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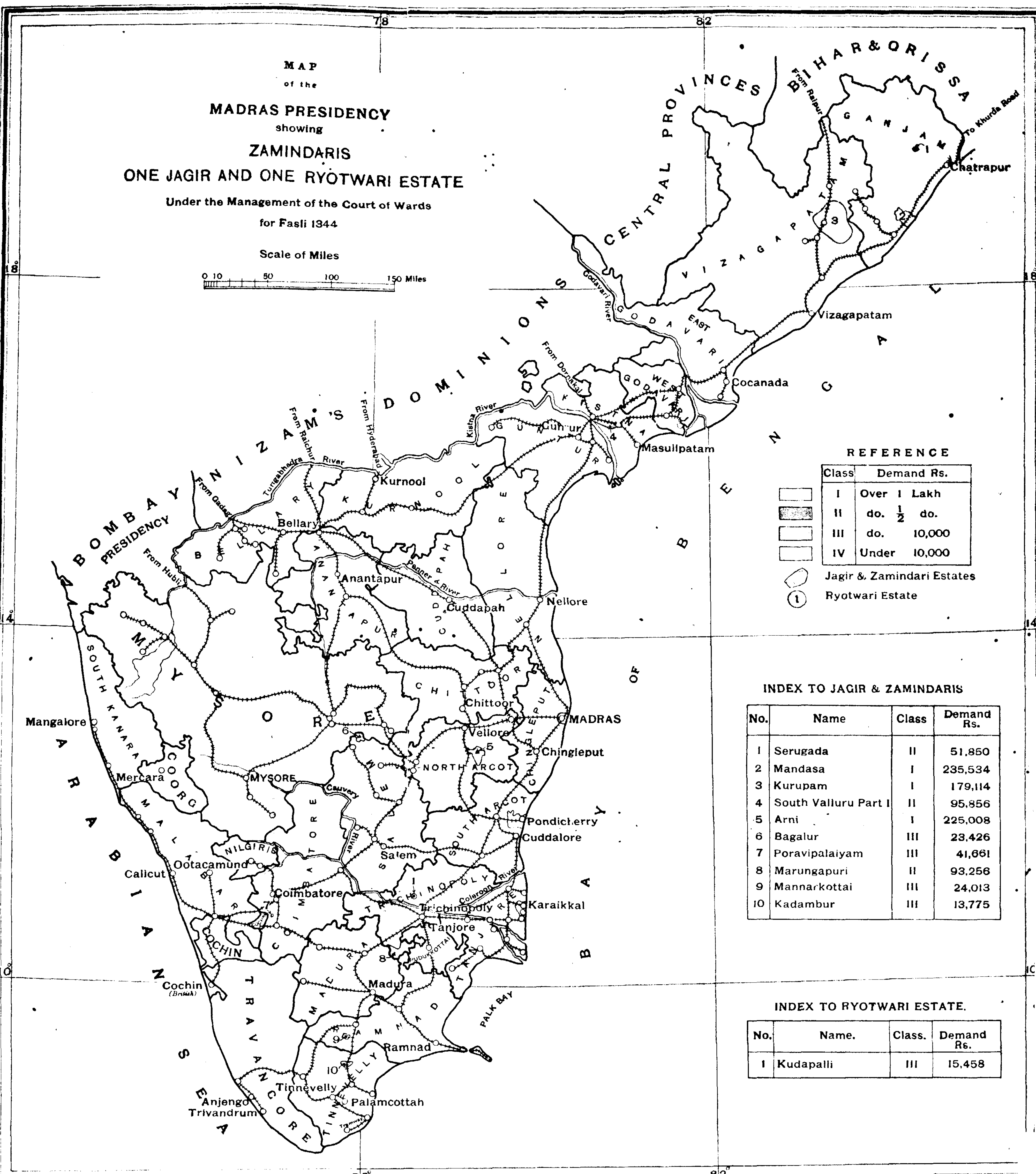

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No.	Name.	Class.	Demand Rs.
1	Kudapalli	III	15,458

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE ESTATES UNDER THE COURT OF WARDS IN THE MADRAS PRESIDENCY FOR FASLI 1344 (1934–35).

Estates under management.—There were ten estates under the Court's management at the end of fasli 1343. The Mandasa estate in the Ganjam district was taken under its control with reference to G.O. No. 1709, Revenue (Confdl.), dated 28th August 1934. There were thus eleven estates under the Court's superintendence at the end of fasli 1344.

2. *Estates handed over.*—Nil.

3. *Season.*—The season was on the whole favourable in Kudapalli, Kurupam and Serugada. It was not altogether satisfactory in the other estates. In Arni rains were not adequate and not also evenly distributed throughout the estate. In Mandasa, the south-west monsoon broke early in June 1934 and was very scanty on account of which the dry crops failed while the wet crops thrived well owing to the copious rains in the months of July to September 1934.

4. *Holdings.*—The total area of the tenants' holdings in all the eleven estates (excluding as usual the rented villages) was 263,690 acres as against 229,560 acres in fasli 1343. The increase was due to the inclusion of the extent of tenants' holdings of Mandasa estate taken under the Court's management in the fasli under review.

5. *Cultivation.*—The percentage of cultivation to holdings in the eleven estates was 79·90 against 80·04 in fasli 1343. The small decrease was due to lands being left waste in South Valluru, Part I, Marungapuri, and Kadambur, owing to the unfavourable character of the season. The percentages were above 75 in nine estates and less than that in Kurupam (72·90) and in Marungapuri (64·00), as in the last fasli. The unfavourable character of the season was mainly responsible for the low percentage in the Marungapuri estate. In Kurupam, however, there is an increase in the extent of cultivation when compared to fasli 1343 (70·7 per cent) as a large area of waste lands has been reclaimed and brought to cultivation.

6. *Demand of estates.*—The gross demand of all the estates in the fasli amounted to Rs. 10·08 lakhs and the net demand Rs. 9·99 lakhs the remission under all the heads being Rs. 0·09 lakh. The increase in the gross demand for the fasli was mainly due to the inclusion of the demand of the Mandasa estate taken under management. Excluding the demand of the Mandasa estate there was an increase of Rs. 6,795 in fasli 1344 which is the net result of a decrease in five estates and increase in five estates. There was a marked increase in Kudapalli (Rs. 15,458) and Mannarkottai (Rs. 24,013). The increase in Kudapalli was due to the higher price fetched in the sale of paddy, while in Mannarkottai, it was mainly due to the sale of babul trees for a sum of Rs. 8,905. In Kurupam, Arni and Poravipalaiyam, there was an increase in demand by Rs. 666, Rs. 2,426 and Rs. 1,704, respectively. There was a decrease in demand in Serugada (51,850), South Valluru, Part I (95,856), Bagalur (24,599), Marungapuri (93,803) and Kadambur (13,916). The decrease in

Serugada was due to the management of three more villages under amani system, in South Valluru, Part I, to fall in the lanka rentals, in Bagalur and Marungapuri mainly to the fall under miscellaneous revenue and in Kadambur due to the decrease in lease amounts.

7. *Demand, collection and balance—Current.*—Out of the net demand of Rs. 9·99 lakhs, Rs. 7·26 lakhs were collected and Rs. 0·45 lakh written off leaving a balance of Rs. 2·28 lakhs at the close of the fasli. Excluding the subsequent collections and remissions and the amounts recommended to be written off after the close of the fasli, the net recoverable balance on the 1st of October 1935 was Rs. 1·90 lakhs or 19·01 per cent of the demand. The statement below compares the percentage of balance in each estate for fasli 1344 with that of fasli 1343 :—

	Estates.	Fasli 1343.	Fasli 1344.
1	Serugada	18·6	29·5
2	Mandasa	(not under management).	25·6
3	Kurupam	40·4	37·8
4	South Valluru, Part I	7·8	7·96
5	Arni	3·7	4·9
6	Bagalur	16·1	23·5
7	Poravipalaiyam	27·0	9·3
8	Marungapuri	9·4	17·1
9	Kudapalli	3·5	6·0
10	Mannarkottai	3.2	2·9
11	Kadambur	0·23	0·003

There was improvement in collection only in Kurupam, Poravipalaiyam, Mannarkottai and Kadambur estates. The balance is above 10 per cent in five estates, viz., Serugada (29·5), Mandasa (25·6), Kurupam (37·8), Bagalur (23·5) and Marungapuri (17·1). In Serugada, the increase in the balance was due to the fact that the ryots could not find market for their grains and also to some extent to the non-realization of amounts due on resumed inams the estate's title to which was contested by certain ex-inamdars. In Mandasa, the bulk of the balance has to be either collected by persuasion or recovered through courts of law by the institution of suits. Owing to the failure of dry crops the tenants could not pay their dues in full in spite of the remissions granted by the Court. In some villages the tenants were withholding payment of rents contesting the validity of the succession of the ward to the estate. Failure to exchange pattas and muchilikas in the pre-assumption period and during the fasli under report contributed to the difficulty in collection of rents. In this estate the fixed date for payment in all unsettled villages is the last day of the fasli and consequently no coercive measures or legal proceedings could be taken for the realization of the amount within the fasli. Though the percentage of balance was above 10 in Kurupam there is improvement in collection when compared with the previous fasli, notwithstanding the poverty and inability of ryots to raise money to pay the estate dues and the failure of the commercial crops for want of even distribution of rains and the high rents prevailing in the estate. The

heavy balance in Bagalur was due partly to the unfavourable character of the season and partly to the slackness of some of the village headmen, against whom suitable steps have been taken. As a result of the failure of crops due to a more unfavourable season in fasli 1344 than in fasli 1343, there was increase in the percentage of balance in the Marungapuri estate.

8. *Demand, collection and balance—Arrears.*—The arrear demand at the beginning of the fasli was Rs. 7·36 lakhs of which Rs. 5·00 lakhs were outstanding at its close. The arrears were collected in full in Kadambur. The arrear balance was Rs. 146 in Mannarkottai, Rs. 1,237 in Kudapalli, Rs. 2,047 in Bagalur and Rs. 6,403 in Arni. The balances were large in Serugada (Rs. 25,250), Mandasa (Rs. 2,42,296), Kurupam (Rs. 1,09,803), South Valluru, Part I (Rs. 49,620), Poravipalaiyam (Rs. 16,694) and Marungapuri (Rs. 46,714). The bad financial condition of the ryots contributed partly to the heavy balance in Serugada and the bulk of the balance was covered by execution petitions and suits. A major portion of the balance in Mandasa was covered by legal proceedings. In Kurupam, though there was an increase in the collection of arrears in the fasli, the increase in the percentage of balance to arrear demand when compared to that in fasli 1343 was on account of the large difference in the amounts written off, viz., Rs. 10,298 in fasli 1344 and Rs. 30,897 in fasli 1343. In South Valluru, Part I, the outstanding arrear balance includes, as stated in previous reports, the sum of Rs. 10,676 being advance collections made by the senior Zamindar for the recovery of which a claim was preferred before the Official Receiver, and that amount has to remain as balance till final dividend is declared by the Official Receiver. Considering that nothing could be done until the Official Receiver declares the dividend from the assets of the senior Zamindar's property and that there is no reason to show this amount as a land revenue arrear as it is not recoverable from the ryots, the court has instructed the Estate Collector to transfer this amount from the balance under 'arrears' and include it under the item 'debts due to the estate.' Practically the whole of the remaining balance is covered by legal proceedings. The arrears in Poravipalaiyam were mainly covered by execution proceedings. The bulk of the arrears in Marungapuri relates to pre-assumption period and is covered by suits and decrees. The services of the Law Agent, who was appointed to assist the manager in all legal proceedings have been further extended till the end of fasli 1345. Suitable instructions for improving the collection work in the various estates have been issued in the Court's review on the individual reports and the estates' demand, collection and balance statements.

9. *Financial condition.*—The aggregate cash balance at the beginning of the fasli was Rs. 1·57 lakhs. The total cash receipts during the fasli amounted to Rs. 10·80 lakhs. The total cash assets of the fasli were thus Rs. 12·37 lakhs. Deducting the total cash expenditure of Rs. 10·33 lakhs, the cash balance at the close of the fasli was Rs. 2·04 lakhs. Including Government pro-notes, other securities and fixed deposits of the total value of Rs. 0·23 lakh and the estimated value of grain (Rs. 0·27 lakh) at the end of the fasli, the aggregate closing balance at the credit of the estates was Rs. 2·54 lakhs. The ordinary receipts and charges (ayan

sections) of the fasli after excluding the extraordinary items were Rs. 8·96 lakhs and Rs. 7·80 lakhs, respectively, as shown below :—

	LAKHS.	RUPEES IN LAKHS.
Total receipts		10·80
Deduct—		
(1) Debts recovered—Principal only	0·14	
(2) Sale-proceeds of property	0·66	
(3) Amount borrowed	0·03	
(4) Nagadijasthi	0·02	
(5) Refunds, recoveries and deposits	0·99	
		1·84
Ordinary receipts ..		8·96
Total charges		10·33
Deduct—		
(1) Debts repaid—Principal only	0·99	
(2) Investments	0·13	
(3) Special purchases, donations, special ceremonies, survey charges, etc.	0·42	
(4) Adjustments, refunds, recoveries and advances	0·99	
		2·53
Ordinary charges ..		7·80

10. *Utilization of surplus balance.*—The closing balance including investments in Government and other securities and fixed deposits was Rs. 2·54 lakhs. In none of the estates was it over a lakh of rupees. It was Rs. 0·35 lakh in Serugada, Rs. 0·28 lakh in Mandasa, Rs. 0·24 lakh in Kurupam, Rs. 0·28 lakh in South Valluru, Part I, Rs. 0·66 lakh in Arni, Rs. 0·14 lakh in Bagalur, Rs. 0·18 lakh in Poravipalaiyam and Rs. 0·14 lakh in Marungapuri. The funds available after providing for the normal charges of administration during the fasli and the non-kist months of the current fasli were utilized either in the purchase of securities or the repayment of debts including bank loan.

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

12. *Percentage of establishment charges and Government commission to normal receipts.*—The average percentage in the fasli was 18·00 against 21·91 in the previous fasli. In none of the estates excepting Kurupam and Marungapuri, the percentage exceeded 20. It is 20·6 in Kurupam which is an unsurveyed estate. The percentage in Marungapuri (20·52) slightly exceeded 20 per cent which is prescribed for surveyed estates and is due to the fall in the receipts.

13. *Maramat works.*—The Court continued to devote attention to this important branch of administration in accordance with the needs of each estate and as far as the finances of the estates permitted. The total maramat allotment in all the estates under management, including trust institutions, was Rs. 0·93 lakh. The value of work done amounted

to Rs. 0·78 lakh or 84·05 per cent of the allotment. Except for a sum of Rs. 165 in Marungapuri estate, the entire value of the work done in the fasli was completely paid off within the fasli itself in all the estates. The maramat expenditure in the fasli was 10·8 per cent of the total ordinary charges (Rs. 8,47,661) including those of the trust institutions. The percentage of expenditure to allotment in the newly taken up estate of Mandasa was only 53·3 and this was due to the fact that by the time the allotment was sanctioned and the estimates were prepared nearly half the fasli was over. In South Valluru, Part I, the percentage was very poor (39·66) and the Court has directed the Estate Collector to see that all the incomplete works are executed in the current fasli. The percentage of expenditure to allotment in all the other estates except Bagalur (72·19) ranged between 88 and 100.

14. *Debts due to the estates.*—The debts due to the several estates under management were Rs. 8·76 lakhs at the commencement of the fasli. No loan was newly granted. Including the debts newly brought to account (Rs. 0·06 lakh) and the interests and costs that accrued during the fasli (Rs. 0·09 lakh) the aggregate amount due was Rupees 8·91 lakhs. Of this, Rs. 0·19 lakh was collected and Rs. 0·04 lakh written off leaving a balance of Rs. 8·68 lakhs at the end of the fasli. The outstanding balance was large in South Valluru, Part I (Rs. 6·62 lakhs), Serugada (Rs. 0·34 lakh), Mandasa (Rs. 0·10 lakh), Kurupam (Rs. 0·50 lakh), Poravipalaiyam (Rs. 0·66 lakh), Marungapuri (Rs. 0·10 lakh) and Kudapalli (Rs. 0·33 lakh). Almost the entire 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. The debts due to Kurupam are covered by instalment bond and decrees. The Zamindar of Chemudu has paid up the eighth instalment of Rs. 3,000 in part satisfaction of the sum of Rs. 33,000 due by him leaving a balance of Rs. 9,000. In Poravipalaiyam the entire debts are covered by mortgage deeds. M.R.Ry. R. V. Mappillai Goundar from whom the debts (Rs. 66,897) are due has mortgaged all the lands owned by him. These lands have been purchased in Court auction for the decree amount (Rs. 34,000) in O.S. No. 99 of 1103, on the file of the District Court, Trichur. The sale is pending confirmation by that Court. The balance of Rs. 32,897 has not yet fallen due. The debts due to Mandasa, Marungapuri and Serugada are mainly covered by suits and execution proceedings. 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. The judgment-debtors have no property and have been successfully evading arrest. As the Estate Manager reports that one of them is said to reside in Woraiyur, the Court hopes to realize a portion at least by arresting him.

15. *Debts due by the estates.*—The liabilities of the estates at the beginning of the fasli (including those of Mandasa newly taken under Court's management) amounted to Rs. 7·46 lakhs. No new debts were contracted during the fasli. Including debts newly brought to account

(Rs. 0·13 lakh) and the interests and costs that accrued during the fasli (Rs. 0·59 lakh) the total liability amounted to Rs. 8·18 lakhs. Of this, Rs. 1·70 lakhs was repaid and Rs. 0·003 lakh was struck off, leaving a balance of Rs. 6·48 lakhs at the end of the fasli. Serugada, Marungapuri and Kadambur had no debts. The outstanding debt was Rs. 5,000 in Mannarkottai (since paid). It was above Rs. 20,000 in Poravipalaiyam (Rs. 25,000) and above Rs. 30,000 in two estates, viz., Bagalur (Rs. 37,841) and Kudapalli (Rs. 31,227). The debt was a little above Rs. 80,000 in Arni (Rs. 80,189) and it exceeded a lakh in Kurupam (Rs. 1,47,588) and in Mandasa (Rs. 1,14,318). It was over 2 lakhs in South Valluru, Part I (Rs. 2,06,890). 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. 2,920 was alone paid towards principal and interest and there was a balance of Rs. 31,227. In Poravipalaiyam, the only debt of Rs. 25,000 is due to the heir of Raman Nambudripad. Interest is being paid annually and the Court expects to pay off this debt by selling some of the lands belonging to M.R.Ry. R. V. Mapillai Goundar purchased in court auction. The debt due by the estate of Mandasa will have to be paid in the usual course from the surplus income of the estate.

16. *Education of the wards.*—The wards of school-going age studied mostly in local schools. The senior and junior wards of Kadambur continued their studies in George Elementary School, Kadambur, till June 1935. In consideration of their health and future education, they were removed to Koilpatti and admitted in the Board High School, there in classes VI and IV, respectively. They are under the guardianship of the newly appointed tutor-guardian, Mr. S. P. Sankarasubbu Pillai. The Mannarkottai ward underwent training in the administration of the estate and revenue law, and has since taken charge of his estate (on 5th September 1935). The Bagalur Poligar's son continued his studies in the Pachaiyappa's High School, Madras. The ward of South Valluru, Part I Estate who was studying in the Town High School, Guntur, was promoted to V form. His educational progress was satisfactory. The lady ward of Kudapalli was being educated with the assistance of a lady-tutor in Trichinopoly. The Serugada ward continued to have general education under his guardian-tutor and underwent a practical course of estate administration at Serugada. The progress made by him in learning the administration work was good and he has since taken charge of his estate (on 5th September 1935). The junior kumars continued their studies in the school at Berhampur and did not secure promotion to higher classes as their health failed frequently. The Kurupam wards continued their studies at the Talcher High School under the care and supervision of their honorary guardian and maternal grandfather, the Raja Sahib of Talcher. The senior ward appeared for and failed in the Matriculation Examination of the Patna University. The junior ward was promoted to III form. The Court has asked the Collector to submit proposals for a change in the existing arrangement of tutors with a view to secure better progress. The ward of Mandasa was studying in V form in the Mrs. A.V.N. College

School, Vizagapatam. He has since been admitted in the Madras Christian College School into Form VI. The Jagirdar of Arni underwent training in administration for about five months in Ganjam district.

The health and conduct of all the wards were generally satisfactory.

17. *Suits.*—The pauper appeal filed in the High Court by Ponnuswami Naicker against the decision of the lower court dismissing his claim for succession to the Marungapuri estate is still pending. The two suits filed by the sisters of the late ward of Kudapalli against the estate for the recovery of the gift amount mentioned in the testamentary will left by their late father, are still pending in the Sub-Court, Trichinopoly. Two important suits filed in the pre-assumption period against the Mandasa estate, one by Mr. V. Ramachandra Rao claiming Rs. 20,000 as honorarium for alleged services rendered to the estate as Engineer and the other by an illegitimate son of the late Zamindar for succession to the estate were pending in the Sub-Court, Berhampur. Two appeal suits, one filed against the Serugada estate and the other by the estate are still pending in the High Court. The one appeal and one of the two suits relating to the Kurupam estate referred to in the previous report are still pending. The other suit was decreed against the estate and an appeal has been preferred to the High Court. The appeal filed in the High Court against South Valluru, Part I estate in the Koppaka alienation suit is still pending.

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 the hereditary trustees. There were such institutions in Kurupam, Poravipalaiyam, Kudapalli, Marungapuri and Mandasa. Their administration was satisfactory and their financial condition generally good. The Devastanam section of the Mandasa estate gets a subvention from the Ayan section for the upkeep of schools, dispensary, etc., attached to it. The Hindu Religious Endowments Board exercises jurisdiction over the religious institutions. The mesne profits of the village Jammadivalasa belonging to Sri Suryanarayanaswamivaru temple in the Kurupam estate are still due from the Zamindar of Chemudu and steps are being taken to realize the amount by filing a suit, if necessary.

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. 1,76,624. Adding to this the interest accrued during the year (Rs. 11,445) the total liabilities of the estate were Rs. 1,88,069 of which a sum of Rs. 40,481 was repaid during the fasli. Out of the balance of Rs. 1,47,588 outstanding at the close of the fasli, a sum of Rs. 1,11,750 was due to the Imperial Bank of India and Rs. 6,149 to the Serugada estate.

The liabilities of the *South Valluru*, Part I estate, at the beginning of the fasli amounted to Rs. 2,27,466. Including the interest accrued (Rs. 13,201) and debts newly brought to account (Rs. 1,150) the total liabilities were Rs. 2,41,817. Of this a sum of Rs. 34,927 was paid off leaving a balance of Rs. 2,06,890. All the available surplus was paid towards the loan taken from the Imperial Bank of India, Madras.

The debts due by the *Arni* estate at the beginning of the fasli were Rs. 1,02,671. Including the debt newly brought to account (Rs. 12,000) and the interest during the year (Rs. 4,284) the total amount of debts was Rs. 1,18,955. A sum of Rs. 38,452 was repaid during the fasli and Rs. 314 struck off leaving a balance of Rs. 80,189 at its close. The Court is taking steps to clear off the outstanding debts soon.

The only debt due by the *Bagalur* estate is Rs. 36,850 due to S. Sugan Chand of Madras. Together with the interest of Rs. 991 that accrued during the fasli, the total liability amounted to Rs. 37,841. The face value of the securities which are being accumulated for the repayment of this debt at the end of the fasli was Rs. 11,900.

20. *Miscellaneous—(a) Schools, dispensaries and other special institutions.*—Five schools of which one is a high school and one dispensary were maintained by the Mandasa estate. As usual 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.*—In Marungapuri the changes resulting from the correlation of the survey of lands in which Government are interested with those of the estate survey were carried out in the estate accounts for 73 villages out of 98 villages. Stone registers and demarcation sketches have been prepared for 91 villages. The work in the remaining villages is being expedited. The Special Deputy Surveyor attended to the rectification of the defects in the survey records of Koppaka and Bhogapuram villages of South Valluru, Part I estate. The question of continuing the maintenance work in the estate is under the Court's consideration. The boundary between the Kurupam and the Jeypore estates was surveyed by the Assistant Director of Survey in connexion with the formation of the Orissa Province. The whole of Mandasa estate is not surveyed under the Madras Survey and Boundaries Act. On the application of the tenants, 70 villages in the estate were surveyed for the preparation of record of rights and settlement of rents under the Estates Land Act during the pre-assumption period. The Court is arranging for the survey of 36 more jirayati villages.

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

The forests in the Kurupam estate covering about 300 square miles were divided into reserves and unreserves. No blocks were proposed either for afforestation or disafforestation during the fasli. The work prescribed in the scheme report (with slight modifications duly approved) were satisfactorily carried out as the staff have gained experience. Two more tana stations were opened during the fasli to facilitate the transport of the minor forest produce through the Jeypore

estate limits. The *mulimettu* system was continued in the fasli. The income under mulimettu fees fell from Rs. 3,070 in fasli 1343 to Rs. 2,947 in the fasli under report. Sal timber was imported on a large scale after the opening of the Vizianagram-Raipur Railway. The bulk of the forest revenue is derived from minor forest produce and tamarind and myrabolum are the chief products. There was a fall in the forest revenue from Rs. 18,486 in fasli 1343 to Rs. 16,806 in fasli 1344. It was mainly due to the poor yield of tamarind crop and dull market for myrabolum. As a result of keen patrol exercised last year the crime under the Forest Act has decreased, the number of offences filed during the fasli being 129 against 145 in fasli 1343. The growth in the new reserves of Manda and Rella is progressing quite satisfactorily.

The area of the forests in Marungapuri estate according to resurvey is 19,795 acres. According to the instructions issued by the District Forest Officer, Madura, the Estate Overseer was directed to rectify the survey records. He did so in respect of one block and the records were sent to the Inspecting Tahsildar for technical scrutiny. The latter has issued necessary instructions from a survey point of view and the Estate Overseer has been instructed to carry them out. The work is in progress. The revised notification will be prepared and published after the rectification is over. As regards the protection of forests the common boundary lines are kept clean and free from any regrowth and the cairns are in good condition. Different species of seeds were sown in the coupes felled and in the blank areas, by way of regeneration work. As regards the working plan, the forest is divided into nine felling series, one coupe in each being sold every year in a rotation of 30 years. One coupe of fasli 1341, one of fasli 1342 and another of fasli 1343 remained to be sold at the beginning of the fasli as there was no demand for them in previous faslis. Three old coupes and seven new coupes were worked during the fasli. The remaining two coupes are being worked by the contractors concerned on payment of penal fees. Revised game rules have yet to be extended by the Government.

In the Mandasa estate the forests covering an area of about 53 square miles mostly lying in the agency tracts were departmentally managed. The application of section 26 of the Forest Act to them is under the Court's consideration. A sum of Rs. 13,392 was realized as forest revenue during the fasli.

The forests in Serugada continued to be managed departmentally. As in the previous fasli the forests in Navapothavaram and Koppaka villages of South Valluru, Part I, were leased out.

(d) *Enquiry into inam alienations.*—In Arni all the seven cases of inams alienated were enquired into and resumed during the fasli. In Kurupam there were only four cases pending disposal at the close of the fasli.

(e) *Important occurrences.*—The thread-wearing ceremony of the Mandasa Ward was performed at a cost of Rs. 10,000. The marriage of the Ward of the Serugada estate took place in the fasli.

(*f*) Two of the big estates in the Presidency—Ramnad and Vizianagram—each bringing complex and financial administrative problems have come under the Court's management since the end of the fasli.

21. *General.*—The general economic situation continued to affect the finances of the several estates as well as the well-being and the prosperity of the ryots. The adverse seasonal conditions in most of the estates and the intricacies of the procedure prescribed by the Madras Estates Land Act (Amended) are other factors which retarded collection of rent. In spite of these disadvantages the financial stability of the estates was maintained and the cost of administration was reduced, progress was made in the repayment of debt and the net demand of the estates has on the whole risen. Liberal remissions have been given when this was justified by seasonal conditions.

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 1344 (1934–35).

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	5	6	15	20	9	25	5th September 1935.
	Mandasa ..	Mis. No. 1709, Revenue, dated 28th August 1934.	Do. ..	Do.	0	10	3	17	1	25	5th May 1939.
Vizagapatam.	Kurupam ..	Mis. No. 1031, Revenue, dated 25th June 1926.	Do. ..	Do.	9	0	5	15	10	9	22nd August 1940.
Kistna ..	South Valluru, Part I.	No. 1119, Revenue, dated 23rd July 1924.	Do. ..	Do.	10	10	27	17	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 discharge of debts.	18	10	0	29	9	27	..
Salem ..	Bagalur ..	No. 463, Revenue, dated 16th February 1917 and Mis. No. 964, Revenue, dated 30th May 1922.	Do. ..	Do.	18	4	0	About 40 years.			..
Coimbatore ..	Poravipalaiyam.	No. 863, Revenue, dated 28th May 1926 and Ms. No. 1460, Revenue, dated 27th July 1934.	Do. ..	Debts—Retention under section 57 of the Court of Wards Act.	9	1	3	21	10	17	To continue until debts are discharged, i.e., 14th August 1936.
Trichinopoly..	Marungapuri.	No. 1336 (Confidential), Revenue, dated 11th July 1927.	Female ..	Sex	7	11	20	40	7	22	..
	Kudapalli ..	Mis. No. 2923, Revenue, dated 18th December 1919 and Mis. No. 960, Revenue, dated 20th May 1927.	Do. ..	Debts	15	6	0	24	10	4	To continue until debts are discharged.
Ramnad ..	Marnarkottai.	Mis. No. 3997, Revenue, dated 18th December 1918.	Male ..	Minority	16	6	0	20	9	26	5th September 1935.
Tinnevelly ..	Kadambur ..	Mis. No. 775, Revenue, dated 25th April 1927.	Do. ..	Do.	8	2	6	11	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 1344 (1934–35).

Districts.	Estates.	Area of estates.	Number of villages.					Holdings and cultivation.		
			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.	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	7	24	..	10	41	19,100	17,150	89·80
	Mandasa	129·53	132	6	..	* 27	165	33,753	31,488	93·30
Vizagapatam	.. Kurupam	700·00	101	156	..	47	304	(a) 48,763	35,547	72·90
Kistna ..	.. South Valluru, Part I.	57·11	23	..	..	2	25	(b) 23,178	17,474	75·39
North Arcot	.. Arni	183·54	141	..	..	50	191	51,393	43,094	83·85
Salem ..	.. Bagalur	40·00	49	9	3	28	89	13,330	12,510	94·00
Coimbatore	.. Poravipalaiyam ..	19·35	1	..	2	..	3	10,604	9,031	85·16
Trichinopoly	.. Marungapuri ..	177·90	..	79	..	..	79	(c) 41,299	26,372	64·00
	Kudapalli	..	..	..	..	..	..	240	239	99·53
Ramnad ..	.. Mannarkottai ..	20·00	15	..	..	..	15	8,944	7,870	88·00
Tinnevelly	.. Kadambur ..	24·14	12	1	..	..	13	13,086	9,968	76·20
	Total ..	686·57	481	275	5	164	925	263,690	210,743	79·90

(a) Increase due to reclamation of waste lands and resumption of service inams.
(b) Decrease under dry due to the purchase of lands by the estate in rent sales.
(c) Increase due to waste lands, etc., assigned.
* Includes seven Savara Vetti villages.

APPENDIX C.

No. III.—Statement showing the demand, collection and balance of the estates under management for fasli 1344 (1934–35).

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	51,850	..	51,850	53,194	— 1,344	35,104
	Mandasa	2,35,534	..	2,35,534	(a) ..	..	1,26,083
Vizagapatam	.. Kurupam	1,79,114	..	1,79,114	1,78,448	+ 666	1,10,993
Kistna ..	.. South Valluru, Part I ..	95,856	..	95,856	99,784	— 3,928	87,068
North Arcot	.. Arni	2,32,821	7,813	2,25,008	2,24,509	+ 499	2,01,890
Salem ..	.. Bagalur	24,599	1,173	23,426	24,038	— 612	14,010
Coimbatore	.. Poravipalaiyam	41,661	..	41,661	39,957	+ 1,704	30,529
Trichinopoly	.. Marungapuri	93,803	547	93,256	95,123	— 1,867	70,175
	Kudapalli	15,458	..	15,458	10,535	+ 4,923	14,417
Ramnad ..	.. Mannarkottai	24,013	..	24,013	15,732	+ 8,281	22,559
Tinnevelly	.. Kadambur	13,916	141	13,775	13,843	— 68	13,719
	Total ..	10,08,625	9,674	9,98,951	(b) 7,55,163	+ 8,254	7,26,547

(a) Estate newly taken under the management. Net demand of fasli 1343 not known.
(b) Exclusive of the demand of Mandasa newly taken under management.

No. III.—Statement showing the demand, collection and balance of the estates under management for fasli 1344 (1934–35)—*cont.*

Districts.	Estates.	Amount written off. (9)	Balance at the end of the fasli. (10)	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. (11)	Percentage of column (11) to column (5). (12)	Arrear demand. (13)	Arrear balance at the end of the fasli. (14)
		RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Ganjam ..	Serugada ..	341	16,405	15,278	29·5	* 38,427	25,250
	Mandasa ..	42,901	66,550	60,189	25·6	3,30,577	2,42,296
Vizagapatam	Kurupam ..	192	67,929	67,783	37·8	*1,76,573	1,09,803
Kistna ..	South Valluru, Part I	229	8,559	7,638	7·96	† 59,192	49,620
North Arcot	Arni	89	23,029	12,004	4·90	18,623	6,403
Salem ..	Bagalur ..	..	9,416	5,510	23·50	7,514	2,047
Coimbatore	Poravipalaiyam	843	10,289	3,894	9·30	35,876	16,694
Trichinopoly	Marungapuri	9	23,072	15,990	17·10	64,600	46,714
	Kudapalli	..	1,041	924	6·00	* 1,974	1,237
Ramnad ..	Mannarkottai	..	1,454	705	2·90	1,921	146
Tinnevelly	Kadambur	..	56	4	·003	‡ 383	..
	Total ..	44,604	2,27,800	1,89,919	19·01	7,35,660	5,00,210

* Difference is due to the adoption of higher rate of commutation for grain.
† Revised figure.
‡ Excludes Rs. 8 written off.

APPENDIX D.

No. IV.—Financial statement of receipts and charges of the estates under management for fasli 1344 (1934–35).

Districts.	Estates.	Amounts to the credit of the estate at the beginning of fasli 1344. Government promissory notes and fixed deposits.	Cash.	Value of grain.	Total.	Total cash receipts.	Total of columns (4) and (7).	Total charges.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam ..	Serugada	35,700	* 6,891	607	43,198	1,04,979	1,11,870	84,187
	Mandasa	..	2,330	7,678	10,008	1,97,537	1,99,867	1,95,221
Vizagapatam ..	Kurupam	..	5,925	1,255	7,180	2,12,630	2,18,555	1,95,343
Kistna ..	South Valluru, Part I	..	30,879	..	30,879	98,334	1,29,213	1,00,868
North Arcot ..	Arni	..	75,341	..	75,341	2,19,473	2,94,814	2,28,755
Salem ..	Bagalur	9,900	† 5,192	..	15,092	21,117	26,309	24,002
Coimbatore ..	Poravipalaiyam	..	1,574	1,321	2,895	58,636	60,210	43,467
Trichinopoly ..	Marungapuri	..	16,816	..	16,816	1,13,875	1,30,691	1,16,805
	Kudapalli	..	2,260	69	2,329	15,192	17,452	11,318
Ramnad ..	Mannarkottai	..	4,179	..	4,179	24,328	28,507	18,537
Tinnevelly ..	Kadambur	3,200	5,591	..	8,791	14,281	19,872	14,776
	Total ..	48,800	1,56,978	10,930	2,16,708	10,80,382	12,37,360	10,33,279

* Decrease due to transfer to partible section.

† Revised figure.

No. IV.—Financial statement of receipts and charges of the estates under management for fasli 1344 (1934–35)—*cont.*

Districts.	Estates.	Balance to the credit of the estates at the close of fasli 1344. Government promissory notes and fixed deposits. (10) RS.	Cash. (11) RS.	Value of grain. (12) RS.	Total. (13) RS.	Increase or decrease as compared with the opening balance. (14) RS.	Percentage of establishment charges and Government commission to normal receipts. (15)
Ganjam ..	Serugada ..	7,071	27,683	294	35,048	− 8,150	17·00
	Mandasa ..	..	4,646	23,745	28,391	+ 18,383	18·50
Vizagapatam ..	Kurupam ..	..	23,212	1,223	24,435	+ 17,255	20·60
Kistna ..	South Valluru, Part I ..	..	28,345	..	28,345	− 2,534	19·59
North Arcot ..	Arni ..	..	66,059	..	66,059	− 9,282	15·91
Salem ..	Bagalur ..	11,900	2,307	..	14,207	− 885	19·40
Coimbatore ..	Poravipalaiyam ..	..	16,743	1,710	18,453	+ 15,558	14·60
Trichinopoly ..	Marungapuri ..	..	13,886	..	13,886	− 2,930	20·52
	Kudapalli ..	..	6,134	137	6,271	+ 3,942	15·30
Ramnad ..	Mannarkottai ..	..	9,970	..	9,970	+ 5,791	10·20
Tinnevelly ..	Kadambur ..	4,200	5,096	..	9,296	+ 505	18·50
	Total ..	23,171	2,04,081	27,109	2,54,361	+ 37,653	18·00

APPENDIX E.

Enclosure A to Statement No. IV showing particulars of receipts and charges of the estates under management for fasli 1344 (1934–35).

Districts. (1)	Estates. (2)	Receipts. Land, forest and miscellaneous revenue. (3) RS.	Debts recovered. (4) RS.	Interest on Government promissory notes. (5) RS.	Sale-proceeds of grain. (6) RS.	Amount realized by the sale of properties, such as houses, etc. (7) RS.	Amount borrowed. (8)	Other items. (9) RS.	Total receipts. (10) RS.
Ganjam ..	Serugada ..	39,552	10,535	539	713	31,509	..	22,131	1,04,979
	Mandasa ..	1,41,827	94	..	17,305	33,098	..	5,213	1,97,537
Vizagapatam ..	Kurupam ..	1,66,904	4,383	2	1,088	248	..	40,005	2,12,630
Kistna ..	South Valluru, Part I ..	94,094	..	..	..	..	..	4,240	98,334
North Arcot ..	Arni ..	2,14,645	535	..	..	29	..	4,264	2,19,473
Salem ..	Bagalur ..	19,298	..	422	..	..	..	1,397	21,117
Coimbatore ..	Poravipalaiyam ..	40,335	668	..	3,840	..	..	13,793	58,636
Trichinopoly ..	Marungapuri ..	87,352	2,705	..	..	1,228	2,779	19,811	1,13,875
	Kudapalli ..	2,168	..	..	12,486	8	..	530	15,192
Ramnad ..	Mannarkottai ..	24,239	..	..	62	..	..	27	24,328
Tinnevelly ..	Kadambur ..	14,114	..	104	..	..	..	63	14,281
	Total ..	8,44,528	18,920	1,067	35,494	66,120	2,779	1,11,474	10,80,382

Enclosure A to Statement No. IV showing particulars of receipts and charges of the estates under management for fasli 1344 (1934–35)—*cont.*

Districts.	Estates.	Charges. Establishment for management and contingencies.	Maramat expenditure.	Government demand (peshkash, assessment, cesses and taxes).	Government commission for management.	Allowance to the ward and other members of the family.	Repayment of debts.	Investments.	Other miscellaneous disbursements.	Total charges.
		(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam ..	.. Serugada	9,419	7,575	13,739	1,188	23,263	..	385	28,618	84,187
	Mandasa	26,067	5,338	35,383	1,262	11,590	45,237	475	69,869	1,95,221
Vizagapatam	.. Kurupam	30,784	10,409	33,653	4,070	29,179	40,481	5,748	41,019	1,95,343
Kistna ..	.. South Valluru, Part I ..	16,010	2,211	21,799	2,432	16,189	34,927	96	7,204	1,00,868
North Arcot	.. Arni	28,669	33,332	36,137	5,655	53,403	38,452	1	33,106	2,28,755
Salem ..	.. Bagalur	3,257	740	9,018	567	6,075	..	1,867	2,478	24,002
Coimbatore	.. Poravipalaiyam	5,578	1,342	8,619	964	7,744	1,750	..	17,470	43,467
Trichinopoly	.. Marungapuri	15,555	8,679	28,934	2,578	40,255	188	3,333	17,283	1,16,805
	Kudapalli..	1,948	266	2,903	290	2,259	2,920	..	732	11,318
Ramnad ..	.. Mannarkottai	2,086	1,088	5,838	406	1,425	6,672	65	957	18,537
Tinnevelly	.. Kadambur	2,275	597	5,364	353	4,638	..	933	616	14,776
	Total ..	1,41,648	71,577	2,01,387	19,765	1,96,020	1,70,627	12,903	2,19,352	10,33,279

APPENDIX F.

Enclosure B to Statement No. IV showing the expenditure on maramat works in the estates under management including trust institutions for fasli 1343 (1934–35).

Districts.	Estates.	Irrigation works. New works.	Irrigation works. Repairs.	Buildings. New works.	Buildings. Repairs.	Road and other works.	Establishment and contingencies.	Total expenditure.	Allotment in the budget including subsequent modifications.	Percentage of expenditure to allotment.	Value of work done but not paid for within the fasli.	Percentage of columns (9) and (12) to column (10).
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.	
Ganjam ..	.. Serugada	363	992	721	3,969	739	791	7,575	7,712	98·20	..	98·20
	Mandasa	..	2,710	..	2,286	209	1,215	6,420	12,045	53·30	..	53·30
Vizagapatam ..	.. Kurupam	..	8,331	..	899	362	1,368	10,960	12,014	91·22	..	91·22
Kistna ..	.. South Valluru, Part I ..	..	1,432	..	775	..	4	2,211	5,575	39·66	..	39·66
North Arcot ..	.. Arni	..	20,000	..	7,250	2,685	3,397	33,332	35,648	93·50	..	93·50
Salem ..	.. Bagalur	..	720	..	..	..	20	740	1,025	72·19	..	72·19
Coimbatore ..	.. Poravipalaiyam	..	423	..	177	74	668	1,342	1,347	99·60	..	99·60
Trichinopoly ..	.. Marungapuri	..	7,802	146	3,315	1,173	1,209	13,645	15,641	87·22	165	88·29
	Kudapalli	..	155	..	211	..	..	366	367	100	..	100
Ramnad ..	.. Mannarkottai	..	1,088	..	..	..	..	1,088	1,150	94·60	..	94·60
Tinnevelly ..	.. Kadambur	..	8	..	589	..	..	597	597	100	..	100
	Total ..	363	43,661	867	19,471	5,242	8,672	78,276	93,121	84·05	165	84·23

APPENDIX G.

No. V-A.—Statement showing the debts other than arrears of rent, covered by bonds, etc., due to the estates under management for fasli 1344 (1934–35).

Districts.	Estates.	Debts as per last year's account.	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	37,360	..	6,015	2,973	46,348	10,535	974	11,509	34,839
	Mandasa	8,677	..	..	1,860	10,537	94	33	127	10,410
Vizagapatam ..	Kurupam	(a) 55,169	..	..	2,423	57,592	4,383	2,545	6,928	50,664
Kistna	South Valluru, Part I.	6,61,852	..	..	..	6,61,852	..	..	..	(b) 6,61,852
North Arcot ..	Arni	786	..	..	473	1,259	535	..	535	724
Salem	Bagalur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coimbatore ..	Poravipalaiyam ..	66,897	..	..	668	67,565	668	..	668	66,897
Trichinopoly ..	Marungapuri ..	13,167	..	..	705	13,872	2,705	814	3,519	10,353
	Kudapalli	32,596	..	..	..	32,596	..	..	..	32,596
Ramnad	Mannarkottai ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tinnevelly ..	Kadambur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	8,76,504	..	6,015	9,102	8,91,621	18,920	4,366	23,286	8,68,335

(a) The difference of Re. 1 is due to rounding.
(b) Due from the Senior Zamindar covered by proceedings in the insolvency court. The Official Receiver has not yet declared the final dividend.

APPENDIX H.

No. V-B.—Statement showing the debts due by the estates under management for fasli 1344 (1934–35).

Districts.	Estates.	Debts as per last year's accounts.	Debts newly contracted.	Debts newly brought to account during the year.	Interest 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	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Mandasa	1,34,558	..	..	24,997	1,59,555	45,237	..	45,237	1,14,318
Vizagapatam ..	Kurupam	1,76,624	..	..	11,445	1,88,069	40,481	..	40,481	1,47,588
Kistna	South Valluru, Part I.	2,27,466	..	1,150	13,201	2,41,817	34,927	..	34,927	2,06,890
North Arcot ..	Arni	1,02,671	..	12,000	4,284	1,18,955	38,452	314	38,766	80,189
Salem	Bagalur	* 36,850	..	..	991	37,841	..	..	..	37,841
Coimbatore ..	Poravipalayam ..	25,000	..	..	1,750	26,750	1,750	..	1,750	25,000
Trichinopoly ..	Marungapuri ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Kudapalli	32,231	..	..	1,916	34,147	2,920	..	2,920	31,227
Ramnad	Mannarkottai ..	10,935	..	..	737	11,672	6,672	..	6,672	5,000
Tinnevelly ..	Kadambur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	7,46,335	..	13,150	59,321	8,18,806	1,70,439	314	1,70,753	6,48,053

* Revised figure.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 367, 18th February 1936

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