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OF THE
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IN THE MADRAS PRESIDENCY
FOR FASLI 1346 (1936-1937)



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THE COURT OF WARDS IN THE MADRAS PRESI-
DENCY FOR FASLI 1346 (1936-37).

1. *Estates under management*.—No estate was either taken up or handed over during fasli 1346. The same twelve estates as in fasli 1345 continued under the Court's superintendence throughout the fasli under report.

2. *Estates handed over*.—Nil.

3. *Season*.—The season was on the whole favourable in Mandasa, Vizianagram, Kudapalli, Ramnad, Singampatti, Kadambar, Bagalur and Poravipalaiyam. It was not altogether satisfactory in the other estates.

4. *Holdings*.—The total area of the tenants' holdings in all the 12 estates (excluding as usual the rented villages) was 1,109,296 acres as against 1,104,209 acres in fasli 1345. The increase was mainly in the holdings of the Ramnad estate.

5. *Cultivation*.—The percentage of cultivation to holdings in all the estates was 88.3 against 86.5 in fasli 1345. The percentages were above 75 in nine estates and lower in Kurupam (73) in Marungapuri (61) and Singampatti (65). The unfavourable character of the season was mainly responsible for the low percentage in Marungapuri. In Kurupam however there was an increase in the extent of cultivation (36,323 acres) when compared with that of fasli 1345 (35,896 acres) due to the reclamation of waste lands. In Singampatti the area cultivated was 1,860 acres against 1,828 acres in fasli 1345.

6. *Demand of estates*.—The gross demand of all the estates amounted to Rs. 48.54 lakhs and the net demand to Rs. 47.28 lakhs, the remission under all the heads being Rs. 1.26 lakhs. The increase in the gross demand for the fasli was mainly due to the inclusion of the commuted value of the rent in kind in the demand of the Ramnad estate for fasli 1346. There was an increase of Rs. 1,54,718 in the net demand for fasli 1346 which is the net result of an increase in nine estates and decrease in the remaining three estates. There was increase in Mandasa (Rs. 19,274), in South Valluru, Part I (Rs. 12,327), in Ramnad (Rs. 65,091) and in Singampatti (Rs. 31,224). In Mandasa the increase was due to the increase in the receipt of rent in kind. In South Valluru, Part I, it was due to the inclusion of court costs and interest awarded on decrees in the demand and the increase in the lanka rentals. In Singampatti it was due to the fact that the demand for fasli 1345 was for only the period between February 1936 when it came under the Court's management and June 1936. There was a decrease in demand in Kurupam by Rs. 6,522, in Arni by

Rs. 9,829 and in Kudapalli by Rs. 1,390. The decrease in Kurupam was due to the considerable fall in the lease amounts realized by the sale of the minor forest produce due to the dullness of the market and to the fall in the price of timber. In Arni the decrease was due to the grant of seasonal remissions and to the fall in the revenue under "water rate". The decrease in Kudapalli was slight.

7. *Demand, collection and balance—Current.*—Out of the net demand of Rs. 47.28 lakhs, Rs. 30.97 lakhs were collected and Rs. 0.04 lakh written off leaving a balance of Rs. 16.27 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 1937 was Rs. 14.35 lakhs or 30.35 per cent of the demand. The statement below compares the percentage of balance in each estate for fasli 1346 with that of fasli 1345 :—

Estates.	F. 1345	F. 1346	Estates.	F. 1345	F. 1346
Mandasa ..	20.8	12.5	Poravipalaiyam ..	4.2	19.6
Vizianagram ..	40.9	37.0	Marungapuri ..	11.0	17.3
Kurupam ..	44.7	38.7	Kudapalli ..	13.9	12.4
S. Valluru, Part I..	10.4	5.9	Ramnad ..	21.5	27.0
Arni ..	3.9	4.4	Kadambur ..	nil	nil
Bagalur ..	26.5	22.2	Singampatti ..	8.4	17.0

There was improvement in collection in Mandasa, Vizianagram, Kurupam, South Valluru, Part I, Bagalur and Kudapalli. The balance is above 10 per cent in 9 estates, Mandasa (12.5), Vizianagram (37.0), Kurupam (38.7), Bagalur (22.2), Poravipalaiyam (19.6), Marungapuri (17.8), Kudapalli (12.4), Ramnad (27.0) and Singampatti (17.0). In Mandasa the bulk of the outstanding balance is covered by suits to be filed and by amounts collectable by persuasion. The Court has granted a remission of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the rent for fasli 1346 in respect of all lands in the 28 settled villages of the estate. The Estate Collector has been requested to instruct the manager to file suits promptly wherever necessary and to take all steps for the early realization of the balance. In Vizianagram the bulk of the balance is covered by suits, execution petitions and takarars and by amounts collectable by persuasion. Necessary instructions have been issued for the prompt realization of the balance. In Kurupam the heavy balance was mainly due to the high rates of rent, the adverse seasonal conditions and the generally poor state of the tenancy. In Bagalur the bulk of the balance is covered by attachment notices and the Estate Collector has been asked to take prompt steps for the realization of the balance. In Marungapuri the increase in the percentage of balance was due to poor collection on account of the unfavourable character of the season. In Ramnad the increase in the percentage of balance was due to the inability of the ryots to pay the arrear and the current dues together in one fasli, to the difficulties in realizing

rents from the under-tenure holders and to anti-zamindari propaganda which was conducted intensively and continuously all over the estate. To watch the collection work in the estate the Court has prescribed monthly progress reports.

8. *Demand, collection and balance—Arrears.*—The arrear demand at the beginning of the fasli was Rs. 46.73 lakhs, of which Rs. 32.30 lakhs were outstanding at its close. The balance was nil in Kadambur and Singampatti, Rs. 2,025 in Kudapalli, Rs. 4,901 in Bagalur, Rs. 11,169 in Arni and Rs. 7,136 in Poravipalaiyam. The balances were large in Vizianagram (Rs. 17,56,585), Mandasa (Rs. 2,83,864), Kurupam (Rs. 1,31,785), South Valluru, Part I (Rs. 44,517), Marungapuri (Rs. 24,572) and Ramnad (Rs. 9,63,718). The heavy balance in Vizianagram includes large amounts which are probably irrecoverable. The actual collectable balance has not yet been ascertained. In Mandasa the bulk of the balance is covered by suits and execution petitions pending in Courts. With a view to expedite the realization of the outstanding balance the Court has directed that all the arrears prior to fasli 1341 be written off the accounts as irrecoverable and that a sum of As. 4 in the rupee be also written off on all the outstanding balances from faslis 1341 to 1345. In Kurupam the percentage of balance to demand was 66.02. This large percentage was due to the causes explained in paragraph 7 above in respect of the Kurupam estate. To expedite the collection of the arrears, the Estate Collector submitted proposals for the reduction of rent in 20 villages of the estate and the Court has remitted till the end of fasli 1347 the difference between the existing rates of rent and the rates arrived at on the basis of the Estate Collector's proposals. The Court expects better results in fasli 1347. In Marungapuri the bulk of the arrears relates to the pre-assumption period and is covered by 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 1347. The arrears in Ramnad relate mostly to the pre-assumption period. As in the case of the current dues, the Court is watching the collection through monthly reports.

Suitable instructions for improving the collection work in the various estates have been issued in the Court's reviews 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. 8.42 lakhs. The total cash receipts during the fasli amounted to Rs. 65.76 lakhs. The total cash assets of the fasli were thus Rs. 74.18 lakhs. Deducting the total cash expenditure of Rs. 62.77 lakhs the cash balance at the close of the fasli was Rs. 11.41 lakhs. Including Government pro-notes, other securities and fixed deposits of the total value of Rs. 2.17 lakhs and the estimated value of grain (Rs. 2.01 lakhs) at the

end of the fasli the aggregate closing balance at the credit of the estates was Rs. 15.59 lakhs. The ordinary receipts and charges (Ayan section) of the fasli excluding the extraordinary items were Rs. 44.54 lakhs and Rs. 54.51 lakhs as shown below :—

	RUPEES IN LAKHS.
Total receipts	65.76
Deduct—	
(1) Debts recovered—Principal only	0.08
(2) Sale proceeds of property	1.43
(3) Amount borrowed	16.55
(4) Nagadi jasti	Nil
(5) Refunds, recoveries and deposits	3.16
	21.22
Ordinary receipts	44.54
Total charges	62.77
Deduct—	
(1) Debts repaid—Principal only	4.67
(2) Investments	0.26
(3) Special purchases, donations, special ceremonies, survey charges, etc.	0.13
(4) Adjustments, refunds, recoveries and advances	3.20
	8.26
Ordinary charges	54.51

10. *Utilization of surplus balance.*—The closing balance including investments in Government and other securities and fixed deposits was Rs. 15.59 lakhs. In Ramnad it was over Rs. 8 lakhs and in Vizianagram it was over Rs. 4 lakhs. It was Rs. 0.76 lakh in Arni, Rs. 0.40 lakh in South Valluru, Part I, Rs. 0.35 lakh in Mandasa, Rs. 0.23 lakh in Kurupam, Rs. 0.11 lakh in Poravipalaiyam and Rs. 0.11 lakh in Singampatti. The funds available after providing for the normal charges of administration during the fasli and during the non-kist months of the current fasli were utilized in the purchase of Government securities or the repayment of debts including bank loans.

11. *Agricultural improvements.*—No fresh enterprise was considered or proposed during the fasli. Steps have been taken to maintain stud bulls in suitable centres in the Vizianagram estate for improving the breed of cattle of the ryots. A comprehensive scheme for agricultural improvements will be put into operation in this estate as soon as possible.

12. *Percentage of establishment charges and Government commission to normal receipts.*—The average percentage in the fasli was 17.3 against 15.23 in the previous fasli. In none of the estates excepting Ramnad and Singampatti has the percentage exceeded 20. It is 25.3 and 25 in Ramnad and Singampatti estates respectively which are unsurveyed estates.

13. *Maramat works.*—The Court devoted as much attention as possible to this important branch of administration in accordance with the needs of each estate and as far as its finances permitted. The total maramat allotment in all the estates under management including Trust institutions was Rs. 8.30 lakhs. The value of work done amounted to Rs. 7.17 lakhs or 86.4 per cent of the allotment. Except for a sum of Rs. 234 in Kurupam, Rs. 23,578 in Vizianagram and Rs. 12,500 in Ramnad, the entire value of work done in the fasli was paid for within the fasli in all the estates. The maramat expenditure in the fasli was 11.9 per cent of the total ordinary charges (Rs. 59.85 lakhs) including those of the Trust institutions. The percentage of expenditure to allotment in South Valluru, Part I, was only 59.1. This was due to the fact that only part payments for works executed were made in the fasli as the works could not be check-measured by the Tahsildar of Ellore for want of time. The percentage of expenditure to allotment in all other estates except Kudapalli (51.5) ranged between 84 and 100.

14. *Debts due to the estates.*—The debts due to the several estates under management amounted to Rs. 8.41 lakhs at the commencement of the fasli. No loan was newly granted nor were any debts newly brought to account during the fasli under review. Including the interest and costs that accrued during the fasli (Rs. 0.03 lakh) the aggregate amount due was Rs. 8.44 lakhs. Of this, Rs. 0.21 lakh was collected and Rs. 0.03 lakh written off leaving a balance of Rs. 8.20 lakhs at the end of the fasli. The outstanding balances were large in South Valluru, Part I (Rs. 6.67 lakhs) Kurupam (Rs. 0.37 lakh). Poravipalaiyam (Rs. 0.33 lakh) and Ramnad (Rs. 0.64 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 property did not declare any dividend during the fasli. The debts due to the Kurupam estate are covered by instalment bonds and decrees. The Zamindar of Chemudu has paid nine instalments of Rs. 3,000 each in part satisfaction of the sum of Rs. 33,000 due by him leaving a balance of Rs. 6,000. In Poravipalaiyam the entire debts are covered by a second mortgage not yet due secured on the "Naduppuni" lands which were taken over by the estate. The Court proposed to take further action in connexion with the matter early in 1938 if the estate continued under the management of the Court of Wards. The estate was however handed over on 1st July 1937. In Ramnad the ascertainment and settlement of debts is still going on and the Estate Collector has reported that proper steps will be taken to realize the ascertained debts.

15. *Debts due by the estates.*—The liabilities of the estates at the beginning of the fasli amounted to Rs. 41.93 lakhs. Including debts newly contracted and brought to account (Rs. 19.72 lakhs) and the interest and costs that accrued during the fasli

(Rs. 3.23 lakhs) the total liability amounted to Rs. 64.88 lakhs. Of this, a sum of Rs. 12.77 lakhs was repaid and Rs. 1.23 lakhs written off leaving a balance of Rs. 50.88 lakhs at the end of the fasli. Marungapuri and Kadambur had no debts. The outstanding debt was Rs. 12,000 in Arni, Rs. 22,081 in Kudapalli and Rs. 39,823 in Bagalur. It exceeded Rs. 75,000 in Kurupam and Singampatti. It exceed a lakh in Mandasa (Rs. 1,14,818) and in South Valluru, Part I (Rs. 1,46,629). It was over Rs. 15 lakhs in Vizianagram (Rs. 16,27,963) and over Rs. 25 lakhs in Ramnad (Rs. 29,65,597).

Paragraph 19 deals with the encumbered estates of Mandasa, Ramnad, Kurupam, Arni, South Valluru, Part I, Bagalur and Singampatti. The debt due to the Zamindar of Turaiyur was the only debt due by the Kudapalli estate. A sum of Rs. 7,629 was paid towards principal and interest and there was a balance of Rs. 22,081. In Poravipalaiyam the entire debt of Rs. 25,000 was discharged by payment of Rs. 20,000 to the creditor who accepted the latter amount in full settlement. The debts due by the Mandasa estate are being paid from the surplus income of the estate. In Ramnad the process of ascertainment and settlement of debts is proceeding according to the statutory provisions of Madras Act I of 1902. The Estate Collector has been reporting his decisions on the investigated claims to the Court of Wards for its confirmation under section 40 of Madras Act I of 1902. In Vizianagram the debts relate to arrears of salaries, family allowances, travelling allowance, pensions and allowances, suppliers' bills and loans covered by documents. The Collector has been reporting his decisions on the claims investigated by him to the Court of Wards for its confirmation. The total liabilities of the estate were Rs. 25.74 lakhs, of which a sum of Rs. 8.39 lakhs was repaid and Rs. 1.07 lakhs written off leaving a balance of Rs. 16.28 lakhs.

16. *Education of the wards.*—The wards of school-going age studied mostly in local schools and colleges. The senior and junior wards of Kadambur continued their studies in the Board High School, Koilpatti, under the care of the guardian Mr. V. Vedanayaga Mudaliyar. The senior ward was promoted to III Form. The Mandasa ward and the Bagalur Poligar's son who continued their studies in Form VI of the Madras Christian College School and of the Pachaiyappa's High School, Madras, respectively, were successful in the S.S.L.C. Public Examination held in March 1937 and were admitted into the First Year University Class of the Madras Christian College at Tambaram. The Mandasa ward was placed as a boarder under the care of the warden of the hostel attached to the college. The ward of South Valluru, Part I estate, who continued his studies in the Town High School, Guntur, in Form V was promoted to Form VI. The lady ward of Kudapalli was given tuition by a lady tutor in Trichinopoly. The Kurupam

wards continued their studies in the Rajkumar College, Raipur. The senior ward who appeared for the Matric Examination of the Patna University failed again. The Singampatti ward who is aged 6 was under the guardianship of his mother subject to the general supervision of the Estate Collector, Ramnad, till January 1937 when the ward and the mother went to Singampatti. They have been there since then.

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

17. *Suits.*—Of the two suits filed against the Mandasa estate the one filed by Mr. V. Ramachandra Rao in the High Court is still pending. The other and more important suit, called the succession suit, filed by the illegitimate son of the late zamindar in the Sub-Court, Berhampur, was dismissed with costs. The plaintiff's petition to the High Court to admit his appeal *in forma pauperis* was rejected but on a Letters Patent Appeal filed by him the High Court has since granted him leave to file the application *in forma pauperis*.

The appeal filed by the Kurupam estate in A.S. No. 303 of 1935 on the file of the High Court is being withdrawn as the matter was compromised between the estate and the Rani of Gangapur. An appeal against the decision of the Sub-Court, Chiccacole, in O.S. No. 74 of 1936 (Puligammi resumption suit) has been filed in the High Court.

The suit filed by the Raja of Vizianagram questioning the validity of the Government's declaration that his estate and person should be placed under the Court's superintendence and the application filed by the Court of Wards for leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the High Court in regard to the guardianship of the late Raja's minor children were pending. They have since been withdrawn.

The appeal filed in the High Court by the Ramnad estate and referred to in the Administration Report for fasli 1345 has been decided against the estate. The Privy Council appeal in what is known as the "Jewel case" was still pending at the end of the fasli. It has since been heard by the Privy Council and decided in favour of the estate.

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 are such institutions in Mandasa, Vizianagram, Kurupam, Poravipalaiyam, Kudapalli, Marungapuri, Ramnad and Singampatti. Their administration was satisfactory and their financial condition generally good. The Devasthanam section of the Mandasa estate gets a contribution from the Ayan section for the upkeep of schools, a dispensary, etc., attached to it. The Hindu Religious Endowments Board exercises

jurisdiction over the religious institutions. The Zamindar of Chemuadu has yet to pay Rs. 469 towards the mesne profits of Jammadi-valasa belonging to Sri Suryanarayanawamivaru temple belonging to the Kurupam estate and the matter is the subject of correspondence with him. The religious and charitable institutions in the Vizianagram estate comprise temples, mosque and choultries numbering in all 112 of which 83 are endowed and 29 are not endowed. The management of the institutions is attended to by amins under the supervision of the Estate Collector.

19. *Encumbered estates.*—The provisions of section 45 of Madras Act I of 1902 continued to be in force in the estates of Mandasa, Kurupam, South Valluru Part I, Arni, Ramnad, Singampatti and Bagalur. The debt due by the Mandasa estate at the beginning of the fasli was Rs. 1,14,286 and including the interest and costs that accrued during the year (Rs. 9,874), the total liabilities were Rs. 1,24,160; of which a sum of Rs. 9,342 was repaid during the fasli. Steps are being taken to discharge the balance with the surplus income of the estate as it becomes available.

The debts due by the Kurupam estate at the beginning of the fasli were Rs. 1,18,577 and including the interest and costs that accrued during the fasli (Rs. 6,133), the total liabilities of the estate were Rs. 1,24,710 of which a sum of Rs. 43,034 was repaid and Rs. 1,099 struck off during the fasli. Out of the balance of Rs. 80,577 outstanding at the close of the fasli in the Kurupam estate a sum of Rs. 61,738 was due to the Imperial Bank of India, Madras, and Rs. 3,096 to the Serugada estate in the Orissa Province.

The liabilities of the South Valluru Part I estate at the beginning of the fasli amounted to Rs. 1,77,952. Including the interest (Rs. 7,846) that accrued during the fasli the liabilities were Rs. 1,85,798. A sum of Rs. 39,169 was repaid leaving a balance of Rs. 1,46,629. 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. 41,339. Including the interest (Rs. 2,068) that accrued during the fasli the total amount of debt was Rs. 43,407. A sum of Rs. 31,407 was paid leaving a balance of Rs. 12,000 at the end of the fasli. The Court has since cleared this debt.

The only debt due by the Bagalur estate was to Sujan Chand Sowcar of Madras and it was Rs. 38,832. Together with the interest of Rs. 991 that accrued during the fasli the total liabilities amounted to Rs. 39,823. The face value of the securities which are being accumulated for the repayment of this debt was Rs. 15,800 at the end of the fasli.

The total liabilities of the Singampatti estate at the beginning of the fasli were Rs. 1,55,207, of which a sum of Rs. 27,221 related

to claims for arrears of salaries and wages and companies bills. A sum of Rs. 3,383 accrued as interest. Debts to the extent of Rs. 79,867 were repaid during the fasli, leaving a balance of Rs. 78,723.

In Ramnad the liabilities at the beginning of the fasli were Rs. 25.03 lakhs. Including the debts newly contracted (Rs. 5.55 lakhs), debts newly brought to account (Rs. 0.34 lakh) and interest and costs (Rs. 0.90 lakh) that accrued during the fasli, the total liabilities amounted to Rs. 31.82 lakhs. A sum of Rs. 2.06 lakhs was repaid and Rs. 0.10 lakh struck off leaving a balance of Rs. 29.66 lakhs. The Estate Collector is investigating the claims. The Decree Collector is to frame a scheme for the repayment of debts after the investigation is completed.

20. *Miscellaneous.*—(a) *Schools, dispensaries and other special institutions.*—The Vizianagram estate is maintaining a First Grade Arts College, a High School, a Sanskrit College, a Music College, a hospital known as the Maharajah's Hospital with a Leprosy Clinic, a Gosha Hospital and a Veterinary Hospital. There were four first-class passes in Part I and two in Part III in the Intermediate Examinations of the Andhra University; while one student attained the second rank in that examination. One student in the B.A. class won a University prize. The Ramnad estate maintains a high school known as the Rajah's High School, Ramnad. Four schools 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.

(b) *Survey.*—A special Revenue Inspector was appointed for three months for maintenance work in the South Valluru Part I estate. He attended to a portion of the maintenance in Koppaka Tana villages. The Kurupam estate is not surveyed and it cannot be surveyed as the estate is still encumbered and cannot spare funds. The Marungapuri estate was surveyed under Act XXVIII of 1860 and its financial condition cannot admit of a resurvey. Part of the Mandasa estate is not surveyed and the survey could not be undertaken on account of the financial condition of the estate.

(c) *Forests.*—The forests in Arni and Vizianagram estates were worked in accordance with the rules framed under sections 26 and 32 of Madras Act V of 1882 and those in Kurupam and Marungapuri in accordance with the rules under section 26 of that Act. The forests in Kurupam estate covering an area of about 300 square miles were divided into reserves and unreserves. No blocks were proposed either for afforestation or disafforestation during the fasli. The mulimettu system was continued in the fasli. The income from mulimettu fees fell from Rs. 2,823 in fasli 1345 to Rs. 2,692 in the fasli under report. The bulk of the forest revenue is derived from minor forests produce; tamarind and myrabolam being the chief products. There was a fall in the forest revenue from Rs. 15,146 in fasli 1345 to Rs. 14,981 in fasli 1346 and this was mainly

due to the smaller number of logs sold in the depot. The growth in the new reserves of Manda and Rella progressed quite satisfactorily.

The area of the forests in Marungapuri estate according to the resurvey of 1932 is 19,799 acres. The rectification of the survey records referred to in the last year's report was attended to block-war and the estate overseer did the work in respect of 10 out of 19 blocks. The revised notification has to be issued after the rectification is over. A considerable part of the estate forest boundary adjoining the Government and Sivaganga zamin forests on the western and south-eastern sides of the estate forests is in good condition. Different species of seeds were sown in the felled coupe areas for regeneration. According to 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. Nine coupes of the sixth series allotted for the fasli under report, were sold. There is no Forest Panchayat in the estate. Revised game rules have yet to be extended by the Government.

The Vizianagram estate has extensive forests covering an area of 400 square miles of which 231.5 square miles are governed by the provisions of the Madras Forest Act, V of 1882. A Government Forest Ranger appointed for the estate as Forest Superintendent is taking steps to reorganize the forest establishment with reference to the suggestions made by the District Forest Officer in his scheme for the future management of the forests.

(d) *Enquiry into inam alienations.*—In Arni out of the eleven cases of inams alienated, ten were enquired into and the inams were resumed during the fasli. In Kurupam three inams were resumed and fully assessed. The inam alienations in the Vizianagram estate are being investigated. There is only one case of inam alienation in the Ramnad estate. It is being investigated.

(e) *Important occurrences.*—Nil.

21. *Condition of tenants.*—With reference to G.Os. No. 662, Revenue, dated 15th August 1890, No. 393, Revenue, dated 5th June 1894, and No. 239, Revenue, dated 5th March 1903, the Court submits the quinquennial statement (Appendix I) showing the condition of tenants in the estates under its superintendence.

Coercive processes were resorted to in all the estates. In Vizianagram and South Valluru Part I estates, the coercive processes under sections 78 and 112 of the Madras Estates Land Act has increased. In South Valluru Part I the reason is attributed to the present level of prices and to the existence of absentee tenants residing outside the villages in which their lands are situated. Much difficulty was not experienced in the realization of rents in Marungapuri.

The ryots have not yet completely recovered from the effects of the fall in prices which set in during the last quinquennium. The

condition of the ryots is not encouraging in Kurupam, South Valluru Part I and Marungapuri. In Mandasa the rents were found to be excessive and the Court had to grant remissions on a liberal scale and also to write off the arrears relating to faslis prior to fasli 1341. Annas 4 in the rupee on arrears from faslis 1341 to 1345 were also written off. The Estate Collector is making personal investigation in connexion with this matter and the Court has asked him to report the results of his investigation. Information regarding Ramnad estate will be furnished separately. The condition of the ryots in the other estates under the Court's management is on the whole fair.

22. *General.*—The general economic situation continued to affect the finances of the estates as well as the well-being and prosperity of the ryots. The intricacy of the procedure prescribed by the Madras Act I of 1908 (amended) was a factor which retarded collection of rent. In spite of these disadvantages, the financial stability of the estates was maintained and the cost of administration reduced. Progress was made in the repayment of debts. Excluding Vizianagram, Ramnad and Singampatti estates which came under the Court's management after the beginning of fasli 1345 there was an increase in the net demand by Rs. 24,901 and an increase in cash balance by Rs. 22,195 in fasli 1346 in the rest of the estates. There was an increase by Rs. 1,800 in the value of Government securities also.

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 1346 (1936–37).

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)
Vizagapatam.	Mandasa ..	Ms. No. 1709, Revenue, dated 28th August 1934.	Male ..	Minority ..	..	2	10	3	19	1	25	5th May 1939.
	Kurupam ..	Ms. No. 1031, Revenue, dated 25th June 1926.	Do. ..	Do. ..	..	11	0	5	17	10	9	22nd August 1940.
	Vizianagram..	No. 466-S, Public, dated 25th October 1935.	Do. ..	Section 9 (d) of the C.W. Act.	..	1	8	6	34	10	5	
Kistna ..	South Valluru, Part I.	No. 1119, Revenue, dated 23rd July 1924.	Do. ..	Do. ..	..	12	10	27	19	2	4	26th April 1939.
North Arcot..	Arni ..	No. 1915 (Confidential), Revenue, dated 22nd August 1916 and Ms. No. 2355, Revenue, dated 23rd November 1932.	Do. ..	At the proprietor's own request for discharge of debts.	..	20	10	0	31	9	27	..
Salem ..	Bagalur ..	No. 463, Revenue, dated 16th February 1917 and Ms. No. 964, Revenue, dated 30th May 1922.	Do. ..	Do. ..	..	20	4	0	About 42 years.	..	..	..
Coimbatore ..	Poravipalayam.	No. 863, Revenue, dated 28th May 1926 and Ms. No. 1460, Revenue, dated 27th July 1934 and Ms. No. 1194, Revenue, dated 30th May 1936.	Do. ..	Debts—Retention under section 57 of the Court of Wards Act.	..	11	1	3	23	10	17	Handed over to the proprietor on 1st July 1937.
Trichinopoly..	Marungapuri.	No. 1336 (Confidential), Revenue, dated 11th July 1927.	Female ..	Sex ..	..	9	11	20	42	7	22	..
	Kudapalli ..	Ms. No. 2923, Revenue, dated 18th December 1919 and Ms. No. 960, Revenue, dated 20th May 1927.	Do. ..	Debts ..	..	17	6	0	26	10	4	To continue until debts are discharged.
Rannad ..	Rannad ..	Ms. No. 1749, Revenue, dated 31st July 1935.	Male ..	At the proprietor's request for discharge of debts.	..	1	11	1	28	0	0	..
Tinnevelly ..	Kadambur ..	Ms. No. 775, Revenue, dated 25th April 1927.	Do. ..	Minority ..	..	10	2	6	13	9	28	3rd September 1944.
	Singampatti ..	Ms. No. 394, Revenue, dated 22nd February 1936.	Do. ..	Do. ..	..	1	4	8	5	9	3	27th September 1952.

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 1346 (1936–37).

Districts.	Estates.	Number of villages.					Holdings and cultivation.			
		Rented to middlemen whether paying rent in money or in kind.	Partly ryoti and partly rented.	Inam or shrotri-yam.	Total.	Holdings.	Actual cultivation.	Percentage of cultivation to holdings.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
		sq. miles.						acs.	acs.	
Vizagapatam	{ Mandasa .. Kurupam .. Vizianagram ..	129.53 700.00 2,146.32	135 104 953	4 154 ..		(a) 27 47 270	166 305 1,223	28,000 49,548 431,455	22,168 36,323 431,455	79.2 73.3 100.0
Kistna ..	South Valluru, Part I.	57.11	23	..	..	2	25	23,372	17,943	76.7
North Arcot	Arni ..	183.54	141	..	..	50	191	51,359	42,743	83.2
Salem ..	Bagalur ..	40.00	49	9	3	28	89	13,395	12,975	96.9
Coimbatore	Poravipalayam ..	19.35	1	..	2	..	3	10,726	9,303	86.7
Trichinopoly,	{ Marungapuri .. Kudapalli ..	177.90 ..		79 ..			79 ..	41,301 240	25,296 239	61.2 99.6
Rannad ..	Rannad ..	2,351.00	564	777	5	832	2,178	443,944	368,471	83.0
Tinnevelly	{ Kadambur .. Singampatti ..	24.14 (b) 115.50	12 2	1 ..			13 2	13,086 2,870	10,391 1,860	79.4 65.0
	Total ..	5,944.39	1,984	1,024	10	1,256	4,274	1,109,266	979,167	88.26

(a) Includes seven Savara villages.
(b) Includes forests.
N.B.—The figures in the appendices for Rannad are provisional.

APPENDIX C.

No. III.—Statement showing the demand, collection and balance of the estates under management for fasli 1346 (1936-37).

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.
Vizagapatam ..	{ Mandasa .. Kurupam .. Vizianagram .. South Valluru, Part I ..	2,31,756 1,73,170 27,63,010 1,12,606	 11,798 ..	2,31,756 1,73,170 27,51,212 1,12,606	2,12,482 1,79,692 27,17,710 1,00,279	+ - + +	1,67,096 1,02,232 17,38,801 1,02,737
Kistna ..	..	2,31,651	11,319	2,20,332	2,30,161	-	2,01,806
North Arcot ..	..	25,971	1,163	24,808	23,714	+	15,557
Salem ..	..	40,174	..	40,174	33,060	+	30,947
Coimbatore ..	..	94,462	566	93,896	91,211	+	69,480
Trichinopoly ..	{ Marungapur .. Poravipalaiyam .. Kudapalli .. Rannad ..	11,960 11,11,702 13,950 43,055	 220 2,047	11,960 98,720 13,730 41,908	13,350 9,47,891 13,582 (a) 9,784	- + + +	10,405 6,12,714 13,682 31,372
Rannad ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tinnevely ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	48,53,467	1,25,833	47,27,634	45,72,916	+ 1,54,718	30,96,829

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(a) Relates to the period from February to June 1936 only.

No. III.—Statement showing the demand, collection and balance of the estates under management for fasli 1346 (1936-37)—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, remission and amounts recommended to be written off after the close of the fasli.	Percentage of column (11) to column (5).	Arrear demand	Arrear balance at the end of the fasli.
(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	RS.	RS.
Vizagapatam ..	{ Mandasa .. Kurupam .. Vizianagram .. South Valluru, Part I ..	979 643 .. 412	63,681 70,295 10,12,411 9,457	28,875 66,970 10,12,411 5,730	12.50 38.70 37.00 5.90	3,78,677 1,99,624 26,49,527 51,833	2,83,864 1,31,785 17,56,585 44,517
Kistna ..	..	145	18,381	9,771	4.43	11,169	11,169
North Arcot ..	..	..	9,251	5,615	22.23	12,073	4,901
Salem ..	..	1,353	7,874	7,874	19.60	14,508	7,136
Coimbatore ..	{ Poravipalaiyam .. Marungapur .. Kudapalli ..	 2	 24,414	16,695 1,488 ..	17.80 12.40 27.00	59,988 4,388 12,70,558	24,572 2,025 9,63,718
Trichinopoly ..	..	..	4,00,268	2,72,335	..	..	..
Rannad ..	..	..	48	6,981	17.00	1,465	..
Tinnevely ..	{ Kedambur .. Singampatti ..		9,636 ..		..	..	..
	Total ..	3,534	16,27,271	14,34,745	30.35	46,73,354	32,30,272

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APPENDIX D.

No. IV.—Financial statement of receipts and charges of the estates under management for fasli 1346 (1936-37).

Districts.	Estates.	Amounts to the credit of the estate at the beginning of fasli 1346.					Total cash receipts.	Total of columns (4) and (7).	Total charges.
		Government promissory notes and fixed deposits.	Cash.	Value of grain.	Total.				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Visagapatam ..	{ Mandasa ..	..	4,381	15,284	19,645	2,37,557	2,41,938	2,09,839	
	{ Kurupam ..	..	18,601	1,628	20,229	2,03,052	2,21,653	2,00,456	
	{ Vizianagram ..	..	5,58,101 (a)	..	6,03,919	38,82,502	44,40,803	40,10,416	
Kistna ..	South Valluru, Part I ..	..	28,009	..	28,009	1,19,818	1,47,827	1,07,531	
North Arcot ..	Arni ..	..	74,029	..	74,029	2,25,200	2,99,229	2,23,397	
Salem ..	Begalur ..	..	3,836	..	17,836	24,326	28,162	24,171	
Coimbatore ..	Poravipalayam ..	..	19,468	533	20,001	51,827	71,295	61,827	
	{ Marungapur ..	..	24,464	..	24,464	96,031	1,20,495	1,04,936	
Trichinopoly ..	{ Kudapali ..	..	4,832	94	4,926	13,621	18,453	17,000	
	Rannad ..	..	1,00,796	75,895	3,52,501	15,72,288	16,73,084	11,78,484	
	{ Kadambur ..	..	5,726	..	9,926	13,988	19,714	14,068	
	{ Singampatti ..	..	-107	..	-107	1,35,375	1,35,268	1,24,705	
Tinnevely ..		..							
Total ..		2,39,838	8,42,136	93,404	11,75,378	65,75,585	74,17,721	62,76,830	

(a) Revised figures.

No. IV.—Financial statement of receipts and charges of the estates under management for fasli 1346 (1936-37)—cont.

Districts.	Estates.	Balance to the credit of the estates at the close of fasli 1346.					Total.	Increase or decrease as compared with the opening balance.	Percentage of establishment charges and Government commission to normal receipts.
		Government promissory notes and fixed deposits.	Cash.	Value of grain.	Total.				
		(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)		
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.			
Visagapatam ..	{ Mandasa ..	..	32,099	2,984	35,083	+	15,438	16.7	
	{ Kurupam ..	..	21,197	1,655	22,852	+	2,623	17.4	
	{ Vizianagram ..	..	4,30,187	..	4,75,916	+	1,28,003	15.3	
Kistna ..	South Valluru, Part I ..	..	40,296	..	40,296	+	12,287	14.1	
North Arcot ..	Arni ..	..	75,832	..	75,832	+	1,803	14.2	
Salem ..	Begalur ..	..	3,991	..	19,791	+	1,955	16.2	
Coimbatore ..	Poravipalayam ..	..	9,468	1,537	11,005	+	8,996	18.0	
	{ Marungapur ..	..	15,559	..	15,559	+	8,905	18.9	
Trichinopoly ..	{ Kudapali ..	..	1,453	..	1,507	+	3,419	9.2	
	Rannad ..	..	4,94,600	1,94,654	8,40,693	+	4,88,192	26.3	
	{ Kadambur ..	..	5,646	..	9,846	+	80	19.7	
	{ Singampatti ..	..	10,563	203	10,766	+	10,873	25.0	
Tinnevely ..		..							
Total ..		2,17,168	11,40,891	2,01,087	15,59,146	+	3,83,768	17.3	

APPENDIX E.

Enclosure A to Statement No. IV showing particulars of receipts and charges of the estates under management for fasli 1346 (1936-37).

Districts.	Estates.	Receipts.									
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
				Land, forest and miscellaneous revenue.	Debts recovered.	Interest on Government promissory notes.	Sale-proceeds of grain.	Amount realized by the sale of properties, such as houses, etc.	Amount borrowed.	Other items.	Total receipts.
		RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Vizagapatam	{ Mandasa ..	1,99,627	..	639	..	..	15,935	4,641	..	16,715	2,37,557
	{ Kurupam ..	1,61,139	..	3,601	..	2	1,628	654	..	36,028	2,03,052
	{ Vizianagram ..	26,31,589	..	..	..	290	..	28,706	10,00,000	2,21,917	38,82,502
	.. South Valluru, Part I ..	1,09,184	..	5,577	..	..	..	25	..	5,032	1,19,818
Kistna ..	.. Arni ..	2,21,677	..	798	..	..	..	5	..	2,720	2,25,200
North Arcot ..	.. Bagalur ..	22,910	..	..	..	403	..	..	..	1,013	24,326
Salem ..	.. Poravipalayam ..	32,018	..	338	..	..	2,409	..	..	17,062	51,827
Coimbatore ..	.. Marungapuri ..	89,284	..	216	..	..	..	..	..	6,531	96,031
Trichinopoly ..	.. Kudapalli ..	2,585	..	..	..	..	9,896	107	..	1,033	13,621
Rannad ..	.. Rannad ..	6,85,646	..	604	..	8	1,06,881	1,06,025	5,55,000	1,18,124	15,72,288
Tinnevely ..	.. Kadambur ..	13,809	..	..	..	81	24	..	1,00,000	74	13,988
	.. Singampatti ..	24,582	..	..	..	..	7,332	2,496	..	965	1,35,375
	Total ..	41,94,050	..	11,773	784	1,44,105	1,42,659	16,55,000	4,27,214	65,75,585	

Enclosure A to Statement No. IV showing particulars of receipts and charges of the estates under management for fasli 1346 (1936-37)—*cont.*

Districts.	Estates.	Charges.									
		(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
		Establishment for management.	Maramat expenditure.	Government demand (peshkash, cesses and taxes).	Government commission for management.	Allowance to the ward and other members of the family.	Repayment of debts.	Investment.	Other miscellaneous disbursements.	Total charges.	
Vizagapatam	{ Mandasa ..	31,811	15,050	39,680	6,878	15,446	9,342	..	91,632	2,09,839	
	{ Kurupam ..	27,892	14,628	24,057	4,242	24,643	43,034	5,802	46,158	2,00,456	
	{ Vizianagram ..	3,38,290	3,04,920	7,82,251	77,318	5,06,104	3,31,843	9,929	16,59,761	40,10,416	
Kistna ..	.. South Valluru, Part I ..	13,085	4,514	20,422	2,336	16,507	39,169	301	11,197	1,07,531	
North Arcot ..	.. Arni ..	25,292	30,502	37,040	6,512	64,034	31,407	1,393	27,217	2,23,397	
Salem ..	.. Bagalur ..	3,235	452	9,125	553	6,152	..	2,294	2,360	24,171	
Coimbatore ..	.. Poravipalayam ..	5,397	1,906	7,440	883	10,096	21,750	339	14,016	61,827	
Trichinopoly ..	.. Marungapuri ..	14,685	11,828	28,887	2,294	17,664	328	6,101	23,149	1,04,936	
	.. Kudapalli..	862	405	2,805	287	3,147	7,629	..	1,865	17,000	
Rannad ..	.. Rannad ..	1,92,874	2,45,181	4,13,176	6,743	71,502	1,02,254	..	1,46,754	11,78,484	
	.. Kadambur ..	2,400	227	5,373	341	4,864	..	12	851	14,068	
Tinnevely ..	.. Singampatti ..	7,662	814	14,833	530	6,353	87,454	..	7,059	1,24,705	
	Total ..	6,63,485	6,30,427	13,95,089	1,08,917	7,46,512	6,74,210	26,171	20,32,019	62,76,830	

APPENDIX F.

Enclosure B to Statement No. IV showing the expenditure on maramat works in the estates under management including trust institutions for fasli 1346 (1936-37).

Districts.	Estates.	Irrigation works.		Buildings.		Road and other works.		Establishment and contingencies.		Total expenditure.		Allotment in the budget including subsequent modification.		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)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Vizagapatam ..	{ Mandasa ..	..	..	10,658	3,180	5,575	1,489	1,377	22,279	22,279	22,836	97.5	..	97.5	..	..	..	97.5	..
Kistna ..	{ Kurupam ..	..	..	6,708	..	6,112	556	1,446	14,822	14,822	16,935	87.5	234	88.9	..	234	..	88.9	..
North Arcot ..	{ Vizianagram ..	..	..	949	2,13,275	1,088,641	4,898	40,469	3,29,247	3,29,247	3,80,360	86.5	23,578	92.7	..	23,578	..	92.7	..
Salem ..	{ South Valluru, Part I ..	..	..	..	2,268	..	2,183	58	4,514	4,514	7,635	59.1	..	59.1	..	..	..	59.1	..
Coimbatore ..	{ Arni ..	..	..	..	20,000	..	5,367	1,840	3,295	30,502	30,957	98.5	..	98.5	..	..	..	98.5	..
Trichinopoly ..	{ Begalur ..	..	..	..	422	10	..	20	452	452	485	93.2	..	93.2	..	..	..	93.2	..
Rannad ..	{ Poravipalayam ..	..	..	..	222	95	435	658	1,906	1,906	2,258	84.4	..	84.4	..	..	..	84.4	..
Tinnevely ..	{ Marungapuri ..	..	..	..	7,984	3,562	2,076	2,745	1,283	17,650	18,640	94.6	..	94.6	..	..	..	94.6	..
	{ Kudapalli ..	..	..	..	119	..	176	126	17	438	850	51.5	..	51.5	..	..	..	51.5	..
	{ Rannad ..	..	..	..	85,366	1,65,765	90	5,435	23	37,655	2,94,324	84.8	12,500	88.1	..	12,500	..	88.1	..
	{ Kadambar ..	..	..	..	..	..	227	..	..	227	227	100.0	..	100.0	..	..	..	100.0	..
	{ Singampatti ..	..	..	..	226	..	558	30	..	814	814	100.0	..	100.0	..	..	..	100.0	..
Total ..		86,315	4,27,637	7,952	96,785	12,423	86,063	7,17,175	8,30,349	8,30,349	86.37	36,312	90.7	..	90.7	..	..	..	..

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 1346 (1936-37).

Districts.	Estates.	Debts as per last year's account.		Loans newly granted.		Debts newly brought to account during the year.		Interests 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)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Vizagapatam ..	{ Mandasa ..	..	..	11,955	..	..	..	11,955	639	1,311	1,311	10,844	..	..	..	..	..	10,844	..
Kistna ..	{ Kurupam ..	..	..	41,431	..	..	..	1,169	3,601	1,632	5,233	37,367	..	..	..	..	..	37,367	..
North Arcot ..	{ Vizianagram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salem ..	{ South Valluru, Part I ..	..	..	6,72,528	..	..	..	6,72,528	5,577	..	5,577	6,86,951	..	..	..	..	..	6,86,951	..
Coimbatore ..	{ Arni ..	..	..	542	..	..	..	694	798	..	798	438	..	..	..	..	..	438	..
Trichinopoly ..	{ Begalur ..	..	..	32,897	..	..	..	673	33,570	..	339	33,231	..	..	..	..	..	33,231	..
Rannad ..	{ Poravipalayam ..	..	..	6,722	..	..	..	403	7,125	..	83	6,825	..	..	..	..	..	6,825	..
Tinnevely ..	{ Marungapuri ..	..	..	75,089	..	..	..	..	10,233	..	769	64,087	..	..	..	..	..	64,087	..
	{ Kudapalli ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	{ Rannad ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	{ Kadambar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	{ Singampatti ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..		8,41,164	..	2,939	8,44,103	21,404	3,156	24,560	8,19,543	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

APPENDIX H.

No. V-B.—Statement showing the debts due by the estates under management for fasli 1346 (1935-37).

Districts.	Estates.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
				Debts as per last year's accounts.	Debts newly contracted.	Debts newly brought to account during the year.	Interest 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.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Vizagapatam	{ Mandasa Kurupam	1,14,286	..	..	..	9,874	1,24,160	9,342	..	..	9,342	1,14,818
	{ Vizianagram	* 1,18,571	..	..	..	6,133	1,24,710	43,034	1,099	..	44,133	80,577
Kistna ..	.. South Valluru, Part I.	* 9,90,621	10,00,000	3,83,383	..	1,99,660	25,73,664	8,38,870	1,06,831	1,06,831	9,45,701	16,27,963
North Arcot ..	.. Arni	1,77,952	..	..	..	7,846	1,85,798	39,169	..	..	39,169	1,46,629
Salem ..	.. Begalur	41,339	..	..	..	2,068	43,407	31,407	..	..	31,407	12,000
Coimbatore ..	.. Porvampalayam	38,832	..	..	..	991	39,823	..	..	..	..	39,823
Trichinopoly ..	{ Marungapuri	25,000	..	..	..	1,75	26,750	21,750	..	5,000	26,750	..
	{ Kudapalli	28,103	..	..	..	1,607	29,710	7,629	..	..	7,629	22,081
Ramnada ..	.. Ramnada	* 25,03,199	5,55,000	33,800	..	89,939	31,81,938	2,06,852	10,489	2,16,341	29,65,597	..
Tinnevely ..	{ Kadambur	* 1,55,207	..	..	..	3,383	1,58,590	79,867	..	..	79,867	78,723
	{ Singampatti	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..		41,93,116	15,55,000	4,17,183	..	3,23,251	64,88,560	12,76,920	1,23,419	14,00,339	50,88,211	..

* Revised figure.

APPENDIX I.

Quinquennial statement showing the condition of tenants in the estates under the Court's management.

Average rate of rent per acre.			Extent to which coercive processes were resorted to for recovery of rent.		To what extent indebtedness prevails among the tenants.		Increase in the extent of rent-paying lands owing to improvements to irrigation works or resumption of inams.		General remarks as to the condition of the tenants.	
Dry.	Wet.	Garden.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

VIZAGAPATAM DISTRICT.

Mandasa Estate.

25- A. P. 25- A. P. 25- A. P.

Four hundred and ninety suits were filed on the lands relating to 289 average every year. A major portion of the decrees was put into execution. Both movable and immovable properties were attached and sold. In some cases, the judgment debtors were arrested. Coercive measures have thus been taken to a large extent through Courts of Law.

In fasli 1346 alone there was no increase in the extent of rent paying lands consequent on improvement to irrigation sources. The enquiry into inam alienations was taken up only in fasli 1346. Sixty-one cases were dealt with by the end of fasli 1346 and 7 cases were ordered to be resumed during the last ten years.

The condition of the tenants in the estate is bad and somewhat deplorable. As the money rents are often excessive the holdings have lost their sale value. In the period of depression the paying capacity of the tenant has decreased with the proportionate loss of sale value of land. Even the lease amounts in unsettled villages are considered high and the tenants are able to pay them only with their earnings in Rangoon.

The Court granted remissions in faslis 1345 and 1346 on a liberal scale. A sum of 4 annas in the rupee was also ordered to be written off the accounts relating to fasli 1341-1345 provided the balance is paid. In spite of all these concessions the ryots still plead inability to pay the arrears of rent. The Estate Collector is making a personal investigation into the condition of the ryots and the Court has asked him to submit a report in the matter.

Quinquennial statement showing the condition of tenants in the estates under the Court's management—cont.

Average rate of rent per acre.		Wet.	Garden.	Dry.	To what extent indebtedness prevails among the tenants.	Increase in the extent of rent-paying lands owing to improvements to irrigation works or resumption of inams.	General remarks as to the condition of the tenants.
(1)	(2)						
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	(5)	(6)	(7)
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Kurupam Estate.							
Suits were filed and decrees obtained for recovery of rents and debts. Action under Estates Land Act was resorted to where necessary. The ryots are generally poor and 90 per cent are indebted and more than 50 per cent of their landed property can be said to be encumbered. Irrigation sources are precarious. Rupees 38,596 were spent on maramat works. Crops were fair except in fasli 1345 when there was total failure of crops in the estate villages. Reduction of rents was proposed in some villages where the state of rent is abnormally high and where there are arrears. This proposal is under the Court's consideration. The demand was increased by the following amounts on account of assignment of lands, resumption of inams and enhancements during the quinquennium in the three sections:— Rs. 4,492 Assignments. " 3,918 Resumption and enhancement of Kattubadi. " 265 Encroachments. " 8,675							
1. The condition of the tenants is not on the whole satisfactory during this period. There was failure of crops during the quinquennium especially in fasli 1345. Staple food-crops as well as commercial crops have not been commanding good prices. 2. The liabilities of the estate at the beginning of the quinquennium were Rs. 2,92,718-5-7 and those at the end of the quinquennium i.e., at the end of fasli 1346 were Rupees 80,577-0-9. Other particulars of debt due by the estate were given in the administration report. Portions of debt struck off on terms of compromise during the quinquennium came to Rs. 1,122-10-11. 3. The question of survey and settlement of the estate was dropped in C.P. No. 205, Mis., dated 6th May 1930, for want of funds.							

VIZAGAPATAM AND EAST GODAVARI DISTRICTS.

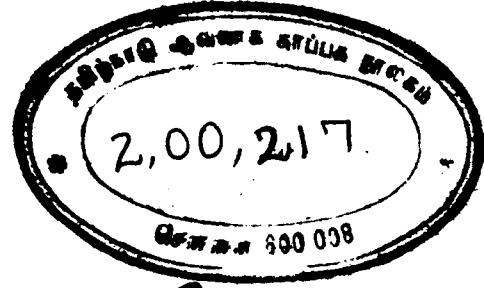
Vizianagram Estate.

Fasli.	Number of cases.			Civil suit.
	Sec- tion 78.	Sec- tion 112.	Rent suit.	
1342	3	64	1,249	438
1343	1	258	897	431
1344	8	32	1,562	394
1345	14	126	1,448	492
1346	44	49	2,027	542
Total	70	529	7,183	2,297

Rs. 2,960.

This is impossible to estimate. Certainly in-debtedness prevails to a large extent as in other parts of India.

Relations between the estate and tenants under the present administration are entirely satisfactory. There is no definite information with regard to the extent to which occupancy ryots are alienating their lands and the class of persons into whose hands the lands are passing. There is alienation to a considerable extent, but the lands are mostly passing from one tenant to another. Where the amounts of debts involved are large, lands are passing into the hands of merchants and other money-lenders. No information is available regarding the rates of assessment of the adjoining ryotwari-lands.



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Quinquennial statement showing the condition of tenants in the estates under the Court's management—cont.

Average rate of rent per acre.			Extent to which coercive processes were resorted to for recovery of rent.	To what extent indebtedness prevails among the tenants.	Increase in the extent of rent-paying lands owing to improvements to irrigation works or resumption of Inama.	General remarks as to the condition of the tenants.
Dry.	Wet.	Garden.				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

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KIRYA DISTRICT.
South Valluru Estate Part I.

Fasli.		Distracts.		Indebtedness prevails to a large extent among the tenants.	The increase is due to the revision of classification in supplemental survey.	The relations between the estate and the tenants are amicable. Owing to the fall of prices, the economic condition of the average tenant is not encouraging.
Section	Section	78.	112.			
1342	1342	..	168	These are in the increase owing to the general depression and to the absentee tenants who are residing outside the villages in which the lands are situated.		
1343	1343	..	160			
1344	1344	..	231			
1345	1345	..	233			
1346	1346	..	259			

A major portion of the wet rate for the extent of dry lies in the up-land vil-
lages. Hence the low rate.
Rs. 6 an acre and that for Koppakata is about Rs. 7 an acre. It is only Rs. 2 an acre in Vadlamannadu Tana which represents two-thirds of the wet extent in the whole estate. Although the lands are classed as wet, it practically represents the dry rate because the mamul wet privileges owned by the estate were exchanged with the Government by a proportionate reduction in the peahkash of the estate.

NORTH ASCOT DISTRICT.
Arni Estate.

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Movable.

Fasli.	Number.	Amount.	RS.	A.	P.
1342	24	453	3	8	
1343	20	241	5	5	
1344	6	123	14	5	
1345	27	863	8	4	
1346	9	569	0	4	
	86	2,251	0	2	
Immovable.					
1342	200	1,132	3	5	
1343	492	1,024	0	0	
1344	1,119	4,944	0	0	
1345	834	3,565	0	0	
1346	687	4,409	10	5	
	3,332	15,074	13	10	

The over indebtedness of the ryots is a problem to be faced.

Nil.

There has been a steady improvement all round in point of administration and affording other facilities. The ryots in the estate, as elsewhere were hit by the general economic depression. The Court has, however, afforded considerable relief to them by granting seasonal remissions to the extent of Rs. 24,452 during the quinquennium and by following a steady programme of repairs to irrigation works in the estate at considerable expenditure.

SALEM DISTRICT.
Bagalur Estate.

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Summary suits were filed for recovery of Rs. 262 from the tenants. Similarly civil suits for recovery of Rs. 476 were filed. Coercive processes were issued to the extent of Rs. 1,221. Sale proceedings have been delayed in the Court on account of the Amended Act I of 1908.

season and repay them after the grains are sold. Such indebtedness is general among the ryot populations in the estate villages.

Nil.

The ryots on the whole pay their rents with the exception of few habitual defaulters. No undue pressure is put on them except on defaulters against whom coercive proceedings are taken. The rates of rent in the estate are not much higher than those in the adjoining Government tracts and the condition of the tenants is as good as that of the ryots of the adjoining villages. There are irrigation sources in almost all the villages in the estate and assignments are also made to the poor and deserving ryots on payment of nazarana and at times if there be any keen competition for the lands, they will be sold in public auction also according to the circumstances of the ryots' demand since fasli 1346. The estate has been surveyed in 1903 and survey accounts have been issued and are in force in all the villages. Seasonal conditions are improving.

Quinquennial statement showing the condition of tenants in the estates under the Court's management—*cont.*

Average rate of rent per acre.			
Dry.	Wet.	Garden.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	

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COMBATORE DISTRICT. *Porvipalayam Estate.*

... { Same as in the case of the ryots of the adjoining Government villages.

TRICHINOPOLY DISTRICT. *Marungapuri Estate.*

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Due to failure of seasonal rains there were no good crops especially in the last two years and so attachment of movables could not be freely resorted to. Consequently there was slight increase under attachment of lands under section 112 of the Estates Land Act. Much difficulty was not however experienced in the realization of rents.

Much attention is being paid to the upkeep of the several irrigation works in the estate. But no material improvement to increase the extent of rent paying lands could be made for want of funds.

The condition of the tenants has not been encouraging. It is growing worse. Failure of seasonal rains and fall in the price of food-stuffs account for the above condition of the tenants.

Nil. Nil. Nil.

Kudarpalli Estate.

(This is a ryotwari estate.)

KANNAD DISTRICT.

Rannad Estate.

NOTE.—The information regarding the condition of the tenants in this estate will be furnished separately.

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On eight persons for sale of 18 acres 24 cents of land in Revenue sale.

TIRNEVELLY DISTRICT. *Kadambar Estate.*

The general economic depression and the vicissitudes of season have affected the prosperity of the tenants. Most of the Kammar inhabitants of Parambukottai with the exception of a few families and the Marava inhabitants of Kappulingampatti are consequently much indebted. The ryots of other villages may be said to be fairly well off.

The estate is inhabited mostly by Nadars, Kammaravars, Naicks and Maravas. Trade is the main occupation of the Nadars and agriculture is only their secondary occupation. Though their income from trade has decreased owing to the economic depression, they still maintain their status which they acquired during the Great war. The Kammar Naicks who form the bulk of the population of this estate are generally very hard working. They are good agriculturists. They are conservative by nature and follow the old method. They have invested in lands what they have gained through good prices of cotton, etc., during the war time.

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The estate was taken under management towards the end of fasli 1345. No arrears are due to the estate for fasli 1345 or earlier. For the arrears of fasli 1346, no coercive processes have yet been started.

Nil.

The assumption of the estate by the Court being very recent, it is too early to gauge the degree of indebtedness prevailing among the ryots. The village officers state that encumbrances and sales are not infrequently met with.

The rents prevailing in the estate though in several cases comparatively heavier than the rates prevailing in the adjacent Government village's cannot be said to be too heavy warranting any general revision of rent. Further, the newly enacted Section 39-A of Madras Act I of 1908 affords relief against the fall in prices. On the whole the condition of the tenants in the estate can be said to be fair.

Increase in the extent of rent-paying lands owing to improvements to irrigation works or resumption of inams.

General remarks as to the condition of the tenants.

Fair.

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