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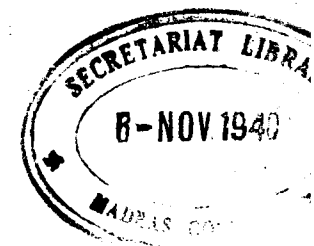
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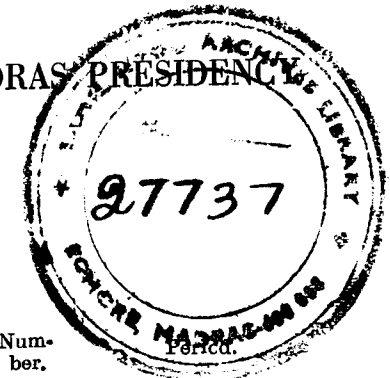
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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

I.—GENERAL.

1. *Courts.*—The permanent civil judicial staff employed in the Presidency on 31st December 1939 consisted of—

14 High Court Judges,

1 Chief Judge and 2 Judges of the Court of Small Causes, Madras,

1 Judge of the City Civil Court,

26 District Judges (including one permanent additional),

2 Agents to the Provincial Government in the Agency Tracts,

33 Subordinate Judges (including 1 permanent additional),

6 Special Assistant Agents in the Agency Tracts,

1 Revenue Officer (Deputy Collector, Cochin) who exercised the powers of a Subordinate Judge,

139 District Munsifs (including 5 permanent additional),

12 Agency Munsifs, and

4 Revenue Officers exercising the powers of District Munsifs.

In addition 79 Revenue Officers tried revenue suits and 6,562 Village Munsifs and 4,265 Panchayat Courts tried civil suits.

The following permanent courts were abolished :—

Special Small Cause Court, Trichinopoly, from 15th January,

Court of the Subordinate Judge, Chingleput, from 1st April, and

Court of the Additional District Munsif, Cuddalore, from 1st June.

The following statement shows the number of temporary appointments sanctioned for subordinate courts during the year :—

District.	Num-ber.	Period.
(1) <i>City Civil Court, Additional Judge.</i>		
Madras	1	Throughout the year.

District.

Num-ber.

(2) *Subordinate Judges.*

Bellary	1	From 1st January to 2nd July.
Godavari, East ..	1	From 19th June to 31st December.
Guntur	1	Throughout the year.
Kanara, South ..	1	From 12th June to 31st December.
Kurnool	1	From 1st January to 23rd April.
Malabar, South ..	1	Throughout the year.
Nellore	1	Do.
Ramnad	1	From 1st January to 14th January.
Vizagapatam ..	1	Throughout the year.

(3) *District Munsifs.*

Coimbatore	1	From 24th March to 31st December.
Guntur	3	One throughout the year and two from 19th June to 31st December.
Kanara, South ..	1	From 12th June to 11th December.
Madura	1	From 25th March to 31st December.
Malabar, South ..	1	From 3rd January to 5th November.

Mr. G. Venkateswara Ayyar, I.C.S., and Mr. W. W. Georgeson, I.C.S., completed their periods of judicial training on 3rd July 1939. Mr. P. S. Viswanatha Ayyar, I.C.S., and Mr. K. Srinivasan, I.C.S., began their training on 24th March 1939 as Principal District Munsif, Coimbatore, and Additional District Munsif, Madura Town, respectively.

2. *Number of suits.*—The total number of suits instituted in all the courts was 461,465 (402,923)—one suit for every 96 (109) persons of the population of the Province, 39 (42) in the Presidency town and 98 (112) in the mufassal. There was an increase of 44,308 suits in the revenue courts, 7,214 in the mufassal civil courts, 5,620 in the village and panchayat courts and 2,046 in the City Civil Court, Madras, while in the Presidency Court of Small Causes there was a slight fall of 648 suits. The increase was noticeable in all the districts except South Arcot, Coimbatore, Salem and Tinnevely. It was most marked in Chittoor and Vizagapatam in rent suits under the Madras Estates Land Act.

* Figures for the previous year are shown in brackets after the figures for 1939.

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3. *Nature of suits.*—Of the 406,471 (392,237) suits instituted in all the Courts except the revenue courts, 359,549 (350,780)—88.5 per cent (89.4 per cent)—were for money or movable property, 16,145 (16,129) for immovable property, 3,105 (3,561) for specific relief and 25,623 (19,864) on mortgages.

4. *Value of suits.*—In 448 (556) suits the value could not be estimated in money. 31.53 per cent (30.31) were of the value not exceeding Rs. 20; 29.80 per cent (30.49) were between Rs. 21 and Rs. 50; 33.71 per cent (33.98) were between Rs. 51 and Rs. 500; and 4.85 per cent (5.08) above Rs. 500.

5. *Number of appeals.*—The total number of appeals, excluding those from decisions of a single Judge of the High Court under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent, was 14,354 (14,210) the average for the quinquennium ending with 1937 being 12,608.

II.—COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

6. *Village munsifs' courts.*—The number of suits instituted rose to 58,522 (56,120). The increase was above 1,000 in East Godavari and North Malabar. There was a fall of over 1,000 in South Arcot. 58,226 (57,004) suits were disposed of and 7,610 (7,300) suits were pending.

7. *Village panchayat courts.*—There was a further rise in the number of suits instituted, 152,211 (148,993). 152,375 (147,698) suits were disposed of and 36,703 (36,898) were pending.

Under section 20-A of the Village Courts Act, the District Munsifs transferred 511 (624) suits from their files to the village and panchayat courts.

8. *Revenue courts (excluding the Agency Tracts).*—There was an unprecedented rise in the institution of this class of suits, the number being 54,348 as against 10,558 in the previous year. All the districts except Guntur show a large increase in the number of suits instituted; Chittoor, Vizagapatam and Chingleput account for an increase of 12,718, 9,315 and 4,670, respectively. This sudden increase may be ascribed to the filing of rent suits which were held up till 30th September 1939, by section 15 (2) of the Madras Agriculturists' Relief Act, 1938.

In the disposal also there was a corresponding increase. 42,674 (12,312) suits were disposed of leaving 20,460 (8,009) suits, of which 12,261 (4,823) were over three months old, pending at the end of the year. The average duration of suits disposed of after full trial was 287 (239) days.

9. *Agency courts.*—In the civil and revenue courts in the Agency tracts 1,079 (578) suits were filed and 657 (500) suits

were disposed of. The arrears at the close of the year rose to 790 (336). The average duration of suits disposed of after full trial was 418 (261) days.

10. *District munsifs' courts (excluding the Agency Tracts).*—(a) *Original suits.*—The institution rose from 62,970 in 1938 to 65,098. The increase was largest in Malabar, North and South, where the decrease was the largest in the previous year. This is attributed mainly to the landlords going to court with suits against tenants for rent as soon as the Madras Agriculturists' Relief Act had worked itself out in respect of rent on 30th September 1939 and the tendency on their part to file suits immediately after the rent accrues due.

Of the 112,434 (107,291) suits for disposal, 67,683 (62,993) were disposed of and 44,751 (44,298) were pending, of which 9,235 (9,005) were over one year old. The average duration of the 26,162 (24,776) suits disposed of after full trial was 341 (338) days.

(b) *Small cause suits.*—The number of small cause suits filed in District Munsifs' Courts showed a further increase due to the abolition of the Special Small Cause Court, Trichinopoly, and the exercise of extended small cause powers up to Rs. 300 by a greater number of district munsifs. The total institution was 103,173 (94,330) and the total disposal 101,195 (87,436) of which 19,581 (16,065) were after full trial with an average duration of 159 (141) days. The number of suits pending at the end of the year was 25,421 (23,764) of which 10,828 (7,462) were more than three months old. 118 (110) district munsifs' courts were presided over for the whole or a major portion of the year by district munsifs invested with extended small cause powers up to Rs. 300.

11. *Special Small Cause Court.*—The Special Small Cause Court, Trichinopoly, the only court of the kind, was abolished from 15th January 1939.

12. *Subordinate judges' courts (excluding the Agency Tracts).*—(a) *Original suits.*—In these courts, unlike the district munsifs' courts, the institution has continued to fall. Only 2,120 (2,293) original suits were instituted. 2,613 (2,814) were disposed of, of which 1,556 (1,662) were after full trial and their average duration was 481 (482) days. It exceeded 800 days in Kumbakonam and 700 days in Cocanada and Nellore. The high average duration is explained to be due to the disposal of old suits. The arrears were reduced to 2,617 (2,905) as also in suits over one year old, 1,036 (1,201).

(b) *Small cause suits.*—In this class also the institution showed a further fall

from 7,943 to 7,711. Including 3,064 suits pending from the previous year and 383 received by transfer or on remand there were 11,158 suits for disposal. Of these, 7,995 (7,803) suits were disposed of; and the arrears rose to 3,163 (3,064), of which 1,911 (1,457) were over three months old. The average duration of the 2,177 (1,905) suits disposed of after full trial was 228 (215) days.

As in the previous year, the Madras Agriculturists' Relief Act has thrown a good deal of additional work on all the courts. 56,359 (69,167) petitions under that Act were disposed of.

13. *District courts (excluding the Agency Tracts).*—During the year 390 (311) suits were instituted and 311 (275) suits were disposed of. Of these, 176 (137) were disposed of after full trial and their average duration was 542 (480) days. The number of suits pending at the end of the year was 662 (482), of which 252 (211) were over one year old.

District Judges were able to devote to civil work 115 (112) days on the average and most of these days were occupied in civil appellate and miscellaneous work.

14. *The Madras City Civil Court.*—In this court the institution and disposal during the year were nearly double that in the previous year. The number of suits filed was 3,892 (1,846) and the number disposed of was 3,451 (1,785) leaving 1,541 (1,057) pending. Of these, 469 (362) were more than one year old. 446 (470) suits were disposed of after full trial and their average duration was 397 (398) days. The rise in institution is attributed to the filing by the Corporation of Madras of 2,970 (896) suits to recover arrears of taxes.

15. *The Court of Small Causes, Madras.*—The number of suits instituted was 12,507 (13,155) the average for the quinquennium ending with 1937 being 17,223. The fall is said to be partly due to the amendments made to the rules relating to arrest of judgment-debtors and attachment of their salaries, the new rules imposing greater restrictions on the exercise of these rights by decree-holders and partly to economic conditions. The number disposed of was 12,477 (13,990) suits inclusive of 1,332 (1,745) after full trial and 1,917 (1,717) were pending. The average duration of the full trial suits was 105 (90) days. There were 1,942 (1,622) applications for recovery of rent by distress under Chapter VIII of the Presidency Small Cause Courts Act. The number of rent suits filed in the year was 1,045 (1,189).

16. *The High Court.*—(a) *Original suits.*—On the Original Side of the High Court 307

(305) suits were instituted during the year and the total number of suits for disposal was 834 (853). 355 (337) suits were disposed of, leaving 479 (516) suits pending at the close of the year. Of the suits disposed of, 138 (122) were after full trial and their average duration was 876 (1,222) days. The Master disposed of 65 (69) suits and settled issues in 125 (108) suits.

(b) *Interlocutory applications.*—The number of interlocutory applications disposed of was 3,173 (2,981) of which 1,631 (1,738) were by the Master.

(c) *References under section 66 of the Indian Income-tax Act XI of 1922.*—At the commencement of the year, 15 (12) references were pending and 14 (19) fresh references were made to the High Court during the year. Of these, 12 (15) were disposed of by a Bench of three Judges sitting on the Original Side for five days. 17 (15) remained pending at the close of the year.

(d) *Petitions under the Indian Colonial and Divorce Jurisdiction Act.*—The only petition pending from the previous year was disposed of and none was filed during the year.

(e) Six applications for leave to appeal to the Privy Council and one application for a writ of certiorari were also disposed of.

17. *Insolvency petitions.*—(a) *Mufassal courts.*—The decline in the institution of insolvency petitions noticed since the amendment to the Code of Civil Procedure relating to the arrest of judgment-debtors continued and the constitution of Debt Conciliation Boards has further contributed to the reduction.

The number of insolvency petitions filed under Section 7 of the Provincial Insolvency Act V of 1920 was 1,017 (1,155). Including those pending from the previous year, there were 1,756 (2,221) petitions for disposal. Of these, 367 (515) were either withdrawn or not prosecuted, 732 (938) were allowed, 77 (117) rejected and 580 (651) were pending. 378 (584) insolvents were discharged under section 41 of the Act. The amount of creditors' claims admitted was Rs. 86,22,694 (Rs. 79,46,457) and the amount of assets distributed was Rs. 12,68,720 (Rs. 13,11,462).

(b) *The High Court.*—Under the Presidency Towns Insolvency Act, 238 (321) petitions were filed in the High Court and 528 (364) were finally disposed of. The insolvents were discharged in 154 (199) cases, the order of adjudication was annulled in 56 (151) cases and 20 (14) petitions were either dismissed or withdrawn. The number of petitions pending at the end of the year was 4,983 (5,269). Besides these, 2,276 (3,092) applications of a miscellaneous character

were also disposed of, 379 (435)—including 40 in the nature of suits—by the Judges and the remaining 1,897 (2,657) by the Master. During the year 248 (352) persons were adjudged insolvents and 173 (225) persons were discharged. Claims amounting to Rs. 18,09,758 (Rs. 18,72,780) were admitted and a sum of Rs. 4,23,528 (Rs. 4,57,567) was paid as dividends to creditors. The number of summonses under sections 7 and 36 of the Presidency Towns Insolvency Act pending at the end of the year was 1,970 (1,993).

III.—APPELLATE COURTS.

18. *Agency courts.*—The number of regular appeals filed in the courts of the Agents and Assistant Agents was 37 (44). 31 (23) appeals were disposed of and 34 (27) were pending at the close of the year. There was no miscellaneous appeal.

19. *District and Subordinate Judges' courts (excluding the Agency Tracts).*—(a) *Regular appeals.*—Including 10,088 (9,595) appeals instituted during the year, there were 20,793 (18,858) appeals for disposal. Of these, 8,842 (8,258) were disposed of—4,870 (3,936) by District Judges and 3,972 (4,322) by the Subordinate Judges. The following statement shows the number of appeals pending in the several classes of courts and the average duration of appeals other than those not prosecuted or dismissed for default.

Court.	Pending.		Average duration in days.
	Total.	More than six months.	
District Judges	7,281 (6,666)	3,684 (2,719)	301 (322)
Subordinate Judges.	4,670 (3,934)	2,994 (2,448)	317 (312)
Total ..	11,951 (10,600)	6,678 (5,167)	..

(b) *Miscellaneous appeals.*—1,822 (1,814) miscellaneous appeals were instituted, 1,828 (2,213) disposed of and 1,221 (1,220) were pending at the close of the year.

20. *The High Court.*—The following table shows the several classes of appeals instituted, disposed of and pending in the High Court.

Appeals.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
From original decrees of mufassal courts.	343 (453)	495 (688)	1,137 (1,288)
From decrees passed on the Original Side of the High Court.	67 (84)	78 (76)	78 (89)
From decrees of the City Civil Court.	79 (68)	138 (54)	98 (157)
From appellate decrees of mufassal courts.	1,107 (1,239)	1,451 (1,668)	2,624 (2,068)
From orders of mufassal courts.	562 (661)	608 (717)	727 (768)
From appellate orders of mufassal courts.	249 (251)	234 (269)	389 (372)
Letters Patent Appeals.	76 (105)	155 (74)	61 (140)

The Master disposed of 45 (41) Court Fee References and 62 (53) Civil Miscellaneous Petitions on the Appellate Side, and the

Deputy Registrar disposed of 1,571 (1,622) Civil Miscellaneous Petitions.

21. *Appeals to Privy Council.*—15 (16) applications for leave to appeal to His Majesty in Council were pending from the previous year and 33 (31) new applications were filed during the year making a total of 48 (47) for disposal. Of these, 21 (21) were dismissed and 21 (10) allowed and the remaining 6 (15) were pending.

The number of Privy Council appeals pending preparation in the High Court at the commencement of the year was 8 (7) and 11 (9) were received during the year. Of these, 2 were withdrawn, the records of 11 (8) were transmitted to the Privy Council and 6 (8) were pending.

During the year 6 (6) appeals were disposed of by the Privy Council—3 were dismissed with costs, 1 allowed and 2 dismissed for non-prosecution.

Appeals to Federal Court.—Four applications for leave to appeal to the Federal Court were filed. In one application leave was granted and the other three were pending.

IV.—REVISION AND REFERENCES.

22. *Revision.*—The number of revision petitions filed in the High Court was 2,665 (1,764) of which 1,012 (649) were against decisions in small cause suits. The number of petitions disposed of was 2,100 (1,377), 84 per cent by dismissal. At the end of the year 3,071 (2,223) petitions were pending.

23. *References.*—During the year 11 (10) references from the lower courts (2 under section 113 of the Civil Procedure Code and 9 under the Indian Divorce Act) were received and 9 were pending from the previous year. Of these 20 (14) cases for disposal, 13 (5) were disposed of and 7 (9) were pending. The particulars of cases disposed of were as follows:—

- 8 under the Indian Divorce Act (IV of 1869),
- 4 under the Madras Agriculturists' Relief Act (IV of 1938) and
- 1 under the Indian Stamp Act (II of 1899).

V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

24. *Execution proceedings.*—(a) *Mufassal courts.*—The number of applications for execution filed in all the courts in the mufassal (except village and panchayat courts) rose to 262,805 (234,676), the average for the quinquennium ending with 1937 being 358,761. During the year, 253,764 (247,076) applications were disposed of, and 77,749 (66,925) were left pending. Full satisfaction was obtained in 28,928

(25,110) or 11.48 (10.20) per cent and part satisfaction in 28,339 (29,798) or 11.25 (12.11) per cent of the applications disposed of. 194,743 (191,216) applications or 77.27 (77.69) per cent were wholly infructuous. The amount realized in execution was Rs. 1,15,30,293 (Rs. 1,31,51,258). 579 (567) judgment-debtors were imprisoned.

(b) *Courts in the Presidency Town.*—In the City Civil Court, the Presidency Court of Small Causes and the High Court 14,172 (15,821) applications were filed. 13,924 (15,801) applications were disposed of and the arrears at the close of the year were 1,316 (1,064). Full satisfaction was obtained in 1,423 (1,842) or 10.32 (11.75) per cent and part satisfaction in 905 (1,064) or 6.56 (6.78) per cent of the applications disposed of. 11,466 (12,776) applications were wholly infructuous. The amount realized in execution was Rs. 5,57,658 (Rs. 6,70,739) and the number of judgment-debtors imprisoned was 20 (13).

25. *Miscellaneous cases.*—Under this head in all the courts, except the High Court, 620,508 (662,594) cases were filed, 633,356 (643,407) were disposed of and 73,359 (84,888) were pending.

26. *Legal practitioners.*—249 (211) Advocates were enrolled during the year and a sum of Rs. 1,54,375 (Rs. 1,30,625) was

realized on account of fees: sanads of 3,734 (3,835) first grade pleaders and 334 (373) second grade pleaders were renewed and this yielded a revenue of Rs. 98,262 (Rs. 1,01,420).

27. *Inventories of valuable stock.*—The District Judges report that inventories of office furniture and other stores are duly kept and checked in all the courts. 220

28. *Inspection of village courts' records.*—Out of 10,827 (10,719) village and panchayat courts which tried cases, the records of only 8,064 (7,502) courts were inspected by the District Munsifs. A large number of village munsifs and presidents of panchayat Courts did not produce their records for inspection. It is hoped that the arrangements notified in G.O. Ms. No. 1830, Home, dated 19th April 1940, will have the desired effect.

29. *Inspection of courts.*—All the subordinate courts were inspected by the District Judges in the year.

30. *The Court-fee Examiners of the High Court* inspected 122 (115) courts during the year and deficits amounting to Rs. 1,00,226 (Rs. 1,05,504) were pointed out by them. The amount of deficit court-fees collected during the year was Rs. 21,766 (Rs. 24,175).

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, MADRAS,
Dated 14th September 1940.

D. APPA RAO,
Registrar.

IMPERIAL STATEMENTS.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 1 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the number of Judicial divisions and the number of officers exercising appellate or original jurisdiction in the Province of Madras on the last day of the year 1939.

Province of Madras. (1)	Judges of Chief Court * of Province. (2)	Civil.				Criminal.						
		Number of districts. (3)	District Judges. † (4)	Other Judges. ‡		Number of Sessions divisions. (7)	Number of districts. (8)	Sessions Judges. § (9)	Other Judges. (10)	District Magistrates. ¶ (11)	Other Magistrates. **	
				Stipendiary. (5)	Honorary. (6)						Stipendiary. (12)	Honorary. (13)
Territory subject to the High Court.	14	25	(a) 29	(b) 212	10,827	27	24	(c) 29	(d) 34	31	(e) 628	4,774

Province of Madras. (1)	Number of cases decided.								Remarks. (22)
	Civil.				Criminal.				
	Original.		Appellate.		Original.		Appellate.		
	Regular. (14)	Miscellaneous. (15)	Regular. (16)	Miscellaneous. (17)	Regular. (18)	Miscellaneous. (19)	Regular. (20)	Miscellaneous. (21)	
Territory subject to the High Court.	450,086	905,921	11,616	2,239	596,784	8,294	7,788	(f) 2,499	(a) 28 do both civil and criminal work. (b) 57 do. (c) 28 do. (d) All do both civil and criminal work. (e) 23 do both civil and criminal work. (f) These are cases of Revision under the Code of Criminal Procedure.

* High Court Judges.

† Includes Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes, Madras, one Additional District and Sessions Judge, and two Agency Judges.

‡ Includes presiding officers of all other Civil Courts, including Small Cause Courts, Agency Subordinate Judges and District Munsifs; in the case of Panchayat Courts, the number of Courts are shown.

§ Includes 3 Agency Sessions Judges.

|| Assistant Sessions Judges.

¶ Includes 6 Additional District Magistrates and the Chief Presidency Magistrate.

** In the case of Benches the number of Benches are shown.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 1 (CIVIL)—SUPPLEMENT.

Statement showing the number of European and Indian Judicial officers of each grade exercising appellate or original jurisdiction in the Province of Madras for the year 1939.

Tribunals.	Original powers.			Appeal powers.			Grand total.		
	European.	Indian (including Anglo-Indian).	Total.	European.	Indian (including Anglo-Indian).	Total.	European.	Indian (including Anglo-Indian).	Total.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
High Court Judges ...	7	7	14	7	7	14	7	7	14
City Civil Court Judges ...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	2 (a)
Presidency Small Cause Court Judges ...	...	8	8	...	...	...	...	8	8
District Judges ...	5	21	26	5	21	26	5	21	26 (b)
Subordinate Judges ...	...	38	38	...	37	37	...	38	38 (c)
District Munsifs ...	...	144	144	...	...	...	...	144	144 (d)
Total ...	12	215	227	12	65	77	12	215	227

(a) Includes one temporary Additional Judge who worked throughout the year.

(b) Besides these, the Agents to the Provincial Government, East Godavari and Vizagapatam exercised the powers of District Judges in the Agency Tracts.

(c) Includes one Revenue Officer (Deputy Collector, Cochin) and 4 temporary Subordinate Judges who worked throughout the year. Besides these, 5 temporary Subordinate Judges worked for a portion of the year; and 6 special Assistant Agents exercised the powers of Subordinate Judges in the Agency Tracts.

(d) Includes 4 Revenue Officers and one temporary Additional District Munsif who worked throughout the year. Besides these, 6 temporary Additional District Munsifs worked for a portion of the year; and 12 Revenue Officers exercised the powers of District Munsifs in the Agency Tracts.

STATISTICS OF CIVIL COURTS, 1939

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 7 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the number and description of civil suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Province of Madras in the year 1939.

Class of tribunals.	Suits under the rent-law.							Title and other suits.							Total.	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)		(15)
		Suits for money or movable property.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	For penalties or damages or compensation for wrongful act on the part of landlord or tenant.	For ejectment or recovery of possession alone.	All other suits under rent-law.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for specific relief.	Suits to establish a right of pre-emption.	Mortgage suits.	Suits relating to religious and other endowments.	Matrimonial suits.	Testamentary suits.	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
Village and Panchayat Courts	...	210,733	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	210,733
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals	...	126,988	...	...	...	...	...	15,270	2,856	1	21,884	32	80	...	1,509	168,420
Small Cause Court (Special) *	...	107	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	14	2	5	75	107
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	...	8,585	...	...	...	...	...	565	122	...	55½	59	5	...	29	9,913
Chief Courts of Districts	...	135	...	...	...	...	...	86	8	...	65	59	5	...	...	892
Total	...	135,795	8	...	...	...	...	15,921	2,986	4	22,503	105	87	10	1,613	179,032
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	12,507	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,507
The City Civil Court	...	401	...	...	...	...	...	213	115	...	3,088	10	54	...	11	3,892
Superior Court	...	113	...	...	...	...	...	11	4	...	32	5	11	14	117	307
Total	...	13,021	...	...	...	...	...	224	119	...	3,120	15	65	14	128	16,706

N.B.—This statement does not include figures for Revenue Courts.

* Abolished from 15th January 1939.

STATISTICS OF CIVIL COURTS, 1939

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 8 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the number and value of suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Province of Madras in the year 1939.

Class of tribunals.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.											Total value of suits.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	
		Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits, the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	(12)
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.												
Village and Panchayat Courts	...	...	...	...	...	557	...	...	...	...	...	Rs. ...
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals	...	5,414	6,564	22,089	48,990	71,966	7,262	6,003	...	...	302	3,48,58,326
Small Cause Court. (Special)*	...	1	5	26	24	43	8	...	...	...	...	16,811
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	...	28	49	131	577	4,824	2,335	1,057	...	...	30	2,08,24,974
Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	...	1	4	...	1	172	104	51	59	28,79,009
Total	...	5,473	6,618	22,247	49,595	76,838	9,606	7,232	685	352	391	5,83,79,120
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.												
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	857	1,324	2,766	2,414	4,089	727	340	...	...	...	21,88,091
The City Civil Court	...	233	298	1,024	821	987	126	380	...	...	13	18,09,092
Superior Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	128	120	44	39,98,133
Total	...	1,090	1,622	3,790	3,235	5,066	853	735	128	120	57	74,75,316

N.B.—This statement does not include figures for Revenue Courts.

* Abolished from 15th January 1939.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of civil and revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Province of Madras in the year 1939.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Courts.	Number of suits before the Courts.						Number of suits disposed of														Pending at the close of the year.	Pending for more than a year.	Remarks.						
	Number of suits before the Courts.						Without trial.								Ex parte.		On admis- sion of claim.		Compro- mised.					After full trial.		On reference to arbitra- tion.		By transfer.	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)				(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	
	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year.	Revised during the year.	Otherwise received.	Total.	Under O. I. X. r. 3 and O. I. X. r. 8, C.P.C., where defendant does not admit claim.	Otherwise.	Average duration.	Number.	Average duration.	Number.	Average duration.	Number.	Average duration.	Judgment for plaintiff.	Judgment for defendant.	Average duration.	Number.	Average duration.	Number.	Average duration.	Number.	Average duration.	Number.	Average duration.	Number.			
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																													
Revenue Courts	8,091	54,994	753	134	63,972	263	4,885,138	32,346	105	1,908	93	583,185	2,348	639	288	2	107	109	162	20,895	3,838	20,895	3,838						
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals	68,213	168,620	2,770	4,287	243,890	4,019	21,489,153	67,665	89	18,440	98	11,588,223	39,140	6,675	2	79	448	4,319	141	70,384	10,008	70,384	10,008						
Small Cause Court (Special)*	578	107		1	686	...	10 25	38	42	11	44	6 67	5	2			...	612	52	...	...	...	...						
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	6,073	9,913	156	974	17,116	118	1,243,215	3,265	99	1,432,110	110	845,299	3,165	581	334	28	597	533	216	5,911	1,459	5,911	1,459						
Chief Courts of Districts	482	392	6	166	1,046	6	32,439	25	265	16,247	16,247	54,465	128	48	542	2	722	71	414	664	252	664	252						
Total ...	83,437	234,036	3,685	5,562	326,710	4,401	27,609	103,389	...	21,801	...	13,078	44,786	7,926	...	212	...	5,654	...	97,864	15,057	97,864	15,057						
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESI- DENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																													
Presidency Small Cause Court.	1,717	12,507	143	31	14,398	53	270,110	5,004	63	3,895	49	1,923	56	1,087	245	105	...	4	170	1,917	4	1,917	4						
The City Civil Court	1,057	3,892	39	6	4,994	43	614,169	1,154	87	1,043	83	151,353	348	96	397	...	...	2	235	1,541	469	1,541	469						
Superior Court	516	307	7	4	834	...	48,640	64	169	...	...	105,744	108	30	876	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
Total ...	3,290	16,706	189	41	20,226	96	932	6,222	...	4,938	...	2,179	...	1,543	373	...	...	6	...	3,937	734	3,937	734						
Grand total ...	86,727	250,732	3,874	5,603	346,936	4,497	28,541	109,611	...	26,739	...	15,257	46,829	8,299	...	212	...	5,650	...	101,801	15,791	101,801	15,791						

* Abolished from 15th January 1939.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9 (CIVIL)—concl'd.

Statement showing the general result of the trial of civil and revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Province of Madras in the year 1939—concl'd.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES (JUDICIAL).

Class of Courts.	Number of cases before the Courts.				Number of cases disposed of										Remarks.									
	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year.	Heived during the year.	Otherwise received.	Total.	Without trial.		Ex parte.		On admis- sion of claim.		Compro- mised.		After full trial.		On reference to arbitra- tion.		By transfer.						
						Under O. IX, r. 8 and O. IX, r. 8, O.P.O., where defendant does not admit claim.	Otherwise.	Number.	Average duration.	Number.	Average duration.	Number.	Average duration.	Number.		Average duration.	Number.	Average duration.	Number.	Average duration.	Number.	Average duration.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
Revenue Courts	12,340	31,176	39	17	43,572	298	24,249	60	1,760	71	1,394	57	1,480	90	966	365	122	18	153	2	16	13,040	1,435	
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals.	53,933	473,331	880	969	531,713	7,741	278,004	18	64,456	53	76,141	34	2,807	95	38,365	18,350	104	2	240	665	93	44,182	2,783	
Small Cause Court (Special). †	309	117	...	...	426	1	60	9	5	64	5	27	...	...	2	1	41	...	...	352	59	...	...	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	12,454	71,026	250	717	84,447	529	40,993	29	6,992	71	11,253	44	502	187	8,568	5,004	146	6	173	548	64	10,054	1,616	
Chief Courts of Districts	4,591	23,068	138	359	28,156	175	13,173	35	1,635	87	2,142	57	207	210	3,279	2,322	180	...	...	492	135	4,741	859	
Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	83,627	601,318	1,307	2,062	688,314	8,744	356,479	...	74,888	...	90,935	...	4,996	...	52,178	26,042	...	26	...	2,059	...	72,017	6,893	
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESID- DENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																								
Presidency Small Cause Court *	915	14,225	...	...	15,140	156	1,198	51	8,058	3	503	34	68	52	2,968	1,276	42	...	...	...	...	915	63	
The City Civil Court	346	4,965	11	...	5,322	...	1,726	4	582	44	851	25	...	...	955	779	63	...	...	2	13	427	24	
Superior Court	† 8,173	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total (excluding Superior Court)	1,261	19,190	11	...	20,462	156	2,932	...	8,640	...	1,354	...	68	...	3,923	2,055	...	...	...	2	...	1,342	87	
Grand total	84,888	620,508	1,318	2,062	708,776	8,900	369,401	...	83,478	...	92,289	...	5,064	...	53,101	28,097	...	26	...	2,061	...	73,859	6,780	

* Includes Full Bench applications.

† The total number disposed of.

‡ Abolished from 15th January 1939.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10 (CIVIL).
Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Province of Madras in the year 1939.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

Class of Courts.	Number of appeals before the Courts.				Number of appeals disposed of												Remarks.
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	By transfer.		(15)	(16)	
					Number.	Average duration.	Number.						Average duration.				
(1)	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year.	Otherwise received.	Total.	Number.	Average duration.	Dismissed or not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded for retrial.	Average duration of appeals in Columns (8), (9) and (11).	Number.	Average duration.	Pending at the close of the year.	Pending for more than a year.	
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
Appeals from Original Decrees.																	
Small Cause Court (Special)*	134	2,070	3,077	8,978	345	301	2,014	605	730	293	317	289	263	4,697	1,741	...	
District Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	8,826	8,055	351	15,083	672	287	2,352	612	743	507	301	2,909	253	7,248	1,882	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	6,677	10,125	3,428	24,180	1,017	...	4,366	1,217	1,473	800	...	3,322	...	11,965	8,628	...	
Total	10,627	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																	
Chief Court of Province.																	
Appeals from Original Decrees.	1,761	597	...	2,358	148	437	384	130	119	44	1,092	...	...	1,533	1,026	...	
From decisions in the interior	89	67	...	156	20	405	38	7	10	3	488	...	...	78	22	...	
From decisions on the original side	...	...	...	4,888	345	331	950	101	183	106	1,176	...	...	3,013	1,773	...	
Appeals from Decrees.	8,340	1,358	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
From decisions of a single Judge or Bench on appeal in Chief Court	140	76	...	216	43	252	64	4	45	...	488	...	...	61	17	...	
Total	5,330	2,098	...	7,428	555	...	1,456	242	357	153	...	...	...	4,685	2,838	...	
Grand total	15,957	12,223	3,428	31,608	1,572	...	5,802	1,459	1,830	953	...	...	3,322	16,670	6,461	...	

* Abolished from 15th January 1939.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10 (CIVIL)—concl'd.
Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Province of Madras in the year 1939—concl'd.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

Class of Courts.	Number of appeals before the Courts.				Number of appeals disposed of												Remarks.
	(2) Pending at the beginning of the year.	(3) Instituted during the year.	(4) Otherwise received.	(5) Total.	(6)		(7) Average duration.	(8) Confirmed.	(9) Modified.	(10) Reversed.	(11) Remanded for retrial.	(12) Average duration of appeals in Cols. 8, 9, 10 and 11.	By transfer.		(15) Pending at the close of the year.	(16) Pending for more than a year.	
					Number.	Dismissed or not prosecuted.							Number.	Average duration.			
(1)																	
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
Appeals from Original Orders.																	
Small Cause Court (Special)*	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
District Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	176	252	72	500	79	370	140	9	64	29	199	6	108	173	35	...	...
Chief Appellate Courts of the Districts	1,043	1,570	20	2,633	247	228	688	80	358	134	239	78	167	1,048	228	...	...
Total	1,220	1,822	92	3,134	326	...	828	89	422	163	...	85	...	1,231	263	...	...
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																	
Chief Court of Province.																	
Appeals from Original Orders	452	388	...	840	90	278	213	27	52	29	620	...	...	429	74	...	...
Appeals from Appellate Orders†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	452	388	...	840	90	...	213	27	52	29	...	...	...	429	74	...	...
Grand total	1,672	2,210	92	3,974	416	...	1,041	116	474	192	...	85	...	1,650	337	...	...

* Abolished from 15th January 1939.

† The figures are included in those for appeals from appellate decrees in Part I of this statement.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 11 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Province of Madras in the year 1939.

Class of Courts.	Applications disposed of				(7) Pending at the end of the year	(8) Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	(9) Amount realized.	On which the judgment-debtor				On which movable property		On which immovable property				On which possession was given		(19) On which specific performance was enforced.	(20) On which partition was effected.	(21) On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns.	
	(1)	(2) Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	(3) By transfer.	(4) Satisfaction obtained in full.				(5) Satisfaction obtained in part.	(6) Wholly infunctious.	(10) was imprisoned.	(11) On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	(12) On which movable property		(13) On which immovable property		(14) Was sold.	(15) Was dealt with under Order 21, Rule 83, Sch. 3, p. 2, and Section 72, Civil Procedure Code.	(16) Was attached, but subsequently released under Order 21, Rule 55, Civil Procedure Code.	(17) On which possession was given				
												(12) Was sold.	(13) Was attached, but subsequently released.	(17) Of movables.	(18) Of immovables.								
I.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.							RS.																
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals ...	262,691		226	24,869	25,438	154,685	22,566	73,55,030	521	8,986	929	1,256	10,041	115	3,267	62	4,147	111	12	51,515			
Small Cause Court (Special) ...	681		624	4	10	48	...	44	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11			
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	20,022		117	1,622	1,994	10,954	2,574	33,19,789	38	406	94	118	541	8	91	4	161	5	3	3,988			
Chief Courts of Districts.	2,627		89	245	247	900	704	6,69,879	4	15	9	29	100	2	23	2	37	1	1	508			
Total ...	283,021		1,066	26,740	27,689	166,582	25,844	1,13,44,742	564	9,417	1,032	1,398	10,682	125	3,381	68	4,345	117	16	56,022			
II.—COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																							
Presidency Small Cause Court ...	13,355		...	1,175	809	10,610	374	4,49,715	18	30	266	243	...	...	...	...	171	...	...	1,256			
The City Civil Court ...	1,356		...	226	85	692	152	55,025	2	...	7	4	62	...	...	1	43	1	...	195			
Superior Court ...	499		130	22	11	164	114	52,918	...	3	1	4	2	...	...	...	8	...	...	28			
Total ...	15,240		130	1,423	905	11,466	640	5,57,658	20	33	274	251	64	...	...	1	217	1	...	1,479			
Grand total ...	301,261		1,196	28,163	28,594	178,048	26,484	1,19,02,400	584	9,450	1,306	1,649	10,746	125	3,387	69	4,562	118	16	57,501			

* Abolished from 15th January 1939.

N.B.—This statement does not include figures for Revenue Courts.

STATISTICS OF CIVIL COURTS, 1939

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 12 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the number and result of applications and proceedings under Act V of 1920 in the Province of Madras in the year 1939.

Class of Courts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency.								(10)	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amount of insolvents' assets realized and disbursed.		
	(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)	(6)		(7)		(8)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
	Total number for hearing.	Transferred to another province, withdrawn, etc.	Granted.		A receiver not being appointed.	Rejected.		Creditors' petitions.	Pending at the close of the year.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.
(1)														
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	1,504	322	546	98	20	43	475	335	958	62,16,791	16,88,944	11,40,015	9,51,625	
Chief Courts of Districts	252	45	85	3	4	10	105	43	358	24,05,903	6,13,057	2,70,572	3,17,095	
Superior Court	528 *	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total (excluding Superior Court) ...	1,753	367	631	101	24	53	580	378	1,316	86,22,694	23,02,001	14,10,587	12,68,720	

* Number of petitions disposed of.

SPECIAL STATEMENTS.

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Statement showing the relative contribution of the several districts of the Presidency to the aggregate litigation of the year 1939 and the ratio of population to suits.

A.

STATISTICS OF CIVIL COURTS, 1939

Districts.	Population.	Suits			Ratio of population to suits.	Appeals		Total of suits and appeals.	Percentage to total.
		Before Village Courts.	Before Panchayat Courts.	Before Civil Courts.		To District and Subordinate Courts.	To High Court.		
Malabar, South	2,319,884	9,717	9,030	11,296	77	793	86	30,912	6.77
Vizagapatnam	8,219,250	7,48	4,100	22,905	116	604	43	28,400	6.22
Malabar, North	1,214,060	8,700	7,559	10,700	45	365	81	27,355	5.99
Coimbatore (including the Nilgiris)	2,614,394	903	14,388	10,997	99	701	148	27,145	5.94
Tinnevely	2,043,907	5,640	10,945	9,419	79	447	66	26,517	5.81
Trichinopoly	1,913,245	3,605	7,194	12,203	83	487	35	23,524	5.15
Chittoor	1,447,103	664	3,351	18,838	63	363	77	23,293	5.10
Madura	2,195,747	2,875	7,895	11,389	99	417	94	22,620	4.95
Arcoot, North	2,266,989	671	11,672	8,837	107	343	68	21,591	4.73
Guntur	2,085,650	2,117	7,155	10,638	102	907	123	20,939	4.58
Arcoot, South	2,454,507	3,758	6,030	9,407	128	353	58	19,606	4.29
Chingleput	1,655,115	2,035	5,304	11,372	88	289	40	19,020	4.16
Godavari, East	1,680,053	3,771	5,391	9,223	91	428	119	18,932	4.14
Kanara, South	1,372,341	743	9,572	6,949	79	497	27	17,753	3.89
Salem	2,433,972	1,084	7,508	8,312	141	356	98	17,564	3.87
Tanjore, West	1,356,185	2,351	5,088	8,391	86	388	87	16,305	3.57
Kistna	1,254,208	4,511	2,405	8,796	80	393	151	16,256	3.56
Godavari, West	1,323,056	1,388	6,570	6,497	85	408	55	14,918	3.27
Nellore	1,486,222	1,023	4,394	8,053	110	338	70	13,883	3.04
Rannad	1,838,955	560	2,782	9,832	139	449	165	13,807	3.02
Tanjore, East	1,029,785	268	6,105	5,493	87	269	66	12,199	2.67
Cuddapah	949,337	854	1,968	3,320	155	107	28	6,275	1.37
Kurnool	1,024,961	233	2,024	3,678	171	172	65	6,222	1.36
Anantapur	1,050,411	14	2,319	2,649	202	154	45	5,399	1.18
Bellary	969,774	...	1,453	3,498	195	110	28	5,103	1.12
Agency Tracts	240,529	...	...	998	241	35	...	1,083	0.25
Godavari	174,058	...	...	81	2,149	2	...	83	...
Total	43,468,618	58,522	152,211	284,026	98	10,125	1,868	456,752	100.00
Madras	647,230	...	...	16,706	39	...	151	16,857	...
Total for the Presidency	44,115,848	58,522	152,211	280,732	96	10,125	2,019	473,609	...

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Statement showing the number of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the Village Courts in 1939.

Districts.	Number pending from last year.				Number received during the year.				Number disposed of				Number pending.			
	Suits up to Rs. 10.	Suits over Rs. 10 to Rs. 50.	Suits over Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.	Suits over Rs. 100 to Rs. 200.	Suits up to Rs. 10.	Suits over Rs. 10 to Rs. 50.	Suits over Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.	Suits over Rs. 100 to Rs. 200.	Suits up to Rs. 10.	Suits over Rs. 10 to Rs. 50.	Suits over Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.	Suits over Rs. 100 to Rs. 200.	Suits up to Rs. 10.	Suits over Rs. 10 to Rs. 50.	Suits over Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.	Suits over Rs. 100 to Rs. 200.
Anantapur	103	26	3	...	23	136	136	...	214	34	136	...	2	39	348	...
Arcoot, North	175	33	...	...	88	136	136	...	4015	14	136	...	1	35	348	...
Do. South	507	464	11	...	753	1,362	1,362	...	1,910	14	1,362	...	1	35	348	...
Bellary	644	113	6	...	683	454	454	...	733	22	454	...	1	107	73	...
Chingleput	194	14	...	...	103	135	135	...	1,008	12	135	...	1	19	38	...
Chittoor	304	130	19	...	157	231	231	...	808	12	231	...	1	19	38	...
Coimbatore	304	130	19	...	157	231	231	...	808	12	231	...	1	19	38	...
Cuddapah	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Godavari, East	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Do. West	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Guntur	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Kanara, South	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Kistna	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Kurnool	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Madura	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Malabar, North	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Do. South	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Nellore	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Nilgiris, The	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Rannad	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Salem	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Tanjore, East	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Tanjore, West	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Tinnevely	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Trichinopoly	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Vizagapatnam	323	89	...	...	308	350	350	...	1,251	51	350	...	1	19	38	...
Total	6,563	4,083	74	38	7,314	16,050	38,203	333	58,522	13,780	16,910	28,100	337	4,160	4,160	11

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Comparative statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the District Munsif's Courts in the years 1937, 1938 and 1939.

Districts.	Small Cause suits.											
	Ordinary suits.					Small Cause suits.						
	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.		
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.		1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.			
Agency Tracts.	Total.					Total.						
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.		
Anantapur	1,463	1,006	1,090	1,463	1,006	1,463	1,006	1,090	1,463	1,006		
Arout, North	2,979	3,011	2,911	2,979	3,011	2,979	3,011	2,911	2,979	3,011		
Do, South	3,763	3,875	3,418	3,763	3,875	3,418	3,763	3,875	3,418	3,763		
Bellary	1,089	1,018	1,381	1,089	1,018	1,381	1,089	1,018	1,381	1,089		
Chingleput	1,786	1,972	2,330	1,786	1,972	2,330	1,786	1,972	2,330	1,786		
Chittoor	1,759	2,277	1,938	1,759	2,277	1,938	1,759	2,277	1,938	1,759		
Coimbatore	4,328	3,745	3,730	4,328	3,745	3,730	4,328	3,745	3,730	4,328		
Cuddapah	1,373	1,340	1,022	1,373	1,340	1,022	1,373	1,340	1,022	1,373		
Godavari, East	1,871	1,944	1,959	1,871	1,944	1,959	1,871	1,944	1,959	1,871		
Godavari, West	2,036	1,878	1,925	2,036	1,878	1,925	2,036	1,878	1,925	2,036		
Guntur	3,644	3,458	4,038	3,644	3,458	4,038	3,644	3,458	4,038	3,644		
Kanara, South	1,855	3,330	3,184	1,855	3,330	3,184	1,855	3,330	3,184	1,855		
Kistna	1,432	1,452	1,573	1,432	1,452	1,573	1,432	1,452	1,573	1,432		
Kurnool	1,794	1,614	1,207	1,794	1,614	1,207	1,794	1,614	1,207	1,794		
Madura	2,518	2,619	2,407	2,518	2,619	2,407	2,518	2,619	2,407	2,518		
Malabar, North	7,067	4,645	7,210	7,067	4,645	7,210	7,067	4,645	7,210	7,067		
Do, South	5,543	4,079	5,135	5,543	4,079	5,135	5,543	4,079	5,135	5,543		
Nellore	2,003	1,764	1,560	2,003	1,764	1,560	2,003	1,764	1,560	2,003		
Rannad	2,388	2,418	2,087	2,388	2,418	2,087	2,388	2,418	2,087	2,388		
Salem	3,178	3,339	3,022	3,178	3,339	3,022	3,178	3,339	3,022	3,178		
Tanjore, East	1,176	1,867	1,456	1,176	1,867	1,456	1,176	1,867	1,456	1,176		
Do, West	2,594	2,325	2,078	2,594	2,325	2,078	2,594	2,325	2,078	2,594		
Tinnevely	2,308	2,366	2,584	2,308	2,366	2,584	2,308	2,366	2,584	2,308		
Trichinopoly	3,246	2,866	2,847	3,246	2,866	2,847	3,246	2,866	2,847	3,246		
Visagapatam	3,569	3,456	3,321	3,569	3,456	3,321	3,569	3,456	3,321	3,569		
Total	67,984	62,970	65,098	67,984	62,970	65,098	67,984	62,970	65,098	67,984		
Agency Tracts.	320	275	315	320	275	315	320	275	315	320		
Grand total	68,304	63,245	65,413	68,304	63,245	65,413	68,304	63,245	65,413	68,304		

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Comparative statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the Subordinate Judges' Courts in the years 1937, 1938 and 1939.

Subordinate Judges' Courts.	Ordinary suits.											
	Instituted.					Disposed of.						
	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.		
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.		1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.			
Small Cause suits.	Total.					Total.						
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.		
More than a year.	Total.					Total.						
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.		
Anantapur	13	10	49	21	72	101	88	101	27	37		
Vellore	62	42	49	63	57	55	88	101	27	37		
Chittoor	50	32	42	50	32	42	88	101	27	37		
Bellary	54	43	11	54	43	11	88	101	27	37		
Chingleput	48	52	40	48	52	40	88	101	27	37		
Chittoor	230	207	182	230	207	182	88	101	27	37		
Coimbatore	121	163	126	121	163	126	88	101	27	37		
Ootacamund	86	72	55	86	72	55	88	101	27	37		
Cosanada	25	24	18	25	24	18	88	101	27	37		
Rajshamundry	39	38	39	39	38	39	88	101	27	37		
Amalapuram	41	27	40	41	27	40	88	101	27	37		
Ellore	68	60	38	68	60	38	88	101	27	37		
Narasapur	40	40	43	40	40	43	88	101	27	37		
Bapatla	56	56	53	56	56	53	88	101	27	37		
Guntur	35	36	36	35	36	36	88	101	27	37		
Tenali	86	82	96	86	82	96	88	101	27	37		
Mangalore	41	62	57	41	62	57	88	101	27	37		
Beawada	31	31	38	31	31	38	88	101	27	37		
Masulipatam	112	107	90	112	107	90	88	101	27	37		
Kurnool	45	30	36	45	30	36	88	101	27	37		
Madura	23	21	...	23	21	...	88	101	27	37		
Tellicherry	40	46	41	40	46	41	88	101	27	37		
Calicut	55	58	60	55	58	60	88	101	27	37		
Falghat	46	29	34	46	29	34	88	101	27	37		
Ottapalam	68	76	88	68	76	88	88	101	27	37		
Cochin	50	39	53	50	39	53	88	101	27	37		
Nellore	30	36	30	30	36	30	88	101	27	37		
Rannad	76	59	85	76	59	85	88	101	27	37		
Sivaganga	193	230	166	193	230	166	88	101	27	37		
Devakottai	87	72	60	87	72	60	88	101	27	37		
Salem	48	46	28	48	46	28	88	101	27	37		
Mayavaram	60	42	...	60	42	...	88	101	27	37		
Tiruvare	31	25	39	31	25	39	88	101	27	37		
Tanjore	82	11	44	82	11	44	88	101	27	37		
Kumbakonam	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	101	27	37		

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Comparative statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the Subordinate Judges' Courts in the years 1937, 1938 and 1939—concl.

Subordinate Judges' Courts.	Ordinary suits.						Small Cause suits.					
	Instituted.			Disposed of			Instituted.			Disposed of		
	Total.			Total.			Total.			Total.		
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.
Tinnevely ...	46	51	60	79	48	42	35	40	60	22	6	22
Tuticorin ...	41	33	37	59	45	37	32	24	21	6	6	6
Trichinopoly ...	103	101	92	114	78	83	85	112	132	23	42	59
Vizagapatam ...	53	68	71	46	45	45	90	120	142	48	61	81
Chittoor ...	50	41	45	76	51	48	52	44	50	25	18	22
Total ...	2,430	2,393	2,125	2,991	2,314	2,613	3,006	2,905	2,617	1,314	1,201	1,086
Special Small Cause Court.												
Trichinopoly* ...												
Assistant Agents' Courts.												
Agency Tracts. { Godavari ...	43	109	66	65	62	55	41	87	103	21	22	48
{ Vizagapatam ...	19	18	16	16	13	9	11	17	28	3	5	14
Grand total ...	2,492	2,420	2,207	3,072	2,839	2,677	3,058	2,909	2,748	1,338	1,228	1,098

* Abolished from 15th January 1939.

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B-6.

Comparative statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in District Courts in the years 1937, 1938 and 1939.

District Courts.	Ordinary suits.											
	Instituted.			Disposed of			Pending.					
	Total.			Total.			Total.			More than a year.		
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.
Anantapur ...	12	10	19	18	10	15	37	31	37	15	15	18
Arcot, North ...	3	1	2	6	4	4	9	6	4	6	4	2
Do. South ...	29	23	26	27	22	26	30	30	31	10	11	11
Bellary ...	44	22	13	26	31	25	82	41	50	44	27	30
Chingleput ...	12	16	54	10	24	20	31	24	128	19	11	19
Chittoor ...	1	4	1	...	6	3	3	3	3	2	1	1
Coimbatore ...	3	5	5	7	26	17	3	4	10	6	2	3
Cuddapah ...	21	10	21	9	11	13	39	40	50	22	31	29
Godavari, East ...	45	35	36	36	33	37	60	42	50	19	12	16
Do. West ...	39	36	33	28	8	13	18	46	66	9	13	34
Guntur ...	5	1	6	3	7	2	9	4	7	5	3	3
Kanara, South ...	4	4	1	18	7	4	17	16	8	12	10	7
Kistna ...	24	30	29	22	8	11	41	42	44	22	13	18
Kurnool ...	17	30	16	10	12	10	46	4	22	26	1	2
Madura ...	3	3	9	2	5	4	3	1	6	...	...	...
Malabar, North ...	2	3	20	...	2	13	2	22	29	...	6	11
Do. South ...	2	2	...	1	4	3	7	4	1	5	2	1
Nellore ...	42	39	27	20	9	26	41	37	30	6	6	11
Ramnad ...	14	8	20	4	3	6	13	7	17	1	2	2
Salem ...	1	1	...	...	10	6	3	6	...	...	...	...
Tanjore, East ...	18	15	26	25	12	28	15	25	24	3	7	10
Do. West ...	11	5	13	7	13	8	21	18	24	12	8	7
Tinnevely ...	6	7	5	5	4	11	8	11	6	2	5	8
Trichinopoly ...	1	1	5	3	1	1	8	8	12	6	7	6
Vizagapatam ...	2	...	3	1	3	5	11	9	12	8	8	8
Total ...	361	311	390	288	275	311	558	482	662	258	211	252
Agency Tracts—												
Godavari ...	2	...	2	2	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
Vizagapatam ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand total ...	363	312	392	290	277	311	560	482	664	258	211	252

B-7.

Comparative statement of regular appeals instituted, disposed of and pending in the several districts in the years 1937, 1938 and 1939.

Districts.	Instituted.			Disposed of			Pending.		
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.
Anantapur ...	159	171	154	164	209	116	213	181	221
Arcot, North ...	389	350	343	299	410	334	416	371	387
Do. South ...	300	372	353	238	273	362	280	378	370
Bellary ...	74	104	110	57	73	87	115	148	176
Chingleput ...	367	408	269	308	390	103	510	530	697
Chittoor ...	219	277	383	217	290	377	243	239	225
Coimbatore ...	464	565	701	525	409	679	206	368	394
Cuddapah ...	148	124	107	133	155	63	109	80	125
Godavari, East ...	524	549	428	466	467	555	640	721	612
Do. West ...	399	576	408	417	310	280	360	635	761
Guntur ...	672	825	907	463	593	762	826	1,076	1,243
Kanara, South ...	316	461	467	203	231	380	581	813	903
Kistna ...	523	393	351	407	433	327	450	413	413
Kurnool ...	355	523	393	351	407	433	327	450	413
Madura ...	230	148	172	67	284	176	233	102	102
Malabar, North ...	324	306	417	374	284	323	178	194	289
Do. South ...	367	520	793	401	471	780	604	714	872
Nellore ...	227	223	338	181	206	307	193	211	241
Ramnad ...	423	387	449	462	473	540	515	448	358
Salem ...	250	303	356	181	310	276	198	188	268
Tanjore, East ...	224	253	269	297	224	255	129	159	175
Do. West ...	408	335	388	275	321	396	545	615	614
Tinnevely ...	440	338	447	514	341	407	336	334	378
Trichinopoly ...	382	470	487	337	284	207	360	580	866
Vizagapatam ...	748	595	604	690	493	435	745	855	1,032
Total ...	8,774	9,595	10,088	7,978	8,258	8,842	9,062	10,300	11,951
Agency Tracts. { Godavari ...	32	39	35	30	20	29	6	25	82
{ Vizagapatam ...	5	5	2	...	3	2	...	2	2
Grand total ...	8,806	9,639	10,125	8,008	8,281	8,873	9,068	10,627	11,985

B-8.

Comparative statement of miscellaneous appeals instituted, disposed of and pending in the several districts in the years 1937, 1938 and 1939.

Districts.	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.		
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.
Anantapur ...	69	46	45	21	69	66	62	58	37
Arcoot, North ...	84	72	74	98	79	59	28	21	36
Do. South ...	57	83	45	69	91	44	21	13	13
Bellary ...	17	24	30	23	30	23	8	2	9
Chingleput ...	100	40	42	24	183	27	200	57	72
Chittoor ...	85	51	69	133	62	81	39	28	17
Coimbatore ...	184	178	143	218	163	164	57	74	54
Cuddapah ...	22	18	30	34	20	24	8	6	12
Gōdāvari, East ...	79	83	111	64	90	122	64	56	46
Do. West ...	158	78	78	91	82	61	127	122	183
Guntūr ...	214	203	205	249	330	178	259	139	169
Kanara, South ...	84	56	65	87	89	46	96	63	82
Kistna ...	124	99	118	134	99	103	65	61	80
Kurnool ...	86	27	46	25	48	44	28	7	9
Madura ...	87	59	67	95	79	56	30	9	23
Malabar, North ...	53	39	22	48	52	22	21	8	9
Do. South ...	68	61	81	71	85	73	54	31	39
Nellore ...	62	57	66	55	52	78	29	34	23
Ramnad ...	124	71	103	103	75	113	101	97	84
Salem ...	86	77	63	66	87	79	41	31	15
Tanjore, East ...	43	43	27	67	40	45	21	24	4
Do. West ...	89	95	95	95	121	98	82	57	58
Tinnevely ...	103	87	56	80	57	114	56	86	28
Trichinopoly ...	108	88	94	84	61	63	55	82	104
Vizagapatam ...	88	81	62	126	69	50	42	54	66
Total ...	2,224	1,814	1,822	2,170	2,218	1,828	1,594	1,220	1,221
Agency Tracts.									
Gōdāvari ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam ...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Grand total ...	2,225	1,815	1,822	2,171	2,214	1,828	1,594	1,220	1,221

C-1.

Comparative statement showing the nature of original suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the District Munsifs' Courts in the years 1937, 1938 and 1939.

Districts.	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.			Pending for over one year.		
	Title and other suits.	Suits relating to money or movable property.	Suits under the Madras Estates Land Act.	Title and other suits.	Suits relating to money or movable property.	Suits under the Madras Estates Land Act.	Title and other suits.	Suits relating to money or movable property.	Suits under the Madras Estates Land Act.	Title and other suits.	Suits relating to money or movable property.	Suits under the Madras Estates Land Act.
Anantapur ...	288	711	738	288	711	738	288	711	738	288	711	738
Arcoot, North ...	906	1,040	912	906	1,040	912	906	1,040	912	906	1,040	912
Do. South ...	515	536	537	515	536	537	515	536	537	515	536	537
Bellary ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Chingleput ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Chittoor ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Coimbatore ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Cuddapah ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Gōdāvari, East ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Do. West ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Guntūr ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Kanara, South ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Kistna ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Kurnool ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Madura ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Malabar, North ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Do. South ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Nellore ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Ramnad ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Salem ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Tanjore, East ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Do. West ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Tinnevely ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Trichinopoly ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Vizagapatam ...	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703	1,203	703	703
Total ...	27,341	12,657	12,653	27,341	12,657	12,653	27,341	12,657	12,653	27,341	12,657	12,653



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E-1.

Statement showing the result of proceedings in execution of decrees in the Civil and Revenue Courts (excluding Village and Panchayat Courts) in 1939.

Districts.	Number of applications in which				Amount realized.	Number of applications in which immovable property was sold.	Imprisonment of judgment-debtors.	
	Satisfaction was obtained.		Execution was wholly infructuous.				Number of persons.	Average detention in jail in days.
	In full.	In part.	Withdrawn, not prosecuted or rejected.	Other-wise.				
					Rs.			
Anantapur	338	274	2,898	1,126	1,53,428	120	2	7
Arcot, North	1,288	1,544	5,217	2,801	3,98,771	584	27	31
Do. South	1,529	1,682	6,370	3,650	4,87,169	589	8	58
Bellary	482	496	1,851	1,145	2,14,848	158	18	37
Chingleput	919	1,014	3,804	2,333	2,99,388	596	17	26
Chittoor	817	617	3,318	2,546	2,35,221	256	8	31
Coimbatore	1,857	2,622	7,684	3,222	10,82,690	856	59	83
Cuddapah	842	250	1,804	854	90,281	105	5	46
Godavari, East	1,080	832	4,751	1,977	5,17,513	232	8	27
Do. West	828	448	3,098	1,154	3,15,202	224	9	20
Guntur	989	641	4,150	1,543	3,84,594	246	6	24
Kanara, South	1,925	2,413	5,898	2,581	6,92,083	571	63	31
Kistna	768	356	4,816	1,341	3,08,877	195	2	22
Kurnool	418	185	1,808	1,585	1,53,695	140	1	36
Madura	1,558	1,864	5,687	4,707	9,08,878	607	59	45
Malabar, North... ..	1,870	2,044	6,479	3,593	8,50,002	991	23	36
Do. South... ..	2,169	2,175	10,483	3,613	8,15,017	857	84	29
Nellore	674	622	6,188	1,631	4,31,066	261	...	...
Ramnad	1,048	1,255	15,440	2,778	9,04,788	778	43	37
Salem	1,035	724	5,946	2,493	4,04,085	425	31	49
Tanjore, East	1,121	1,017	3,083	2,202	3,03,799	336	12	26
Do. West	1,318	1,427	3,581	3,590	6,80,559	519	32	34
Tinnevelly	1,395	1,113	4,210	2,499	3,84,189	666	26	46
Trichinopoly	1,579	2,125	8,158	3,365	6,41,029	633	71	31
Vizagapatam	1,479	1,050	5,575	3,890	4,04,425	686	15	24
Total	28,821	28,290	132,222	62,219	1,15,09,347	11,631	579	...
Agency Tracts. { Godavari	98	44	136	111	17,869	12	...	...
{ Vizagapatam	9	5	43	12	8,077	1	...	...
Total	107	49	179	123	20,946	13	...	...
Madras ... { City Civil Court.	226	85	688	4	55,025	62	2	4
{ Court of Small Causes	1,175	809	5,584	5,026	4,49,715	...	18	12
{ High Court	22	11	143	21	52,918	2	...	...
Total	1,423	905	6,415	5,051	5,57,658	64	20	...
Grand total	30,351	29,244	138,816	67,898	1,20,87,951	11,708	599	...

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E-2.

Statement showing the extent and result of proceedings in insolvency under the Provincial Insolvency Act, 1920, in the Courts of the several districts in 1939.

Districts.	Petitions filed.	Disposed of.			Pending.	Number of insol- vents dis- charged under section 41.	Number of insolvents' estates placed in Receivers' hands in which proceedings were finally closed.	Amount of insol- vents' assets.	
		With- drawn, not pro- secuted, etc.	Granted.	Refused.				Realiz- ed.	Disbursed to credi- tors.
								RS.	RS.
Anantapur	21	9	16	2	12	53	...	88,181	56,635
Arcot, North	41	12	27	3	22	14	44	13,517	20,472
Do. South	20	9	17	4	9	9	102	26,877	55,907
Bellary	57	17	50	5	18	3	1	51,221	44,776
Chingleput	44	20	32	1	19	15	2	36,240	37,401
Chittoor	34	15	22	2	15	1	26	6,727	11,707
Coimbatore	87	22	47	5	56	20	1	92,899	43,786
Cuddapah	69	18	46	2	33	16	324	39,645	62,992
Godavari, East	40	21	24	2	30	28	...	60,381	53,773
Do. West	40	15	27	7	35	28	...	22,592	20,495
Guntūr	58	25	25	4	47	14	169	2,12,889	74,464
Kanara, South	60	23	42	3	32	13	41	33,408	19,244
Kistna	26	9	17	...	33	6	...	14,180	29,926
Kurnool	28	24	21	2	11	15	246	43,272	49,440
Madura	43	5	25	8	25	16	68	65,426	59,147
Malabar, North	14	1	9	1	7	4	2	28	647
Do. South	38	14	47	1	13	4	...	1,39,357	1,18,665
Nellore	42	23	86	6	26	9	1	83,934	64,198
Ramnad	51	26	33	8	34	16	51	1,17,608	93,889
Salem	52	9	49	...	17	31	78	38,041	46,187
Tanjore, East	14	4	16	3	7	10	40	46,758	45,748
Do. West	31	12	25	4	12	9	83	97,112	1,04,074
Tinnevely	49	16	26	2	26	17	12	80,430	1,06,570
Trichinopoly	30	8	25	2	17	10	13	42,542	43,662
Vizagapatam	28	10	28	...	24	17	12	7,822	4,972
Total ...	1,017	367	732	77	580	378	1,316	14,10,587	12,68,720

Courts.		Ordinary Suits.							Small Cause Suits.							Petitions disposed of.						
		Instituted.	Total disposed of.	Compromised.	Decided <i>ex parte</i> .	After full trial.	Pending.		Average duration in days of cases disposed of after full trial.	Instituted.	Total disposed of.	Compromised.	Decided <i>ex parte</i> .	After full trial.	Pending.			Average duration in days of cases disposed of after full trial.				
							Total.	For over a year.							Total.				For over three months.			
Anantapur.	Anantapur *	304	303	25	90	104	196	42	300	507	453	14	275	67	150	72	198	1,387	3,087	Miscellaneous	Execution.	Average duration in days of cases disposed of after full trial.
	Gooty* ...	333	365	46	95	146	94	3	190	578	535	18	229	155	66	6	77	1,766	2,245			
	Penukonda *	883	380	32	104	184	289	49	328	523	513	18	290	117	178	95	245	1,428	3,071			
	Total ...	1,020	1,048	103	279	434	579	94	275	1,608	1,531	50	764	339	394	173	159	4,581	8,383			
Arcoot, North.	Arni *	696	574	60	196	205	420	69	355	1,117	1,018	103	518	181	307	143	168	2,289	4,707	Miscellaneous	Execution.	Average duration in days of cases disposed of after full trial.
	Banipt *	492	532	48	175	231	304	16	201	697	636	59	297	121	86	15	111	1,500	3,337			
	Tirupattur *	566	475	44	106	184	450	100	305	692	692	59	257	142	262	141	133	1,575	2,940			
	Tiruvannamalai *	523	608	82	162	205	312	26	271	770	761	38	337	163	145	24	105	2,304	3,692			
Arcoot, South.	Vellore * ...	634	543	52	176	191	461	91	323	1,377	1,373	120	695	180	357	145	206	2,847	4,235	Miscellaneous	Execution.	Average duration in days of cases disposed of after full trial.
	Total ...	2,911	2,733	286	815	1,016	1,947	302	288	4,780	4,550	377	2,104	797	1,167	468	148	10,515	18,901			
	Chidambaram *	512	603	128	197	159	201	3	216	808	844	128	391	84	106	...	122	1,905	4,666			
	Cuddalore *	594	652	113	208	268	356	26	268	1,226	1,193	140	567	229	352	153	165	2,838	4,921			
Arcoot, South.	Kallakurchi *	320	350	20	80	165	147	5	226	594	597	58	241	147	62	8	85	1,342	2,169	Miscellaneous	Execution.	Average duration in days of cases disposed of after full trial.
	Tindivanam *	576	650	161	132	216	348	17	285	791	878	45	312	264	222	108	198	1,853	3,609			
	Tirakkoyilar *	352	408	37	111	186	206	24	217	615	639	34	259	180	117	53	123	1,327	2,114			
	Villupuram *	527	513	67	110	230	331	51	286	815	773	44	298	286	195	14	140	2,154	3,860			
Arcoot, South.	Vridhachalam *	507	507	62	135	175	392	70	286	746	693	43	322	126	192	9	115	1,602	2,771	Miscellaneous	Execution.	Average duration in days of cases disposed of after full trial.
	Total ...	3,418	3,693	578	981	1,339	1,981	196	251	5,595	5,618	492	2,355	1,296	1,245	345	143	13,051	24,110			
	Bellary *	778	704	44	252	231	495	75	352	1,472	1,403	7	862	163	268	76	132	2,551	2,813			
	Hospet ...	608	480	43	196	49	460	9	273	620	541	8	325	33	56	...	124	1,360	2,226			
Bellary.	Total ...	1,381	1,184	87	448	280	955	84	388	2,092	1,944	10	1,187	196	324	76	131	3,911	5,038	Miscellaneous	Execution.	Average duration in days of cases disposed of after full trial.
	Chingleput *	455	509	82	144	187	411	143	350	848	807	114	343	127	307	235	217	1,732	4,717			
	Conjeevaram *	677	477	73	146	158	826	228	383	1,130	1,089	168	480	193	178	107	114	2,175	4,211			
	Poonamallee *	673	639	81	198	203	438	82	284	877	871	115	354	168	234	148	174	2,234	5,058			
Chingleput.	Tiruvallur *	515	543	45	210	160	273	60	325	836	848	1	330	170	176	128	124	1,294	2,720	Miscellaneous	Execution.	Average duration in days of cases disposed of after full trial.
	Total ...	2,330	2,168	281	698	708	1,948	516	333	3,791	3,615	338	1,507	653	890	618	152	7,455	16,706			

Chittoor *	484	375	38	67	161	527	116	473	1,005	806	12	336	128	615	430	348	1,699	3,106	
	473	503	58	113	195	260	7	236	785	777	8	423	150	112	36	83	1,410	2,820	
	575	736	86	349	175	388	16	317	875	917	...	328	138	140	32	106	1,366	3,772	
	436	498	8	189	110	272	69	320	700	718	19	293	164	200	86	205	1,339	2,229	
	Total	1,958	2,051	192	718	641	1,397	308	329	3,865	3,218	39	1,385	580	1,087	574	183	5,751	11,927
Coimbatore *	1,332	1,086	43	380	331	302	61	320	1,870	1,869	24	1,026	280	327	18	136	4,351	7,238	
	242	308	7	99	124	111	2	294	414	456	1	264	90	60	9	116	1,438	2,348	
	537	578	60	141	212	216	21	210	1,147	1,200	22	447	254	84	3	60	2,576	4,552	
	471	427	55	151	115	331	51	373	520	515	...	256	82	99	27	144	1,028	2,193	
	Gadagol *	27	31	2	8	10	14	2	378	33	35	2	17	4	2	...	187	111	201
Kodag *	273	325	3	133	112	76	1	263	79	77	1	43	11	15	2	110	647	1,057	
	508	608	38	219	213	250	54	244	618	700	4	447	97	40	5	99	1,567	3,556	
	440	482	41	174	135	326	25	382	580	621	1	360	56	180	36	195	1,388	4,458	
	Total	3,730	3,843	244	1,315	1,942	2,228	217	292	5,261	5,473	55	2,865	854	807	100	112	13,056	25,903
	Cuddapah *	437	375	34	128	129	330	62	348	949	907	20	524	201	184	69	118	1,849	2,559
259		322	28	90	132	131	4	278	563	608	14	285	166	80	15	72	997	2,303	
326		387	52	146	125	316	83	409	723	721	12	407	173	221	128	198	861	2,109	
Total		1,022	1,064	114	364	386	777	149	844	2,235	2,236	46	1,216	540	485	212	125	3,207	6,971
Anantapur *		269	286	41	69	106	344	154	562	616	627	36	292	157	165	68	183	1,158	2,838
	477	382	69	69	147	588	212	417	1,013	984	70	480	144	390	202	238	1,878	5,288	
	348	318	25	51	184	382	114	398	730	692	22	322	179	258	104	190	912	3,608	
	271	280	21	88	165	386	208	462	1,065	1,095	18	510	305	140	...	80	1,135	2,784	
	285	290	42	46	136	318	91	457	463	487	15	190	166	162	75	187	760	2,413	
Rasool *	314	288	4	53	198	295	109	375	644	641	27	358	161	177	72	171	1,043	2,821	
	Total	1,959	1,854	202	316	936	2,293	388	434	4,531	4,526	188	2,152	1,112	1,282	521	181	6,981	19,750
	Bhimavaram *	282	286	40	68	102	388	280	411	415	371	7	195	40	92	34	187	694	2,374
		426	426	28	72	200	435	150	388	631	528	11	217	146	286	201	118	1,049	3,088
		490	447	42	180	188	495	142	507	832	853	23	372	289	293	176	217	990	3,886
386		372	24	52	234	366	147	405	572	606	9	289	143	177	74	134	1,015	3,297	
391		401	36	37	249	493	220	391	639	609	24	385	96	218	129	165	692	2,864	
Total	1,925	1,942	170	360	973	2,157	889	408	3,079	2,965	74	1,378	655	1,076	614	164	4,440	15,209	

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Statement showing the work received, disposed of, and pending, and the average pendency of cases in the Subordinate Judges' Courts in 1939.

Courts.	Ordinary Suits.						Appeals.			Small Cause Suits.						Petitions disposed of.				
	Instituted.	Total disposed of.	Compromised.	Decided <i>ex parte</i> .	After full trial.	Total.	Instituted.	Total disposed of.	Pending.		Instituted.	Total disposed of.	Compromised.	Decided <i>ex parte</i> .	After full trial.	Pending.		Average duration in days of cases disposed of after full trial.	Miscellaneous appeals disposed of.	Miscellaneous.
									For over 3 months.	Total.						For over 6 months.	Total.			
Vellore	49	72	11	12	36	49	76	45	45	304	98	101	9	40	23	38	20	196	...	207
Cuddalore	42	57	18	5	30	38	79	70	53	234	146	112	14	50	25	53	20	179	...	251
Bellary	9	21	3	1	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Chingleput	11	15	1	3	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	172
Chittoor	40	86	9	7	57	65	98	28	...	328	52	52	7	26	7	...	...	153	...	487
Coimbatore	182	163	14	14	93	200	76	36	36	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	167
Cotacamund	126	127	6	23	64	57	2	...	...	73	1,259	1,174	7	479	255	298	121	136	...	383
Amalapur	39	58	2	3	44	56	94	94	50	389	176	167	9	55	69	82	48	281	...	1,795
Cotanada	55	94	16	1	64	102	74	155	93	516	260	274	28	88	85	142	97	289	...	455
Rajahmundry	18	35	4	2	18	61	74	155	93	516	260	274	28	88	85	142	97	289	...	532
Kilore	40	82	5	1	23	65	63	95	95	367	243	248	10	71	98	125	86	298	...	342
Narasapur	38	60	4	3	45	62	101	158	117	268	132	119	4	45	41	58	42	161	...	83
Guntur	58	49	10	4	31	108	145	175	175	580	257	255	14	73	97	134	80	288	...	352
Tesali	86	56	6	2	37	48	124	136	136	354	151	150	6	36	71	33	7	110	...	803
Bapatla	43	49	6	2	28	62	24	...	...	474	161	150	6	36	71	33	7	110	...	191
Mangalore	98	142	8	13	91	140	247	297	357	232	324	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Bewada	57	66	6	3	44	94	189	111	188	84	371	382	14	122	146	274	208	323	...	79
Manalipatam	38	60	10	2	46	82	81	77	66	144	103	91	2	22	52	68	39	233	...	207
Kurnool	9	30	3	3	23	...	43	8	...	272	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Madura	90	110	16	1	78	72	146	107	102	18	274	304	23	85	110	53	14	92	...	541
Dindigul	36	40	11	3	25	21	137	18	266	152	187	9	75	38	30	2	122	122	...	2,962
Calicut	41	87	2	8	65	29	...	...	...	232	273	323	6	124	84	69	11	218	...	14
Cochin	83	85	2	19	35	64	122	123	...	90	83	88	5	35	17	37	21	365	...	798
Ottappalam	34	45	2	4	32	46	183	22	123	364	186	370	18	93	186	85	48	366	...	326
Palghat	60	96	15	6	55	44	63	150	89	267	303	404	23	123	184	79	12	152	...	4
Nellore	52	111	17	7	78	68	147	82	27	170	208	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	324
Devakotta	166	178	16	44	56	304	38	45	16	5	239	253	19	104	61	41	14	202	...	114
Ramanad	30	73	16	5	41	92	170	31	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	751
Sivaganga	65	62	18	9	31	99	86	74	81	32	338	241	19	140	15	216	131	118	...	10
Salem	80	58	2	4	37	60	100	14	14	113	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Mayavaram	28	38	7	1	22	19	73	85	58	5	136	164	10	43	40	27	12	141	...	70
Kumbakonam	44	56	15	8	25	59	95	178	94	470	406	440	23	199	66	193	122	380	...	380
Tanjore	39	49	14	5	23	45	110	103	103	302	154	176	19	49	48	57	41	275	...	134
Tinnevely	60	42	8	10	15	60	69	67	45	118	864	740	117	325	64	534	431	275	...	6
Tuticorin	33	37	2	4	25	21	141	179	94	330	382	460	36	213	105	138	80	167	...	485

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Trichinopoly	92	83	9	10	54	132	59	598	57	197	197	417	209	80	110	64	100	46	106	...	809	2,955
Chingleput	45	46	8	3	31	50	23	368	205	509	317	333	61	8	18	20	66	51	296	18	112	1,429
Vizagapatam	71	45	7	1	29	142	81	653	86	173	32	291	162	6	52	49	44	25	224	...	400	1,985
Total	2,120	2,613	328	256	1,546	2,617	1,098	481	2,045	3,972	4,970	1,994	7,995	511	2,989	2,177	3,163	1,911	238	821	14,612	73,772
Special Small Cause Court.																						
Trichinopoly *	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Agency Tracts.																						
Godavari	66	55	5	17	12	103	48	573	28	15	25	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	71
Vizagapatam	16	9	1	3	1	28	14	1,001	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	2
Total	82	64	6	20	13	131	62	606	25	15	27	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	73
Grand Total	3,202	2,677	334	276	1,569	2,748	1,098	482	2,070	3,987	4,987	3,010	8,069	519	3,027	2,184	3,163	1,911	227	321	15,368	73,919

* Abolished from 15th January 1938.

Statement showing the number of original suits pending in the District Courts at the end of 1939.

Districts.	1925.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	Total.
Anantapur ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	4	10	19	37
Arcot, North ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	4
Do. South ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	7	20	31
Bellary ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	12	14	20	50
Chingleput ...	...	...	1	1	1	1	2	7	5	13	39	53	123
Chittoor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	3
Coimbatore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	3	6
Cuddapah ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	11	6	21	50
Godavari, East ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	4	10	32	50
Do. West ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	2	27	32	66
Guntur ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	4	7
Kanara, South ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	1	8
Kistna ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	15	26	44
Kurnool ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	20	22
Madura ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6
Malabar, North...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	18	29
Do. South...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Nellore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	9	19	30
Ramnad ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	15	17
Salem ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tanjore, East ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	5	14	24
Do. West ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	17	24
Tinnevely ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
Trichinopoly ...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	1	2	1	5	12
Vizagapatam ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	4	4	12
Godavari Agency...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Vizagapatam Agency.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1	1	3	2	4	5	7	13	30	66	174	358	664

Government of Madras

HOME DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 4078, 5th October 1940

Courts—Civil—Statistics for 1939—Recorded with remarks.

READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter from Sri Rao Bahadur D. APPA RAO, Registrar, High Court, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Home Department (with enclosure), dated 14th September 1940, R.O.C. No. 4763/40-C-6.

I am directed to forward two advance copies of the Statistics of Civil and Criminal Courts in the Madras Presidency for the year 1939. Clean copies have been called for from the Government Press and the usual number thereof will be furnished to Government as soon as they are received.

II

Letter from A. R. MacEwen, Esq., O.I.E., M.C., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Ref. No. 26167-E-1, dated 25th September 1940.

I am to forward two advance copies of the Statistics of Civil Courts in the Madras Province for the year 1939.

Order—No. 4078, Home, dated 5th October 1940.

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2. The figures in the margin show that there was an increase in the total number of suits instituted in the Province in 1939. The increase was shared by all the Courts except the subordinate judges' courts and the Presidency Court of Small Causes at Madras. In revenue courts, following a normal total of 28,051 suits in 1937 and a fall to 10,686 suits

1935	561,144
1936	532,457
1937	430,913
1938	402,923
1939	461,465

in 1938, there was a rise to 54,994 suits in 1939; this was due to the filing of rent suits which had been held up, till 30th September 1939, under section 15 (2) of the Madras Agriculturists' Relief Act, 1938.

3. In regard to the outturn of work by the district munsifs, it is satisfactory to observe that, although the number of courts that worked during 1939 was only 140 against 145 in 1938, there was an increase in the disposal of original suits from 62,993 to 67,683 and in that of small cause suits from 87,436 to 101,195. There was also an increase in the number of original suits disposed of after full trial, the figures for 1938 and 1939 being 24,776 and 26,162, respectively.

In the courts of the subordinate judges, the disposals of original suits and appeals showed a decline during the year and this was apparently due to the reduction in the number of subordinate judges' courts from 43 in 1938 to 37 in 1939. There was a slight improvement in the disposal of small cause suits.

In the district courts, there was an increase in the disposal of original suits and appeals, sessions cases, criminal appeals and revision cases. District judges attended to civil work on 115 days, on an average, in 1939, against 112 days in 1938.

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4. As regards the pendency and the average duration of suits and appeals disposed of after full trial in the different courts, the position was as follows :—

District Munsifs' Courts.—The number of original suits pending at the end of the year in the district munsifs' courts increased very slightly, from 44,298 to 44,751. There was also an increase in the number of suits pending for more than one year, from 9,005 to 9,235. The average duration of suits disposed of after full trial increased from 338 days to 341 days. The average duration of suits in the District Munsifs' Courts at Tenali and Karkal was over 600 days.

Subordinate Judges' Courts.—There was a further reduction in the number of original suits pending at the end of the year—from 2,905 to 2,617—and in those pending for more than one year—from 1,201 to 1,036. The average duration of suits disposed of after full trial was practically the same as in 1938 (481 as against 482 days). It was more than 800 days in the Subordinate Judge's Court, Kumbakonam.

The number of appeals pending at the end of the year increased from 3,810 to 4,670 and of those pending for more than six months, from 2,433 to 2,994. The average duration of appeals increased slightly from 312 to 317 days.

District Courts.—The number of original suits pending increased from 482 to 662, and the number pending for more than a year from 211 to 252. The average duration of suits increased substantially, from 480 to 542 days. It was more than 1,000 days in the District Courts of North Arcot and Cuddapah.

The number of appeals pending at the end of the year increased from 6,666 to 7,281 and the number of those pending over six months, from 2,719 to 3,684. The average duration of appeals decreased from 322 days to 301 days.

5. The number of insolvency petitions filed in courts, both in the city and in the mufassal, further declined during the year as will be seen from the figures shown in the margin. The number of petitions pending at the end of the year was 580 in the mufassal courts and 4,983 in the High Court, as against 651 and 5,269, respectively, at the end of 1938. There was a small increase in the number of persons imprisoned for debt, from 580 to 599.

Year.				Number of insolvency petitions.
1935	..	..	..	5,567
1936	..	..	..	5,013
1937	..	..	..	2,155
1938	..	..	..	1,476
1939	..	..	..	1,255

6. All the subordinate courts were inspected during the year by the district judges.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

A. R. MACLEWEN,
Secretary to Government.

To the Hon'ble the Chief Justice (with C.L.).
 „ the Revenue Department.
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 „ the Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Madras.
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