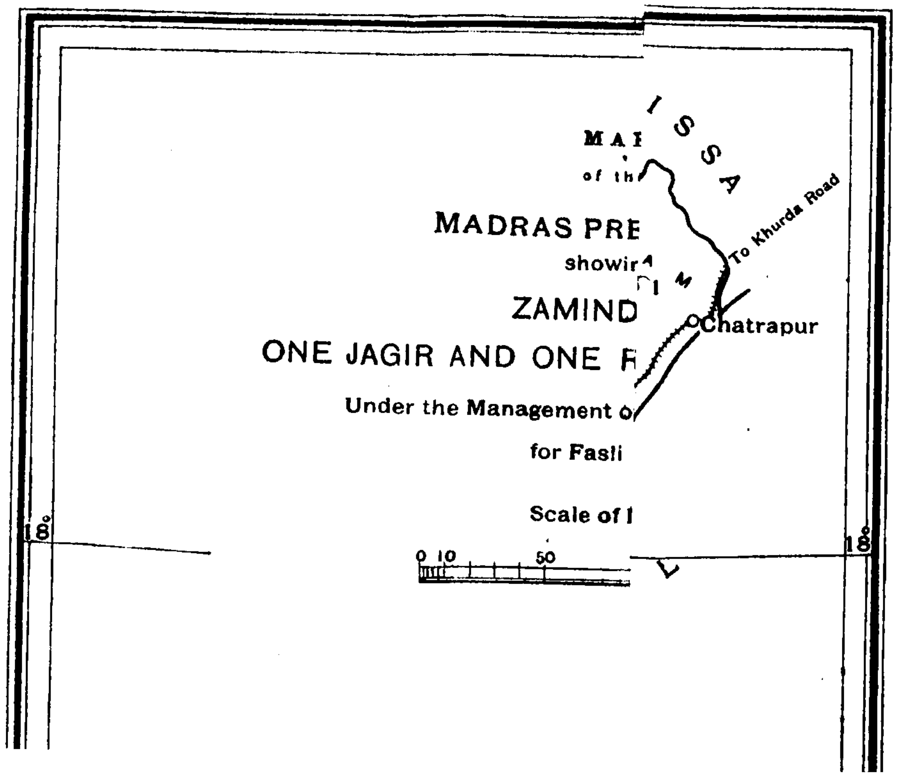

ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE ESTATES UNDER THE COURT OF WARDS IN THE MADRAS PRESIDENCY FOR FASLI 1342 (1932–33).

Estates under management.—There were thirteen estates under the Court's management at the end of fasli 1341. Three of these were handed over to their proprietors during the fasli while none was taken under management. There were thus ten estates under management at the end of fasli 1342.

2. *Estates handed over.*—Three estates, Sivaganga, Metratti and Ilaiyarasanendal, Part I, were handed over to their proprietors during the fasli, the former in pursuance of G.O. Ms. No. 446, dated 10th March 1933, and the latter two on their proprietors' coming of age.

The following statement shows at a glance the results of the Court's management of the Sivaganga estate (including devasthanam and chatram sections) up to the date of rendition :—

	When estate was taken up. (Fasli 1328.)	When estate was restored. (Fasli 1342.)
	RS.	RS.
Current demand..	18,16,986	21,89,412
Balance on hand	4,76,463	83,545
Debts outstanding	*Nil.*	*Nil.*
Debts recovered during the period of Court's management.. ..	..	1,16,684
Debts paid during the period of Court's management	..	25,10,972
Works—		
Amount spent on irrigation works..	..	31,29,077
Amount spent on buildings and other improvements	..	10,09,612

The increase in demand was due to improvements to irrigation sources, assignments of waste lands and detection of encroachments on account of survey operations. The sum of Rs. 31·29 lakhs expended under 'Irrigation' includes Rs. 2·72 lakhs spent on construction of new masonry sluices and regulators and of a bridge in Madapuram and Rs. 0·65 lakh spent on Shieldkal and Eachanodai channel schemes to utilize the Periyar drainage from the adjoining Government areas. 1,237 tanks out of 2,321 were thoroughly repaired and the rest were kept in a working condition. The entire estate was resurveyed and commutation of grain rent into fixed cash payment was also introduced. The legality of the commutation has been questioned by the ryots and the matter is *sub judice*. The Court has thus spent large sums on the improvement of the estate. It has paid off about Rs. 25 lakhs of debt incurred by the Court in carrying out these improvements. That the estate was not able to hand over a large balance to the Raja was primarily due to the continued and world-wide depression which necessitated large remissions and a heavy uncollected balance.

The current demand of Metratti estate rose from Rs. 10,195 in 1919 when it was taken under management to Rs. 11,543 at the time of restoration. When the estate was taken under management it had been saddled with a debt of Rs. 20,341. This liability amounting in all to Rs. 30,066 (including subsequent interest) was cleared and the estate was not only free from debt when it was released but a stock certificate of the value of Rs. 2,800, besides a cash balance of Rs. 2,294 was handed over to the proprietor. A sum of Rs. 7,191 was also spent on irrigation works, buildings and other improvements. The marriages of the ward, his sisters and uncle were all celebrated during the Court's management at a total cost of Rs. 6,750.

The Ilaiyarasanendal, Part I, estate remained under the Court's management for nearly 11 years. Its demand was Rs. 20,760, at the time of assumption and Rs. 20,375 at the time of rendition, the slight decrease being due to fall of lease amounts of home-farm lands as a result of the present depression. A sum of Rs. 3,280 was spent on maramat works. Debts amounting to Rs. 13,145 were recovered with interest. Debts due by the estate at the time of assumption amounting to Rs. 86,284 including principal and interest were paid off and the estate was handed over to the proprietor free from debts and with a cash balance of Rs. 6,468. The senior ward's marriage was celebrated at a cost of Rs. 5,000 and the junior ward is still continuing his studies.

3. *Season.*—The season was on the whole generally favourable in South Valluru, Part I (Kistna), Bagalur (Salem), Kudapalli (Trichinopoly), Mannarkottai (Ramnad) and Kadambur (Tinnevelly). It was not favourable in Poravipalaiyam (Coimbatore) and Marungapuri (Trichinopoly) owing to uneven distribution of rainfall and lack of rains at critical times. In Arni (North Arcot) the south-west monsoon was practically a failure and even during the north-east monsoon rainfall was inadequate in the western part of the estate. Owing to heavy rains in the early part of the fasli and their holding out in October the out-turn of crops in Serugada (Ganjam) was not quite satisfactory. Rainfall in Kurupam was less than in the previous fasli and its untimely nature led to the failure of the crops this year as well.

4. *Holdings.*—The total area of the tenants' holdings in the ten estates that were under the Court's management during both faslis 1341 and 1342 (excluding as usual, the rented villages) was 229,466 acres as against 228,936 acres in fasli 1341 as shown below :—

	ACS.
Area in fasli 1341	485,959
Deduct—Sivaganga, Metratti and Ilaiyarasanendal, Part I.	— 257,023
Net ..	228,936
Area in fasli 1342	229,466
Increase ..	530

This increase was mainly due to new assignments in Kurupam (540 acres).

5. *Cultivation.*—The total extent cultivated in the ten estates under management both in faslis 1341 and 1342 was 81·5 per cent of the holdings in fasli 1342 against 79·4 per cent in fasli 1341. The percentages were above 75 in eight estates and less than that figure in Kurupam (70·2) and Marungapuri (74·4). The unfavourable character

of the season was responsible for the slightly low percentages in these two estates.

6. *Demand of estates.*—The gross demand of the ten estates in the fasli amounted to Rs. 8,13,897 and the net demand to Rs. 7,93,081, the remission under all the heads being Rs. 20,816. Among the ten estates that were under management in both faslis 1341 and 1342, there was a decrease of Rs. 17,023 in the demand of fasli 1342 which is a net result of a decrease in eight estates and increase in two estates. There was a marked decrease in Poravipalaiyam (Rs. 11,500), Kudapalli (Rs. 3,435) while there was an increase in South Valluru, Part I (Rs. 4,956). The difference in the remaining seven estates was small in proportion to their respective demands. In Poravipalaiyam the decrease was due to the 30 per cent remission in lease amounts which had to be granted on account of the fall in prices after the lands were leased out and the unfavourable character of the season. In Kudapalli the decrease was due to the fall in the lease amounts on account of the low price of paddy. The increase in South Valluru, Part I, was due to higher lanka rentals.

7. *Demand, collection and balance—Current.*—Out of the net current demand of Rs. 7·93 lakhs, Rs. 6·64 lakhs were collected and Rs. 0·01 lakh was written off leaving a balance of Rs. 1·28 lakhs at the close of the fasli. Excluding the subsequent collections and remissions as well as the amounts recommended to be written off after the close of the fasli the net recoverable balance on the 1st of October 1933 was Rs. 1·01 lakhs or 12·7 per cent of the demand. The statement below compares the percentage of balance in each estate for fasli 1342 with that of fasli 1341 :—

Estates.	Fasli 1341.	Fasli 1342.
1 Serugada	11·6	7·0
2 Kurupam	32·1	31·6
3 South Valluru, Part I	9·2	5·4
4 Arni	0·7	1·9
5 Bagalur	11·6	17·7
6 Poravipalaiyam	39·46	21·4
7 Kudapalli	5·17	6·3
8 Marungapuri	17·64	11·5
9 Mannarkottai	7·7	7·1
10 Kadambur	0·16	0·05

Except in Arni, Kudapalli and Bagalur there is an improvement in collection. The balance is above 10 per cent only in four estates, viz., Kurupam (31·6 per cent), Bagalur (17·7 per cent), Poravipalaiyam (21·4 per cent) and Marungapuri (11·5 per cent). In Marungapuri and Poravipalaiyam the collections were decidedly better than in the previous fasli though the season was not favourable and the Court hopes that the improvement will be continued in the current fasli. The improvement in collection in Serugada and South Valluru is satisfactory. In Kurupam the improvement is slight and the Court has instructed the Estate Collector to produce more satisfactory results in the current fasli. In Bagalur though the season was good, there was a considerable fall in collection in fasli 1342. The Court hopes that the steps taken by the Estate Collector to improve collection work will lead to better results in the current fasli.

8. *Demand, Collection and Balance—Arrears.*—The arrear demand at the beginning of the fasli for the ten estates which were under management in faslis 1341 and 1342 was Rs. 4·12 lakhs of which Rs. 2·65 lakhs were outstanding at its close. The arrears were collected in full in Kadambur. The arrear balance was insignificant in Mannarkottai, below Rs. 1,000 in Arni and Kudapalli and a little over Rs. 1,000 in Bagalur. They were large in the remaining five estates, viz., Serugada (Rs. 16,625), Kurupam (Rs. 1,14,113), South Valluru, Part I (Rs. 50,380), Poravipalaiyam (Rs. 17,660) and Marungapuri (Rs. 62,792). A major portion of the balance in Serugada is covered by legal proceedings. The large arrear balance in Kurupam is due to enhancement of rent decreed with retrospective effect. A major portion of the arrears is covered by legal proceedings. The arrear balance in South Valluru, Part I, includes, as stated in previous years, the sum of Rs. 10,676 due from the senior Zamindar on account of the advance collections made by him and the claim preferred to the Official Receiver for this amount is still pending. Practically the whole of the remaining balance is covered by legal proceedings. Notwithstanding the large remission of 30 per cent of the demand granted in Poravipalaiyam the arrears in that estate were very heavy and the Court has instructed the Collector to get them reduced in the current fasli. As explained in the report for the previous fasli the arrears in Marungapuri relate mostly to the pre-assumption period and are covered by suits and decrees. A law agent was appointed to assist the manager in the collection of materials for expediting these suits and decrees and the Court expects considerable improvement in the current fasli.

9. *Financial condition.*—The aggregate cash balance at the beginning of the fasli was Rs. 1·42 lakhs. The total cash receipts during the fasli amounted to Rs. 9·39 lakhs. The total cash assets of the fasli were thus Rs. 10·81 lakhs. Deducting the total cash expenditure of Rs. 9·48 lakhs, the cash balance at the close of the fasli was Rs. 1·33 lakhs. Including Government promissory notes, other securities and fixed deposits of the total value of Rs. 0·77 lakh and the estimated value of grain (Rs. 0·04 lakh) at the end of the fasli, the aggregate closing balance at the credit of the estates was Rs. 2·14 lakhs. The ordinary receipts and charges (ayan section) of the fasli after excluding the extraordinary items were Rs. 7·91 lakhs and Rs. 6·51 lakhs respectively as shown below:—

	LAKHS. RS.	LAKHS. RS.
Total receipts ..	..	9·39
Deduct—		
1 Debts recovered—Principal only	0·48	
2 Sale-proceeds of property	0·03	
3 Refunds, recoveries and deposits	0·97	
		1·48
Ordinary receipts ..		7·91
Total charges ..		9·48

	LAKHS. RS.	LAKHS. RS.
Deduct—		
1 Debts repaid—Principal only	1·18	
2 Investments	0·60	
3 Special purchases, donations, special ceremonies, survey charges, etc.	0·14	
4 Adjustments, refunds, recoveries and advances	1·05	
		2·97
Ordinary charges		6·51

The ordinary charges were less than the ordinary receipts in all the estates.

10. *Utilization of surplus balances.*—The closing balance including investments in Government and other securities and fixed deposits was Rs. 2·14 lakhs. In none of the estates was it over a lakh of rupees. It was Rs. 0·74 lakh in Serugada, Rs. 0·46 lakh in Arni and Rs. 0·34 in South Valluru, Part I. In Serugada a sum of Rs. 10,761 was invested in bank deposits. The funds available after providing for the normal charges of administration in Arni and South Valluru, Part I, during the fasli and the non-kist months of the current fasli, were utilized for repayment of debts and the bank loan respectively.

11. *Agricultural improvements.*—No fresh enterprise was considered or proposed during the fasli.

12. *Percentage of establishment charges and Government commission to the normal receipts.*—The average percentage in the fasli was 16·71 against 18·75 in the previous fasli. The percentage exceeded 20 (the limit for surveyed estates) in Serugada and Marungapuri. The percentage in Marungapuri was 29·10 in fasli 1341. Reduction in the pay of the establishment from 1st August 1932 has brought down this percentage to 22·05 in fasli 1342. Further retrenchment in the Forest staff has been effected from 1st July 1933 and the Court expects that the percentage will be reduced to the normal limit (20 per cent) from the current fasli. In Serugada the percentage was reduced from 25·1 to 22·0. The slight excess in the percentage is due to the continuance of the temporary establishment sanctioned for inam alienation work.

13. *Maramat works.*—The Court attended to this important branch of administration in accordance with the needs of each estate and in so far as finances allowed. The total maramat allotment in all the ten estates under management, including the trust institutions was Rs. 0·87 lakh. The total value of the work done amounted to Rs. 0·81 lakh or 93·3 per cent of the allotment. The entire value of the work done in the fasli was completely paid off within the fasli itself. The maramat expenditure in the fasli was 11·9 per cent of the total ordinary charges (Rs. 6·79 lakhs) including those of the trust institutions. Among the estates in which the allotment was more than Rs. 5,000 the percentage of expenditure to allotment exceeded 75 in all the estates.

14. *Debts due to the estates.*—The debts due to the several estates under management were Rs. 8·72 lakhs at the commencement of the fasli. No loan was newly granted. Including the debts newly brought to account (Rs. 0·63 lakh) and the interest and costs that accrued

during the fasli (Rs. 0·25 lakh) the aggregate amount due was Rs. 9·60 lakhs. Of this, Rs. 0·57 lakh was collected and Rs. 0·04 lakh written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 8·99 lakhs at the end of the fasli. As in the last fasli, the outstanding balance was large in South Valluru, Part I (Rs. 6·62 lakhs), Kurupam (Rs. 0·73 lakh), Serugada (Rs. 0·41 lakh), Poravipalaiyam (Rs. 0·67 lakh), Kudapalli (Rs. 0·33 lakh) and Marungapuri (Rs. 0·20 lakh).

Almost the entire outstanding debt in South Valluru, Part I, estate was due from the senior Zamindar under the final partition decree of the High Court. The Official Receiver who is administering the senior Zamindar's estate did not declare any dividend during the fasli. Some of the debts in Kurupam are not yet due and some are covered by various instalment bonds. The Zamindar of Chemudu has paid up the sixth instalment of Rs. 3,000 with interest of Rs. 1,125 in part satisfaction of the sum of Rs. 33,000 due by him, leaving a balance of Rs. 15,000. The deed signed by the Zamindar of Chemudu for the settlement of the claims between him and the Kurupam minors referred to in the last year's report was registered. In Poravipalaiyam the outstanding debts were due from M.R.Ry. R. V. Mappillai Kavandar. A second mortgage deed securing the right of redemption over his lands which are now in the possession of the estate under a prior mortgage for the unsecured amounts due from him was also obtained. The first two instalments of the debt due to Serugada from Kurupam which fell due in the fasli were recovered leaving a balance of rupees 13,543 recoverable in six annual instalments. The balance of the debts due to Serugada and that due to Marungapuri were practically covered by suits and execution proceedings pending in Courts. The debt due to Kudapalli is covered by a single decree in O.S. No. 72 of 1923, on the file of the Sub-Court, Mayavaram. There is no prospect of realizing the amount and the question of writing it off will be taken up when the result of the execution proceedings taken for the arrest of one of the judgment debtors is known.

15. *Debts due by the estates.*—The liabilities of the estates at the beginning of the fasli amounted to Rs. 7·51 lakhs. No new debts were contracted during the year. Including debts newly brought to account (Rs. 0·72 lakh) and the interest and costs that accrued during the fasli (Rs. 0·45 lakh), the total liability amounted to Rs. 8·68 lakhs. Of this, Rs. 1·71 lakhs were repaid and Rs. 0·45 lakh was struck off leaving a balance of Rs. 6·52 lakhs at the end of the fasli. Serugada and Marungapuri had no debts and the small debt of Rs. 222 due by Kadambur was repaid in the fasli. The outstanding debt was about Rs. 15,000 in Mannarkottai (Rs. 14,846). It was above Rs. 20,000 in three estates, viz., Poravipalaiyam (Rs. 0·25 lakh), Kudapalli (Rs. 0·32 lakh) and Bagalur (Rs. 0·36 lakh). The debt exceeded Rs. 50,000 in Arni (Rs. 0·85 lakh) and was over Rs. 2 lakhs in Kurupam (Rs. 2·05 lakhs) and South Valluru, Part I (Rs. 2·54 lakhs). Paragraph 19 deals with the encumbered estates of Kurupam, Arni, South Valluru, Part I and Bagalur. The debt due to the Zamindar of Turaiyur was the only debt due by the Kudapalli estate. A sum of Rs. 8,831 was paid to him in the fasli towards principal and interest. In Poravipalaiyam one debt

of Rs. 25,000 is due to the heir of Raman Nambudripad who has declined to accept part payment of the amount. The available surplus has therefore been deposited in Government securities.

16. *Education.*—The wards of school-going age studied mostly in local schools and colleges. The Poravipalaiyam ward continued his studies in the Stanes European High School, Coimbatore. He was promoted to the VII standard. He, however, discontinued his studies by the end of June 1933 and is now given administrative training in his estate preparatory to his assuming charge of the estate in August 1934. The wards of Kadambur and their sisters were reading in the George Elementary School, Kadambur. The senior ward and his step-sister were promoted to the VI class and the junior ward to III class and their progress was satisfactory. The Mannarkottai ward was receiving private tuition under the personal superintendence of the Estate Collector owing to his failure to attend school regularly. But even the special tutor's services had to be dispensed with as the ward showed no taste or inclination for study. The ward of the South Valluru, Part I, estate continued to attend the Kellet High School, Triplicane, and to receive tuition at home; he was promoted to Form IV. The Kurupam wards were studying in the Jubraj High School, Talcher, under the care and supervision of their honorary guardian and maternal grandfather, the Raja of Talcher, and both of them were promoted to higher classes. They were also given separate instruction in riding and in such subjects as Sanskrit, etc. The Serugada ward continued to be under the care of the guardian tutor at Berhampur. He appeared for the Matriculation examination of the Andhra University but failed in it owing to his weakness in Mathematics. He is now pursuing a course of English, History and General reading with his tutor and attention is being paid to strengthening his knowledge of Practical Mathematics. The junior Kumars are reading in the Mission School, Berhampur. The daughter of the fourth wife of the late Zamindar of Marungapuri was being given tuition in music and general education. From June 1933 the tutor for general education resigned her appointment and the fourth wife has not chosen to appoint a substitute in her place since then. The Bagalur Poliagar's son continued his studies in the Government School, Bangalore. The lady ward of Kudapalli is being taught in English, Tamil and Arithmetic by a lady tutor.

The health of all the wards was satisfactory as were the conduct and progress of all except the Mannarkottai ward.

17. *Suits.*—The pauper appeal filed in the High Court by Ponnuswami Nayakar against the decision of the lower Court in dismissing his claims for succession to the Marungapuri estate is still pending.

Of the two appeals filed in the High Court against the Serugada estate one filed by M.R.Ry. A. Thambunatham Pantulu was since compromised and the other is pending. The revision petition filed by the Rani against Hindu Religious Endowments Board and referred to in the last year's report has not been disposed of. Three suits were filed against some mustajars (middlemen) for arrears of rent collected by them but not paid to the estate. The District Munsif's judgment decreeing the estate's claim was reversed by the Sub-Judge in appeal and the estate has now filed second appeals (S.A. Nos. 1132–34 of 1932) in the High Court against the decision of the Sub-Judge and they are pending.

The appeal filed in the High Court against the South Valluru, Part I, estate in the Koppaka alienation suit is still pending. A batch of four L.P. appeals filed by the estate for the recovery of Motarpha (tree) tax on palmyra tree standing in the ryots' holdings was decided in its favour.

The two suits and one appeal relating to the Kurupam estate referred to in the previous reports are still pending.

At the time the Sivaganga estate was handed over to the Raja, the Court had instructed Diwan Bahadur Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar to file appeals in the High Court against the decision of the District Judge in the suits contesting the validity of commutation referred to in the previous report.

18. *Religious and charitable institutions.*—Separate accounts continued to be maintained for the religious and charitable institutions which have separate endowments and of which the wards are hereditary trustees. There were such institutions in Kurupam, Poravipalaiyam, Kudapalli and Marungapuri. Their administration was satisfactory and their financial condition generally good. The Hindu Religious Endowments Board exercises jurisdiction over the religious institutions. The village of Jammadivalasa belonging to Sri Suryanarayanaswamivaru temple in the Kurupam estate was restored to it by the Zamindar of Chemudu in pursuance of the settlement arrived at between him and the estate in respect of their outstanding disputes. The scales of expenditure in the several temples in Marungapuri were revised so as to make each of them self-supporting.

19. *Encumbered estates.*—The provisions of section 45 of the Court of Wards Act continued to be in force in the estates of Kurupam, South Valluru, Part I, Arni and Bagalur.

The debts due by the Kurupam estate at the beginning of the fasli were Rs. 2·36 lakhs. Adding to this the interest accrued during the year (Rs. 0·15 lakh) the total liabilities of the estate were Rs. 2·51 lakhs of which a sum of Rs. 45,737 was repaid during the fasli and a sum of Rs. 15 struck off. Out of the balance of Rs. 2·05 lakhs outstanding at the close of the fasli, a sum of Rs. 1·63 lakhs was due to the Imperial Bank of India, towards principal and Rs. 0·14 lakh to the Serugada estate. The proposal for the sale of the villages of Kesavaraopalem firka was dropped on the objection raised by the Rani Saheba of Kurupam, the ward's mother.

The liabilities of the South Valluru, Part I, estate at the beginning of the fasli amounted to Rs. 2·62 lakhs. Including debts newly brought to account (Rs. 0·57 lakh) and interest and costs accrued and decreed during the fasli (Rs. 0·19 lakh) the total liability amounted to Rs. 3·38 lakhs. Of this amount, a sum of Rs. 41,187 was paid and Rs. 42,639 struck off leaving a balance of Rs. 2·54 lakhs. The Decree Collector has since framed his scheme for the payment of claims and the objections of the claimants are being considered by him.

The debts due by Arni at the beginning of the fasli were Rs. 1·34 lakhs. Adding to this Rs. 15,726 debts newly brought to account during the year and Rs. 4,938 interest and costs accrued and decreed during the year, the total amount of debts was Rs. 1·55 lakhs. A sum of Rs. 67,452 was repaid during the fasli and Rs. 3,030 struck off leaving a balance of Rs. 0·85 lakh at the close of the fasli.

The only debt due by the Bagalur estate is Rs. 34,891 due to S. Sugan Chand of Madras. Together with the interest that accrued during the year this liability amounted to Rs. 35,882. For the reasons stated in the previous report the Court is investing the estate's surplus funds in Government securities to be utilized when they are sufficient to wipe off the entire accumulated interest. The face value of the securities at the end of fasli 1342 was Rs. 9,900.

20. *Miscellaneous*—(a) *Schools, dispensaries and other special institutions.*—None of the estates maintained any school or dispensary of its own. A contribution of Rs. 550 was paid from the Arni estate to the Board High School and the Coronation Elementary School at Arni. In Serugada and Marungapuri an annual contribution of Rs. 1,200 and Rs. 500 respectively was paid to the local boards for the maintenance of dispensaries.

(b) *Survey.*—A special Revenue Inspector continued to work in the upland villages of Koppaka tana, South Valluru, Part I estate, bringing the maintenance work up to date, but the work was not complete by the time his term expired. A special Deputy Surveyor was appointed to complete the work.

The changes resulting from the correlation of the survey of lands in which Government are interested with those of the estate survey in Marungapuri had to be carried out in the estate accounts and the work is being completed by the estate staff. Arrangements are being made for the preparation of demarcation sketches and stone registers. The appointment of a Deputy Surveyor for maintenance work and the substitution of the present untrained Estate Revenue Inspectors by trained Government servants are under consideration.

Cadastral survey was made in Serugada in 1900 when the estate was under the Court's management. But owing to subsequent negligence almost all the survey marks are missing. Orders of Government have been obtained for the employment of a special Revenue Inspector for bringing maintenance work and condition of survey marks up to date and the work will be commenced in the current fasli.

(c) *Forests.*—The forests in Arni were worked under the rules sanctioned by Government under sections 26 and 32 of the Forest Act; the management of the forests in Kurupam and Marungapuri was regulated by rules issued under section 26 of the Act.

The forests in Kurupam were divided into reserves and unreserves. The reservation of the Manda and Rella blocks has been notified in the District Gazette thus making a total of nine reserves in all covering a area of 17,407 acres after excluding an area of 572 acres in Gujjala ganda block which was disafforested in the fasli. All the preliminary works allotted for fasli 1342 in connexion with the scheme sanctioned y the Court for the management of the forests have been carried out nd one additional forester and a depot-keeper were appointed during he fasli. The income under *mulimettu* fees fell from Rs. 3,408 in asli 1341 to Rs. 3,186 in fasli 1342 and the income under seigniorage ees fell from Rs. 6,477 to Rs. 3,202. These falls were however more han counterbalanced by a large increase of Rs. 7,551 secured on ccount of keen competition in the leases of minor forest produce resulting in a net increase of Rs. 4,121 under forest revenue in fasli 1342 over hat of fasli 1341.

The demarcation of the reserves of the Marungapuri forests remains o be completed and the revised notification will be issued after reconciliation between the old and the new boundaries and the area. The esurveyed extent of the reserves is 19,799 acres and has been divided nto 19 blocks. Of these, five blocks are more fit for cultivation than for orest purposes and proposals for disafforesting them are pending consideration with the District Forest Officer, Madura. Three permitssuing officers were appointed for issuing permits for the grazing of attle and this appointment has been advantageous to the public. Nine oupes were worked during the fasli.

The forests in Serugada are not thick and they continued to be managed departmentally. There are forests in Koppaka and Navepothevaram villages of South Valluru, Part I, and both of them were leased out.

(*d*) *Enquiry into inam alienations.*—There were 641 cases pending enquiry in Serugada at the beginning of the fasli. Of these, 550 cases including cases of *kammi jirayati* were examined and disposed of during the fasli. The remaining items are expected to be disposed of shortly. In Kurupam one special Revenue Inspector worked up to 31st August 1932 in disposing of the 42 cases pending at the beginning of the fasli. Eleven of these 42 cases were resumed, 3 were retained with the same kattubadi, 10 with additional kattubadi while the remaining 18 were found to be personal inams. The net financial result of the enquiry and resumption of the above cases is Rs. 951.

Out of a total number of 770 fields in the Marungapuri estate 741 fields were retained with the same kattubadi. The remaining cases relate to *devadasi* inams which have to be dealt with under Madras Act V of 1929.

(*e*) *Important occurrences.*—There were none during the fasli.

21. *General.*—The general economic situation is reflected in both the net demand and in the uncollected balance at the end of the fasli. while the net demand has decreased from Rs. 8,49,609 in fasli 1339 to Rs. 7,93,081 in fasli 1342 and the percentage of collectable balance has increased from 7.91 in fasli 1339 to 10.99 in fasli 1342, the net demand only fell by Rs. 17,023 in fasli 1342 and the percentage of balance at the end of fasli 1342 was only 10·99 as compared with 13·52 at the end of fasli 1341. While the Court of Wards and its officers have been hard put to it since fasli 1339 to maintain a reasonable standard of collection and to balance expenditure with the reduced receipts their difficulties were not markedly aggravated in the fasli under report.

APPENDIX A.

No. I.—Statement showing the ages, etc., of the wards and the periods during which the estates have been under management at the end of fasli 1342 (1932–33).

Districts.	Estates.	Government Orders by which the estates came under the management of the Court of Wards.	Sex of the wards.	Grounds of disability.	The periods during which the estates have been under management.			Ages of the wards at the end of the fasli.			Dates on which the wards attained or will attain majority.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)			(7)			(8)
					Y.	M.	D.	Y.	M.	D.	
Ganjam	Serugada	Mis. No. 2610, Revenue, dated 16th December 1929.	Male	Minority	3	6	15	18	9	25	5th September 1935.
Vizagapatam.	Kurupam	Mis. No. 1031, Revenue, dated 25th June 1926.	Do.	Do.	7	0	5	13	10	9	22nd August 1940.
Kistna	South Valluru, Part I.	No. 1119, Revenue, dated 23rd July 1924.	Do.	Do.	8	10	27	15	2	5	26th April 1939.
North Arcot	Arni	No. 1915 (Confidential), Revenue, dated 22nd August 1916 and Mis. No. 2355, Revenue, dated 23rd November 1932.	Do.	At the proprietor's own request for the discharge of debts and continued under section 57 of the Court of Wards Act.	16	10	0	27	9	27	
Salem	Bagalur	No. 463, Revenue, dated 16th February 1917 and Mis. No. 964, Revenue, dated 30th May 1922.	Do.	At the proprietor's request for discharge of debts.	16	4	0	About 38 years.			
Coimbatore	Poravipalaiyam.	No. 863, Revenue, dated 28th May 1926.	Do.	Minority	7	1	3	19	10	17	14th August 1934.
Trichinopoly	Marungapuri.	No. 1336 (Confidential), Revenue, dated 11th July 1927.	Female	Sex	5	11	20	38	7	22	
	Kudapalli	Mis. No. 2923, Revenue, dated 18th December 1919 and Mis. No. 960, Revenue, dated 20th May 1927.	Do.	Debts	13	6	0	22	10	4	To continue until debts are discharged.
Ramnad	Mannarkottai.	Mis. No. 3997, Revenue, dated 18th December 1918.	Male	Minority	14	6	0	18	9	26	5th September 1935.
Tinnevelly	Kadambur	Mis. No. 775, Revenue, dated 25th April 1927.	Do.	Do.	6	2	6	9	9	28	3rd September 1944.

APPENDIX B.

No. II.—Statement showing the area and the number of villages and the proportion of cultivation to holdings in the estates under management for fasli 1342 (1932–33).

Districts.	Estates.	Area of estates.	Number of villages. Ryotwari or joint rent.	Rented to middlemen whether paying rent in money or in kind.	Partly ryotwari and partly rented.	Inam or shrotriyam.	Total.	Holdings and cultivation. Holdings.	Actual cultivation.	Percentage of cultivation to holdings.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
		SQ. MILES.						ACS.	ACS.	
Ganjam ..	.. Serugada	35·00	4	27	..	10	41	19,100	19,054	99.8
Vizagapatam	.. Kurupam	700·00	104	152	..	48	304	(a) 47,755	33,540	70·2
Kistna ..	.. South Valluru, Part I.	57.11	23	..	..	2	25	(b) 23,182	17,977	77·5
North Arcot	.. Arni	183·54	141	..	..	50	191	(c) 51,877	44,757	86·3
Salem ..	.. Bagalur	40·00	49	9	3	28	89	(d) 13,539	12,800	95·0
Coimbatore	.. Poravipalaiyam ..	19.35	1	..	2	..	3	(e) 10,610	9,321	88·0
Trichinopoly ..	.. {Marungapuri ..	176·90	79	..	..	..	79	(f) 41,102	30,560	74·4
	{Kudapalli	..	..	..	..	..	..	240	225	93·7
Ramnad ..	.. Mannarkottai ..	20.00	15	..	..	..	15	(g) 8,975	7,987	89·0
Tinnevelly	.. Kadambur ..	24·14	12	1	..	..	13	13,086	10,796	82·5
	Total ..	1,256·04	428	189	5	138	760	229,466	187,017	81·5

(a) Increase due to assignments and resumptions.
(b) Decrease due to the introduction of survey areas in one village.
(c) Decrease due to purchase of lands by the estate itself for arrears of rent for want of bidders.
(d) Increase due to assignment for grass land.
(e) Revised figure in rounding.
(f) Decrease due to purchase of lands sold for arrears of rent by estate itself.
(g) Increase due to assignment of bought-in lands.

APPENDIX C.

No. III.—Statement showing the demand, collection and balance of the estates under management for fasli 1342 (1932–33).

Districts.	Estates.	Land, forest and miscellaneous revenue.	Deduct remission.	Net revenue.	Net demand of previous fasli.	Difference.	Collection.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam ..	.. Serugada	53,078	3,142	49,936	49,478	+ 458	41,781
Vizagapatam	.. Kurupam	1,81,726	..	1,81,726	1,82,683	— 957	1,22,039
Kistna ..	.. South Valluru, Part I ..	1,08,714	..	1,08,714	1,03,758	+ 4,966	1,01,707
North Arcot	.. Arni	2,34,268	4,486	2,29,782	2,33,385	— 3,603	2,19,370
Salem ..	.. Bagalur	24,935	1,183	23,752	23,836	— 84	17,663
Coimbatore	.. Poravipalaiyam ..	70,814	11,467	59,347	70,847	— 11,500	44,459
Trichinopoly ..	.. {Marungapuri ..	92,308	436	91,872	94,166	— 2,294	73,555
	{Kudapalli ..	18,515	..	18,515	21,950	— 3,435	16,743
Ramnad ..	.. Mannarkottai ..	15,529	..	15,529	15,948	— 419	13,067
Tinnevelly	.. Kadambur ..	14,010	102	13,908	14,053	— 145	13,777
	Total ..	8,13,897	20,816	7,93,081	8,10,104	— 17,023	6,64,161

No. III.—Statement showing the demand, collection and balance of the estates under management for fasli 1342 (1932–33)—*cont.*

Districts.	Estates.	Amount written-off.	Balance at the end of the fasli.	Net recoverable balance on the date of the Collector's report excluding collections, remissions and amounts recommended to be written off after the close of the fasli.	Percentage of column (11) to column (5).	Arrear demand at the beginning of the fasli.	Arrear balance at the end of the fasli.
		(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
		RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Ganjam	Serugada	95	8,060	3,538	7·0	30,108	16,625
Vizagapatam	Kurupam	36	59,651	57,388	31·6	1,68,641	1,14,113
Kistna	South Valluru, Part I	..	7,007	5,827	5·4	58,277	50,380
North Arcot	Arni	474	9,938	4,528	1·9	6,748	902
Salem	Bagalur	..	6,089	4,214	17.7	5,497	1,355
Coimbatore	Poravipalaiyam	..	14,888	12,674	21·4	51,369	17,660
Trichinopoly	Marungapuri	235	18,082	10,550	11·5	87,504	62,792
	Kudapalli	..	1,772	1,172	6·3	1,900	763
Ramnad	Mannarkottai	..	2,462	1,114	7·1	2,173	132
Tinnevelly	Kadambur	..	131	8	·05	281	..
	Total	840	1,28,080	1,01,013	12·7	4,12,498	2,64,722

APPENDIX D.

No. IV.—Financial statement of receipts and charges of the estates under management for fasli 1342 (1932–33).

Districts.	Estates.	Amounts to the credit of the estate at the beginning of fasli 1342. Government promissory notes and other securities and fixed deposits.	Cash.	Value of grain.	Total.	Total cash receipts.	Total of columns (4) & (7).	Total charges.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam	Serugada	48,329	17,283	1,906	67,518	75,628	92,911	79,360
Vizagapatam	Kurupam	186	5,936	1,184	7,306	2,28,019	2,33,955	2,26,286
Kistna	South Valluru, Part I	..	20,839	..	20,839	1,21,685	1,42,524	1,08,545
North Arcot	Arni	..	71,122	..	71,122	2,29,539	3,00,661	2,54,714
Salem	Bagalur	8,800	2,735	..	11,535	23,083	25,818	23,219
Coimbatore	Poravipalayam	..	8,693	279	8,972	1,08,817	1,17,510	1,08,158
Trichinopoly	Marungapuri	..	2,798	..	2,798	99,825	1,02,623	94,785
	Kudapalli	..	1,994	167	2,161	22,608	24,602	22,967
Ramnad	Mannarkottai	..	5,229	..	5,229	15,212	20,441	16,882
Tinnevelly	Kadambur	..	6,015	..	6,015	14,225	20,240	13,077
	Total	57,315	1,42,644	3,536	2,03,495	9,38,641	10,81,285	9,47,993

No. IV.—Financial statement of receipts and charges of the estates under management for fasli 1342 (1932–33)—*cont.*

Districts.	Estates.	Balance to the credit of the estates at the close of fasli 1342. Government promissory notes and other securities and fixed deposits.	Cash.	Value of grain.	Total.	Increase or decrease as compared with the opening balance.	Percentage of establishment charges and Government commission to normal receipts.
		(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Ganjam ..	.. Serugada ..	59,089	13,551	1,230	73,870	+ 6,352	22·00
Vizagapatam ..	.. Kurupam ..	..	7,669	1,113	8,782	+ 1,476	20·50
Kistna ..	.. South Valluru, Part I ..	..	33,979	..	33,979	+ 13,140	14·33
North Arcot ..	.. Arni ..	..	45,947	..	45,947	— 25,175	14·20
Salem ..	.. Bagalur ..	9,900	2,599	..	12,499	+ 964	15·87
Coimbatore ..	.. Poravipalaiyam ..	7,000	9,352	1,596	17,948	+ 8,976	10·00
Trichinopoly ..	Marungapuri ..	..	7,838	..	7,838	+ 5,040	22·05
	Kudapalli ..	..	1,635	83	1,718	— 443	12·90
Ramnad ..	.. Mannarkottai ..	..	3,559	..	3,559	— 1,670	14·50
Tinnevelly ..	.. Kadambur ..	1,000	7,163	..	8,163	+ 2,148	14·14
	Total ..	76,989	1,33,292	4,022	2,14,303	+ 10,808	16·70

APPENDIX E.

Enclosure A to Statement No. IV showing particulars of receipts and charges of the estates under management for fasli 1342 (1932–33).

Districts.	Estates.	Receipts. Land, forest and miscellaneous revenue.	Debts recovered.	Interest on Government Promissory notes and other securities.	Sale-proceeds of grain.	Amount realized by the sale of properties, such as houses, etc.	Amount borrowed.	Other items.	Total receipts.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Ganjam ..	.. Serugada ..	51,965	14,550	1,535	2,278	..	..	5,300	75,628
Vizagapatam ..	.. Kurupam ..	1,63,197	6,316	7	1,173	2,147	..	55,179	2,28,019
Kistna ..	.. South Valluru, Part I ..	1,09,441	3,666	..	..	49	..	8,529	1,21,685
North Arcot ..	.. Arni ..	2,25,553	260	..	..	144	..	3,582	2,29,539
Salem ..	.. Bagalur ..	21,833	..	741	..	..	..	509	23,083
Coimbatore ..	.. Poravipalaiyam ..	61,863	31,022	..	2,527	..	..	13,405	1,08,817
Trichinopoly ..	Marungapuri ..	90,361	1,428	..	..	4	..	8,032	99,825
	Kudapalli ..	17,293	65	..	297	79	..	4,874	22,608
Ramnad ..	.. Mannarkottai ..	14,911	..	..	214	..	..	87	15,212
Tinnevelly ..	.. Kadambur ..	14,048	123	..	..	2	..	52	14,225
	Total ..	7,70,465	57,430	2,283	6,489	2,425	..	99,549	9,38,641

Enclosure A to Statement No. IV showing particulars of receipts and charges of the estates under management for fasli 1342 (1932-33)—*cont.*

Districts.	Estates.	Charges. Establishment for management and contingencies. (11)	Maramat expenditure. (12)	Government demand (peshkash, assessment, cesses and taxes). (13)	Government commission for management. (14)	Allowance to the ward and other members of the family. (15)	Repayment of debts. (16)	Investments. (17)	Other miscellaneous disbursements. (18)	Total charges. (19)
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam ..	.. Serugada	11,592	6,719	13,192	1,407	22,534	..	10,761	13,155	79,360
Vizagapatam	.. *Kurupam*	30,051	18,941	32,722	4,234	21,837	45,737	6,041	66,723	2,26,286
Kistna ..	.. Soth Valluru, Part I ..	13,134	1,146	22,378	2,697	17,146	41,187	..	10,859	1,08,545
North Arcot	.. Arni	26,576	41,466	36,582	5,621	49,726	67,452	15	27,276	2,54,714
Salem ..	.. Bagalur	3,032	226	9,052	552	7,635	..	1,045	1,677	23,219
Coimbatore	.. Poravipalaiyam	5,363	3,187	12,382	1,343	8,957	1,750	* 39,897	35,279	1,08,158
Trichinopoly	.. { Marungapuri	18,020	6,130	29,237	2,090	21,848	451	1,616	15,393	94,785
	{ Kudapalli	1,754	821	2,809	530	3,731	8,831	..	4,491	22,967
Ramnad ..	.. Mannarkottai	1,802	5	5,828	396	2,371	5,478	87	917	16,882
Tinnevelly	.. Kadambur	1,646	..	5,364	358	3,997	222	985	505	13,077
	Total ..	1,12,970	78,841	1,69,542	19,228	1,59,782	1,71,108	60,447	1,76,275	9,47,993

* Represents previous unsecured *decrees, etc., recoverable* from Mappillai Gounder consolidated into a fresh *mortgage executed* by him in favour of the estate.

APPENDIX F.

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Enclosure B to Statement No. IV showing the expenditure on maramat works in the estates under management including trust institutions for fasli 1342 (1932-33).

Districts. (1)	Estates. (2)	Irrigation works. New works. (3)	Irrigation works. Repairs. (4)	Buildings. New works. (5)	Buildings. Repairs. (6)	Road and other works. (7)	Establishment and contingencies. (8)	Total expenditure. (9)	Allotment in the budget including subsequent modifications. (10)	Percentage of expenditure to allotment. (11)	Value of work done but not paid for within the fasli. (12)	Percentage of columns (9) and (12) to column (10). (13)
			RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.			
Ganjam ..	.. Serugada	..	4,250	..	1,317	836	316	6,719	6,816	98·5	..	98·5
Vizagapatam ..	.. Kurupam	..	7,043	..	8,372	1,954	1,692	19,061	20,174	94·5	..	94·5
Kistna ..	.. South Valluru, Part I ..	..	941	..	185	..	20	1,146	3,429	33·4	..	33·4
North Arcot ..	.. Arni	..	30,000	..	7,323	418	3,725	* 41,466	* 41,954	98·8	..	98·8
Salem ..	.. Bagalur	..	201	..	..	..	25	226	280	80·1	..	80·1
Coimbatore ..	.. Poravipalaiyam	..	1,190	..	796	400	861	3,247	3,507	92·6	..	92·6
Trichinopoly ..	.. { Marungapuri	..	3,626	..	2,164	822	1,239	7,851	9,310	84·3	..	84·3
	{ Kudapalli	..	248	..	749	100	..	1,097	1,135	96·6	..	96·6
Ramnad ..	.. Mannarkottai	..	5	..	..	..	..	5	22	22·7	..	22·7
Tinnevelly ..	.. Kadambur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	..	47,504	..	20,906	4,530	7,878	80,818	86,627	93·3	..	93·3

* Includes the expenditure incurred in the Court's office.

APPENDIX G.

No. V-A.—Statement showing the debts other than arrears of rent, covered by bonds due to the estates under management for fasli 1342 (1932–33).

Districts.	Estates.	Debts as per last year's accounts.	Loans newly granted.	Debts newly brought to account during the year.	Interest and costs accrued during the year.	Total.	Debts collected.	Debts written off.	Total.	Balance at the end of the fasli.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
		RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam ..	Serugada	29,358	..	24,119	2,575	56,052	14,550	23	14,573	41,479
Vizagapatam	Kurupam	68,038	..	..	15,817	83,855	6,316	4,305	10,621	73,234
Kistna ..	South Valluru, Part I.	6,64,523	..	..	995	6,65,518	3,666	..	3,666	6,61,852
North Arcot	Arni	524	..	..	1,420	1,944	260	..	260	1,684
Salem ..	Bagalur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coimbatore	Poravipalaiyam	55,680	..	39,751	2,488	97,919	31,022	..	31,022	66,897
Trichinopoly	Kudapalli	32,603	..	..	59	32,662	65	..	65	32,597
	Marungapuri	19,963	..	..	1,109	21,072	1,428	9	1,437	19,635
Ramnad..	Mannarkottai	1,300	..	..	..	1,300	..	..	..	1,300
Tinnevelly	Kadambur	..	..	..	123	123	123	..	123	..
	Total ..	8,71,989	..	63,870	24,586	9,60,445	57,430	4,337	61,767	8,98,678

APPENDIX H.

No. V-B.—Statement showing the debts due by the estates under management for fasli 1342 (1932–33).

Districts.	Estates.	Debts as per last year's accounts.	Debts newly contracted.	Debts newly brought to account during the year.	Interests and costs accrued and decreed during the year.	Total.	Debts paid off.	Debts struck off.	Total.	Remainder due by the estates at the end of the fasli.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
		RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam ..	Serugada	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vizagapatam	Kurupam	2,35,935	..	..	15,138	2,51,073	45,737	15	45,752	2,05,321
Kistna ..	South Valluru, Part I.	2,62,119	..	56,627	19,098	3,37,844	41,187	42,639	83,826	2,54,018
North Arcot	Arni	1,34,444	..	15,726	4,938	1,55,108	67,452	3,030	70,482	84,626
Salem ..	Bagalur	34,891	..	..	991	35,882	..	..	..	35,882
Coimbatore	Poravipalaiyam	25,000	..	..	1,750	26,750	1,750	..	1,750	25,000
Trichinopoly	Kudapalli	38,762	..	..	2,305	41,067	8,831	..	8,831	32,236
	Marungapuri	* ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ramnad..	Mannarkottai	19,558	..	..	766	20,324	5,478	..	5,478	14,846
Tinnevelly	Kadambur	182	..	..	40	222	222	..	222	..
	Total ..	7,50,891	..	72,353	45,026	8,68,270	1,70,657	45,684	2,16,341	6,51,929

* A sum of Rs. 4,877 is due to the devasthanam section towards the advance taken from it.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 407, 27th February 1934

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