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Act—Attitude of the public towards the Act and the Department.—The attitude of the public towards the Act and the Department continued to be generally favourable in spite of the decisions of the High Court, dated 13th December 1951, on C.M.P. No. 2591 of 1951 filed in respect of Sri Shiroor Math, Udipi, South Kanara district, and Writ Petitions Nos. 379 and 380 of 1951 filed in respect of Sri Sabahnayagar temple, Chidambaram, South Arcot district, questioning the validity of the Act, holding several sections of the Act as *ultra vires* the State Legislature. There was no amendment to the Act during the period under report.

2. *Personnel*—(i) *Commissioner.*—The term of office of Sri T. M. Chinnaiya Pillai, M.A., B.L., the first Commissioner under the Act, appointed in G.O. Ms. No. 998, Rural Welfare, dated 21st September 1951, for a period of one year from 30th September 1951 to 29th September 1952 was extended for a period of six months from 30th September 1952 in G.O. Ms. No. 1055, Rural Welfare, dated 22nd September 1952, and he held office up to 29th March 1953. On 30th March 1953, he was relieved by Sri C. Narasimham, I.A.S., appointed as Commissioner in G.O. Rt. No, 159, Public (Special), dated 25th March 1953.

Sri S. V. Rajan, B.A., B.L., Assistant Commissioner, appointed as Personal Assistant to Commissioner in G.O. Ms. No. 979, Rural Welfare, dated 17th September 1951 continued to hold office during the period under report.

(ii) *Deputy Commissioners.*—Sri A. S. Mannadi Nair, B.A., B.L., Bar.-at-Law, and Sri D. Suryanarayanaswamy, B.A., B.L., and Sri N. Venkatarama Iyer, M.A., appointed as Deputy Commissioners in G.O. Ms. No. 998, Rural Welfare, dated 21st September 1951 and G.O. Ms. No. 1022, Rural Welfare dated 25th September 1951, respectively, continued to hold office during the period under report.

There was no change either in the strength or in the headquarters or in the territorial divisions of the Deputy Commissioners during the period.

(iii) *Assistant Commissioners.*—There was no change in the strength of the Assistant Commissioners also. Sri S. Ramalingam Naidu, B.A., B.L., Sri C. Koteswara Rao, B.A., Sri K. Bhujanga Rao, B.A., Sri D. Gurumurthy Chetty, B.A., and Sri T. S. Thangavelu, B.A., B.L., appointed in G.O. Ms. No. 1019, Rural Welfare, dated 25th September 1951, as temporary Assistant Commissioners were reverted to their permanent posts consequent to the appointment in G.O. Ms. No. 1245, Rural Welfare, dated 16th November 1952, of, (i) Sri S. Srinivasan, B.A., B.L., (ii) Sri K. Rajah, B.A., B.L. (iii) Sri A. Venkatachalam, B.SC., B.L., (iv) Sri T. Ramadoss, B.A., B.L., (v) Sri C. Kotes- wara Rao, B.A., (he was appointed as regular Assistant Commissioner). Sri T. S. Thangavelu, B.A., B.L., was continued as Assistant Commissioner in the place of Sri M. R. Shanmugasundaram, Assistant Commissioner on foreign service. All of them except Sri C. Koteswara Rao were after training as required under the rules posted in G.O. Ms. No. 44, Rural Welfare, dated 8th January 1953, to be in charge of the districts mentioned below and they took charge of their offices on the dates noted against each :—

(1) Sri S. Srinivasan, Madras and Chingleput on 26th January 1953.

(2) Sri K. Rajah, Ramanathapuram on 28th January 1953.

(3) Sri A. Venkatachalam, North Arcot and South Arcot on 27th January 1953.

(4) Sri T. Ramadoss, East Godavari on 27th January 1953.

There was no change in the headquarters or in the territorial divisions of the Assistant Commissioners. Statements showing (*a*) the strength of the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and Personal Assistant to the Commissioner sanctioned in G.O. Ms. No. 966, Rural Welfare, dated 12th September 1951 and G.O. Ms. No. 1063, Rural Welfare, dated 23rd September 1952 as on 1st April 1952 and 31st March 1953, (*b*) the jurisdiction and the headquarters of the Deputy Commissioners as fixed in G.O. Ms. No. 966, Rural Welfare, dated 12th September 1951 as on 1st April 1952 and 31st March 1953 and (*c*) the jurisdiction and headquarters of the Assistant Commissioners as fixed in G.O. Ms. No. 966, Rural Welfare, dated 12th September 1951, as on 1st April 1952 and 31st March 1953 (Appendices I to III) are appended.

3. *Rules under the Act.*—In exercise of the powers vested in them under the Act Government have during the period under report framed rules under certain sections and also amended certain rules already framed to carry out the purposes of the Act.

4. *Authorities under the Act.*—It has been already referred to in the previous administration report that a Division Bench of the High Court consisting of Satyanarayana Rao and Rajagopalan JJ. has in its judgment, dated 13th December 1951, on C.M.P. No. 2591 of 1951 relating to Sri Shiroor Math, Udipi, South Kanara district, and on Writ Petitions Nos. 379 and 380 of 1951 relating to Sri Sabhanayagar temple, Chidambaram, South Arcot district, held the sections of the Act mentioned below, as *ultra vires* the State Legislature :—

Section 20	..	Powers and duties of the Commissioner in respect of religious institutions.
Section 21	..	Power to enter religious institution.
Section 25 (4)	..	Power to direct trustees to make alterations, omissions or additions in the register of properties.
Section 26	..	Annual verification of the register of properties.
Section 28	..	Inspection of property and documents.
Section 29	..	Alienation of immovable property.
Section 30 (2)	..	Authority of trustees to incur expenditure for securing the health, etc., of pilgrims and worshippers and for the training of archakas, etc., and the power of the Commissioner to issue general or special instructions.
Section 31	..	Utilization of surplus funds.
Section 53	..	Power to fill up vacancies in the office of the trustee of a math or specific endowments to a math in case of dispute to the right of succession to office.
Section 54	..	Fixation of standards of scales of expenditure.
Section 55 (2)	..	Power to call for accounts from the trustee of a math regarding Pathakanikkais.
Section 56	..	Appointment of a manager for secular affairs of the math.
Section 58 (3)	..	Association of one or more persons with the trustees of a math for administration of the math and specific endowments attached to it under a scheme and appointment of a paid manager.
Section 59	..	Appropriation of endowments.
Sections 63 to 69		Power to notify the religious institutions.
ection 70 (2), (3), (4).		Budgets of religious institutions.
ection 76	..	Payment of contribution by religious institutions to Government.
ection 89	..	Penalty for refusal by trustee to comply with the provision of the Act.
ection 99	..	Power of Government to call for records and pass orders.

Subsequently another Division Bench consisting of the Chief Justice and Venkatarama Iyer J. has, in its judgment, dated 11th September 1953, on a batch of Writ Petitions filed questioning the validity of the Act, held—

(*a*) there is no general prohibition in the Constitution of India against legislation in respect of religion ;

(*b*) the Act is not void on the ground that it is an unconstitutional interference by State in matters of religion ;

(*c*) the Act is not repugnant to Article 14 of the Constitution on the ground that it singles out Hindu religion for special treatment ;

(*d*) section 86 (4) of the Act does not violate Article 282 of the constitution ;

(*e*) trusteeship wherever hereditary is in the nature of property within the meaning of Article 19 (1) (*f*) of the Constitution ; and

(*f*) Schemes settled under the Act are valid, provided that they do not abridge or fetter the rights of hereditary trustees. This judgment could not prevail against the other already referred to and the Appeal of the State Government against the Judgment of Satyanarayana Rao and Rajagopalan JJ. before the Supreme Court was not disposed during the period under report.

Pending the disposal of the appeal referred to, and in the view that the judgment in appeal applied to Shirur Math and matters of similar nature and to Sri Sabhanayagar temple and the like as observed in the judgment itself, the authorities constituted under the Act had been exercising the powers conferred and the duties imposed on them under the several sections of the Act as usual.

(i) *Commissioner.*—Subject to the provisions of the Act, the administration of all religious endowments shall be subject to the general superintendence and control of the Commissioner, and such superintendence and control shall include the power to pass any order which may be deemed necessary to ensure that such endowments are properly administered and that their income is duly appropriated for the purposes for which they are founded or exist, and under sections 10 (2) and 11 (2) of the Act, the Commissioner may delegate any of the powers conferred and duties imposed on him, by or under the Act, to the Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners subject to such exceptions, limitations and conditions as may be specified in the order of the delegation.

The Commissioner had accordingly in exercise of the powers conferred and duties imposed on him, under the said sections of the Act as aforesaid, delegated to the Deputy Commissioners by his order No. 3, dated 30th September 1951, and modified by order No. 82, dated 11th March 1952, and to the Assistant Commissioners by his order No. 4, dated 30th September 1951, and modified by his order No. 83, dated 11th March 1952, the powers and duties as mentioned below :—

(*a*) *Deputy Commissioners.*—Powers conferred and duties imposed on the Commissioner by or under sections 21 (1), 25, 26, 27 (1), 30 (2), 35 (2) (*a*), 36, 50, 51 (1), (2) and (3), 58 (8), 70, 71 (3), 71 (4) (*b*), 73 (2), 74 (1), 74 (3), 74 (4), 74 (2), 87 and 103 (*e*) (ii) in respect of all the religious institutions, except Tirumalai-Tirupathi Devasthanams, and the specific endowments attached thereto, subject to the conditions (*a*) that it shall be subject to the provision of the rules framed under section 10 (2), (*b*) that the powers conferred and duties imposed on the Commissioner by or under sections 21 (1), 27 (1) and 28 (1) may be exercised and performed by the Commissioner also, and (*c*) that the powers conferred and duties imposed on the Commissioner by or under sections 30 (2), 51 (1), (2) and (3), 70, 71 (4) (*b*), 72 (*b*), 73 (2), and 74 (1) and 74 (3) except the powers of surcharge in respect of the notified institutions excepted under section 69 from the jurisdiction of the Area Committees shall be exercised and performed by the Assistant Commissioner and not by the Deputy Commissioner.

(*b*) *Assistant Commissioners.*—Powers conferred and duties imposed on the Commissioner under (*a*) sections 21 (1), 27 (*b*) and 28 (1) over all religious institutions, (*b*) sections 30 (2), 51 (1), (2) and (3), 70, 71 (4) (*b*), 72 (*b*), 73 (2), 74 (1), and 74 (3) except the power of surcharge over notified religious instituti excepted under section 69 from the jurisdiction of the Area Committee sub to the conditions (*a*) that it shall be subject to the rules framed under sec 11 (3) and (*b*) that the powers conferred and duties imposed on the Commissioner by or under sections 21 (1), 27 (1) and 28 (1) may be exercised by the Commissioner also.

The Commissioner has been, besides exercising the powers conferred and discharging the duties imposed on him by or under the various sections of the Act, original and appellate and revisional exercising general powers of superintendence and control over the religious and charitable institutions and endowments in the State.

The Commissioner was on tour for 146 days, inspected 84 institutions and conducted enquiries, etc., besides conferring with the Deputy Commissioners and the Assistant Commissioners as to how the several provisions of the Act should be worked out and other matters allied to the working of the Act, in view of the decision of High Court made on 13th December 1951 already referred to.

The Commissioner inspected the offices of the three Deputy Commissioners and suitable directions were issued to them :—

During the period under report the Commissioner passed orders under section 18 in 90 cases;

During the period under report the Commissioner passed orders under section 29 in 18 cases;

During the period under report the Commissioner passed orders under section 31 in 1 case;

During the period under report the Commissioner passed orders under section 31 (2) in 1 case;

During the period under report the Commissioner passed orders under section 45 (5) in 11 cases;

During the period under report the Commissioner passed orders under section 49 (3) in 5 cases;

During the period under report the Commissioner passed orders under section 52 in 1 case, and

During the period under report the Commissioner passed orders under section 61 (1) in 34 cases.

As against the decision of the Commissioner in respect of 6 cases falling under the sections of the Act mentioned above, applications were filed before Government, under section 99 of the Act. In one of them the decision of the Commissioner has been reversed, in another it is pending and in other cases, the decisions have been upheld.

(ii) *Deputy Commissioners.*—A statement showing the jurisdiction and the headquarters of the Deputy Commissioners is appended (vide Appendix II).

Besides the powers conferred and duties imposed on them by or under the various sections of the Act, the Deputy Commissioners also exercised and discharged the powers and duties delegated to them by the Commissioner referred to supra.

The offices of the Assistant Commissioners in the respective jurisdiction of the Deputy Commissioners were inspected by the Deputy Commissioners and suitable directions issued to the Assistant Commissioners thereon.

A statement showing the number of temples in the respective jurisdiction of the Deputy Commissioners as per list published under section 38 of the Act and the work done by them under the sections of the Act (Administrative) during the period under report is appended (vide Appendix IV). A statement showing the work done by them under the various sections of the Act (Judicial) during the period under report is appended (Appendix V).

(iii) *Assistant Commissioners.*—The strength of the Assistant Commissioners continued to be 20. A statement showing the number of institutions in the jurisdiction of each of the Assistant Commissioner's divisions and the work done by them during the period under report in exercise of the powers conferred and duties imposed on them by or under the several sections of the Act in addition to the exercise of the powers and discharge of duties, delegated to them by the Commissioner as referred to supra is appended (Appendix VI).

(iv) *Area Committees.*—A statement showing the names of the Assistant Commissioner's divisions for which Area Committees have been constituted; and another showing the work done by each of the Area Committees during the period are appended (Appendices VII and VIII). There was no change in the territorial jurisdiction of the Area Committees and vacancies that arose have been filled up by the Government on the recommendation of the Commissioner.

It may be seen from the particulars furnished in Appendix VIII that out of 273 meetings convened, 68 meetings were adjourned for want of quorum.

5. *Staff.*—A statement showing (*a*) the strength of the staff employed in the offices of the Commissioner, (*b*) the strength of the staff employed in the offices of the Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners, (*c*) the strength of special staff for verification and appraisement of jewels and valuables belonging to religious institutions are appended (Appendix IX A, B and C.).

Consequent on the coming into force of Madras Act XIX of 1951 and the resultant Decentralization, appointment of Deputy Commissioners and distribution of powers conferred and duties imposed on the Commissioner and the creation of Area Committees, there has been no reduction in the work in any of the offices; on the other hand, the work has increased in each of the offices considerably.

The factors that have led to the increase in the work and the necessity for the increase in the strength of the staff have been placed before Government in the last Administration Report of the department and also through correspondence. But Government have not been pleased to consider the representation favourably. It is once again urged that having regard to the work in each of the offices, the present staff is inadequate to cope with the work and that increase in the staff is absolutely necessary to, if the current work is to be attended to expeditiously without falling into arrears.

6. *Number of religious institutions under the control of the Department.*—The number of major institutions under the control of this department was as shown below :—

(1) Maths	218
(2) Temples	12,925
(3) Specific endowments	668

Besides these, the number of minor institutions (getting less than Rs. 200 in the case of temples and specific endowments and less than Rs. 400 in ths case of maths) was 16,295.

7. *Charitable institutions under the management of the department.*—There are two charitable institutions under the direct management of the Commissioner in Tanjore district, namely, (1) Raja Veda Patasala, Kumbakonam and (2) Veda Patasala, Ammalagraharam, Tiruvaiyaru, Tanjore.

Both of them were, previous to enactment of Madras Act V of 1944, under the management of the Kumbakonam Circle Temple Committee and the Tanjore Circle Committee respectively. With the abolition of the temple committees, the management passed to the Ex-Board and with the repeal of Madras Act II of 1927 and abolition of the Ex-Board, the management has been vested in the Department.

The patasalas are under the supervision and control of the Assistant Commissioner, Tanjore, on behalf of the Commissioner. At the instance of the Assistant Commissioner to vest the management of the patasalas in a board of trustees subject to the control of this Department and the Treasurer of Endowments, etc., Government have been requested to settle schemes for their administration and final orders are awaited.

(1) *Raja Veda Patasala, Kumbakonam.*—Free tuition is imparted in three Vedas, Rig, Yajur and Sama and in Kavya and the students are allowed free boarding and lodging. There are six teachers for the patasala. Three of them teach Vedas and the other three Kavya. There were 20 boys in Vedic section and six boys in Kavya section. No boys were sent for the Government Entrance Examination for Sironmani Course. Due to dearth of boys in Kavya section, Elementary classes in Sanskrit have been introduced. Besides the aforesaid six teachers, the establishment consists of a manager, cook, a watchman and a sweeper. There is an Honorary Superintendent at Kumbakonam to supervise the working of the patasala.

The patasala owns 72·29½ acres in Koothanur, Nagakudi and Thirunallur villages, Tanjore district. They have been leased out for an aggregate rental of 1,446 kalams and Rs. 80 per annum. In fasli 1362, the patasala realized 1,072 kalams of paddy and the arrears at the end of the fasli amounted to 374 kalams of paddy. The arrears due from Nagakudi village are covered by suits. In respect of Nagakudi village, a patta suit filed by the former lessee is pending in appeal in S.A. No. 41 of 1951, High Court, Madras. In respect of another suit for arrears of rent for Nagakudi village, the right of the Commissioner to represent the patasala was disputed, and the Sub-Court, Kumbakonam and the District Court, Tanjore, decided that the Commissioner cannot represent the patasala. Government have since, on the recommendation of the Commissioner, authorized the Collector of Tanjore to represent the patasala in all suits and petitions pending now and suits, etc., pending now to be filed on behalf of the patasalas. The Court has already permitted the Collector to be impleaded as party to the suit on the file of the Sub-Court, Kumbakonam. The suit is pending.

The income of the patasala for fasli 1362 was Rs. 15,051–14–8 but its expenditure was Rs. 15,209–7–9.

(2) *Veda Patasala, Ammalagraharam, Tanjore.*—Free tuition is imparted in three Vedas, Rig, Sama and Yajur and Agama and the boys are provided with free boarding and lodging as in the case of the other patasala. There are four teachers.

There were nine boys at the beginning and with the three boys admitted the strength was 12 at the end of the period.

The patasala owns lands measuring 27·08 acres. They have been leased out to six lessees for fasli 1361 to 1363 for an aggregate rental of 880 kalams of paddy and Rs. 35 per annum. The cocoanut tope has been leased out from fasli 1361 to 1363 for an annual rental of Rs. 260.

The lease arrears outstanding at the end of the fasli were Rs. 431 and Rs. 352 of paddy. During the fasli, the receipts amounted to Rs. 6,759–4–1 and the expenditure was Rs. 6,705–11–10.

There were seven decrees pending realization to the tune of about Rs. 4,284–6–11.

The accounts of both the patasalas are audited by the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts, Madras and the accounts for fasli 1361 have been audited.

(3) *Rokka Mohini Temples.*—There are on the whole 48 temples getting Rokka Mohini Allowance of Rs. 8,607–14–0 per annum from the Chatram Department, Tanjore. In respect of 42 temples the allowances are payable half-yearly, while the remaining six temples, the allowances are paid once in a year. When

the chatram funds and properties were handed over to the Tanjore District Board in or about the year 1862 by the Revenue Department, the lands belonging to some of the temples were also handed over to the District Board and the District Board was asked to meet out the expenditure for the temples. The maintenance of the temples is a charge on the Chatram property. The expenditure connected with paditharam, etc., of the temples were valued at the then market rate and the cash allowances were fixed. Though the prices of commodities have risen, there is no corresponding increase in the allowances. In fixing the cash allowances, the expenditure for Thiruppani was not taken into consideration. Consequently a number of the Rokka Mohini temples are not only not able to maintain themselves out of the Mohini allowances but are also not able to carry out even necessary repairs.

The Mohini allowances are payable by the Chatram in advance. But of late, there is no regular payment in time by the Chatram Department. The Mohini allowances due for fasli 1361 have been received and disbursed. The Mohini allowances due for fasli 1362 have not yet been received in respect of North and South Range temples. For Sakkuvarambalpuram temples, the Mohini of Rs. 263 for fasli 1362 has been received and disbursed.

A sum of Rs. 4,165–7–0 being the Mohini allowance for the second half of fasli 1360 has been deposited with the State Funds on the passing of Madras Act XIX of 1951. The question of getting refund of the amount is pending sanction with the Accountant-General, Madras.

8. *Verification and appraisement of jewels and valuables, etc., belonging to religious institutions.*—The Special scheme of verification and appraisement of jewels and the valuables, etc., belonging to religious institutions as sanctioned by the Government, from time to time as shown below was continued during the period under report :—

(1) G.O. Ms. No. 316, Rural Welfare, dated 22nd March 1952, for three months from 1st April 1952.

(2) G.O. Ms. No. 712, Rural Welfare, dated 26th June 1952, for three months from 1st July 1952.

(3) G.O. Ms. No. 1073, Rural Welfare, dated 25th September 1952 , for six months from 1st October 1952.

There was no change in the number of posts sanctioned or in the personnel of the Verification Officer and his staff except on two occasions when Sri V. Rangayya, Verification Officer was on leave. During his absence on leave Sri T. E. Janardhanam was appointed to act as Verification Officer.

The names of institutions whose jewels and valuables were appraised up to the end of June 1952 have been reported in the previous Administration Report with full particulars of valuation, etc.

The names of the institutions whose jewels and valuables were verified and appraised during the period under report and the valuation of such jewels and valuables are furnished hereunder :—

Chingleput district.

		RS.	A.	P.
1	Sri Ranganadhaswami temple, Tiruneermalai.	25,260	8	9
2	Sri Kandaswami temple, Tirupporur	60,391	4	6
3	Sri Audikesavaperumal temple, Sriperumbudur.	8,88,216	14	9
4	Sri Veeraraghavaswami temple, Tiruvallur ..	6,32,131	15	0
5	Sri Devarajaswami temple, Kancheepuram ..	10,79,413	3	6

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	RS.	A.	P.
1 Sri Chennakesava and Chennamalleeswarar temple, Devaraja Mudali Street (gold kavachams).	36,558	4	6
2 Sri Bairagi matam Venkateswara temple, Madras.	1,12,088	8	6
South Arcot district.			
1 Sri Pataleeswara temple, Tiruppapuliyur ..	4,39,159	8	3
2 Sri Subrahmaniaswami temple, Mailam ..	2,18,478	0	6
3 Sri Vriddhagiriswarar temple, Vriddhachalam.	76,547	6	6
North Arcot district.			
1 Sri Lakshminarasimhaswami temple, Sholinghur.	1,17,818	10	9
Tanjore District.			
1 Sri Audikumbeswarar temple, Kumbakonam ..	2,17,872	3	6
2 Sri Swaminathaswami temple, Swamimalai ..	3,72,946	14	3
3 Sri Srinivasaperumal temple, Nachiarkoil ..	1,47,668	4	0
4 Sri Santhanaramaswami temple, Nidamangalam.	63,214	3	9
5 Sri Sowrirajaperumal temple, Tirukannapuram.	1,77,711	5	3
6 Sri Kayarohanaswami temple, Nagapattinam ..	1,18,525	6	6
7 Sri Subrahmaniaswami temple, Ettigudi ..	48,984	12	0
8 Sri Venkatachalapathy temple, Uppiliappankoil.	1,03,111	3	3
Total ..	49,36,098	10	0

Copies of the reports of the Verification Officer have been sent to Government and suitable directions have been issued to the executive authorities of the institutions concerned to carry out the suggestions made by the Verification Officer.

The reports of the Verification Officer containing particulars as to the number of jewels and valuables, their descriptions, values, etc., are helpful to the institutions and serve as their permanent records.

It is reported that it may take not less than two years to complete the verification and appraisement of the jewels and valuables of religious institutions owning jewels and valuables worth more than Rs. 10,000.

The scheme was sanctioned in the year 1948 and has been continued from time to time. There have been additions to the jewels and valuables of the institutions, which were appraised in the years 1948 and onwards and it is felt necessary that such additions also should be verified and appraised and the inventories brought up to date from time to time.

9. *Deputation of special staff to supervise festivals and hundials.*—A statement showing districtwar particulars of the number of occasions during which special staff was deputed to supervise the festivals in temples and to safeguard the hundials is appended (Appendix XI). Such deputation was found to the advantage of the temples concerned.

10. *Deputation of Inspecting Officers to attend auction of the leases of temples' lands, properties and rights, etc.*—A statement showing the number of cases in which the Inspecting Officers were deputed to attend the auctions held for the grant of leases of temple lands, properties and other rights is appended (Appendix XII).

Such deputation has resulted in the increase of lease amounts and rentals secured for the temples.

11. *Poor homes and orphanages.*—During the period under report orphanages were opened *at Palni* (Madurai district), *Nachiarkoil* (Tanjore district) and *Vaitheeswarankoil* (Tanjore district) out of the funds diverted from the surplus in the incomes of the institutions.

12. *Litigation.*—A statement showing the number of suits and petitions and appeals filed by and against the department and disposed of during the period under report both in the High Court and City Civil Court, Madras, and in the Subordinate courts is appended (Appendix XIII).

There has been a decree in the number of suits, petitions and appeals against the department in spite of the decision of the High Court in C.M.P. No. 2591 of 1951 regarding Shirur Math, Udipi, South Kanara district and Writ Petitions Nos. 379 and 380 of 1951 relating to Sri Sabhanayagar temple, Chidambaram, South Arcot district.

In certain cases both in the High Court and Subordinate courts the department has been directed to pay costs.

13. *Finance.*—It has already been reported in the previous Administration Report that no action was taken under section 76 (1) of the Act to assess the religious institutions to contribution payable to Government in view of the judgment of the High Court and that action had been taken to assess them to audit fee under section 76 (2) of the Act.

The appeal of the State Government before the Supreme Court was not taken up for disposal during the period under report and pending the disposal of the appeal, no action was taken during the period under report also to assess the religious institutions under section 76 (1) of the Act, though action was taken to assess them to audit fee.

A statement showing the number of demands issued under section 76 (2) of the Act, and, the amount demanded is appended (Appendix XIV).

A statement showing the contribution collected (arrear and current) from the executive authorities of religious institutions who made payment voluntarily and the audit fee (arrear and current) collected, during the period is appended (Appendix XV).

14. *Receipts and expenditures.*—A statement showing the receipts and expenditure of the department during the period under report is appended (Appendix XVI).

During the period, the receipts amounted to Rs. 10,29,126-8-4 and the expenditure incurred was Rs. 11,97,066-1-10.

There is a heavy arrear under 'contribution' pending recovery and suitable action will be taken to recover the same, after the appeal pending before the

Supreme Court is disposed of. Demands or coercive steps for the realization of the arrears could not be taken in view of the judgment of the High Court.

15. *Working of Special Acts*—(1) *The Madras Devadasi Act.*—It is reported that there had been no case of violation of the provisions of the Act.

(2) *The Madras Temple Entry Act.*—No case of introduction or innovation in any temple has been reported and no report expressing difficulty in the working of the Act also has been received.

16. *Conclusion.*—The difficulties experienced in the working of the Act have been already placed before Government. But the judgment of the High Court, dated 13th December 1951 (C.M.P. No. 2591 of 1951, Shiroor Math, South Kanara district) and Writ Petitions Nos. 379 and 380 of 1951 (Sabhanayagar temple, Chidambaram, South Arcot district), questioning the constitutional validity of the Act immediately after the Act came into force declaring several sections of the Act ultra vires the State Legislature and that another judgment, dated 11th September 1953, on a batch of writ petitions once again questioning the validity of the Act have created difficulties in the way of the smooth working of the Act.

The theme, scope, and the frame work of the Act have been questioned and it has become necessary on the part of the State to review the Act, having regard to the judicial pronouncements and administrative difficulties felt and realized and to recast the same, in such a way as to see that the objects of the framers of the legislation are achieved effectively, in the interests of the endowments and the general public. The *implications* of the pronouncements of the High Court have far reaching *implications*, and the difficulties arising therefrom need careful study and effective solution.

During the period under report, the department has not been able to make substantial progress on account of the judgment of the High Court referred to, inefficient working of the Area Committees, and the inadequacy of staff to investigate into the existence, management, etc., of charitable endowments and extention of the provisions of the Act to such endowments, etc.

But it is hoped that with the experience gained so far and taking advantage of the judicial pronouncements made, the Act can be recast to secure the purposes for which it is intended so as to serve the needs of the Hindu Religious institutions at large.

APPENDIX I.

Statement showing the strength of Commissioner, Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and Personal Assistant to the Commissioner sanctioned in G.O. Ms. No. 966, *Rural Welfare, dated 12th September* 1951 *and continued in G.O. Ms. No.* 1063, *Rural Welfare, dated 23rd September* 1952.

As on 1st April 1952 and on 31st January 1953.

Serial number and name of post.	Total number of posts.	Strength.		Scale of pay.
		Permanent.	Temporary.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
				RS.
1 Commissioner	1	1	..	1,000—100/2—1,200.
2 Deputy Commissioners ..	3	1	2	550—50/2—750.
3 Personal Assistant to Commissioner.	1	..	1	250—50/2—500 plus a special pay of Rs. 50.
4 Assistant Commissioners.	20	14	6	250—50/2—500.

APPENDIX II.

Statement showing the jurisdiction and headquarters of the Deputy Commissioners as fixed in G.O. Ms. No. 966, *Rural Welfare, dated 12th September* 1951.

	Serial number and name of district.	Name of headquarters.	Remarks.
I	1 Visakhapatnam	Masulipatnam ..	...
	2 Srikakulam		
	3 East Godavari		
	4 West Godavari		
	5 Krishna		
	6 Guntur		
	7 Nellore		
	8 Chittoor		
	9 Anantapur		
	10 Bellary		
	11 Cuddapah		
	12 Kurnool		
II	1 Madras City	Coimbatore	——
	2 Chingleput		
	3 South Arcot		
	4 North Arcot		
	5 Coimbatore		
	6 Salem		
	7 The Nilgiris		
	8 South Malabar		
	9 North Malabar		
	10 South Kanara		
III	1 East Tanjore	Tanjore	....
	2 West Tanjore		
	3 Tiruchirappalli		
	4 Madurai		
	5 Ramanathapuram		
	6 Tirunelveli		

APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the jurisdiction and headquarters of the Assistant Commissioners as fixed in G.O. Ms. No. 966, *Rural Welfare, dated 12th September* 1951.

Serial number and name of district.	Headquarter.	Remarks.
1 Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam ..	Vizianagaram .. —	....
2 East Godavari	Rajahmundry	....
3 West Godavari	Eluru	....
4 Krishna	Masulipatnam	....
5 Guntur	Guntur	....
6 Kurnool and Cuddapah	Kurnool	....
7 Bellary and Anantapur	Anantapur	....
8 Nellore and Chittoor	Nellore	....
9 Chingleput and Madras City ..	Madras	....
10 North Arcot and South Arcot ..	Cuddalore	....
11 West Tanjore	Tanjore	....
12 East Tanjore	Nagapattinam	....
13 Tiruchirappalli	Tiruchirappalli	....
14 Madurai	Madurai	....
15 Ramanathapuram	Do.	....
16 Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli	....
17 Coimbatore, Salem and the Nilgiris.	Coimbatore	....
18 South Malabar	Palghat	....
19 North Malabar including Hosdrug sub-taluk of South Kanara.	Tellicherry	....
20 South Kanara excluding the sub-taluk of Hosdrug.	Mangalore	....

APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the number of temples in the jurisdiction of the Deputy Commissioners as per list published under section 38 of the Act and the work done (Administrative) during the period from 1st April 1952 to 31st March 1953.

Serial number and name of the district comprised in the jurisdiction of the Deputy Commissioner.	Headquarters of the Deputy Commissioner.	Number of religious institutions in each districts published under section 38 of the Act.	Number of days toured.	Number of institutions inspected.	Number of audit reports received.	Number of dittams approved.	Number of budgets sanctioned.	Number of register of properties under section 25 of the Act approved.	Number of statements under section 26 the Act approved.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
1 East Tanjore ..	Tanjore ..	38	138	92	159	3	150	58	41
2 West Tanjore ..		23							
3 Tiruchirappalli ..		14							
4 Madurai		6							
5 Ramanathapuram		13							
6 Tirunelveli ..		16							
7 Madras City ..	Coimbatore ..	14	151	85	135	..	65	60	20
8 Chingleput ..		6							
9 South Arcot ..		4							
10 North Arcot ..		3							
11 Coimbatore ..		5							
12 Salem		2							
13 Nilgiris		..							
14 South Malabar		23							
15 North Malabar									
16 South Kanara ..		10							
17 Srikakulam ..	Masulipatnam ..	5	149	103	182	..	65	253	5
18 Visakhapatnam		1							
19 East Godavari ..		5							
20 West Godavari ..		4							
21 Krishna		3							
22 Guntur		4							
23 Nellore		5							
24 Chittoor ..		3							
25 Cuddapah ..		..							
26 Kurnool ..		2							
27 Bellary		1							
28 Anantapur ..		..							

APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the work done by the Deputy Commissioners under the various sections of the Act for the period from 1st April 1952 to 31st March 1953.

Serial number and Deputy Commissioner.	Number of cases disposed of under each section.												
	Section 31.	Section 32.	Section 45.	Section 47.	Section 49 (2).	Section 57.	Section 58 (1).	Section 58 (6).	Section 59 (1).	Section 60.	Section 70 (4).	Section 73 (4).	Section 87.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
1 Tiruchirappalli ..	55	4	20	..	14	62	10	3	..	—	1	—	21
2 Coimbatore	17	..	13	1	24	54	53	8	..	4	1	..	42
3 Masulipatnam ..	8	..	53	4	11	19	50	15	..	..	..	..	37

APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the number of institutions in the jurisdiction of the Assistant Commissioners and the work done by them during the period from 1st April 1952 to 31st March 1953.

Serial number and name of the district or districts Comprised in the Assistant commissioners' jurisdiction.	Headquarters of the Assistant Commissioners.	Number of institutions.	Number of days toured.	Number of institutions inspected.	Number of enquiries held.	Number of audit reports received.	Number of budgets received.	Number of budgets sanctioned.	Number of trustees appointed.	Number of dittams received.	Number of register of properties under section 25 of the Act received.	Number of register of properties under section 25 of the Act verified.	Number of statements under section 26 of the Act received.	Number of statements under section 26 of the Act verified.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
1 Srikakulam	Visakapatnam ..	340	144	129	11	35	183	183	76	2	40	33	..	..
2 Visakhapatnam ..		218												
3 East Godavari ..	Rajahmundry ..	782	127	256	377	232	61	57	465	..	56	56	18	18
4 West Godavari ..	Eluru	645	166	61	79	327	209	203	73	..	9	9	1	1
5 Krishna	Masulipatnam ..	608	122	80	105	342	150	150	41	..	39	39	..	..
6 Guntur	Guntur ..	1,332	129	289	10	184	430	430	151	..	..	..	..	..
7 Nellore	Nellore ..	378	138	97	101	9	103	93	74	..	10	7	..	..
8 Chittoor		202												
9 Cuddapah	Kurnool ..	267	137	134	154	55	95	95	128	1	58	38	..	..
10 Kurnool		825												
11 Bellary	Anantapur ..	184	142	107	71	1	82	72	273	..	21	21	1	1
12 Anantapur		242												
13 Madras City ..	Madras ..	303	127	68	62	218	101	101	..	..	2	2	2	2
14 Chingleput		416												
15 South Arcot ..	Cuddalore ..	470	101	177	41	409	160	160	260	..	830	830	..	..
16 North Arcot ..		390												
17 Coimbatore ..	Coimbatore ..	687	..	345	..	..	175	165	92	..	19	19	..	..
18 Salem		852												
19 Nilgiris		24												
20 South Malabar ..	Palghat ..	717	148	120	..	81	211	206	..	7	2	1	5	2
21 North Malabar ..	Tellichery ..	343	120	158	..	55	93	87	47	10	..	7	3	5
22 South Kanara ..	Mangalore ..	340	104	76	100	44	98	98	192	..	..	20	8	3
23 East Tanjore ..	Nagapattinam ..	600	128	92	206	490	439	345	207	3	12	6	19	28
24 West Tanjore ..	Tanjore ..	728	102	128	115	112	271	258	166	4	141	30	..	11
25 Tiruchirappalli ..	Tiruchirappalli ..	875	37	4	..	40	178	176	86	..	22	7	..	..
26 Madurai	Madurai ..	332	77	54	..	216	99	93	51	1	7	1	3	2
27 Ramanathapuram ..	Do.	466	123	31	25	231	163	163	28	..	29	20	1	1
28 Tirunelveli ..	Tirunelveli ..	739	102	46	140	421	296	296	142	5	27	13	..	..

APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the names of the Assistant Commissioners' divisions for which Area Committees have been constituted with the headquarters of the Area Committees from 1*st April* 1952 *to* 31*st March* 1953.

Serial number and name of the headquarters of the Assistant Commissioner's Division. (1)	Names of the districts comprised in the Division of the Assistant Commissioner. (2)
1 Vizianagaram	(1) Srikakulam and (2) Visakhapatnam.
2 Rajahmundry	East Godavari.
3 Eluru	West Godavari.
4 Masulipatnam	Kistna.
5 Guntur	Guntur.
6 Nellore	(1) Nellore and (2) Chittoor.
7 Anantapur	(1) Anantapur and (2) Bellary.
8 Kurnool	(1) Kurnool and (2) Cuddapah.
9 Madras	(1) Madras City and (2) Chingleput.
10 Cuddalore	(1) South Arcot and (2) North Arcot.
11 Tanjore	West Tanjore.
12 Nagapattinam	East Tanjore.
13 Tiruchirappalli	Tiruchirappalli.
14 Madurai	Madurai.
15 Do.	Ramanathapuram.
16 Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli.
17 Coimbatore	(1) Coimbatore, (2) Salem and (3) the Nilgiris.
18 Palghat	South Malabar.
19 Tellicherry	North Malabar.
20 Mangalore	South Kanara.

APPENDIX VIII.

Statement showing the number of meetings of the Area Committee convened and held and the number of subjects disposed of by the Area Committees from 1*st April* 1952 *to* 30*th March* 1953.

Serial number and name of the districts comprising the jurisdiction of the Area Committee.	Number of meetings convened.	Number of meetings adjourned for want of quorum.	Number of meetings held.	Number of subjects included in the agenda.	Number of subjects disposed of.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1 Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam	13	3	10	528	528
2 East Godavari	13	5	8	602	602
3 West Godavari	14	3	11	1,764	1,356
4 Krishna	17	6	11	1,899	555
5 Guntur	13	3	10	1,059	746
6 Nellore and Chittoor	13	..	13	548	440
7 Anantapur and Bellary	14	10	4	1,240	376
8 Kurnool and Cuddapah	10	4	6	466	441
9 Madras City and Chingleput	12	1	11	876	844
10 South Arcot and North Arcot	12	2	10	1,461	1,373
11 West Tanjore	14	2	12	1,399	932
12 East Tanjore	14	..	14	1,530	1,295
13 Tiruchirappalli	12	1	11	932	748
14 Madurai	17	7	10	778	545
15 Ramanathapuram	14	5	9	1,492	863
16 Tirunelveli	18	..	18	1,171	1,046
17 Salem, Coimbatore and Nilgiris	12	3	9	1,443	745
18 South Malabar	16	9	7	858	847
19 North Malabar	12	..	12	768	671
20 South Kanara	13	4	9	1,936	960

APPENDIX IX-A.

Statement showing the strength of the staff employed in the office of the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department, Madras, as on 1*st April* 1952 *and* 31*st March* 1953.

—	Permanent.	Temporary.	Total.	Permanent.	Temporary.	Total.	Scale of pay.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
							RS.
Senior Superintendents	2	..	2	2	..	2	190—10—240
Junior Superintendents	4	..	4	4	..	4	140—5—190
Upper division clerks	6	2	8	6	4	10	80—3—95—5—125
Lower division clerks and Typists.	20	10	30	20	13	33	45—3—60—2—90
Attenders	2	1	3	2	1	3	24—1—32—½—35
Peons	7	6	13	7	6	13	18—½—25
Watchman	..	1	1	..	1	1	(According to the market rate.)

APPENDIX IX-B.

Statement showing the permanent and temporary establishment of the offices of the Deputy Commissioners and of the Assistant Commissioners, as on 1st April 1952.

Offices.	Manager. P.	Manager. T.	Upper Division Inspectors. P.	Upper Division Inspectors. T.	Upper Division Clerks and Head Clerks. P.	Upper Division Clerks and Head Clerks. T.	Lower Division Inspectors. P.	Lower Division Inspectors. T.	Lower Division Clerks. P.	Lower Division Clerks. T.	Steno-typists. P.	Typists. P.	Typists. T.	Attenders. P.	Attenders. T.	Peons. P.	Peons. T.	Watchmen. T.	Total.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)
Deputy Commissioners—																			
1 Tanjore	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	10	2	1	1	1	2	..	4	2	1	28
2 Coimbatore ..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	10	2	1	1	1	2	..	4	2	1	28
3 Masulipatnam ..	1	..	.		3	..	..	..	10	2	1	1	1	2	..	4	2	1	28
Assistant Commissioners—																			
1 Madras City ..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	19
2 Cuddalore ..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	5	2	..	19
3 Nagapattinam ..	..	..	3	..	1	..	2	..	6	3	..	1	..	..	..	7	1	..	24
4 Tanjore	..	..	2	..	1	..	2	1	6	2	..	1	..	..	..	7	1	..	23
5 Tiruchirappalli ..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	5	2	..	1	..	..	..	6	1	..	20
6 Madurai . ..	..	..	2		1	..	..	..	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	14
7 Ramanathapuram	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	4	2	..	15
8 Tirunelveli ..	..	..	3	..	1	..	2	..	6	2	..	1	..	..	..	6	2	..	23
9 Coimbatore ..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	3	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	7	1	..	21
10 Palghat	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	6	1	.	19
11 Tellicherry ..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	5	1	..	16
12 Mangalore ..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	..	16
13 Nellore	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	3	..	15
14 Guntur	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	5	3	..	1	..	..	..	6	1	..	21
15 Masulipatnam ..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	3	2	..	14
16 Eluru	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	14
17 Rajahmundry ..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	..	16
18 Vizianagaram ..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	3	3	..	16
19 Kurnool	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	4	..	17
20 Anantapur ..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	15

P. = Permanent. T. = Temporary.

Category.	Scale. RS.
Manager	140—5—190.
Upper Division Clerks and Inspectors (including head clerks) ..	80—3—95—5—110.
Lower Division Clerks and Inspectors (including steno-typists and typists) ..	45—3—60—2—90.
Attenders	24—1—32—½—35.
Peons	18—½—25.
Watchmen	Market rate prevailing for similar class of labourers in the locality concerned from time to time.

APPENDIX IX-B—*cont.*

Statement showing the permanent and temporary establishment of the offices of the Deputy Commissioners and of the Assistant Commissioners as on 31st March 1953.

Offices.	Manager. P.	Manager. T.	Upper Division Inspectors. P.	Upper Division Inspectors. T.	Upper Division Clerks and Head Clerks. P.	Upper Division Clerks and Head Clerks. T.	Lower Division Inspectors. P.	Lower Division Inspectors. T.	Lower Division Clerks. P.	Lower Division Clerks. T.	Steno-typists. P.	Typists. P.	Typists. T.	Attenders. P.	Attenders. T.	Peons. P.	Peons. T.	Watchmen. T.	Total.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)
Deputy Commissioners—																			
1 Tanjore	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	10	6	1	1	1	2	..	4	2	1	32
2 Coimbatore ..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	10	2	1	1	1	2	..	4	2	1	28
3 Masulipatnam ..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	10	2	1	1	1	2	..	4	2	1	28
Assistant Commissioners—																			
1 Madras City ..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	19
2 Cuddalore ..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	5	2	..	19
3 Nagapattinam ..	..	..	3	..	1	..	2	..	6	3	..	1	..	..	..	7	1	..	24
4 Tanjore	..	..	2	..	1	..	2	1	6	2	..	1	..	..	..	7	1	..	23
5 Tiruchirappalli ..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	5	2	..	1	..	..	..	6	1	..	20
6 Madurai	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	14
7 Ramanathapuram.	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	4	2	..	15
8 Tirunelveli ..	..	..	3	..	1	..	2	..	6	2	..	1	..	..	..	6	2	..	23
9 Coimbatore ..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	3	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	7	1	..	21
10 Palghat	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	6	1	..	19
11 Tellicherry ..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	5	1	..	16
12 Mangalore ..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	..	16
13 Nellore	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	3	..	15
14 Guntur	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	5	3	..	1	..	..	..	6	1	..	21
15 Masulipatnam ..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	3	2	..	14
16 Eluru	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	14
17 Rajahmundry ..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	..	16
18 Vizianagaram ..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	3	3	..	16
19 Kurnool	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	4	..	17
20 Anantapur ..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	15

P. = Permanent. T. = Temporary.

APPENDIX IX-C.

Statement showing the strength of the staff employed for verification and appraisement of jewels as on 1st April 1952 and 31st March 1953.

Designation of the post. (1)	Strength. (2)	Scale of pay. (3) RS.
Verification Officer	1	Rs. 250—50/2—500 *plus* a special pay of Rs. 50 per mensem subject to the condition that the total salary drawn shall not exceed Rs. 300 per mensem *plus* usual allowances.
Gem Specialist	1	Rs. 350 per mensem.
Sthapathi	1	Rs. 150 per mensem.
Lower Division Clerks	3	Rs. 45—3—60—2—90.
Peons	2	Rs. 18—½ A—25.

APPENDIX X.

Statement showing the number of maths, temples and specific endowments attached to them (major) in the State.

Serial number and name of the district.	Maths.	Temples.	Specific endowments.	Total.
1 Srikakulam	17	323	..	340
2 Visakhapatnam	2	216	..	218
3 East Godavari	6	776	..	782
4 West Godavari	2	643	..	645
5 Krishna	4	604	..	608
6 Guntur	6	1,296	30	1,332
7 Nellore	..	369	9	378
8 Chittoor	15	183	4	202
9 Bellary	4	180	..	184
10 Anantapur	7	235	..	242
11 Cuddapah	3	264	..	267
12 Kurnool	5	820	..	825
13 Madras	6	255	42	303
14 Chingleput	10	372	34	416
15 South Arcot	20	436	14	470
16 North Arcot	7	379	4	390
17 West Tanjore	18	640	70	728
18 East Tanjore	5	553	42	600
19 Tiruchirappalli	16	759	100	875
20 Madurai	9	292	31	332
21 Ramanathapuram	8	374	80	462
22 Tirunelveli	11	542	186	739
23 Salem	1	351	..	352
24 Coimbatore	10	676	11	697
25 Nilgiris	1	23	..	24
26 South Malabar	..	714	3	717
27 North Malabar	4	333	6	343
28 South Kanara	21	317	2	340
Total ..	218	12,925	668	13,811

APPENDIX XI.

Statement showing cases in which arrangements were made for supervising festivals and safeguarding hundial and other incomes of religious institutions during the period from 1st April 1952 to 31st March 1953.

Serial number and Assistant Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.		Number of cases.
1 Deputy Commissioner,	Tiruchirappalli	5
2 Do.	Coimbatore	5
3 Do.	Masulipatnam	5
4 Assistant Commissioner,	Visakhapatnam	11
5 Do.	Rajahmundry	2
6 Do.	Eluru	Nil.
7 Do.	Masulipatnam	2
8 Do.	Nellore	4
9 Do.	Kurnool	6
10 Do.	Anantapur	6
11 Do.	Guntur	7
12 Do.	Madras	1
13 Do.	Cuddalore	11
14 Do.	Coimbatore	4
15 Do.	Palghat	Nil.
16 Do.	Tellicherry	6
17 Do.	Mangalore	11
18 Do.	Tanjore	8
19 Do.	Nagapattinam	4
20 Do.	Tiruchirappalli	1
21 Do.	Madurai	6
22 Do.	Ramanathapuram	4
23 Do.	Tirunelveli	5
	Total ..	114

APPENDIX XII.

Statement showing the number of cases in which the inspecting officers were deputed to attend the auction of lease of lands and rights and other properties of temples during the period from 1st April 1952 to 31st March 1953.

Serial number and jurisdiction of the Assistant Commissioner.		Number of cases.
1 Assistant Commissioner,	Visakhapatnam	6
2 Do.	Eluru	17
3 Do.	Guntur	154
4 Do.	Masulipatnam	11
5 Do.	Rajahmundry	57
6 Do.	Nellore	35
7 Do.	Kurnool	38
8 Do.	Anantapur	11
9 Do.	Madras	Nil.
10 Do.	Cuddalore	31
11 Do.	Coimbatore	Nil.
12 Do.	Palghat	1
13 Do.	Tellicherry	Nil.
14 Do.	Mangalore	1
15 Do.	Nagapattinam	54
16 Do.	Tanjore	74
17 Do.	Tiruchirappalli	24
18 Do.	Madurai	45
19 Do.	Ramanathapuram	7
20 Do.	Tirunelveli	20
	Total ..	586

APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of suits, petitions and appeals, etc., filed by or against the department and disposed during the period from 1*st April* 1952 *to* 31*st March* 1953.

I. High Court and City Civil Court, Madras—

(1)	Number of cases filed	against the department	72
(2)	Do.	by the department	11
(3)	Do.	against the Board and the department and disposed..	58
(4)	Do.	by the Board and the department and disposed ..	13

II. Mufassal courts—

(1)	Number of cases filed	against the department	57
(2)	Do.	by the department	1
(3)	Do.	against the Board and the department and disposed.	83
(4)	Do.	by the Board and the department and disposed ..	3

APPENDIX XIV.

Statement showing the number of institutions in respect of which demands under section 76 (2) *of the Act were issued and the amount derived during the period from* 1*st April* 1952 *to* 31*st March* 1953.

Serial number.	Name of the district.	Number of institutions in respect of which demands were issued.	Amount demanded.		
			RS.	A.	P.
1	Srikakulam	173	7,301	11	0
2	Visakhapatnam	89	3,986	8	0
3	East Godavari	449	21,417	11	0
4	West Godavari	493	27,451	15	0
5	Krishna	343	18,223	2	0
6	Guntur	746	38,519	1	0
7	Nellore	119	5,896	2	0
8	Chittoor	30	41,880	10	0
9	Bellary	22	584	14	0
10	Anantapur	43	2,132	9	0
11	Cuddapah	50	2,522	10	0
12	Kurnool	133	4,738	11	0
13	Madras	108	13,397	9	0
14	Chingleput	87	7,918	2	0
15	South Arcot	172	6,819	0	0
16	North Arcot	65	3,600	9	0
17	West Tanjore	293	23,613	8	0
18	East Tanjore	331	56,852	11	0
19	Tiruchirappalli	276	27,399	11	0
20	Madurai	124	15,082	11	0
21	Ramanathapuram	126	17,564	12	0
22	Tirunelveli	284	28,292	9	0
23	Salem	99	4,732	1	0
24	Coimbatore	158	10,113	15	0
25	Nilgiris	8	203	14	0
26	South Malabar	334	16,334	0	0
27	North Malabar	64	10,098	4	5
28	South Kanara	146	21,958	5	0

APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the collections of contribution and audit fee during the period from 1*st April* 1952 *to* 31*st March* 1953.

Serial number.	Name of the district.	Amount collected.					
		Contribution.			Audit fee.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1	Srikakulam	5,830	12	6	2,619	15	6
2	Visakhapatnam	15,565	6	0	7,206	2	0
3.	East Godavari	20,707	8	6	11,296	15	0
4	West Godavari	30,432	4	1	16,294	14	9
5	Krishna	20,542	6	4	11,902	13	9
6	Guntur	48,586	10	0	22,074	15	0
7	Nellore	11,581	7	0	5,578	11	2
8	Chittoor	43,259	8	0	38,471	11	0
9	Bellary	4,896	12	10	1,742	5	0
0	Anantapur	7,195	11	2	2,168	5	0
1	Cuddapah	2,455	14	3	640	15	0
2	Kurnool	10,591	1	11	3,957	14	0
3	Madras	17,352	6	0	6,271	11	9
4	Chingleput	5,700	7	0	1,879	10	0
15	South Arcot	7,708	12	0	2,311	7	0
16	North Arcot	4,510	4	4	1,463	8	0
17	West Tanjore	55,481	7	1	28,328	1	8
18	East Tanjore	92,764	5	4	73,884	3	7
19	Tirunelveli	36,811	14	10	18,892	14	4
20	Madurai	25,677	5	0	12,060	9	0
21	Ramanathapuram	44,631	3	10	17,754	1	9
22	Tiruchirappalli	56,532	0	0	28,469	11	6
23	Salem	5,412	3	0	2,011	11	0
24	Coimbatore	14,968	12	9	5,998	13	0
25	Nilgiris	472	15	0	113	14	0
26	South Malabar	18,809	9	1	8,499	12	0
27	North Malabar	18,541	15	0	8,513	3	0
28	South Kanara	9,601	5	0	9,400	13	8