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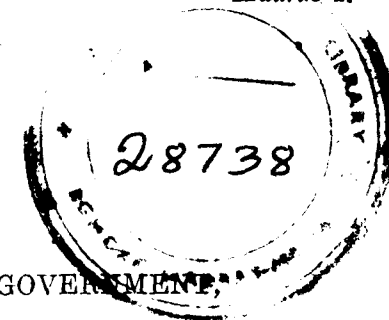
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS,  
*Madras, 10th May 1955.*

From

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INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS (PROBATION),

*Madras-1.*



To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

HOME DEPARTMENT,

*Madras-9.*

SIR,

I submit my report on the working of the Probation Department for the year 1954.

2. Sri K. G. Menon, I.C.S., was in charge of the administration of the department till his death on 18th April 1954. The Assistant Inspector-General was in additional charge from 19th April to 1st May 1954. I took charge from him on that date, and held the post till the end of the year. Sri V. Krishna Menon, M.A., B.L., held the post of the Chief Probation Superintendent throughout the year.

3. All the posts that existed at the end of the previous year were continued throughout the year.

During the year one District Probation Officer was dismissed from service for grave charges, and three were removed from service for unsatisfactory work, and substitutes were appointed in their places. Two of the three officers who were removed from service were re-instated by Government and they rejoined duty at the end of the year, and hence two substitutes were ousted.

4. *Orientation and pre-discharge work.*—The orientation and pre-discharge work which was started as an experimental measure during the year 1952,

was continued this year also in the Penitentiary, Madras, the Senior Certified School, Chingleput, and the Borstal School, Palayamkottai. Though the work was found to yield fruitful results and Government sanctioned the continuance of the scheme for one more year, it could not be expanded or strengthened further for want of staff. The Superintendents of other Jails made use of the services of Probation Officers for orientation and predischarge work in selected cases and with signal success, and they are anxious to introduce the scheme in all the correctional institutions in the State as early as possible as they have found that this work keeps the inmates in good spirits and increases the out-turn of the institutions. The report on the working of the scheme for the year ending 30th June 1954 submitted to Government in my letter No. 168/P1/54, dated 24th August 1954, is appended (Appendix 'A').

The Madras State Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society offered to start the orientation work in the State Jail for Women, Vellore, provided the Government met half the cost of the Woman Welfare Officer. In G.O. Ms. No. 2948, Home, dated 1st October 1954, Government accepted the offer and sanctioned a subsidy of Rs. 1,500 in the first year. The Madras State Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, appointed a Woman Welfare Officer on 3rd January 1955 and she commenced her work in the State Jail for Women, Vellore, from 18th January 1955, after undergoing fifteen days' training under the Chief Probation Superintendent at Madras.

5. *Probation Advisory Committee.*—During the year under report, the Probation Advisory Committee of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society gave financial assistance of Rs. 99-7-0 to the probationers, ex-inmates and ex-pupils recommended by the District Probation Officers.

6. *Madras State Probation and Correctional Association.*—Under the auspices of the association a public meeting was held on 21st October 1954 when Dr. J. R. Dhar, Minister of State (Jails), West Bengal, spoke on his "Impressions on his visit to the Correctional Institutions of Madras State". Dr. P. K. Biswas, M.B., the Inspector-General of Prisons, West Bengal, spoke on the "Salient Features of West Bengal Prisons".

7. *The Madras Jail Reforms Committee.*—The proposals submitted by Sri S. A. Iyengar, I.C.S., the previous Inspector-General with detailed remarks on the report of the Jail Reforms Committee on the chapter 'PROBATION' were referred back for revision and reallocation of priorities. This work could not be attended to for want of adequate staff. On a representation, Government sanctioned in their G.O. Ms. No. 311, Home, dated 4th February 1955, temporary staff for this work. The recommendations on 'probation' and allied subjects are under examination.

8. *Conference.*—In G.O. No. 1027, Home, dated 9th April 1954, Government decided that conferences of Superintendents of Jails and Probation Officers should be convened once in two years for discussion and exchange of views on problems relating to Prison and Probation Administration. They accordingly sanctioned the holding of the conference during the year. On account of the Congress Session at Avadi, the conference could not be held in 1954. The conference was held on 20th, 21st and 22nd April this year under the auspices of the Madras State Probation and Correctional Association at Madras.

TABLE I.

*Comparative statement of the work of District Probation Officers under the Madras Probation of Offenders Act during the years 1953 and 1954.*

| Serial number and district. | Number of preliminary enquiries made during |       | Number of persons placed under supervision during |       | Number of visits paid by District Probation Officers. |        | Number of visits received by District Probation Officers. |       | Number of periodical reports submitted to courts by District Probation Officers. |        |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|                             | 1953.                                       | 1954. | 1953.                                             | 1954. | 1953.                                                 | 1954.  | 1953.                                                     | 1954. | 1953.                                                                            | 1954.  |
| 1 Madras City ..            | 662                                         | 552   | 73                                                | 75    | 6,021                                                 | 6,045  | 3,101                                                     | 2,684 | 3,847                                                                            | 3,981  |
| 2 Arcot, North ..           | 341                                         | 235   | 76                                                | 89    | 987                                                   | 2,405  | 155                                                       | 505   | 724                                                                              | 2,225  |
| 3 Arcot, South ..           | 427                                         | 378   | 101                                               | 70    | 692                                                   | 614    | 59                                                        | 65    | 552                                                                              | 644    |
| 4 Chingleput ..             | 331                                         | 421   | 105                                               | 76    | 1,401                                                 | 1,189  | 297                                                       | 434   | 1,306                                                                            | 717    |
| 5 Coimbatore ..             | 717                                         | 488   | 140                                               | 128   | 1,881                                                 | 2,034  | 78                                                        | 180   | 2,014                                                                            | 2,071  |
| 6 Madurai ..                | 807                                         | 604   | 212                                               | 199   | 4,143                                                 | 3,149  | 384                                                       | 422   | 3,689                                                                            | 2,785  |
| 7 Malabar ..                | 574                                         | 573   | 131                                               | 120   | 1,581                                                 | 1,586  | 296                                                       | 327   | 1,240                                                                            | 1,404  |
| 8 Nilgiris, The ..          | 145                                         | 148   | 34                                                | 54    | 451                                                   | 1,208  | 26                                                        | 40    | 280                                                                              | 819    |
| 9 Ramanathapuram ..         | 308                                         | 485   | 55                                                | 80    | 1,095                                                 | 1,096  | 72                                                        | 125   | 787                                                                              | 952    |
| 10 Salem ..                 | 254                                         | 311   | 90                                                | 134   | 2,068                                                 | 1,506  | 589                                                       | 133   | 2,041                                                                            | 1,020  |
| 11 South Kanara ..          | 187                                         | 46    | 89                                                | 37    | 811                                                   | 829    | 58                                                        | 52    | 678                                                                              | 768    |
| 12 Tanjore ..               | 841                                         | 446   | 115                                               | 97    | 1,267                                                 | 810    | 168                                                       | 347   | 1,223                                                                            | 802    |
| 13 Tiruchirappalli ..       | 1,228                                       | 1,025 | 200                                               | 153   | 2,688                                                 | 2,341  | 870                                                       | 701   | 1,928                                                                            | 2,169  |
| 14 Tirunelveli ..           | 676                                         | 384   | 137                                               | 79    | 1,012                                                 | 1,381  | 67                                                        | 268   | 899                                                                              | 946    |
| Total ..                    | 7,448                                       | 6,091 | 1,558                                             | 1,401 | 26,098                                                | 26,193 | 6,220                                                     | 6,283 | 21,203                                                                           | 21,253 |

TABLE II.

*Progress of probationers under the Madras Probation of Offenders Act during the year 1954.*

| Serial number and district. | Number of persons on supervision at the beginning of 1954. | Number of persons placed under supervision during the year. | Total. | Number of persons whose probation expired. | Number of persons whose probation was terminated. | Number of persons reverted to crime. | Total disposals. | Number of persons on supervision at the end of 1954. | Percentage reversion to crime. |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Madras City ..            | 74                                                         | 75                                                          | 149    | 67                                         | 1                                                 | 1                                    | 69               | 80                                                   | 0.67                           |
| 2 Arcot, North ..           | 98                                                         | 89                                                          | 187    | 69                                         | 1                                                 | 1                                    | 71               | 116                                                  | 0.58                           |
| 3 Arcot, South ..           | 90                                                         | 70                                                          | 160    | 88                                         | ..                                                | 5                                    | 93               | 67                                                   | 3.12                           |
| 4 Chingleput ..             | 96                                                         | 76                                                          | 172    | 88                                         | ..                                                | 1                                    | 89               | 83                                                   | 0.60                           |
| 5 Coimbatore ..             | 150                                                        | 123                                                         | 278    | 154                                        | ..                                                | 4                                    | 158              | 120                                                  | 1.44                           |
| 6 Madurai ..                | 275                                                        | 199                                                         | 474    | 256                                        | ..                                                | 14                                   | 270              | 204                                                  | 2.95                           |
| 7 Malabar ..                | 135                                                        | 130                                                         | 265    | 117                                        | ..                                                | 3                                    | 120              | 145                                                  | 1.13                           |
| 8 Nilgiris, The ..          | 30                                                         | 54                                                          | 84     | 29                                         | ..                                                | ..                                   | 29               | 55                                                   | ..                             |
| 9 Ramanathapuram ..         | 72                                                         | 80                                                          | 152    | 46                                         | ..                                                | 1                                    | 47               | 105                                                  | 0.66                           |
| 10 Salem ..                 | 100                                                        | 184                                                         | 284    | 129                                        | ..                                                | 1                                    | 130              | 104                                                  | 0.43                           |
| 11 South Kanara ..          | 80                                                         | 37                                                          | 117    | 88                                         | ..                                                | 1                                    | 89               | 28                                                   | 0.85                           |
| 12 Tanjore ..               | 189                                                        | 97                                                          | 286    | 108                                        | ..                                                | 10                                   | 118              | 118                                                  | 4.24                           |
| 13 Tiruchirappalli ..       | 266                                                        | 153                                                         | 419    | 224                                        | 2                                                 | 5                                    | 231              | 183                                                  | 1.19                           |
| 14 Tirunelveli ..           | 186                                                        | 79                                                          | 215    | 91                                         | ..                                                | 10                                   | 101              | 114                                                  | 4.65                           |
| Total ..                    | 1,741                                                      | 1,401                                                       | 3,142  | 1,554                                      | 4                                                 | 57                                   | 1,616            | 1,527                                                | 1.81                           |

TABLE III.

*Comparative statement of the total number of persons dealt with under the Madras Probation of Offenders Act, 1936, during the years 1953 and 1954.*

| Serial number and district. | Under section 3 of the Act, i.e., release after admonition. |       | Under section 4 (1) of the Act, i.e., release without supervision. |       | Under section 4 (1) and (2) of the Act, i.e., release with supervision. |       | Total number of persons dealt with under the Act. |        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|--------|
|                             | 1953.                                                       | 1954. | 1953.                                                              | 1954. | 1953.                                                                   | 1954. | 1953.                                             | 1954.  |
| 1 Madras City .. ..         | 4,039                                                       | 3,771 | 863                                                                | 571   | 73                                                                      | 75    | 4,975                                             | 4,417  |
| 2 Arcot, North .. ..        | 576                                                         | 1,690 | 254                                                                | 155   | 76                                                                      | 89    | 906                                               | 1,934  |
| 3 Arcot, South .. ..        | 559                                                         | 175   | 343                                                                | 174   | 101                                                                     | 70    | 803                                               | 419    |
| 4 Chingleput .. ..          | 127                                                         | 137   | 106                                                                | 130   | 105                                                                     | 76    | 338                                               | 343    |
| 5 Coimbatore .. ..          | 676                                                         | 544   | 232                                                                | 142   | 140                                                                     | 128   | 1,048                                             | 814    |
| 6 Madurai .. ..             | 2,308                                                       | 217   | 309                                                                | 229   | 212                                                                     | 199   | 2,829                                             | 645    |
| 7 Malabar .. ..             | 152                                                         | 144   | 274                                                                | 146   | 131                                                                     | 130   | 557                                               | 420    |
| 8 Nilgiris, The .. ..       | 12                                                          | 20    | 18                                                                 | 61    | 34                                                                      | 54    | 64                                                | 135    |
| 9 Ramanathapuram ..         | 325                                                         | 230   | 144                                                                | 153   | 55                                                                      | 80    | 524                                               | 463    |
| 10 Salem .. ..              | 36                                                          | 63    | 54                                                                 | 90    | 90                                                                      | 134   | 180                                               | 287    |
| 11 South Kanara .. ..       | 2                                                           | 29    | 27                                                                 | 19    | 89                                                                      | 37    | 118                                               | 85     |
| 12 Tanjore .. ..            | 145                                                         | 220   | 467                                                                | 226   | 115                                                                     | 97    | 727                                               | 543    |
| 13 Tiruchirappalli ..       | 223                                                         | 74    | 709                                                                | 222   | 200                                                                     | 153   | 1,132                                             | 449    |
| 14 Tirunelveli .. ..        | 1,056                                                       | 439   | 206                                                                | 122   | 137                                                                     | 79    | 1,399                                             | 630    |
| Total .. ..                 | 10,036                                                      | 7,753 | 4,006                                                              | 2,430 | 1,553                                                                   | 1,401 | 15,600                                            | 11,584 |

The Sixth Annual State Conference of Social Work was held at Salem between the 13th and 15th November 1954 and one full section of the conference was devoted to Correctional Administration. The Government permitted me and Sri V. Krishna Menon, the Chief Probation Superintendent to read papers on "Open Penal Institutions and Prisons" and "Probation and After-care" respectively. We read these papers on the 14th November 1954.

9. *The work of the department.*—The Probation department continued to be in charge of the work of Probation and after-care under the Madras Probation of Offenders Act, the Madras Borstal Schools Act, the Madras Children Act and the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act. The Probation Officers also continued to be in charge of the supervision of ex-convicts released prematurely under the Advisory Board Scheme. As in previous years, the courts, especially in the City of Madras, made free use of the services of the District Probation Officers in maintenance cases coming under Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure. As already stated in paragraph 4 above, the orientation and pre-discharge work was continued in the three centres for the whole year. Details of the working of the department are given below.

10. *The Madras Probation of Offenders Act.*—Table I shows the number of preliminary investigations made by the District Probation Officers during the year, the number of visits paid and received by them, and the number of reports submitted by them to the courts. Tables II and III show the progress of probationers during the year.

It will be seen from Table I that there was a general increase in the number of enquiries in the districts of Chingleput, Ramanathapuram and Salem and that, in the other districts, it was smaller than in the previous year. In the City of Madras, the fall that was noticed during the last two years continued during the year. It has since been ascertained that the number of cases of first offenders in the City has been on the decrease for the last three years. The fall in the number of probationers is a healthy sign since it shows that probation in the long run is producing its tangible and intangible results in the reduction of crime, especially offences by new offenders.

The number of persons placed under supervision increased in the districts of North Arcot, Nilgiris, Ramanathapuram and Salem. The number of cases of supervision during the year decreased from 4,006 to 3,142 and the number of persons placed under supervision during the year decreased from 1,558 to 1,401. The number of probationers under supervision at the end of the year was 1,527 as against 1,741 last year. The number of visits paid and the number of visits received by the District Probation Officers increased from 26,098 and 6,220 to 26,193 and 6,283 respectively. The number of reports submitted to the courts also increased from 21,202 to 21,253. The number of persons dealt with under the various sections of the Act decreased from 15,600 to 11,584.

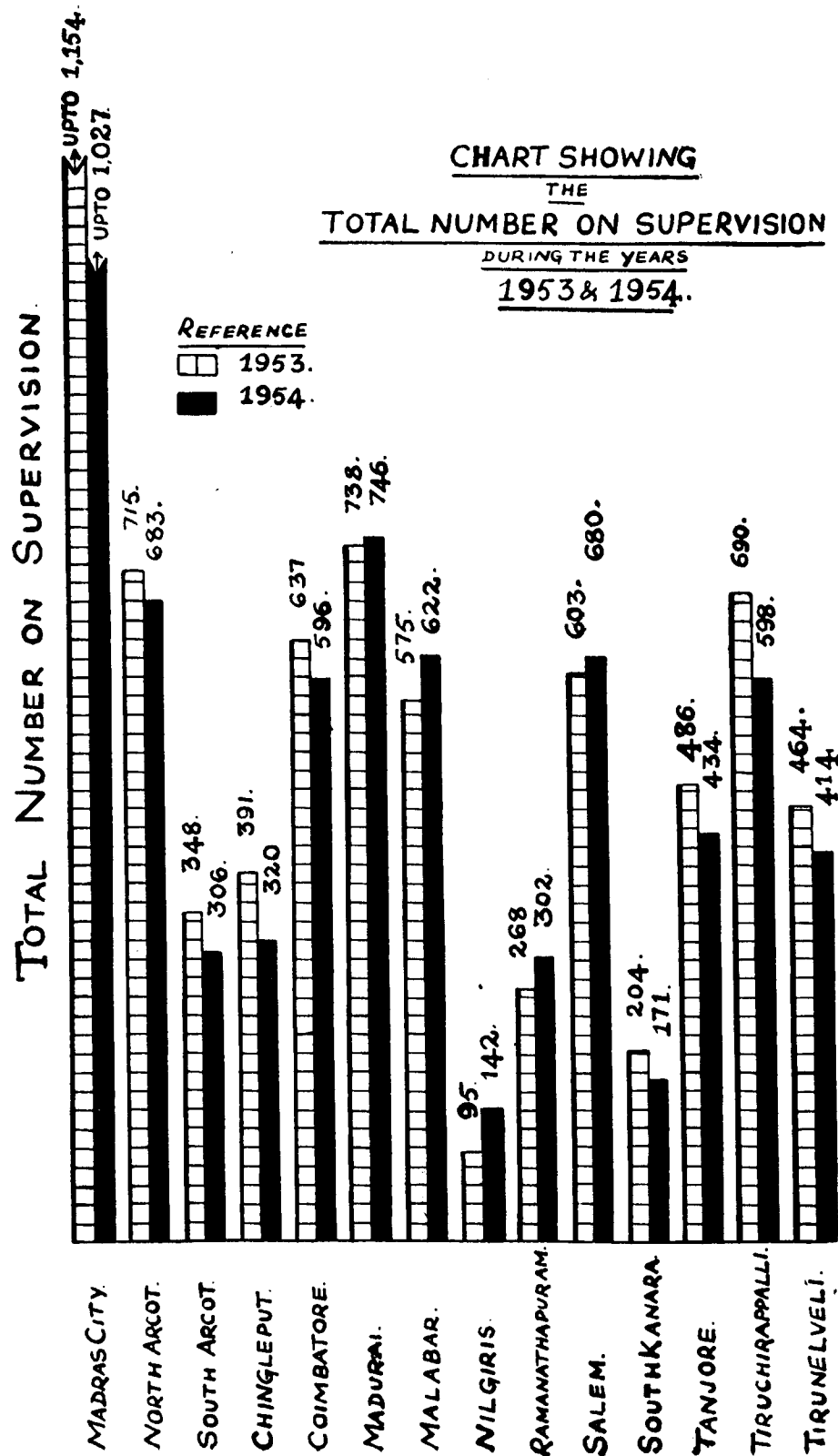
TABLE IV.

*Comparative statement of the work of probation under the Madras Children Act, 1920, during the years 1953 and 1954.*

| Serial number and district. | Number of preliminary enquiries. |       | Number of juveniles on probation at the beginning of |       | Number placed on supervision during |       | Total number on supervision during |       | Number of cases in which probation expired during |       | Number on supervision at the end of |       |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|
|                             | 1953.                            | 1954. | 1953.                                                | 1954. | 1953.                               | 1954. | 1953.                              | 1954. | 1953.                                             | 1954. | 1953.                               | 1954. |
| (1)                         | (2)                              | (3)   | (4)                                                  | (5)   | (6)                                 | (7)   | (8)                                | (9)   | (10)                                              | (11)  | (12)                                | (13)  |
| 1 Madras City ..            | 2,142                            | 1,933 | 243                                                  | 188   | 251                                 | 317   | 494                                | 505   | 306                                               | 231   | 188                                 | 274   |
| 2 Arcot, North ..           | 556                              | 741   | 99                                                   | 166   | 254                                 | 167   | 353                                | 333   | 187                                               | 112   | 166                                 | 221   |
| 3 Arcot, South ..           | 39                               | 43    | 8                                                    | 3     | 4                                   | 10    | 12                                 | 13    | 9                                                 | 9     | 3                                   | 4     |
| 4 Chingleput ..             | 156                              | 219   | 45                                                   | 29    | 36                                  | 25    | 81                                 | 54    | 52                                                | 25    | 29                                  | 29    |
| 5 Coimbatore ..             | 268                              | 419   | 69                                                   | 40    | 76                                  | 100   | 145                                | 140   | 105                                               | 39    | 40                                  | 101   |
| 6 Madurai ..                | 149                              | 264   | 58                                                   | 95    | 91                                  | 71    | 149                                | 166   | 54                                                | 96    | 95                                  | 70    |
| 7 Malabar ..                | 207                              | 257   | 25                                                   | 34    | 33                                  | 42    | 58                                 | 76    | 24                                                | 35    | 34                                  | 41    |
| 8 Nilgiris, the ..          | 20                               | 25    | ..                                                   | 9     | 13                                  | 18    | 13                                 | 27    | 4                                                 | 10    | 9                                   | 17    |
| 9 Ramanathapuram.           | 29                               | 79    | 9                                                    | 5     | 5                                   | 17    | 14                                 | 22    | 9                                                 | 5     | 5                                   | 17    |
| 10 Salem ..                 | 261                              | 182   | 46                                                   | 88    | 105                                 | 138   | 151                                | 226   | 63                                                | 117   | 88                                  | 109   |
| 11 South Kanara ..          | 11                               | 39    | 1                                                    | ..    | ..                                  | 7     | 1                                  | 7     | 1                                                 | ..    | ..                                  | 7     |
| 12 Tanjore ..               | 54                               | 53    | 3                                                    | 2     | 2                                   | 14    | 5                                  | 16    | 3                                                 | 3     | 2                                   | 13    |
| 13 Tiruchirappalli.         | 440                              | 261   | 14                                                   | 18    | 24                                  | 29    | 38                                 | 47    | 20                                                | 20    | 18                                  | 27    |
| 14 Tirunelveli ..           | 31                               | 85    | 2                                                    | 1     | 1                                   | 13    | 3                                  | 14    | 2                                                 | 1     | 1                                   | 13    |
| Total ..                    | 4,363                            | 4,600 | 622                                                  | 678   | 895                                 | 968   | 1,517                              | 1,646 | 839                                               | 703   | 678                                 | 943   |

11. *The Madras Children Act.*—A comparative statement of the number of juveniles dealt with by the Probation Officers in the years 1953 and 1954 is given in Table IV. This table shows that the City of Madras continued to make liberal use of probation and that the districts of North Arcot, Chingleput, Coimbatore, Madurai, Malabar, Ramanathapuram and Salem utilized Probation Officers for making social investigations about juveniles. As in the previous years, the other districts are still lagging behind in their appreciation of the benefits that could be derived by the wise handling of erring and uncontrollable children with the constructive assistance of Probation Officers. I endorse my predecessors' plea for the establishment of juvenile courts in all the important and populated towns of the State. The establishment of juvenile courts and reception homes with the necessary adjuncts seems to be the most satisfactory solution for tackling the problem of juvenile delinquency effectively.

The Junior Certified School, Bellary, is now in the Mysore State and the children released from the school do not come under the supervision of the officers of this State, since the boys committed to the school are Telugu and



Kannada speaking boys of the Andhra districts. This accounts for the reduction of ex-pupils under supervision from 1,149 in 1953 to 993 in 1954.

During the year the Government sanctioned the retention as a permanent measure of the scheme of obtaining from the Probation Officers reports of enquiry into home conditions of pupils detained in the certified schools and examinations of their cases with a view to their discharge on licence.

12. *The Madras Borstal Schools Act.*—Table VI gives a comparative statement of the number of ex-borstal inmates under the supervision of the District Probation Officers and the number of after-care reports submitted by them in the years 1953 and 1954. The number of ex-inmates under supervision decreased from 802 to 731 and the number of after-care reports submitted from 2,363 to 2,239. The Borstal School, Bellary, is now in the Mysore State, and the Telugu and Kannada speaking inmates from this school do not come under the supervision of the District Probation Officers of this State from 1st October 1953. This accounts for the decrease.

In previous report, reference was made to certain proposals submitted to the Government to amend the Madras Borstal Schools Act and the Madras Children Act so as to make every release a conditional release on the lines followed in the British Criminal Justice Act, 1948. The matter is still before the Government. I feel that an amendment of the kind suggested is necessary since it provides for a period of transition in semi-freedom from the custodial care of these institutions, before the inmates are discharged unconditionally to the free world.

13. *The Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act.*—The number of cases referred to the District Probation Officers for enquiry and report under the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act during the year was 184 as compared with 164 in the previous year. Of these, 109 persons were placed under the supervision of Probation Officers as against 92 in 1953.

The inmates of the Vigilance Home were interviewed before their discharge by the District Probation Officers with a view to help them settle in life.

TABLE V.

*Comparative statement of the work of after-care of ex-pupils during the years 1953 and 1954.*

| Serial number and district. | Number of enquiries made in |       | Total number of ex-pupils on supervision. |       | Number of reports submitted during |       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|
|                             | 1953.                       | 1954. | 1953.                                     | 1954. | 1953.                              | 1954. |
| (1)                         | (2)                         | (3)   | (4)                                       | (5)   | (6)                                | (7)   |
| 1 Madras City .. ..         | 330                         | 294   | 316                                       | 213   | 970                                | 800   |
| 2 Arcot, North .. ..        | 27                          | 11    | 105                                       | 99    | 114                                | 322   |
| 3 Arcot, South .. ..        | 51                          | 7     | 58                                        | 50    | 236                                | 193   |
| 4 Chingleput .. ..          | 63                          | 66    | 76                                        | 53    | 439                                | 204   |
| 5 Coimbatore .. ..          | 47                          | 43    | 46                                        | 50    | 64                                 | 199   |
| 6 Madurai .. ..             | 44                          | 46    | 43                                        | 44    | 153                                | 129   |
| 7 Malabar .. ..             | 140                         | 168   | 138                                       | 125   | 426                                | 364   |
| 8 Nilgiris, the .. ..       | 9                           | 5     | 11                                        | 20    | 43                                 | 42    |
| 9 Ramanathapuram ..         | 31                          | 53    | 52                                        | 70    | 166                                | 167   |
| 10 Salem .. ..              | 132                         | 41    | 137                                       | 94    | 369                                | 238   |
| 11 South Kanara .. ..       | 13                          | 11    | 13                                        | 12    | 64                                 | 53    |
| 12 Tanjore .. ..            | 53                          | 92    | 70                                        | 67    | 244                                | 155   |
| 13 Tiruchirappalli ..       | 152                         | 87    | 84                                        | 50    | 295                                | 160   |
| 14 Tirunelveli .. ..        | 57                          | 69    | 75                                        | 40    | 153                                | 73    |
| Total .. ..                 | 1,149                       | 993   | 1,224                                     | 987   | 3,736                              | 3,099 |

## TOTAL NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES.

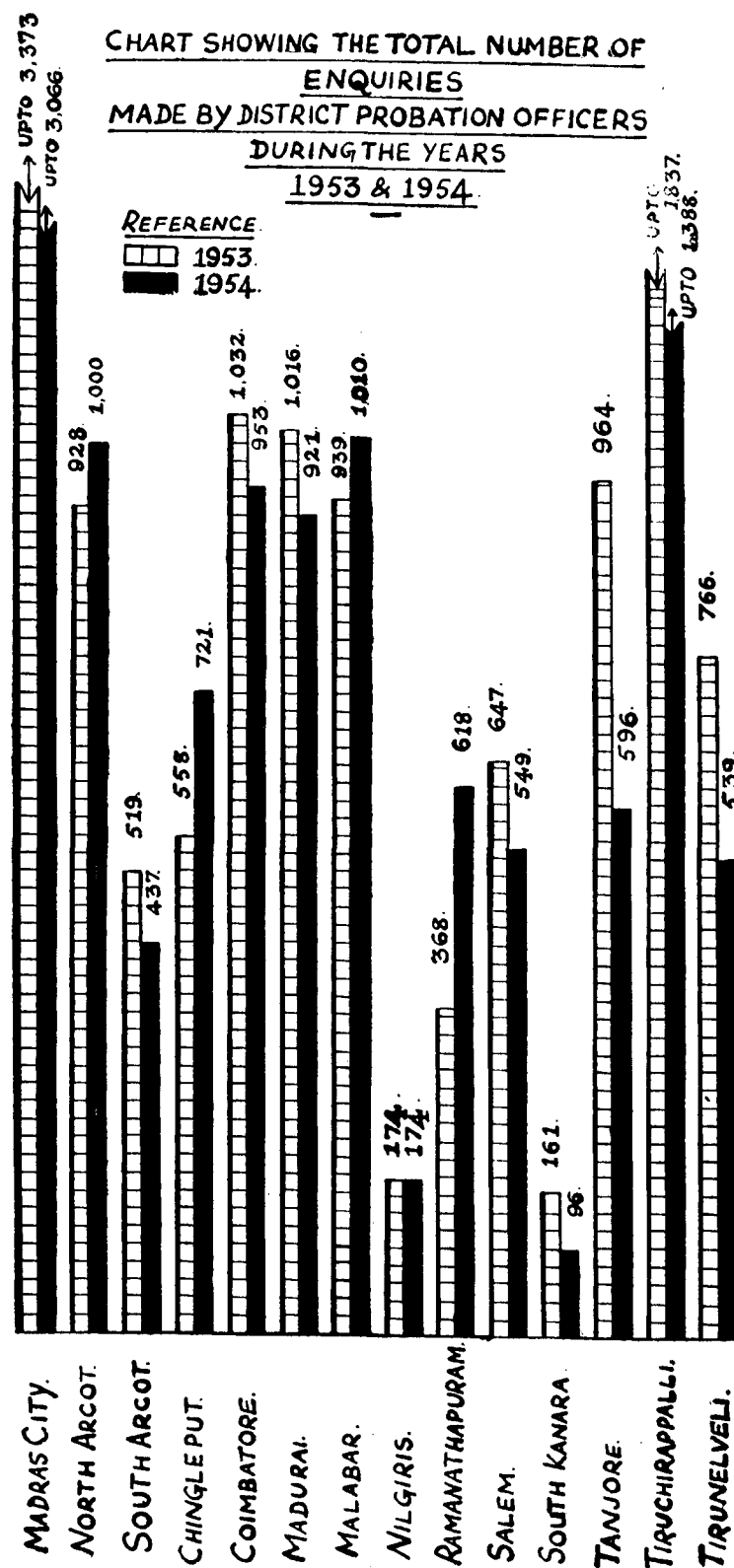


TABLE VI.

Comparative statement of the work of after-care of ex-inmates of the Borstal Schools, Palayamkottai and Bellary, during 1953 and 1954.

| Serial number and district. | Number of persons under supervision. |       | Number of after-care reports submitted in |       |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------|-------|
|                             | 1953.                                | 1954. | 1953.                                     | 1954. |
| (1)                         | (2)                                  | (3)   | (4)                                       | (5)   |
| 1 Madras City .. .. .       | 106                                  | 100   | 356                                       | 286   |
| 2 Arcot, North .. .. .      | 51                                   | 40    | 43                                        | 168   |
| 3 Arcot, South .. .. .      | 69                                   | 62    | 247                                       | 327   |
| 4 Chingleput .. .. .        | 32                                   | 22    | 156                                       | 95    |
| 5 Coimbatore .. .. .        | 61                                   | 44    | 114                                       | 120   |
| 6 Madurai .. .. .           | 39                                   | 32    | 128                                       | 74    |
| 7 Malabar .. .. .           | 102                                  | 101   | 249                                       | 238   |
| 8 Nilgiris, the .. .. .     | 15                                   | 10    | 64                                        | 35    |
| 9 Ramanathapuram .. .. .    | 47                                   | 38    | 185                                       | 123   |
| 10 Salem .. .. .            | 37                                   | 35    | 124                                       | 81    |
| 11 South Kanara .. .. .     | 8                                    | 11    | 23                                        | 55    |
| 12 Tanjore .. .. .          | 96                                   | 90    | 301                                       | 237   |
| 13 Tiruchirappalli .. .. .  | 38                                   | 45    | 144                                       | 130   |
| 14 Tirunelveli .. .. .      | 101                                  | 101   | 229                                       | 270   |
| Total .. .. .               | 802                                  | 731   | 2,363                                     | 2,239 |

After discharge they were periodically visited by the District Probation Officers and assisted to secure jobs and settle down as normal citizens.

14. *Code of Criminal Procedure—Chapter XXXVI (Maintenance of wives and children).*—A comparative statement of maintenance cases dealt with by the Probation Officers during the years 1953 and 1954 is given in Table VII. As in the previous year, the Courts in the City of Madras and particularly the Chief Presidency Magistrate appreciated the work of the Probation Officers in this behalf and made frequent use of their services. Out of the total of 200 cases referred to the Probation Officers for enquiry and report, as against 158 in 1953, as many as 161 were from the City of Madras. Of these 200 cases handled during the year and the 22 cases pending disposal at the beginning of the year, compromise was effected in 75 cases, and maintenance was ordered on the recommendation of the Probation Officers in 85 cases. In 50 cases, the petitions were dismissed, and the remaining 12 cases were pending disposal at the end of the year. In many cases where compromise was effected, the Probation Officers visited the parties often as directed by the Court, with a view to see that the compromises were really effective and beneficial to the parties.

In the previous administration report, it was stated that a draft Bill for regularising the referral of maintenance cases to Probation Officers was pending with the Government. As suggested by the High Court, it is hoped that the lacuna in the existing system would be remedied early by passing the contemplated legislation.

15. *Parole work.*—Table VIII gives a comparative statement of the number of ex-convicts under the supervision of the Probation Officers in the years 1953 and 1954, the number of visits made by them, and the number

of reports submitted by them. The number of ex-convicts under supervision decreased from 477 to 426 and the number of visits made and the number of reports submitted decreased from 2,043 and 1,397 to 1,082 and 864, ex-respectively. The reports of the Probation Officers showed that the convicts released prematurely appreciated the kind gesture shown to them, responded favourably to the supervision of the Probation Officers, and justified the confidence placed in them by the authorities. There was only one reversion to crime during the year. The experience of the past five years therefore gives promise that the system would work well even if the releases are liberalized further.

From the beginning of the year, the services of Probation Officers were being utilized for investigation in the cases of certain prisoners whose cases were placed before the Advisory Board for premature release. During the year, the Probation Officers made 101 enquiries. This practice was recommended by the Madras Jail Reforms Committee.

16. *Total work.*—Table IX shows the total work done by the Probation Officers under the various items during the year under report and in the previous year. It will be seen therefrom that, though there was an increase in the number of enquiries made under the Madras Children Act, the Madras Borstal Schools Act, the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act and Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the total number of enquiries decreased from 13,282 to 12,068 on account of the decrease in the number of enquiries under the Probation Act. The number of persons under supervision decreased from 7,368 to 7,041, i.e., by 327 or 4.4 per cent and the number of visits paid decreased from 36,908 to 36,254, i.e., by 654 or 1.8 per cent. The number of reports submitted decreased from 28,844 to 27,694, i.e., by 1,150 or 4 per cent.

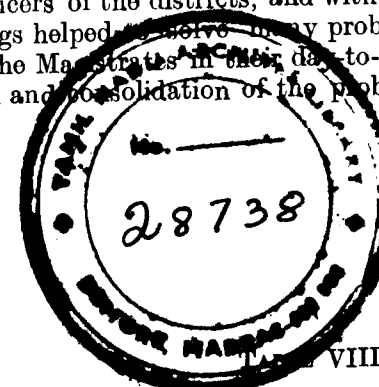
TABLE VII.

*Comparative statement of maintenance cases dealt with by the District Probation Officers during the years 1953 and 1954.*

| Serial number and district. | Reports submitted. |       | Cases pending disposal at the beginning of |       | Compro-mised. |       | Maintenance ordered. |       | Dismissed. |       | Cases pending disposal at the end of |       |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|----------------------|-------|------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|                             |                    |       |                                            |       |               |       |                      |       |            |       |                                      |       |
|                             | 1953.              | 1954. | 1953.                                      | 1954. | 1953.         | 1954. | 1953.                | 1954. | 1953.      | 1954. | 1953.                                | 1954. |
| (1)                         | (2)                | (3)   | (4)                                        | (5)   | (6)           | (7)   | (8)                  | (9)   | (10)       | (11)  | (12)                                 | (13)  |
| 1 Madras City .. ..         | 128                | 161   | 17                                         | 15    | 48            | 60    | 50                   | 76    | 32         | 35    | 15                                   | 5     |
| 2 Arcot, North .. ..        | 4                  | 6     | ..                                         | ..    | ..            | 2     | 1                    | 1     | 3          | ..    | ..                                   | 3     |
| 3 Arcot, South .. ..        | 2                  | 5     | ..                                         | ..    | 1             | 4     | ..                   | ..    | 1          | 1     | ..                                   | ..    |
| 4 Chingleput .. ..          | 8                  | 9     | ..                                         | 3     | 2             | 5     | 1                    | 2     | 2          | 2     | 3                                    | 3     |
| 5 Coimbatore .. ..          | ..                 | ..    | ..                                         | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 6 Madurai .. ..             | 3                  | 7     | ..                                         | ..    | 2             | 1     | ..                   | 2     | 1          | 4     | ..                                   | ..    |
| 7 Malabar .. ..             | ..                 | ..    | ..                                         | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 8 Nilgiris, the .. ..       | ..                 | ..    | ..                                         | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 9 Ramanathapuram ..         | ..                 | ..    | ..                                         | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 10 Salem .. ..              | ..                 | ..    | ..                                         | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 11 South Kanara .. ..       | ..                 | ..    | ..                                         | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 12 Tanjore .. ..            | 1                  | 1     | ..                                         | ..    | 1             | 1     | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 13 Tiruchirappalli ..       | 12                 | 11    | 1                                          | 4     | 5             | 2     | 2                    | 4     | 2          | 3     | 4                                    | 1     |
| 14 Tirunelveli .. ..        | ..                 | ..    | ..                                         | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| Total .. ..                 | 158                | 200   | 18                                         | 22    | 59            | 75    | 54                   | 85    | 41         | 50    | 22                                   | 12    |

17. *Inspection.*—Sri K. G. Menon, I.C.S., visited the districts of Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore, Malabar, South Kanara, Madurai, Salem and South Arcot and I visited North Arcot, Malabar, Tirunelveli, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore and Salem and inspected the work of the Probation Officers in these places. All of us discussed with the Probation Officers their problems and the progress of the cases under their supervision, and afforded them necessary advice and guidance in the proper discharge of their work.

The Chief Probation Superintendent inspected the work of the Probation Officers in the districts of North Arcot, South Arcot, Chingleput, Coimbatore, Madurai, Malabar, Nilgiris, Ramanathapuram, Salem, South Kanara, Tanjore, Tiruchirappalli and Tirunelveli. He interviewed the District Magistrates and prominent officials and non-officials of the places, and did everything possible to make the districts probation-minded. He discussed with the District Magistrates the question of establishing juvenile courts in the important towns of their districts. He also held group meetings with the Probation Officers of the districts, and with Magistrates, wherever possible. These meetings helped to solve many problems confronting the Probation Officers and the Magistrates in their day-to-day work and thereby facilitated the expansion and consolidation of the probation system.



*Comparative statement of the work of after-care of ex-convicts during the years 1953 and 1954.*

| Serial number and district. | Total number of convicts under supervision. |       | Number of visits made. |       | Number of after-care reports submitted. |       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|-------|
|                             |                                             |       |                        |       |                                         |       |
|                             | 1953.                                       | 1954. | 1953.                  | 1954. | 1953.                                   | 1954. |
| (1)                         | (2)                                         | (3)   | (4)                    | (5)   | (6)                                     | (7)   |
| 1 Madras City ..            | 10                                          | 20    | 47                     | 164   | 17                                      | 82    |
| 2 Arcot, North ..           | 22                                          | 22    | 30                     | 30    | 11                                      | 11    |
| 3 Arcot, South ..           | 14                                          | 16    | 35                     | 42    | 33                                      | 48    |
| 4 Chingleput ..             | 14                                          | 14    | 117                    | 35    | 87                                      | 28    |
| 5 Coimbatore ..             | 90                                          | 84    | 377                    | 130   | 200                                     | 83    |
| 6 Madurai ..                | 31                                          | 29    | 164                    | 115   | 139                                     | 59    |
| 7 Malabar ..                | 31                                          | 32    | 127                    | 100   | 89                                      | 77    |
| 8 Nilgiris, the ..          | 5                                           | ..    | 10                     | ..    | 10                                      | ..    |
| 9 Ramanathapuram ..         | 25                                          | 19    | 151                    | 79    | 108                                     | 73    |
| 10 Salem ..                 | 90                                          | 70    | 421                    | 52    | 343                                     | 135   |
| 11 South Kanara ..          | 29                                          | 24    | 73                     | 120   | 41                                      | 122   |
| 12 Tanjore ..               | 26                                          | 20    | 123                    | 30    | 83                                      | 42    |
| 13 Tiruchirappalli ..       | 34                                          | 33    | 183                    | 137   | 132                                     | 74    |
| 14 Tirunelveli ..           | 56                                          | 43    | 185                    | 48    | 109                                     | 37    |
| Total ..                    | 477                                         | 426   | 2,043                  | 1,082 | 1,397                                   | 864   |

*Comparative statement showing the total work done by the District Probation Officers during the years 1953 and 1954 under the Madras Probation of Offenders Act, the Madras Children Act, the Madras Borstal Schools Act, the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure and after-care of prematurely released convicts under the Advisory Board Scheme.*

| Serial number and district. | Total number of enquiries made.                       |       |       |       |       |                                            |       |       |        |        | Total number of persons under supervision.      |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--|--------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                             | Madras Children Act and Madras Hospitals Schools Act. |       |       |       |       | Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act. |       |       |        |        | Charter XXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure. |       |       |       |       | Total. |       |       |       |       | Madras Probation of Offenders Act. |       |       |       |       | Madras Children Act. |       |       |       |       | Madras Hospitals Schools Act. |       |       |       |  | Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act. |  |  |  |  |
|                             | 1953.                                                 | 1954. | 1953. | 1954. | 1953. | 1954.                                      | 1953. | 1954. | 1953.  | 1954.  | 1953.                                           | 1954. | 1953. | 1954. | 1953. | 1954.  | 1953. | 1954. | 1953. | 1954. | 1953.                              | 1954. | 1953. | 1954. | 1953. | 1954.                | 1953. | 1954. | 1953. | 1954. | 1953.                         | 1954. | 1953. | 1954. |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| (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)  | (26)  | (27)                 | (28)  | (29)  | (30)  | (31)  | (32)                          | (33)  | (34)  | (35)  |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 1 Madras City ..            | 662                                                   | 552   | 2,472 | 2,227 | 111   | 126                                        | 128   | 161   | 3,373  | 3,066  | 190                                             | 149   | 810   | 718   | 106   | 100    | 38    | 40    |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 2 Arcot, North ..           | 341                                                   | 235   | 583   | 762   | ..    | 7                                          | 4     | 6     | 988    | 1,000  | 184                                             | 187   | 458   | 432   | 51    | 40     | ..    | 2     |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 3 Arcot, South ..           | 427                                                   | 378   | 90    | 50    | ..    | 4                                          | 2     | 5     | 519    | 437    | 193                                             | 180   | 70    | 63    | 69    | 62     | 2     | 5     |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 4 Chingleput ..             | 331                                                   | 421   | 219   | 285   | ..    | 6                                          | 8     | 9     | 658    | 721    | 188                                             | 172   | 157   | 107   | 32    | 22     | ..    | 5     |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 5 Coimbatore ..             | 717                                                   | 483   | 315   | 482   | ..    | 3                                          | ..    | ..    | 1,052  | 953    | 255                                             | 278   | 191   | 190   | 61    | 44     | ..    | ..    |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 6 Madurai ..                | 807                                                   | 604   | 193   | 310   | 13    | ..                                         | 3     | ..    | 1,016  | 927    | 475                                             | 474   | 192   | 210   | 39    | 32     | 1     | 1     |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 7 Malabar ..                | 574                                                   | 573   | 347   | 425   | 18    | 12                                         | ..    | ..    | 666    | 1,410  | 230                                             | 265   | 196   | 201   | 102   | 101    | 16    | 23    |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 8 Nilgiris, the ..          | 145                                                   | 143   | 29    | 30    | ..    | 1                                          | ..    | ..    | 174    | 174    | 81                                              | 84    | 24    | 47    | 15    | 10     | ..    | 1     |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 9 Ramanathapuram ..         | 303                                                   | 485   | 60    | 132   | ..    | 1                                          | ..    | ..    | 348    | 618    | 174                                             | 152   | 66    | 92    | 47    | 38     | 3     | 1     |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 10 Salem ..                 | 254                                                   | 311   | 393   | 223   | ..    | 15                                         | ..    | ..    | 647    | 849    | 183                                             | 234   | 283   | 320   | 37    | 35     | ..    | 21    |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 11 South Kanara ..          | 137                                                   | 46    | 24    | 50    | ..    | ..                                         | ..    | ..    | 161    | 96     | 158                                             | 117   | 14    | 19    | 8     | 11     | ..    | ..    |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 12 Tanjore ..               | 841                                                   | 446   | 107   | 145   | 15    | 4                                          | 1     | ..    | 984    | 806    | 261                                             | 236   | 75    | 83    | 96    | 90     | 28    | 5     |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 13 Trichirappalli ..        | 1,228                                                 | 1,025 | 592   | 348   | 5     | 4                                          | 1     | ..    | 1,907  | 1,368  | 492                                             | 419   | 122   | 97    | 38    | 45     | 3     | 4     |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 14 Trunelveli ..            | 676                                                   | 384   | 88    | 154   | 2     | 1                                          | ..    | ..    | 766    | 588    | 228                                             | 215   | 78    | 54    | 101   | 101    | 1     | 1     |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |
| Total ..                    | 7,443                                                 | 6,091 | 5,512 | 5,593 | 164   | 184                                        | 153   | 160   | 13,322 | 13,068 | 3,256                                           | 3,112 | 2,741 | 2,633 | 802   | 731    | 92    | 109   |       |       |                                    |       |       |       |       |                      |       |       |       |       |                               |       |       |       |  |                                            |  |  |  |  |

| Serial number and districts. | Total number of persons under supervision—cont. |               |               |               | Total number of visits paid.                                    |               |               |               | Total number of reports submitted. |               |               |        |                                                                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |        |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
|                              | Ex-convicts prematurely released on licence.    |               |               |               | Ex-pupils and ex-inmates of Borsal Schools and vigilance homes. |               |               |               | Ex-convicts.                       |               |               |        | Ex-pupils and ex-inmates of Borsal Schools and vigilance homes. |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |        |
|                              | 1953.<br>(20)                                   | 1954.<br>(21) | 1953.<br>(22) | 1954.<br>(23) | Total.                                                          | 1953.<br>(24) | 1954.<br>(25) | 1953.<br>(26) | 1954.<br>(27)                      | 1953.<br>(28) | 1954.<br>(29) | Total. | 1953.<br>(30)                                                   | 1954.<br>(31) | 1953.<br>(32) | 1954.<br>(33) | 1953.<br>(34) | 1954.<br>(35) | 1953.<br>(36) | 1954.<br>(37) | Total. |
| 1 Madras City ..             | 10                                              | 20            | 1,154         | 1,027         | 6,021                                                           | 6,015         | 2,228         | 2,388         | 47                                 | 164           | 8,296         | 9,097  | 3,847                                                           | 3,981         | 1,510         | 1,168         | 17            | 82            | 5,374         | 5,231         |        |
| 2 Arcot, North ..            | 22                                              | 22            | 715           | 683           | 987                                                             | 2,405         | 230           | 536           | 30                                 | 30            | 1,247         | 2,971  | 724                                                             | 2,225         | 157           | 511           | 11            | 11            | 892           | 2,747         |        |
| 3 Arcot, South ..            | 14                                              | 16            | 348           | 306           | 692                                                             | 614           | 217           | 223           | 35                                 | 42            | 944           | 879    | 562                                                             | 644           | 201           | 548           | 33            | 48            | 876           | 1,240         |        |
| 4 Chingleput ..              | 14                                              | 14            | 391           | 320           | 1,401                                                           | 1,189         | 860           | 554           | 117                                | 55            | 2,378         | 1,778  | 1,306                                                           | 717           | 595           | 314           | 87            | 21            | 1,088         | 1,052         |        |
| 5 Coimbatore ..              | 90                                              | 84            | 637           | 596           | 1,831                                                           | 2,034         | 562           | 564           | 377                                | 130           | 2,810         | 2,728  | 2,014                                                           | 2,071         | 178           | 319           | 200           | 83            | 2,392         | 2,473         |        |
| 6 Madurai ..                 | 31                                              | 29            | 738           | 746           | 4,143                                                           | 3,149         | 563           | 481           | 164                                | 115           | 4,890         | 3,745  | 3,689                                                           | 2,735         | 281           | 204           | 139           | 50            | 4,109         | 2,908         |        |
| 7 Malabar ..                 | 31                                              | 32            | 575           | 622           | 1,581                                                           | 1,586         | 1,096         | 879           | 127                                | 100           | 2,714         | 2,565  | 1,240                                                           | 1,404         | 721           | 637           | 89            | 77            | 2,050         | 2,118         |        |
| 8 Nilgiris, the ..           | 5                                               | ..            | 95            | 142           | 451                                                             | 1,208         | 305           | 387           | 10                                 | ..            | 766           | 1,595  | 280                                                             | 819           | 107           | 78            | 10            | ..            | 307           | 807           |        |
| 9 Ramanathapuram             | 25                                              | 19            | 268           | 302           | 1,095                                                           | 1,096         | 530           | 528           | 151                                | 79            | 1,776         | 1,703  | 787                                                             | 952           | 359           | 290           | 103           | 78            | 1,249         | 1,315         |        |
| 10 Salem ..                  | ..                                              | 90            | 603           | 680           | 2,068                                                           | 1,506         | 628           | 526           | 421                                | 52            | 3,117         | 2,084  | 2,041                                                           | 1,020         | 493           | 342           | 343           | 135           | 2,877         | 1,497         |        |
| 11 South Kanara ..           | 29                                              | 24            | 204           | 171           | 811                                                             | 829           | 114           | 146           | 73                                 | 120           | 998           | 1,095  | 673                                                             | 768           | 87            | 108           | 41            | 122           | 801           | 998           |        |
| 12 Tanjore ..                | ..                                              | 26            | 20            | 486           | 434                                                             | 1,267         | 810           | 711           | 494                                | 123           | 30            | 2,101  | 1,334                                                           | 1,223         | 802           | 639           | 412           | 83            | 42            | 1,043         | 1,256  |
| 13 Trichirappalli ..         | 34                                              | 33            | 690           | 598           | 2,688                                                           | 2,341         | 377           | 407           | 183                                | 137           | 3,248         | 2,885  | 1,928                                                           | 2,169         | 446           | 300           | 132           | 74            | 2,506         | 2,543         |        |
| 14 Tirunelveli ..            | 56                                              | 43            | 464           | 414           | 1,012                                                           | 1,381         | 426           | 366           | 185                                | 48            | 1,623         | 1,795  | 899                                                             | 946           | 382           | 346           | 109           | 37            | 1,390         | 1,329         |        |
| Total ..                     | 477                                             | 426           | 7,368         | 7,041         | 26,098                                                          | 26,193        | 8,767         | 8,979         | 2,043                              | 1,082         | 36,908        | 36,254 | 21,293                                                          | 21,253        | 6,244         | 6,577         | 864           | 1,379         | 28,844        | 27,604        |        |

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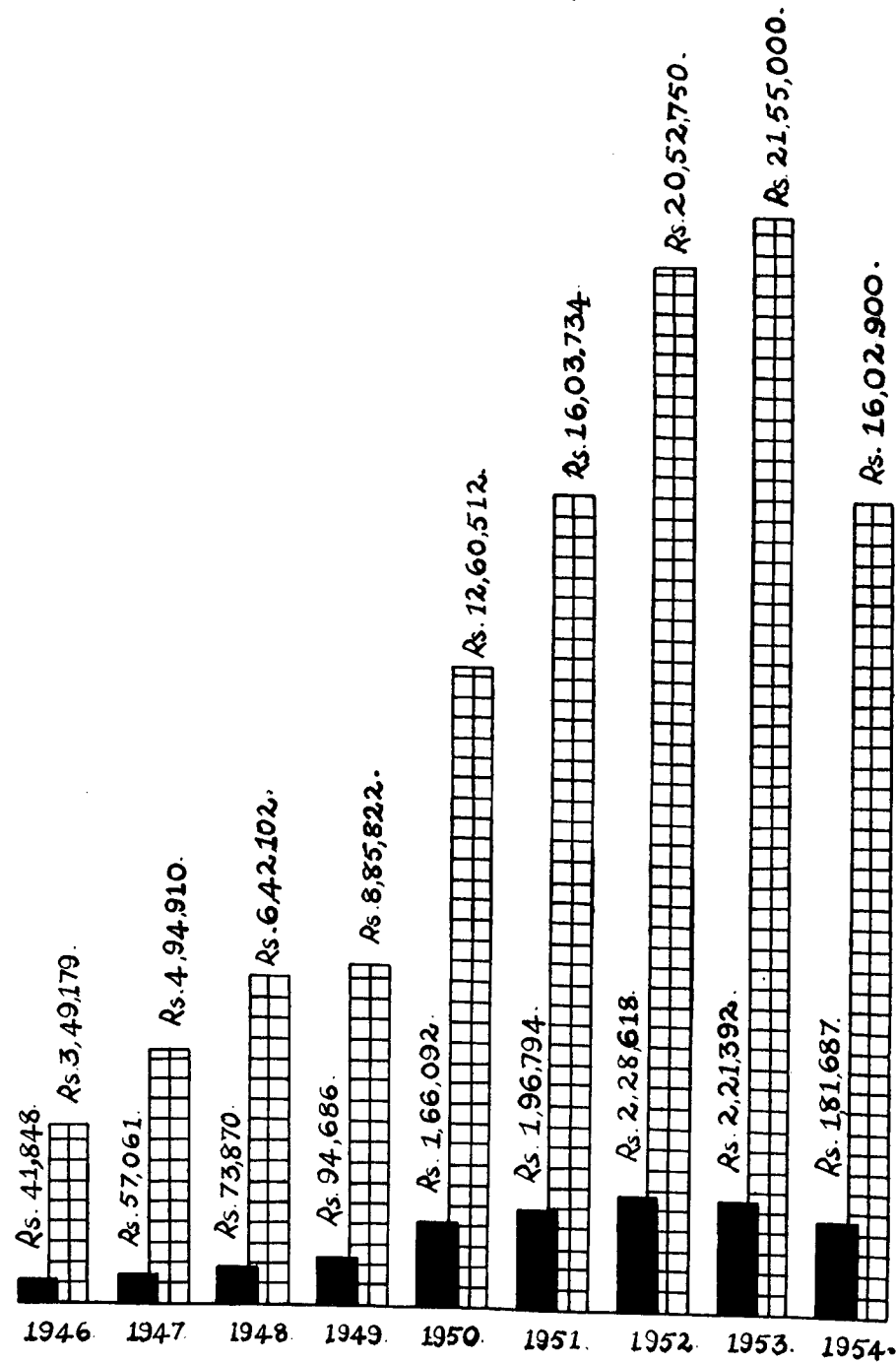
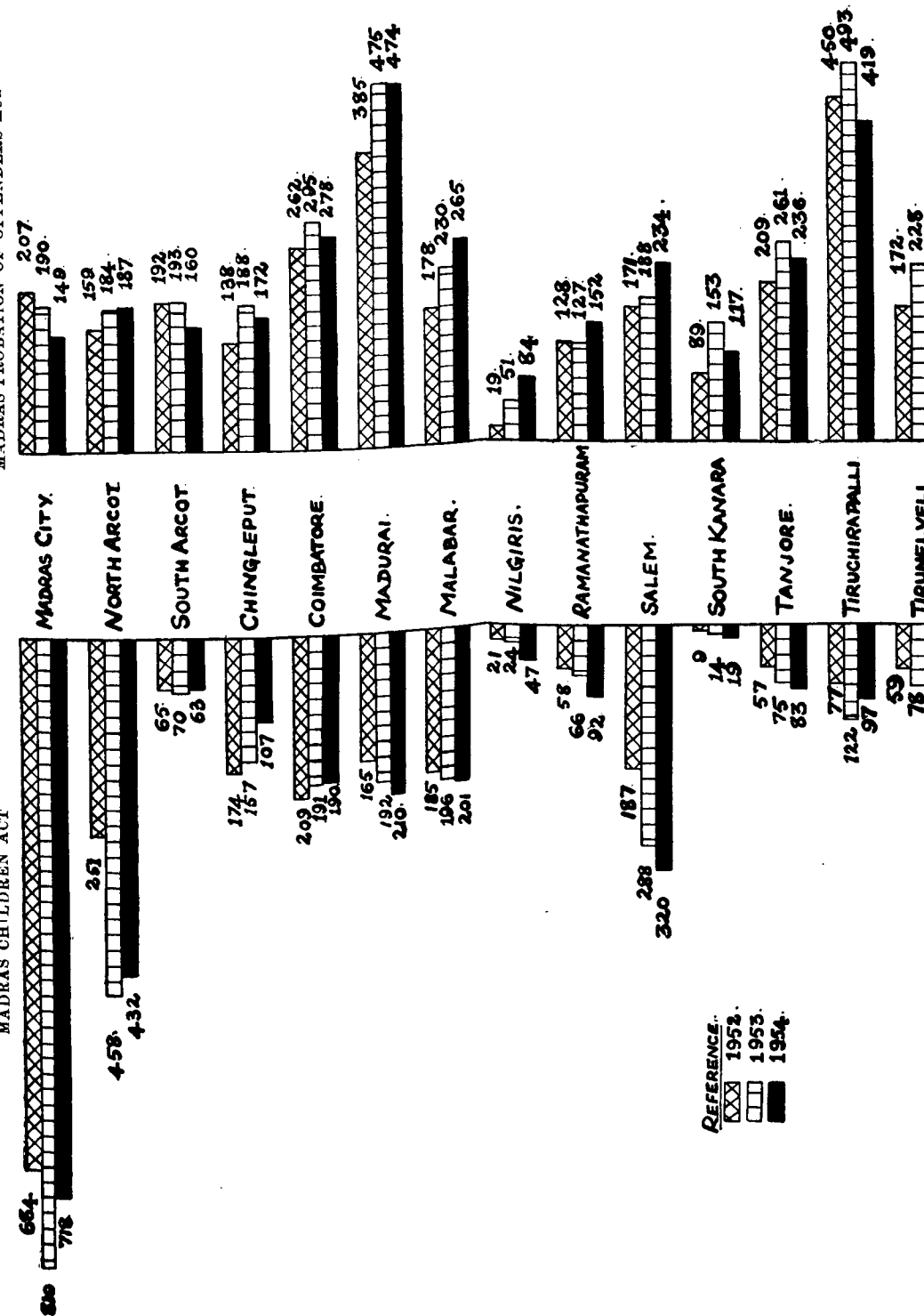


CHART SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER SUPERVISION UNDER MADRAS PROBATION OF OFFENDERS ACT



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The Hon'ble Minister for Jails, during the course of his tour in the districts, discussed with the Probation Officers of Malabar, Madurai and Tirunelveli about the working of the probation system.

18. *Finance*.—The expenditure on probation work incurred by the department during the year was Rs. 1,81,686-13-4 as against Rs. 1,77,793-12-9 in the previous year. A detailed statement is appended. The Probation Advisory Committee of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society spent a sum of Rs. 99-7-0 by way of financial assistance to probationers, ex-borstal inmates, and ex-pupils recommended by the Probation Officers.

19. *General remarks*.—During the year, the Chairman and members of the Jail Reforms Committee, Union of Travancore-Cochin and the Minister of State (Jails), West Bengal, with the Inspector-General of Prisons and the Deputy Secretary to Government, Home Department, West Bengal, visited some of the jails in the State, had discussions with me, the Chief Probation Superintendent, and the District Probation Officers of the City and the mufassal places on probation, parole and after-care work.

Sri J. J. Panakal, member of the Faculty of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in-charge of the Division of Criminology, Delinquency and Corrections, who came to the City in December 1954 in connexion with the fixing of a programme in field work for five Jail Officers who were undergoing a short-term programme of training and specialization in Correctional Administration in the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay, had discussions with me and the Chief Probation Superintendent. With the approval of the Government, the five officers visited some of the institutions under me and the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools in the first week of 1955. They perused the various records maintained in the Probation Department and had discussions with me and the Chief Probation Superintendent about the working of the probation system.

Sri Balasingam, Probation Officer, Jaffna, who came to the City to have a comparative study of the working of probation system both in his country (Ceylon) and in this State, had discussions with the Chief Probation Superintendent.

The Probation Department helped the Madras School of Social Work in developing its programme. Myself and the Chief Probation Superintendent gave a series of honorary lectures to the students of the school specializing in Penology and Correctional Administration, and between ourselves covered a good portion of the curriculum of studies on the subject.

During the year under report, the number of first offenders under 24 years of age disposed of in other ways than probation was 7,499, and the number of first offenders above 24 years of age, similarly dealt with, was 16,264. Many or most of them were sentenced to short terms of imprisonment. If the courts had called for preliminary enquiry reports in their cases, they would have been able to know the antecedents of these offenders, and many of them would have been released on probation of good conduct under the constructive supervision of Probation Officers. As stated in several previous reports, short terms of imprisonment have no corrective or other value. On the other hand, short terms of jail life embitter the unsophisticated offenders and antagonize them against society. A liberal use of probation in such cases would have not only prevented this state of affairs but also saved many thousands of rupees for the Government, especially now when more money is required for the Five-year Plans.

The main features of the administration during the year were—

1. Sanction of biennial conference of Jail Superintendents and District Probation Officers for discussing and exchanging views on problems relating to Prison and Probation administration.

2. Extension of the scheme of orientation and pre-discharge work to the State Jail for Women, Vellore, and sanction of a subsidy of Rs. 1,500 to the Madras State Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society which appointed a paid Woman Welfare Officer.

3. Decision of the Central Railway Board to employ a dozen probationers, ex-pupils and ex-inmates in Class IV of Railway Service, as an experimental measure, and to find out their suitability and usefulness in Railway Service.

4. The starting of a Juvenile Guidance Bureau with the co-operation and help of the department of Psychology under the auspices of the Indian Conference of Social Work for studying problems relating to juvenile delinquency and permitting the Chief Probation Superintendent to serve as a member of the Bureau.

In conclusion, I wish to acknowledge the courtesy, co-operation and help extended to me, my predecessors, and the staff of the Probation department by the officers of other departments, and organizations and individuals throughout the State, without which it would have been impossible for the department to carry on its difficult task.

T. S. RAMACHANDRAN,  
*Inspector-General of Prisons (Probation)*

## APPENDIX A.

*Copy of letter No. 168/P-1/54, dated 24th August 1954, from the Inspector-General of Prisons, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Madras.*

[Subject.—Act—Madras Probation of Offenders Act—Probation Department—Pre-discharge in Correctional institutions—Performance by District Probation Officers—Report on the working of the scheme for the period from 1st July 1953 to 30th June 1954—Submitted. Reference—Government Memorandum No. 161512 Pr.-II/53-2, Home, dated 21st November 1953.]

I submit my report on the working of the "Pre-discharge and Orientation" scheme in Correctional Institutions, viz., the Penitentiary, Madras, the Borstal School, Palayamkottai, and the Senior Certified School, Chingleput, for the period 1st July 1953 to 30th June 1954.

A statement of work done by the District Probation Officers in the City of Madras and at Chingleput and Tirunelveli and the Welfare Officer at Madras is enclosed. The statement shows that in addition and without detriment to their normal work, the Probation Officers of Madras City conducted 352 interviews with 125 prisoners inside the Penitentiary and made 183 enquiries and contacts outside the jail with their relatives, previous employers, Labour Officers, etc. The Welfare Officer at Madras conducted 366 interviews with 208 prisoners, made 76 contacts and enquiries with the prisoners' families, relatives, and ex-employers. He also made 3 contacts with the police and court regarding the properties said to have been seized from the prisoners at the time of their arrest, and corresponded with the Military authorities regarding payment of arrears of salary due to four prisoners employed in the Military and sentenced by Court-Martial. He also corresponded with the Legal Aid Committee of the State Bar Federation for drafting the appeal of 12 prisoners. In connection with the pre-discharge work he wrote 87 letters to the mufassal Probation Officers and others for information regarding the prisoners and their families.

The District Probation Officer at Tirunelveli made 207 interviews with 162 inmates of the Borstal School, Palayamkottai, and made 4 enquiries and contacts with the parents, and relatives, of the inmates. He wrote 6 letters regarding pre-discharge work. The Probation Officer at Chingleput made 59 interviews with 59 pupils at the Senior Certified School, Chingleput, and wrote 10 letters regarding pre-discharge work.

The Probation Officers in other districts made 11 enquiries at the request of the District Probation Officers engaged in pre-discharge work and the Welfare Officer. In addition, they made 643 enquiries on behalf of prisoners, inmates and pupils at the request of the Superintendents and Headmasters of the Jails and Schools.

*Reaction of the prisoners, inmates and pupils.*—The reports of the Probation Officers and the Welfare Officer, show that most of the inmates of the Correctional Institutions felt happy at meeting these officers and were very co-operative. The interviews have instilled a feeling of security and confidence in the minds of the inmates that they are not left unfriended in the institutions. The contact of the Probation Officers with the families of inmates of these Correctional Institutions established good relationship between them and improved their morale. Even the hardened criminals are made to understand that there is something good in them and that they can make up their minds and become useful citizens and that they need not nourish in them the feeling that they are not wanted by the Society. They are told that they are considered as valuable human beings and not damned at all. In the case of new admissions, the first interviews and the subsequent visits wiped out their despondency and raised bright hopes for the future.

I submit for the information of Government that recently during my inspection of the Central Jail, Vellore, I came across convict No. 3867, Sadayan, who was sentenced to transportation for life by the Sessions Judge, Madurai, on 1st December 1948. I was told that he was not taking his food, and that he was always brooding, and was not doing his work properly. After questioning him I came to know that he was longing to see his mother who was somewhere in the Nilgiris with her son-in-law. The Chief Probation Superintendent and the Probation Officer, Nilgiris, contacted his brother-in-law and learnt from him that the mother Aryammal, had left for the village in Dindigul taluk. With the monetary assistance rendered by the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society the mother was paid trainfare for a to and fro journey and she was brought to Vellore to see her son. After the interview the attitude of the prisoner has completely changed, and I hear that he is doing his work enthusiastically in the Jail. Orientation work is based on the faith that in every criminal, however bad he may have been, there is a human chord, and when this is touched to the quick by kind actions from others, the inherent goodness in him is roused, and he begins to feel that his life is worth living. The Probation Officers, during their interviews and visits, try to study the inmates and try to touch the humane chord so as to make them realize their mistakes, and turn over a new leaf in order to become useful citizens. Without any hesitation I can say that I see a lot of difference between the prisoners who are in touch with the Probation Officers and those who are denied this privilege.

*General remarks.*—I am very glad to report that the Probation Officers, the Welfare Officer and the institutional authorities co-operated well in this constructive piece of work. They maintained excellent and cordial relations, and this happy relationship was greatly responsible for the good results achieved.

The number of persons to be interviewed is increasing every day and the Probation Officers find it very difficult to have frequent contacts with the inmates and their relatives. As already stated in this office reference No. 136/p-1/52, dated 8th August 1953, the close contacts which the Probation Officers are attempting to have with the inmates cannot be continued indefinitely without increasing the staff by appointing at least one Probation Officer for each institution for doing this work alone.

Pre-discharge work has already yielded fruitful results and many Jail Superintendents are anxious to introduce this scheme in their institutions as it keeps the prisoners in good spirits and increase the out-turn of the jails. The number of cases referred to the Probation Officers by the Superintendents of jails is on the increase. I, therefore, submit to Government that this scheme should be continued and expanded though it may entail additional cost by way of appointing a few more Probation and Welfare Officers. I also request Government to accept the offer of the Madras State Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society for appointment of a full-time Woman Welfare Officer at the State Jail for Women for this important work by sanctioning the grant requested by them to meet half the cost of the salary and allowances of the Welfare Officer. Please see my letter No. 136/p1/52, dated 3rd July 1954.

*Statement of pre-discharge and orientation work done by the District Probation Officers and Welfare Officer for the period 1st July 1953 to 30th June 1954.*

| Name of the Institution.               | Number of persons committed. | Number of persons interviewed. | Number of interviews made inside the institution. | Number of interviews or contacts made outside through the District Probation Officers. | Number of letters written. | Other miscellaneous work. | Enquiries at the instance of the District Probation Officers and Welfare Officer. | Enquiries at the instance of the Superintendents of Jails, Schools, etc. |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1)                                    | (2)                          | (3)                            | (4)                                               | (5)                                                                                    | (6)                        | (7)                       | (8)                                                                               | (9)                                                                      |
| * Penitentiary, Madras.                | 331                          | ..                             | ..                                                | ..                                                                                     | ..                         | ..                        | ..                                                                                | ..                                                                       |
| (a) By District Probation Officers ..  | ..                           | 125                            | 352                                               | 183                                                                                    | 2                          | ..                        | ..                                                                                | ..                                                                       |
| (b) By Welfare Officer ..              | ..                           | 208                            | 366                                               | 76                                                                                     | 87                         | †                         | ..                                                                                | ..                                                                       |
| Borstal School, Palayamkottai ..       | 306                          | ..                             | ..                                                | ..                                                                                     | ..                         | ..                        | ..                                                                                | ..                                                                       |
| By District Probation Officers ..      | ..                           | 162                            | 207                                               | 4                                                                                      | 6                          | ..                        | ..                                                                                | ..                                                                       |
| Senior Certified School, Chingleput .. | 64                           | ..                             | ..                                                | ..                                                                                     | ..                         | ..                        | ..                                                                                | ..                                                                       |
| By District Probation Officers ..      | ..                           | 59                             | 59                                                | ..                                                                                     | 10                         | ..                        | ..                                                                                | ..                                                                       |
| Other District Probation Officers ..   | ..                           | ..                             | ..                                                | ..                                                                                     | ..                         | ..                        | 11                                                                                | 643                                                                      |

NOTE.—\* For six months and above.

† Three contracts with Police and Courts for restoration of properties.

Four correspondence with military authorities.

Twelve correspondence with Legal Aid Committee of the State Bar Federation, for drafting appeals.



## HOME DEPARTMENT

## G.O. No. 2340, 26th August 1955

Act—Madras Probation of Offenders Act—Administration report for 1954—Recorded.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Inspector-General of Prisons, dated 2nd May 1955,  
No. 99/P-1/55.

Order—No. 2340, Home, dated 26th August 1955.

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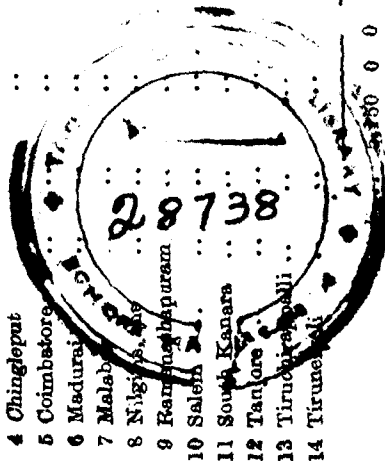
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## APPENDIX B.

## Statement of expenditure on probation work during the year 1954.

| Serial number and district. | Pay of Officers. | Pay of establishment. | Dearness allowance. | Other compensatory allowance. | Travelling allowance. | Other charges. | Service postage. | Total.        |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| (1)                         | (2)              | (3)                   | (4)                 | (5)                           | (6)                   | (7)            | (8)              | (9)           |
| RS. A. P.                   | RS. A. P.        | RS. A. P.             | RS. A. P.           | RS. A. P.                     | RS. A. P.             | RS. A. P.      | RS. A. P.        | RS. A. P.     |
| 1 Madras                    | 5,150 0 0        | 28,150 0 0            | 8,657 7 6           | 3,944 0 0                     | 5,842 10 0            | 2,763 12 0     | ..               | 5,150 0 0     |
| Do.                         | ..               | ..                    | ..                  | ..                            | ..                    | ..             | ..               | 49,358 8 6    |
| Do.                         | ..               | ..                    | ..                  | ..                            | ..                    | ..             | 5,500 0 0        | 5,500 0 0     |
| 2 Arcot, North              | ..               | 7,129 2 0             | 1,534 2 0           | 28 2 0                        | 3,754 10 0            | 227 7 0        | ..               | 12,673 7 0    |
| 3 Arcot, South              | ..               | 4,322 4 0             | 974 4 0             | 18 0 0                        | 2,261 4 0             | 275 6 0        | ..               | 7,851 2 0     |
| 4 Chingleput                | ..               | 5,004 10 0            | 1,011 11 0          | 326 1 0                       | 2,346 5 0             | 360 13 0       | ..               | 9,049 8 0     |
| 5 Coimbatore                | ..               | 5,860 11 0            | 1,315 15 0          | 87 8 0                        | 3,628 3 0             | 650 10 0       | ..               | 11,542 15 0   |
| 6 Madurai                   | ..               | 6,225 5 0             | 1,383 7 0           | 198 4 0                       | 3,634 14 0            | 615 13 4       | ..               | 12,057 11 4   |
| 7 Malabar                   | ..               | 6,100 0 0             | 1,364 0 0           | ..                            | 3,829 10 0            | 617 8 0        | ..               | 11,811 2 0    |
| 8 Nilgiris                  | ..               | 2,032 12 0            | 454 9 0             | 270 0 0                       | 1,238 15 0            | 345 0 0        | ..               | 4,391 4 0     |
| 9 Ramanathapuram            | ..               | 4,083 11 0            | 918 0 0             | 22 4 0                        | 2,325 5 0             | 199 11 0       | ..               | 7,548 15 0    |
| 10 Salem                    | ..               | 5,550 10 0            | 1,224 14 0          | 45 2 0                        | 3,507 4 0             | 404 15 0       | ..               | 10,732 13 0   |
| 11 South Kanara             | ..               | 1,920 0 0             | 432 0 0             | 24 0 0                        | 1,282 13 0            | 228 0 0        | ..               | 3,886 13 0    |
| 12 Tanjore                  | ..               | 3,965 13 0            | 890 11 0            | 72 0 0                        | 2,823 6 0             | 356 10 0       | ..               | 8,113 8 0     |
| 13 Tiruchirappalli          | ..               | 7,851 11 0            | 1,762 5 0           | ..                            | 4,741 13 0            | 422 1 6        | ..               | 14,777 14 6   |
| 14 Tirunelveli              | ..               | 3,642 1 0             | 823 4 0             | 126 6 0                       | 2,483 15 0            | 165 10 0       | ..               | 7,241 4 0     |
|                             | ..               | 91,839 5 0            | 22,746 9 6          | 5,161 11 0                    | 43,715 15 0           | 7,533 4 10     | 5,500 0 0        | 1,81,656 13 4 |



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