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dated 9th April 1955. The special institution at Palayamkottai for the reception of adolescent offenders dealt with under the Madras Borstal Schools Act, 1925 (Madras Act V of 1926) continued to function throughout the year. The subsidiary jails at Denkanicottah and Uttankarai in the Salem district were abolished with effect from 10th July 1955—vide G.O. Ms. No. 1782, Home, dated 24th June 1955. The status of the Sub-Jail, Poonamallee, was raised to that of Grade II Sub-Jail during the year—vide G.O. Ms. No. 346, Home, dated 7th February 1955. The number of subsidiary jails at the close of the year was 154 including 4 special subsidiary jails.

JUDICIAL STATISTICS.

4. *General summary.*—The year opened with 17,861 prisoners of all classes. One lakh ninety-three thousand eight hundred and twelve were admitted and one lakh ninety-six thousand nine hundred and sixty-five discharged leaving fourteen thousand seven hundred and eight prisoners at the close of the year. The daily average decreased from 18,799.54 to 15,628.68 during the year under report.

There was slight overcrowding in the Central Jails at Madras, Coimbatore and Madurai during the year under report. The overcrowding is chiefly due to the confinement of a large number of remand and undertrial prisoners.

5. *Statement No. I—Convicts.*—There were 14,129 males and 648 females in the jails at the beginning of the year. Eighty thousand five hundred and eighty-seven males and 5,029 females were received by direct committal against 88,327 and 7,522 respectively during 1954.

As in the previous years, the largest number of direct committals was from the Madras City, viz., 17,991. Madurai comes next with 6,121 followed by Salem 5,500, Coimbatore 5,077 and North Arcot 4,914.

The number received by transfer was 25,964, the details being 2,289 by inter-transfers among jails, 131 from outside the State and 23,544 enroute prisoners from subsidiary jails to Central or District Jails or other subsidiary jails.

One lakh fourteen thousand one hundred and twelve were discharged during the year, the details of which are as follows:—

Inter transfers	34,418
On appeal	1,543
On expiry of sentence	64,256
Under remission rules	13,058
By order of Government	319
Transfer to Mental and Headquarters Hospitals.	388
Released on licence	15
Escaped and remained at large	3
Executed	37
Died	75
Total ..	114,112

Female prisoners belonging to the State of Andhra and confined in the State Jail for Women, at Vellore were transferred to the Central Jail, Rajahmundry during the year—vide G.O. Ms. No. 1757, Home (Prisons), dated 7th July 1955 of the Government of Andhra.

The number of convicted prisoners remaining at the end of the year was 12,245. The daily average of this class of prisoners decreased from 14,670.95 to 12,602.10 during the year.

There were 123 prisoners suffering from leprosy in the Lepor Annexes to the Central Jails, Salem and Tiruchirappalli. Three hundred were admitted and 304 disposed of leaving 119 at the close of the year (85 at Salem and 34 at Tiruchirappalli). None was discharged cured and there was also no death. The daily average decreased from 120.36 to 121.96 during the year.

The number of prisoners convicted under the Prohibition Act increased from 27,734 to 28,771 during the year under report.

6. *Under-trial prisoners.*—The number of under-trial prisoners confined at the beginning of the year was 3,071. Eighty-two thousand and forty-eight were admitted and 82,685 were disposed of due to all causes leaving 2,434 at the close of the year. The daily average of this class of prisoners decreased from 4,110.85 to 3,005.86.

Of the daily average of 2,238.28 relates to subsidiary jails against 3,089.43 in the previous year. The daily average of such prisoners confined in the Central and District Jails decreased from 1,021.42 to 767.58 in the year under report.

Excluding 17,223 transfers and those that remained at the end of the year, 65,462 were otherwise disposed of. Of this number, 40,873 or 62.44 were released against 43,601 or 62.14 and 24,584 or 37.55 per cent were convicted and sentenced against 26,556 or 37.85 per cent in the previous year. There were three escapes and all of them occurred in the subsidiary jails. The number who died during the year was two and both of them relate to Central Jails.

The average period of detention in jails of prisoners whose cases were pending before the Sessions and Magistrates' Courts increased from 18.40 to 18.97 and 9.40 to 10.68 days respectively during the year.

The legal position in regard to the application of section 29 of the Prisoners Act III of 1900 in so far as it relates to the transfer of under-trial prisoners from one subsidiary jail to another or to a Central or District Jail or vice versa was examined and instructions were issued in G.O. Ms. No. 2692, Home, dated 3rd October 1955, as to how such transfers should be regulated.

7. *Civil prisoners.*—The number of civil prisoners at the commencement of the year was 13. One hundred and eighty-four were admitted and 168 discharged leaving 29 at the close of the year. The daily average was 20.72 against 17.74 in the previous year. There was no death.

8. *State and security prisoners.*—Prisoners of these classes were not admitted into the jails during the period under report.

9. *Statement II—Religion.*—Of 85,616 admitted during the year, 85.05 per cent were Hindus and Sikhs, 5.87 per cent Muslims, 6.19 per cent Christians, 0.18 per cent Buddhists and Jains and 2.71 per cent others against 83.16, 6.41, 7.00, 0.10 and 3.33 per cent respectively during the previous year.

10. *Age of convicts.*—Admissions during the year according to age as compared with that of the previous year are as follows:—

Ages.	Years.	
	1954.	1955.
16 to 18	2,635	2,119
19 to 21	9,660	10,943
22 to 30	38,195	30,823
31 to 40	26,572	23,030
41 to 60	17,110	15,279
Above 60	1,631	1,350

The number of admissions under 16 years of ages increased from 46 to 73 during the year.

11. *Appendix to Statement II—Age of children, juveniles and adolescents.*—The number of juveniles between the ages of 14 and 15 admitted into jails increased from 35 in 1954 to 54 during the year. Of this, only 4 relate to Central Jails, the remaining 50 to the Subsidiary Jails. Eighteen under the age of 14 years were admitted in the subsidiary jails. The number of adolescents from 16 to 20 and 21 to 23 increased from 6,578 to 8,852 and 10,940 to 10,169 respectively.

12. *Education.*—The percentage of literates and illiterates admitted during the year was 24.89 and 75.11 as against 23.28 and 76.72 respectively in the previous year.

13. *Previous occupation.*—The occupation percentage of male convicts admitted during the year compared with that of 1954 is given below:—

	1954.	1955.
A. Persons employed under Government or municipal or other local authorities.	1.21	0.65
B. Professional persons	3.49	3.57
C. Persons in service or performing personal offices.	3.79	4.13
D. Persons engaged in agriculture with animals.	33.46	38.04
E. Persons engaged in commerce and trade.	5.00	5.63
F. Persons employed in mechanical arts, manufactures and engineering operations, etc.	2.35	2.77
G. Miscellaneous persons not classified as otherwise.	50.70	45.21

Of 5,029 females admitted during the year, 4,072 were married, 580 were unmarried and 377 were widows against 5,420, 1,239 and 863 respectively in the previous year. The number of prostitutes admitted was 25 as against 4 in the previous year.

14. *Statement III—Nature and length of the sentence.*—As compared with the year 1954, the percentage of convicts sentenced to simple imprisonment decreased from 21.55 to 18.61 and percentage of these sentenced to rigorous imprisonment increased from 78.45 to 81.39 in the year under report. Of the 15,933 prisoners sentenced to simple imprisonment, 10,427 prisoners were sentenced to undergo imprisonment in default of payment of fine or failure to furnish security. No prisoner was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment with solitary confinement nor to rigorous imprisonment with whipping. Whipping as a judicial punishment was abolished with effect from 19th December 1955—vide G.O. Ms. No. 3544, Home, dated 13th December 1955. The number sentenced to death was 135 and to transportation for life 286 against 124 and 275 respectively in the previous year. During the year no prisoner was sentenced to transportation for a term. The number sentenced to imprisonment not exceeding one month decreased from 43,241 to 37,329 and the number of persons sentenced to between one and three months also decreased from 40,388 to 39,619. Fifteen persons were sentenced to imprisonment exceeding ten years against 11 in the previous year. One thousand four hundred and sixty-seven were sentenced to period from one to ten years and 6,765 persons from three months to one year. The number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year was 12,245; their sentences being 74 sentenced to death, 1,468 to transportation for life, 2,232 to periods exceeding two years, 1,017 between one and two years and 7,454 under one year.

15. *Statement IV—Previously convicted prisoners.*—Of the 85,616 prisoners admitted during the year, 3,421 or 3.99 per cent of the direct committals were previously convicted against 3,018 or 3.15 per cent in the previous year. The number includes 392 convicts imprisoned for default of furnishing security under section 110, Criminal Procedure Code, and classified as habituals. Of the remainder, 2,067 had one previous conviction, 676 had two previous convictions and 286 more than two previous convictions. All the 3,421 prisoners were classified as habituals by the convicting courts.

16. *Classification of star class.*—There were 237 star class prisoners at the commencement of the year. 159 were classified as such during the year and 115 discharged leaving 281 at the close of the year.

17. *'A' and 'B' Class prisoners.*—Fifty-seven prisoners of these classes remained at the beginning of the year. Forty were received by direct committal, 1 by recommitment from bail and five by transfer from other jails. Twenty-two prisoners placed in 'C' Class were reclassified to these classes and two received on P.T. Act making a total of 127 for the year. Of this, 45 were released under remission rules, 4 on bail, 9 transferred to other jails, 1 under P.T. Act, one released on parole and three were reduced to class 'C' leaving sixty-four at the close of the year.

18. *Youthful offenders.*—Seventy-two youthful offenders were admitted during the year against forty-six during 1954. Eighteen under 14 years of age were admitted in the following subsidiary jails:—

Palghat	5	Tuticorin	1
Paramakudi	2	Kuthuparamba	1
Mannargudi	3	Pattukkottai	1
Tiruthuraiipoondi	1	Krishnagiri	1
Sankari	1	Lalgudi	1
Ambasamudram	1		

19. *Borstal School.*—The number of inmates in the Borstal School, Palayamkottai, at the beginning of the

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year was 626. During the year, 175 were admitted and 273 discharged leaving 528 at the close of the year.

The modified Borstal Sections in the four Central Jails at Vellore, Cannanore, Salem and Coimbatore continued to function satisfactorily during the year. The opening of a Modified Borstal Section in the Central Jail, Madras, was sanctioned during the year—vide G.O. Ms. No. 804, Home, dated 29th March 1955. The number of adolescents undergoing modified borstal treatment in the jails at the commencement of the year was 778. Eight thousand five hundred and fifty-nine adolescents were admitted and 8,423 were discharged leaving 914 at the close of the year.

During the year under report 19 prisoners appeared for E.S.L.C. Examination and 13 of them came out successful.

20. *Escapes and recaptures (convicts).*—There were 10 escapes against 13 in the previous year, i.e., 9 from the Central Jails and 1 from the Borstal School, Palayamkottai. All the escapes occurred from extra-mural gangs. The unexpired portion of the sentence of the ten escapees was: 4 less than one year and 6 above one year and under seven years. There was no escape from inside the jails of the State during the year under report. The following jails contributed to the escape of the prisoners:—

Central Jail, Vellore	1
Central Jail, Tiruchirappalli	1
Central Jail, Salem	3
Central Jail, Madurai	1
Central Jail, Cuddalore	1
District Jail, Pudukkottai	2
Borstal School, Palayamkottai	1
Total ..	10

These escapes generally took place due to slack supervision on the part of the warders in charge of the extra-mural gangs. The subordinates responsible were suitably dealt with departmentally.

Ten escapees were recaptured during the year including 2 who made good their escapes in the previous years.

21. *Offences and punishments.*—During the year 418 offences including 4 dealt with by criminal courts were committed by convicts against 509 in the previous year. Of the 414 offences dealt with by Superintendents, 106 relate to work, 60 to prohibited articles, 14 to assaults, mutiny and escapes and 234 to all other breaches of jail rules against 94, 100, 29, and 284, respectively in the previous year.

Of the offences dealt with by the Superintendents, 225 "Major" and 189 "Minor" punishments were awarded as compared with 222 and 285 respectively in 1954.

Of the 4 cases dealt with by criminal courts, 2 relate to escapes from lawful custody, 1 for stabbing a fellow convict and another for inflicting grievous injuries on a convict warder. The sentences imposed on the 4 convicts whose cases were disposed off during the year are as follows:—

Four months' rigorous imprisonment	2
One year rigorous imprisonment	2

The percentage of punishments (including the 4 disposed of by criminal courts) to the daily average population decreased from 3.47 to 3.32 in the year under report.

No unusual incidents or serious disturbances took place during the year under report.

The conduct of the prisoners was generally satisfactory

Poultry farming.—Poultry farming is working satisfactorily in the following jails, viz., Central Jail, Tiruchirappalli, Central Jail, Salem, Central Jail, Vellore, Central Jail, Coimbatore and District Jail, Pudukkottai. The profit for the year 1955 is shown below :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Central Jail, Tiruchirappalli	64	4	2
Central Jail, Salem	22	0	0
Central Jail, Vellore	252	15	3
Central Jail, Coimbatore	120	6	9

There is every indication that there will be an appreciable profit during the coming year.

Bee-keeping.—The bee-keeping in the Central Jails at Coimbatore and Madurai is still in the experimental stage owing to unfavourable conditions obtaining in those places.

41. Statement G.—Omitted.

42. Grand total.—The grand total of expenditure as exhibited in column (14) of Statement No. IX decreased from Rs. 59,44,291 to Rs. 51,89,343 during the year and the average cost per annum increased from Rs. 316-3-1 to Rs. 332-0-8 during the year. The increase in the cost per head is mainly on account of the appointment of additional warder peons in the sub-jails and also due to the increased expenditure under "Hospital charges", "Sanitation charges" and "Clothing and bedding" during the year.

43. Statement XI.—Employment of convicts.—The average number of convicts under sentence of labour on working days during the year was 12,140-57 against 14,003-57 in the previous year. The average number of convicts not sentenced to labour was 201-71 against 735-17 in 1954. During the year, the average number of sick decreased from 179-92 to 175-54. The average number of convalescent and infirm decreased from 1,066-11 to 866-54. The average number of convicts employed on manufactures was 4,740-74, on gardening 1,414-53, in the preparation of articles for use in jails 861-08, as prison officers 817-80 and as prison servants 1,007-56 against 5,249-99, 1,624-99, 896-56, 829-29 and 1,090-54, respectively, in the year 1954.

The Government in G.O. Ms. No. 2966, Hom., dated 21st October 1955, sanctioned the employment of 100 prisoners for work connected with the Zoo Centenary Exhibition, 1955. Convicts with short unexpired portion of sentences were selected and sent in gangs consisting of 10 prisoners under the supervision of warder staff. Annas eight per head per day was collected as labour charges from the Corporation of Madras. This enabled the prisoners to mix freely with free labourers from outside. The question of employing prisoners on municipal works is under consideration of the Government.

44. Statement XII-A.—The total receipts of the department excluding those under "Quinine manufactures" amounted to Rs. 25,66,030-9-7 against Rs. 26,87,842-1-11 in the previous year. Out of the total receipts, a sum of Rs. 1,70,184-14-7 (details furnished below) has been deducted and the balance of Rs. 23,95,845-11-0 has been exhibited under column 5 (g) of Statement XII-A—

	RS.	A.	P.
1 Hire of convicts	74,203	1	0
2 Recoveries of transportation and jail charges on account of prisoners belonging to other States and confined in the jails of this State	41,526	15	0
3 Miscellaneous jail receipts	37,167	2	1
4 Recoveries of overpayments	6,036	3	5
5 Collection of payments for services rendered	1,386	12	0
6 Rents on jail buildings	725	2	0
7 Deduct—Refunds	(—)	6	0
8 Manufactory receipts of special sub-jails	9,145	11	1
Total	1,70,184	14	7

The amount paid into the treasury shown in column 5 (g) of Statement XII-A and the cost of extra-mural labour supplied to Government departments and private individuals aggregate to Rs. 24,50,664-9-0 and this represents the cash earnings during the year against Rs. 26,45,740-5-0 in the previous year. The Central Jail, Coimbatore, shows the largest cash earnings, viz., Rs. 13,39,739-4-0 against Rs. 15,51,963-4-8 in the previous year. Among the other jails, the Central Jail, Madras, has done well with a cash earning of Rs. 3,50,222-1-11 against Rs. 2,76,179-11-9 in the previous year.

The value of supplies made to some of the public-consuming departments is summarized below :—

Departments.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1 Police department.	9,50,222	7,04,494	4,14,786	4,69,079
2 Forest department.	34,543	49,839	21,882	26,168
3 Stationery department.	77,025	2,26,750	1,44,403	2,28,468
4 Medical department.	11,05,552	11,52,231	8,14,160	7,11,400
5 Andhra State	..	..	1,95,431	25,454
Total ..	21,67,342	21,33,314	15,90,662	14,60,569

In addition to the above, inter-jail supplies to the value of Rs. 4,74,476-5-6 have been made during the year against Rs. 4,54,784-6-4 in the previous year.

The total profit for the year, taking into account the opening and closing balance of cash, stock, tools and plant, etc., amounted to Rs. 5,68,283-13-0 against Rs. 7,08,519-10-0 in the previous year. The fall in the total profit is due to decrease in the volume of orders received from the convicts' departments, consequent on the formation of the

The Central Jail, Madras, has done well with an asset of Rs. 1,10,280-11-6 in the previous year. The value of articles purchased and supplied to the Medical department during the year was Rs. 13-13-0 against Rs. 3,530 in the previous year.

The quinine section which was attached to the Central Jail, Coimbatore, was transferred to the Cinchona department with effect from 1st April 1955. The cost of distribution of quinine products to various institutions up to the end of 31st March 1955 amounted to Rs. 9,239-3-9. The profit in the quinine section at 20 per cent on the cost of distribution comes to Rs. 1,847-13-6.

45. Statement XII-B.—The total value of articles manufactured in jails during the year amounted to Rs. 22,12,921-2-3 against Rs. 25,70,239-13-2 in the previous year. The percentage of convicts employed on manufacture during the year was 39-52 against 39-00 in the previous year.

46. Statement XIII.—The total cost of maintenance under column (14) of Statement IX is Rs. 51,89,343 and the total "net profits" as exhibited in column 6 (a) of Statement XII-A is Rs. 5,68,283-13-0. The net cost for maintaining prisoners during the year works out to Rs. 46,21,059-3-0 against Rs. 52,35,771-6-0 in the previous year. The net cost per head works out to Rs. 295-11-0 against Rs. 278-8-0 in the previous year. The reasons for the increase in the cost per head are explained in paragraph 42 above.

47. Value of supplies made by jails for departmental use.—The value of inter-jail supplies amounted to Rs. 4,74,476-5-6 against Rs. 4,54,784-6-4 in the previous year. The total quantity of vegetables produced by jails during the year was 1,822,273 lb. against 2,174,398 lb. in the previous year. The cost of vegetables produced in the jail gardens works out to Rs. 1,90,043-5-7 at market rates against Rs. 2,52,382-10-3 in the previous year. All

the waste water is being used for gardening purposes. The value of convict labour supplied to the Government Press, Madras, amount to Rs. 53,616-14-0 against Rs. 62,546-14-0 in the previous year. A sum of Rs. 60 was realized during the year on account of convict labour supplied to the Public Works Department against Rs. 92-14-0 in the previous year. A sum of Rs. 761-3-0 was realized during the year on account of convict labour supplied to the Zoo Centenary Exhibition held in October 1955.

48. Statement XIV—Vital Statistics—Sickness and mortality.—The following statement gives particulars of the sick and mortality rates for the year 1955 and the four preceding years :—

Year.	Daily average number of prisoners.	Daily average number of sick.	Rate per mille of average sick.	Death.		Death-rate.	
				From cholera.	From all other causes.	From cholera.	From all other causes.
1951 ..	26,188-02	307-23	11-73	..	232	..	8-36
1952 ..	25,424-06	263-84	10-57	2	168	0-09	6-61
1953 ..	23,573-34	249-08	9-37	..	218	..	8-20
1954 ..	18,799-54	204-47	11-39	..	107	..	5-69
1955 ..	15,628-68	175-29	11-22	..	61	..	4-10

The total number of admissions to the hospitals decreased from five thousand three hundred and eighty-nine in 1954 to three thousand and fifty-one during the year under report. The daily average and the number of deaths also decreased from 208-47 in 1954 to 175-29 and 107 to 64 respectively in the year 1955. Although there was an incidence of infectious hepatitis in some of the jails during the year, the vital statistics show a considerable improvement over 1954.

All the deaths that occurred during the year, viz., 64 relate to the Central, District and Special Jails. The subsidiary jails presented a clean mortality sheet. The number of prisoners died in the subsidiary jails was six and these deaths were from the Borstal School, Palayamkottai.

49. Death-rate in several classes of jails.—The following statement shows the death-rate per mille in the several classes of jails as compared with that of the previous year :—

Classes of jails.	Deaths.		Death-rate.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
Central Jails ..	93	60	7-19	5-43
District and Special Jails ..	13	4	8-81	3-12
Subsidiary Jails ..	1	..	6-23	..

50. The following statement shows the number of admissions into hospitals, number of deaths and death-rate per mille in the several jails as compared with that of the previous year :—

Jails.	Admissions to hospitals.		Number of deaths.		Death-rate per mille.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
Central Jail, Vellore ..	329	273	5	9	2-53	4-96
Do. Tiruchirappalli ..	2,043	383	30	12	13-77	6-93
Do. Coimbatore ..	311	352	7	10	3-11	4-47
Do. Madras ..	343	313	2	5	1-55	3-89
Do. Cannanore ..	63	397	7	8	5-82	7-54
Do. Salem ..	160	130	20	12	11-13	10-90
Do. Madurai ..	404	413	19	2	12-30	1-74
Do. Cuddalore ..	126	75	3	2	4-39	4-80
State Jail for Women, Vellore ..	78	47	8	..	15-96	..
Borstal School, Palayamkottai ..	143	50	..	3	..	5-16
District Jail, Pudukkottai ..	77	74	5	1	15-20	3-02
Total ..	4,082	2,487	106	64	7-36	5-19

The number of admissions to the hospitals in the jails, excluding subsidiary jails decreased from four thousand and eighty-two in 1954 to two thousand four hundred

eighty-seven in 1955. The Central Jail, Madurai, recorded the largest number of admissions, while the Central Jail, Cannanore, comes next.

The daily average number of sick excluding subsidiary jails decreased from 192-61 in 1954 to 170-08 during the year under report.

The number of deaths and the death-rate per mille of average strength decreased from one hundred and six in 1954 to sixty-four and 7-36 to 5-19 respectively during the year under report. The sixty-four deaths during the year were due to enteric fever 2, pulmonary tuberculosis 8, pneumonia 2, general respiratory diseases 3, dysentery 2, diarrhoea 3 and all other causes 44. Every possible care and attention in regard to nursing, treatment, diet and other remedial measures were bestowed on the patients.

51. Subsidiary jails.—The number of admissions to hospitals and the daily average sick decreased from one thousand three hundred and seven in 1954 to five hundred and sixty-four and 11-25 to 5-21 respectively in the year under report. There was no death in the subsidiary jails during the year as against one in 1954.

52. Health of prisoners repatriated from Andamans.—The Andaman Colonization Scheme has been abolished—Omitted.

53. Statement XV—Classes of diseases.—The following statement shows the rate of admissions to hospital and the death-rate per mille of average strength against the chief diseases for the year 1955 and the three preceding years in the Central, District and Special Jails :—

Diseases.	Rate per mille of average strength.			
	1952.		1953.	
	Admissions.	Deaths.	Admissions.	Deaths.
Cholera	0-19	0-12	..	..
Dysentery	25-72	0-12	27-67	0-29
Malarial fever	25-91	0-26	17-29	0-11
Pulmonary tuberculosis and hæmoptysis due to tuberculosis.	5-67	0-83	8-22	1-36
Other tubercular diseases	1-08	..	0-51	..
Anæmia and debility	17-42	0-64	14-61	0-86
Other general diseases	253-06	4-97	166-61	5-65
Pneumonia	8-69	0-26	6-33	0-46
Other respiratory diseases	19-53	0-57	29-10	0-40
Diarrhoea	25-02	0-26	9-13	0-06
Abscess, boils and ulcers of all kinds.	15-76	..	27-50	..
All other causes	397-94	8-04	301-78	9-13
Total	795-99	16-07	608-75	18-32

Diseases.	Rate per mille of average strength—cont.			
	1954.		1955.	
	Admissions.	Deaths.	Admissions.	Deaths.
Cholera	..	..	..	..
Dysentery	13-61	0-07	12-74	..
Malarial fever	9-35	..	5-11	0-17
Pulmonary tuberculosis and hæmoptysis due to tuberculosis.	11-67	0-75	13-95	0-69
Other tubercular diseases	..	..	1-13	0-09
Anæmia and debility	10-84	1-05	6-59	0-61
Other general diseases	206-32	3-86	37-07	0-69
Pneumonia	3-44	0-37	3-81	0-17
Other respiratory diseases	14-81	0-22	13-08	0-26
Diarrhoea	2-77	0-22	1-04	0-26
Abscess, boils and ulcers of all kinds.	3-96	..	5-72	..
All other causes	232-74	7-02	99-98	2-43
Total	559-51	13-59	200-22	5-87

CHIEF DISEASES.

54. Cholera.—As in the previous year, there was no admission and death under this disease.

Dysentery.—There were one hundred and forty-seven admissions, and two deaths against this disease. Of these admissions, one hundred and two were in the Central Jail, Tiruchirappalli, seventeen in the Central Jail, Madurai, nine each in the Central Jails at Coimbatore and Vellore, six in the Central Jail, Cuddalore, and four in

District Jail, Pudukkottai. The two deaths which occurred during the year relate to the Central Jail, Vellore.

Malarial fevers.—There were 59 admissions. Like last year there was no death. The Central Jail, Vellore, recorded the largest number of admissions, i.e., 27. Admissions in the other jails were 9 in Central Jail, Coimbatore, 6 in Central Jail, Cuddalore, 5 each in Central Jails, Tiruchirappalli and Salem, 4 in the Central Jail, Madurai, 2 in Central Jail, Madras, and 1 in the State Jail for Women, Vellore.

Tuberculosis.—The admissions and deaths under this disease were 161 and eight respectively. Of the 8 deaths, one prisoner died in the Government Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Tambaram and the remaining deaths were contributed by the undermentioned jails:—

Central Jail, Tiruchirappalli	3
Do. Salem	2
Do. Vellore	1
Do. Cannanore	1

Pneumonia.—The number of admissions and deaths during the year were 44 and 2 respectively. Of the two deaths one relate to Central Jail, Cannanore, and the other to Borstal School, Palayamkottai.

Anaemia and debility.—The number of admissions and deaths were seventy-six and seven respectively. The Central Jail, Salem, recorded the largest number of deaths, viz., 5 and the remaining two relate to Central Jail, Vellore, and Borstal School, Palayamkottai.

Ankylostomiasis.—There were three admissions under this disease; two in the Central Jail, Coimbatore, and one in the Central Jail, Vellore. No death occurred due to this disease.

Enteric fever.—The number of admissions was the same as last year, viz., 9. One prisoner died in the Central Jail, Cannanore.

Syphilis.—The number admitted was thirteen against eighteen in the previous year.

Cerebro-spinal meningitis.—There was neither admission nor death during the year under report.

55. Number of deaths according to length of time passed in jails.—Of the sixty-two deaths in the Central, District and Special Jails, thirty-nine were within six months after their admission and twenty-three after six months against fifty-eight and thirty-six respectively in the year 1954. Of the thirty-nine deaths, nine occurred in the Central Jail, Tiruchirappalli, seven in the Central Jail, Vellore, five each in the Central Jails, Cannanore and Madras, four in the Central Jail, Coimbatore, three in the Central Jail, Salem, two each in the Central Jail, Cuddalore, and Borstal School, Palayamkottai and one each in the Central Jail, Madurai, and District Jail, Pudukkottai.

56. Prisoners' weight.—Statement 'B'.—The number of prisoners released was fifty-seven thousand and eighty-one. Of this number thirty-two thousand eight hundred and ninety-five or 57.62 per cent gained weight, one thousand four hundred and eight or 2.47 per cent lost weight and twenty-two thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight or 39.91 per cent remained stationary against thirty-six thousand five hundred and forty-seven or 54.32 per cent, two thousand six hundred and sixty-seven or 3.97 and twenty-eight thousand and sixty or 41.71 per cent respectively, in the previous year.

57. Water-supply.—(1) All the jails except those at Cannanore, Salem, Cuddalore, are linked with the municipal water-supply. These three jails get the water supply from the wells inside or outside the jail. All wells are protected against accidents and contamination.

The King Institute, Guindy, analyses the water of all jails periodically. Any defects brought to the notice are being immediately rectified. Drinking water is systematically chlorinated and field tests carried out to maintain efficient sterilization.

(2) **Kitchen.**—The kitchens in the jails were under efficient sanitary control and were working satisfactorily.

(3) & (4) **Conservancy and drainage and other sanitary arrangement.**—The conservancy and drainage and other sanitary arrangements were kept up to the mark.

58. Grow More Food Campaign.—Every endeavour has been and is being made to grow more food. Almost all the institutions are self-sufficient in their kitchen requirements. Local purchase has not been resorted to except under extraordinary circumstances in the case of one or two jails. The target given below showing the production of vegetables has a considerable increase in the production and will speak of the efforts made in this behalf. The decrease in the figures in respect of Central Jail, Vellore and Madurai, is due to cyclonic effects and the failure of seasonal rain.

In addition to the figures shown against Central Jail, Salem, 151,746 lb. of cholam stalk and 239,400 lb. of guinea grass as cattle fodder have been produced.

Jails.	1954.	1955.
LB.	LB.	
Central Jail, Vellore	278,101	252,310
Do. Coimbatore	28,559	33,947
Do. Salem	312,407	207,569
Do. Madurai	237,679	193,303
Do. Tiruchirappalli	404,356	643,364

59. Visit to jails.—Three hundred and thirty-eight visits were paid by official and non-official visitors to the several jails and Borstal School, Palayamkottai, during the year against three hundred and seventy in the year 1954.

On 16th December 1955, Srimathi Durgabai Deshmukh visited the Central Jail, Madras.

One thousand three hundred and fifty-four visits were paid by moral and religious lecturers for imparting religious and moral instructions to the prisoners during the year against one thousand five hundred and fifty-nine in 1954.

60. Inspections.—I inspected all the jails, and Borstal School, Palayamkottai, and also paid additional visits to the subsidiary jails in the State required by the rules. All subsidiary jails in the State were inspected by me except S.b-Jail, Pennagaram, in the Salem district. Additional visits were also paid by me to some of the subsidiary jails.

The number of inspections of the subsidiary jails made by the Collectors, District Magistrates, and Subdivisional Magistrates was four hundred and thirty-nine and by the District Medical Officers thirty-eight. Number of visits paid by other visitors is furnished below:—

District and Sessions Judges	12
Inspector-General of Police and Deputy	7
Inspector-General of Police	47
District and Municipal Health Officers	

The total number of inspections and visits paid by official and non-official visitors was one thousand two hundred and ninety-two against eight hundred and three during 1954. The number of visits paid by the members of the Legislature and special visitors to the jails in the State was thirteen.

61. Records—Civil Stores and Service Registers.—The rules relating to the maintenance of service registers, leave accounts and the periodical destruction of records were complied with and inventories of stores in the various jails and in my office were written up to the end of the year.

62. Important events and notable administrative measures undertaken during the year were.—(1) Setting apart the Central Jail at Cuddalore for the reception of prisoners who are declared as fit subjects for detention in a special habitual jail.

(2) Revision of the scale of pay of Boot and Sandal Overseer and appointment of additional chukler maistries in the Central Jail, Vellore, to increase the outturn and improve the quality of workmanship.

(3) Provision of a frigidaire in the Central Jail, Madras.

(4) Transfer of female prisoners convicted by the Courts in the Andhra State and confined in the State Jail for Women at Vellore to the Central Jail, Rajahmundry, consequent on the opening of a jail for women in that State and committal of Andhra women prisoners to that jail from 1st August 1955.

(5) Issue of korah mats and pillows in place of jute mats to "C" class prisoners in the Central Jail, Tiruchirappalli, as an experimental measure for one year.

(6) Opening of Carpentry Industry in the Central Jail, Cuddalore and the District Jail, Pudukkottai, and creation of a post of one Carpentry Foreman, Grade II, in the scale of Rs. 50—3—80 and one Grade II Warder Rs. 30—1—40 in the latter jail.

(7) Participation in the Congress Exhibition held at Congress ground at Teynampet, Madras.

(8) Introduction of hand-spinning by charka by prisoners in the Central Jail at Vellore, Cannanore, Salem, Madurai, Coimbatore and Madras.

(9) Visit of Mr. Erich Beyrodt, Foot Wear Expert, from Germany deputed by the Government of India to the Boot Workshop in the Central Jail, Vellore.

(10) Transfer of the quinine section with the staff from the Jail Department to the Cinchona Department.

(11) Orders have been issued to mechanize the carpentry section in the Central Jail, Madras, and to the employment of certain technical personnel to increase output.

(12) Permitting "C" class prisoners either to have two bedsheets or a bedsheets and a cumby instead of two cumbies.

(13) Raising the educational qualification of Grade II warders in jails to a pass in III Form or E.S.L.C. with a view to improve the morale and conduct of warder establishment towards prisoners.

(14) Appointment of the District Health Officers as ex-officio visitors to the jails.

(15) Issue of half bar of washing soap and half bar toilet soap per mensem to the women prisoners in the State Jail for Women, Vellore, for sanitary purposes.

(16) The introduction of B.C.G. vaccination on a voluntary basis as a protection against tuberculosis infection.

(17) Appointment of women prisoners as convict warders in the State Jail for Women, Vellore—Rule 334, Madras Prison and Reformatory Manual, Volume II—amended.

(18) Classification of prisoners into A, B and C class—The District Magistrate (Judicial), Additional Sessions Judges and Assistant Sessions Judges are empowered to make recommendation to the Government—Rule 747 B (1), Madras Prison and Reformatory Manual, Volume II—amended.

(19) Appointment of religious and moral lecturers in sub-jails sanctioned for the benefit for prisoners there.

(20) Appointment of additional peon warders in 73 sub-jails to better the conditions of sub-jails in the State.

(21) Probation Officers are allowed to interview undertrial prisoners in jails and sub-jails.

(22) The Government were pleased to waive the necessity to obtain aftercare report or certificates in respect of prisoners suffering from leprosy and whose promature releases are recommended by the Advisory Board.

(23) The warders default book has been changed to read as "Conduct Book".

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(24) Radiological examination of prisoners in all Central and District Jails for the detection of tuberculosis.

(25) The name of "Penitentiary", Madras, has been changed to "Central Jail, Madras".

(26) More intensive work by convicts in sub-jails to improve the compound and the vegetable garden.

(27) Use of convicts during Zoo Centenary and Exhibition as suggested by Home Secretary.

63. Programme of work to be done—Schemes already sanctioned but pending execution.—(1) *Central Jail, Madurai.*—Construction of a compound wall in the Central Jail, Madurai, for protecting the jail gardens between Jailor's quarters and Superintendent's quarters—Approved in G.O. Ms. No. 2040, Public Works, dated 8th May 1953.

(2) *Sub-Jail, Chingleput.*—Improvements to the existing latrine in the Sub-Jail, Chingleput—Approved in G.O. Ms. No. 4872, Home, dated, 29th December 1955.

(3) *Sub-Jails, Melur and Palani, Madurai district.*—Construction of compound walls in the Sub-Jails, Melur and Palani—Approved in G.O. Ms. No. 194, Public Works, dated 16th January 1956 and G.O. Ms. No. 331, Public Works, dated 21st January 1956, respectively.

(4) *Sub-Jail, Nagapattinam, Tanjore district.*—Repairs to compound wall and provision of stoneware pipe line in place of open drain in the Sub-Jail Nagapattinam—Estimate for Rs. 6,350—Approved in G.O. Ms. No. 444, Public Works, dated 28th January 1956.

(5) Construction of lock-up in the Jails at Coonoor and Attur and conversion of existing Station-writer's room in the police station at Nilakottai into two lock-up rooms and the rear veranda into a room for the Sub-Inspector—Expenditure of Rs. 5,150—Approved in G.O. Ms. No. 256, Public Works, dated 19th January 1956.

JAIL IMPROVEMENTS.

1. *Central Jail, Cuddalore.*—Electrical installation at—Rewiring.

2. *Sub-Jail, Chingleput.*—Electrification of sub-jail and Jailor's quarters.

3. *Sub-Jail, Keeranur, Tiruchirappalli district.*—Provision of open air enclosure and raising the height of the compound wall.

4. *Central Jail, Cannanore.*—Provision of overhead mains to pump sets, etc.

5. *Sub-Jail, Uthamapalayam.*—Construction of compound wall.

6. *Sub-Jail, Arkonam, North Arcot district.*—Construction of a rest room for police guard.

7. *Borstal School, Palayamkottai.*—Provision of electric motor and pump set.

8. Provision of leach-type latrines in the residential quarters, Central Jail, Coimbatore.

9. *Sub-Jail, Namakkal.*—Raising the height of the compound wall.

10. *Central Jail, Madurai.*—Provision of five table fans.

11. Installation of additional machinery in the leather section in the Central Jail, Vellore—Recommendation No. 149 of Jail Reforms Committee.

12. Construction of fly-proof kitchens, covered latrines, etc., in the sub-jails—Recommendation No. 236 of Jail Reforms Committee.

13. Improvements in sanitary arrangements—Raising of floor area—Provision of water buckets for flushing, etc.

NEW SCHEMES.

1. Shifting of the Central Jail, Madras, to a place outside the city of Madras (under the consideration of the Government).

2. Acquisition of land for use as parade ground.—Central Jail, Madurai (under the consideration of the Government).

3. Rural Housing Scheme.—Suggestion of the Government of India—Introduction in the Jail department—Starting of brick manufacture in certain jails under examination.

4. Land—District Jail, Pudukkottai.—Pudukkottai town land opposite to the main gate—Construction of quarters for the Jail staff—Alienation to the Jail department.

5. Lands belonging to the Raja of Pudukkottai—Lease for use as Jail Gardens—District Jail, Pudukkottai.

64. Conduct of jail establishment.—The strength of the permanent and temporary warders' establishment was 995 and 183, respectively. The total number of punishments was 349 against 454 in the previous year.

The details of punishments awarded are furnished below :—

Warnings	117
Extra drill and extra duty and deprivation of off duty ..	114
Fine	59
Other punishments	13
Discharges	3
Reduction from higher to lower ranks	13
Deduction of pay	11
Suspensions	15
Dismissals	4

The conduct of the warder establishment was satisfactory.

65. Conduct of jail officers.—The conduct of the jail officers and subordinates was on the whole satisfactory.

66. Annual reports of Central, District and Special Jails.—The annual reports furnished by the Superintendents of Central, District and Special Jails are submitted herewith for perusal and return.

T. S. RAMACHANDRAN,
Inspector-General of Prisons, Madras.

APPENDIX.

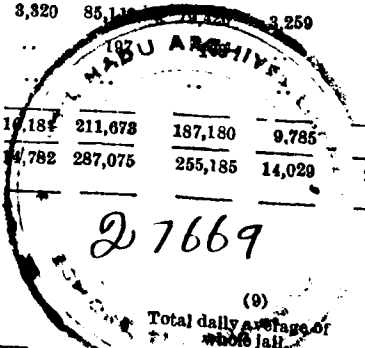
Note.—Statements V, VII, VIII, X, XII, XVI, XVII, A and D to G have been omitted under orders of the Government.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Showing the distribution of the prisoners of all classes confined in the jails and subsidiary jails of the Madras State during the year 1955.

(1) Serial number and classes of jails.	(2) Classes of prisoners.	(3) Remained at the commencement of the year.			(4) Received during the year.			(5) Total.			(6) Discharged from all causes.		
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Central Jails (8)	Convicts	11,346	65	11,411	53,903	1,308	55,211	65,249	1,373	66,622	55,271	1,351	56,622
	Under trials	756	27	783	15,584	574	16,158	16,340	601	16,941	15,772	578	16,350
	Civil	13	..	13	184	..	184	197	..	197	108	..	108
	Security prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
District and Special Jails (2).	Convicts	380	534	914	1,399	1,852	3,251	1,779	2,388	4,167	1,485	2,148	3,633
	Under trials	33	..	33	296	..	296	329	..	329	321	..	321
	Civil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Security prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Borstal School (1).	Convicts	626	..	626	175	..	175	801	..	801	273	..	273
	Under trials	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Civil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Security prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (11)	Convicts	12,352	599	12,951	55,477	3,160	58,637	67,829	3,759	71,588	57,029	3,499	60,528
	Under trials	789	27	816	15,880	574	16,454	16,669	601	17,270	16,093	578	16,671
	Civil	13	..	13	184	..	184	197	..	197	108	..	108
	Security prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total		13,154	626	13,780	71,541	3,734	75,275	84,695	4,360	89,055	73,290	4,077	77,367
Subsidiary Jails	Convicts	1,777	49	1,826	49,887	3,056	52,943	51,664	3,105	54,769	50,557	3,027	53,584
	Under trials	2,177	78	2,255	62,953	2,641	65,594	65,130	2,719	67,849	63,333	2,681	66,014
	Civil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Security prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total		..	..	..	12,840	5,697	18,537	116,794	5,824	122,618	113,890	5,708	119,598
		..	..	..	105,364	6,216	111,580	119,493	6,864	126,357	107,586	6,526	114,112
		..	..	..	105	..	105	..	..	..	..	..	..
		..	..	..	184	..	184	197	..	197	108	..	108
Security prisoners.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
State Total for 1955		17,108	753	17,861	184,331	9,431	193,812	201,489	10,184	211,673	187,180	9,785	196,965
State Total for 1954		23,560	1,472	25,032	248,738	13,310	262,048	272,298	14,782	287,075	255,185	14,029	269,214

(1)	(2)	(7) Remaining at the end of the year.			(8) Daily average number of each class.			(9) Total daily average of whole jail.		
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Central Jails (8)	Convicts	9,978	22	10,000	10,248.79	27.45	10,276.24	10,998.09	50.94	11,049.03
	Under trials	568	23	591	728.58	23.49	752.07	..	..	..
	Civil	29	..	29	20.72	..	20.72	..	..	..
	Security prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
District and Special Jails (2).	Convicts	294	238	532	315.96	368.87	684.83	331.46	368.87	700.33
	Under trials	8	..	8	15.51	..	15.51	..	..	..
	Civil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Security prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Borstal School (1).	Convicts	528	..	528	581.78	..	581.78	581.78	..	581.78
	Under trials	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Civil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Security prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (11)	Convicts	10,800	260	11,060	11,146.47	396.32	11,542.79	11,911.23	419.81	12,331.09
	Under trials	678	23	701	744.09	23.49	767.58	..	..	..
	Civil	29	..	29	20.72	..	20.72	..	..	..
	Security prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total		11,405	283	11,688	11,911.23	419.81	12,331.09	..	..	..
Subsidiary Jails	Convicts	1,107	78	1,185	992.19	67.12	1,059.31	3,157.26	140.33	3,297.59
	Under trials	1,797	38	1,835	2,166.07	73.21	2,239.28	..	..	..
	Civil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Security prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total		2,904	116	3,020	3,157.26	140.33	3,297.59	..	..	..
Grand Total	Convicts	11,907	338	12,245	12,138.66	463.44	12,602.10	15,068.54	560.14	15,628.68
	Under trials	2,373	61	2,434	2,909.16	96.70	3,005.86	..	..	..
	Civil	29	..	29	20.72	..	20.72	..	..	..
	Security prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
State total for 1955		14,309	399	14,708	15,068.54	560.14	15,628.68	..	..	..
State total for 1954		17,108	753	17,861	18,009.30	790.34	18,799.64	..	..	..



STATEMENT I.—JUDICIAL (for convicts only).

Statement showing the number and disposal of the convicts in the jails and subsidiary jails of the Madras State during the year 1955.

(1)	(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)									
							Received by transfers.									
	Remained at the close of the previous year.		Imprisoned during the present year 1955.		Total.		To undergo sentence.					In transit for transportation or to other jails.				
							From jails in the State.		From subsidiary jails in the State.		From jails outside the State.		From jails in the State.		From jails outside the State.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
State total for 1955.	14,120	648	80,587	5,029	94,716	5,077	2,258	31	..	..	129	2	22,390	1,154	..	..
State total for 1954.	19,310	1,282	88,327	7,522	107,637	8,804	2,841	70	32	6	81	..	23,328	1,598	..	..
	(6)		(7)		(8)											
					Released during the year.											
	Grand total.		Transferred to other jails.		To undergo sentence.		For transportation beyond seas, etc.		On appeal.		On expiry of sentence.		Under remission rules.		By order of Government.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
State total for 1955.	119,493	6,804	123,357	32,863	1,555	..	..	..	1,457	86	60,072	4,181	12,409	649	8	298
State total for 1954.	133,919	10,478	144,397	65,989	1,948	..	..	..	2,637	210	64,283	6,708	16,361	707	6	206
	(9)		(10)		(11)		(12)		(13)		(14)		(15)			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
State total for 1955.	15	..	351	37	3	..	37	..	73	2	11,907	338	12,245	12,138	463	10
State total for 1954.	14	..	215	34	4	..	44	..	72	8	14,129	648	14,777	14,000	664	10

STATEMENT II.—JUDICIAL (for convicts only).

Statement showing the religion, age, state of education and previous occupation of the convicts admitted into the jails and subsidiary jail of the Madras State during the year 1955.

(1)	(2)										(3)			
	Religion.										Age.			
	Christians.			Muslims.	Hindus and Sikhs.	Buddhists and Jains.	All other classes.	Under 16 years.	16 to 18 years.	19 to 21 years.	22 to 30 years.			
	a	b	c											
	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	F.
State total for 1955.	..	..	7	4,937	310	4,857	169	68,208	4,513	146	9	2,292	28	1,538
State total for 1954.	..	..	8	6,169	537	5,558	281	73,170	6,541	89	9	3,038	154	2,256
	(4)										(5)			
	Education.										Previous occupation.			
	Age—cont.			Literate.	Illiterate.	Persons employed under Government or municipal or other local authorities.	Professional persons.	Persons in service or performing personal offices.						
	E	F	G											
	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	F.
State total for 1955.	21,486	1,544	14,133	1,146	1,282	68	20,761	546	59,826	4,483	528	..	..	..
State total for 1954.	24,246	2,328	15,476	1,634	1,510	121	21,669	646	66,858	6,876	1,070	..	..	..
	(5)—cont.										(6)			
	Previous occupation—cont.										Total.			
	D			Persons engaged in agriculture and with animals.	Persons engaged in commerce and trade.	Persons employed in mechanical arts, manufactures and engineering operations, etc.	Miscellaneous persons not classed otherwise.	Males.	Females.	Total.				
	M.	F.	M.											
	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	F.
State total for 1955.	30,654	319	36	106	4,538	113	12	29	2,234	225	8	6	30,429	3,414
State total for 1954.	29,540	252	87	100	4,417	51	4	27	2,078	103	..	..	44,772	5,014

STATEMENT III.—JUDICIAL (for convicts only).

Statement showing the convicts admitted into the jails and subsidiary jails of the Madras State during the year 1955 and those remaining on the 31st December of that year, according to the nature and length of sentences.

(1)	(2)	(3)											
		Numbers according to length of sentences.											
	Nature of imprisonment indicated by letters marking the four jail divisions.	A		B		C		D		E		F	
		Not exceeding one month.		Above one month and not exceeding three months.		Above three months and not exceeding six months.		Above six months and not exceeding one year.		Above one year and not exceeding two years.		Above two years and not exceeding five years.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
State total for 1955.	A. Prisoners sentenced to simple imprisonment.	12,708	950	1,757	275	127	24	76	2	11	..	2	1
	B. Prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment.	22,146	1,525	35,568	2,019	4,740	166	1,600	30	810	7	478	10
	C. Prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment with solitary confinement.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	D. Prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment with whipping.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total admissions	34,854	2,475	37,325	2,294	4,867	190	1,676	32	821	7	480	11
	Total remaining on the 31st December 1955.	979	70	3,628	146	1,510	50	1,057	14	1,014	13	1,648	11
State total for 1954.	Total admissions for 1954	39,185	4,056	37,392	2,993	7,016	333	2,226	98	1,215	19	718	7
	Total remaining on the 31st December 1954.	1,277	90	3,980	392	2,963	81	1,167	80	1,215	14	1,613	16
	(2)	(3)—cont.											
		Numbers according to length of sentences—cont.											
	Nature of imprisonment indicated by letters marking the four jail divisions.	G		H		I				J		Total.	
		Above five years and not exceeding ten years.		Exceeding ten years.		Sentenced to transportation beyond seas.				Sentenced to death.			
		M.	F.	M.	F.	For life.		For a term.		M.	F.	M.	F.
State total for 1955.	A. Prisoners sentenced to simple imprisonment.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,681	1,252
	B. Prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment.	1	..	15	..	271	15	..	..	181	4	65,906	3,777
	C. Prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment with solitary confinement.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	D. Prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment with whipping.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total admissions	147	1	15	..	271	15	..	..	181	4	80,537	5,029
	Total remaining on the 31st December 1955.	526	3	43	1	1,442	26	..	..	70	4	11,907	338
State total for 1954.	Total admissions for 1954	176	2	11	..	267	8	..	..	121	3	88,327	7,522
	Total remaining on the 31st December 1954.	482	2	31	1	1,334	21	..	..	67	1	14,129	648

STATEMENT IV.—JUDICIAL (for convicts only).

Statement showing the convicts admitted into the jails and subsidiary jails of the Madras State during the year 1955 who had been previously convicted.

(Amended as per G.O. Ms. No. 2993, Home, dated 27th July 1951.)

(1)	(2)	(3)									
		Number admitted during the year.									
	Number imprisoned for the first time in default of finding security under section 110 of the Criminal Procedure Code or convicted under Chapters XII, XVI, XVII and XVIII of the Indian Penal Code with previous convictions under any of those chapters or under section 110 of the Criminal Procedure Code and classified as habituals.	A		B		C		Total.			
		Once previously convicted.		Twice previously convicted.		More than twice previously convicted.					
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
State total for 1955.	..	80,587	5,029	85,616	389	3	2,053	14	676	..	286
State total for 1954.	..	88,327	7,522	95,849	222	1	2,363	20	321	..	85
	(2)	(3)									
		Females under item G—(Previous occupation) of Statement No. II—(For convicts only).									
	Ratio per cent of column (3-C) to column (2) in whole number.	Number of prostitutes admitted during the year.		Number previously convicted.		Total.					
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
State total for 1955.	..	4	22	..	..	25	4	..	..	..	..
State total for 1954.	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..

STATEMENT IX.—FINANCIAL, 1955—*cont.*

statement showing the expenditure in guarding and maintaining the prisoners in the jails and subsidiary jails of the Madras State during the year 1955, excluding the cost of building new jails, of additions, alterations and repairs—cont.

	(6)—cont.						(7)				(8)					
	Hospital charges—cont.						Clothing and bedding of prisoners.				Sanitation charges.					
	D	E	F		G		A	B			A	B	C	D	E	
	Proportion of dairy expenses.	Total cost.	Cost per head of average strength.		Cost per head of average number sick.		Total cost.	Cost per head of average strength including civil prisoners.			Charges for conservancy, cleaning and purifying.	Charges for water supply.	Extraordinary charges.	Total cost.	Cost per head of average strength.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS. A. P.	
Grand total for 1955 ..	909	2,95,240	18	14 3	1,467	8 4	2,57,609	16	8 1	73,184	61,305	876	1,35,365	8	10 7	
Grand total for 1954 ..	1,468	2,32,031	12	5 6	1,113	0 4	1,90,602	10	2 4	68,317	52,324	5,875	1,20,546	6	11 3	

		(9)			(10)									
		for moving prisoners.			Charges for miscellaneous services and supplies.									
		B	C	D	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H		
		Transfer charges and road subsistence of prisoners.	Transportation charges.	Total cost.	Cost per head of average strength.	Lighting.	Disciplinary charges.	Annual expenses for uniform and accoutrements of warders.	Money payment as reward for recaptures and services.	Execution charges.	Other miscellaneous charges.	Total cost.	Cost per head of average strength.	
		RS.	RS.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	A. P.
Grand total for 1955	..	1,40,508	..	1,40,508	9 6 0	61,109	3,808	35,188	1,674	135	72,071	1,73,575	11 1	1
Grand total for 1954	..	1,19,915	..	1,19,915	6 6 1	52,623	2,472	33,808	2,761	266	1,20,515	2,12,535	11 4	11

Grand total for 1955 ..	1,40,508	..	1,40,508	9 6 0	61,199	3,308	35,188	1,674	135	72,071	1,73,575	11 1 6
Grand total for 1954 ..	1,19,915	..	1,19,915	6 6 1	52,623	2,472	33,898	2,761	266	1,20,515	2,12,535	11 4 13

		(11) Travelling allowances.			(12) Contingencies.								(13) Extraordinary charges for livestock, tools and plant likely to last for three years and upwards	
		A	B		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	A	B
		Total cost.	Cost per head of average strength.		Rents, rates and taxes.	Telephone charges.	Service postage and telegrams.	Current office expenses.	Office furniture.	Charges for registers and stationery.	Total cost.	Cost per head of average strength.	Contingency and water-supply dead stock.	Dietary dead stock.
		RS.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS. A. P.	RS.	RS.
Grand total for 1955	..	11,069	0	11 4	45,161	6,440	27,066	36,341	158	2,756	1,17,922	7 8 9	6,761	10,125
Grand total for 1954	..	11,412	0	9 9	49,782	6,759	24,035	36,299	279	2,788	1,19,942	6 6 1	14,578	7,091

A.B.J.—3A

A.R.J.—3A

STATEMENT XII-B.—FINANCIAL.

Comparative statement of manufactures of the jails in the Madras State during the year 1955.

Serial number.	Jails.	Total value of articles manufactured during the year.				Percentage of labouring convicts employed on manufactures (last column of general Statement XI).			
		1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
		RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.				
State total	..	25,70,239	13 2	22,12,921	2 3	39.00		39.52	

STATEMENT XIII.—FINANCIAL.

Statement showing the net cost of the prisoners in jails and subsidiary jails of the Madras State during the year 1955.

Serial number and jails.	(1)	Total cost of maintenance [col. (14) of Statement IX].			Average cost of maintenance per head [col. (14) of Statement IX].			Total "net profits" [col. (6) (a) of Statement XI-A].			Average "net profit" per head of average strength.			Net cost to Government [col. (2) minus col. (4)].			Average net cost per head of average strength [col. (8) minus col. (5)].		
		(2)			(3)			(4)			(5)			(6)			(7)		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
State total for 1955	..	51,89,813	332	1	5,68,283	13	8	86	6	40,21,059	3	295	11	52,35,771	6	278	8		
State total for 1954	..	59,44,291	316	3	7,08,519	10	37	11	52,35,771	6	278	8							

STATEMENT XIV.—VITAL.

Statement showing the sickness and mortality among prisoners of all classes in the jails and subsidiary jails of the Madras State during the year 1955.

Classes of prisoners.	(1)	(2) Number of persons that can be accommodated in the parts of the jails devoted to convicts, undertrials and civil prisoners, respectively, but exclusive of hospital and observation cells.			(3) Average daily strength.			(4) Maximum population on any one day.			(5) Number admitted into hospital.			(6) Daily average number of sick.		
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Convicts	..	..	..	..	12,138.66	463.44	12,602.10	..	..	..	2,386	61	2,447	153.20	1.94	160.14
Undertrials	..	..	..	..	2,909.16	96.70	3,005.86	..	..	..	507	32	539	13.97	0.96	14.93
Civil	..	..	..	..	20.72	..	20.72	..	..	..	5	..	5	0.22	..	0.22
Security Prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Civil lunatics	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
State total for 1955	..	16,017	718	16,735	15,068.54	560.14	15,628.68	..	..	..	2,958	93	3,051	172.39	2.90	175.29
State total for 1954	..	16,342	597	16,939	18,009.20	790.34	18,799.54	..	..	..	5,272	117	5,389	203.01	5.46	208.47

(7)

(8) Ratio per mille of average strength.

	(1)	(2) Number of deaths in and out of hospital.			(3) Of admissions into hospital.			(4) Of daily average number of sick.			(5) Of deaths from all causes except cholera.			(6) Of deaths from all causes both in and out of hospitals.		
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Convicts	..	62	..	62	196.56	131.62	104.17	13.03	4.19	12.71	5.11	..	4.02	5.11	..	4.92
Undertrials	..	62	..	2	194.90	331.92	199.28	4.80	9.93	4.97	0.60	..	0.67	0.60	..	0.6
Civil	..	..	..	..	241.31	..	241.31	10.62	..	10.62	..	..	..	..	..	..
Security Prisoners.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Civil lunatics	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
State total for 1955	..	64	..	64	196.30	106.03	195.22	11.44	5.13	11.22	4.25	..	4.10	4.25	..	4.10
State total for 1954	..	107	..	107	292.74	149.18	286.47	11.27	6.01	11.81	5.94	..	5.60	5.94	..	5.60

STATEMENT XV.—VITAL.

Statement showing the admissions and deaths from the chief diseases among the convicts in the jails of the Madras State during the year 1955.

(1)	(2)																		(4)													
	A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		I		Number of deaths according to length of time passed in the jail.													
	Cholera.		Dysentery.		Malarial fevers.		Pulmonary tuberculosis and hæmoptysis due to tuberculosis.		Other tubercular diseases.		Anæmia and debility.		Other diseases.		Pneumonia.		Other respiratory disease.		Within six months.		More than six months.											
	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.														
State total for 1955.	..	..	147	2	50	..	161	8	13	1	76	7	1,582	36	44	2	151	3														
State total for 1954.	..	..	182	1	125	..	156	10	..	..	145	14	2,839	58	46	5	198	3														
	(2)-cont.																		(3)										(4)			
	Diarrhoea.		Abscesses, boils and ulcers of all kinds.		Cholera.		Dysentery.		Malarial fevers.		Pneumonia.		Diarrhoea.		All causes.		Within six months.				More than six months.											
	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.	A.	D.																
State total for 1955.	12	3	66	..	..	..	12.74	0.17	5.11	..	3.81	0.17	1.04	0.26	200.22	5.37	39	73														
State total for 1954.	37	3	53	..	..	..	13.47	0.07	9.35	..	3.44	0.37	2.77	0.22	282.74	7.02	58	36														

STATEMENT XVIII.

Statement showing the particulars regarding prisoners under trial in the jails and subsidiary jails of the Madras State during the year 1955.

	(2) Number remain- ing at the close of the previous year.		(3) Number received.		(4) Total population.			(5) Daily average number.			(6) Released.				
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.		
State total for 1955	2,966	105	73,833	3,215	81,799	3,320	85,119	2,909.16	96.70	3,005.86	38,927	1,946	40,873		
State total for 1954	4,186	190	133,964	9,114	138,150	4,304	142,454	3,984.59	126.26	4,110.85	41,249	2,352	43,601		
	(7) Convicted and sentenced.			(8) Transferred, etc.			(9) Escaped.			(10) Died.			(11) Remaining on 31st December, 1955.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
State total for 1955	23,672	912	24,584	16,822	401	17,223	3	..	3	2	..	2	2,373	61	2,434
State total for 1954	25,301	1,255	26,556	68,622	592	69,214	..	..	..	12	..	12	2,966	105	3,071

STATEMENT B.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Statement showing the condition of the prisoners released from the jails of the Madras State during the year 1955.

Statement showing the change in weight of persons released during the year.												
(1)	(2)	(3)	Number who had gained weight.					Number who had lost weight.				
			(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	Total.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	Total.
			Up to 1 lb.	From 1 to 5 lb.	From 5 to 10 lb.	Over 10 lb.		Up to 1 lb.	From 1 to 5 lb.	From 5 to 10 lb.	Over 10 lb.	
State total for 1955	57,081	22,778	12,442	14,388	4,535	1,030	32,895	562	594	189	63	1,408
State total for 1954	67,274	28,080	14,140	15,929	5,194	1,284	36,547	1,175	1,120	325	47	2,667

STATEMENT C.

Statement showing the working of the remission system in the jails of the Madras State during the year 1955.

(1)	(2)	Number released during the year who came under the remission system but failed to gain remission.				Number of convicts released during the year who gained remission.				Maximum remission in days gained by any convict released during the year.				Average remission gained by the convicts entered in columns (3) to (6).				(15)	(16)				
		Sentenced to				Sentenced to				Sentenced to													
		Not exceeding one year.	Over one but not exceeding two years.	Over two but not exceeding five years.	Over five years.	Not exceeding one year.	Over one but not exceeding two years.	Over two but not exceeding five years.	Over five years.	Not exceeding one year.	Over one but not exceeding two years.	Over two but not exceeding five years.	Over five years.										
(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.						
State total for 1955	..	..	..	..	..	11,841	784	381	52	85	173	447	3,702	20	84	207	911	43	4	0	0	1	3
State total for 1954	..	..	..	..	..	16,008	701	301	58	80	107	504	3,543	16	73	282	724	39	14	0	0	0	11

STATEMENT H.

Statement showing the number of prisoners sentenced to simple imprisonment in default of payment of fine or failure to furnish security and admitted into the jails and subsidiary jails of the Madras State during the year 1955.

(G.O. No. 5654, Home, dated 28th October 1939.)

Numbers according to length of sentence.															Total.				
A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H					
Not exceeding one month.		Above one month and not exceeding three months.		Above three months and not exceeding six months.		Above six months and not exceeding one year.		Above one year and not exceeding two years.		Above two years and not exceeding five years.		Above five years and not exceeding ten years.		Exceeding ten years.					
M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F. Total.			
State total for 1955	..	9,290	862	504	62	123	8	75	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,994	433	10,427
State total for 1954	..	11,233	550	469	82	317	29	81	26	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,103	633	12,736

APPENDIX TO STATEMENT II (for convicts only).

Statement showing the age of children, juveniles and adolescents admitted into the jails and subsidiary jails of the Madras State during the year 1955.

	Children under 14 years.		14 to 15 years.		16 to 20 years.		Adolescents from 21 to 23 years.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
State total for 1955	..	..	18	..	52	2	8,467	385
State total for 1954	..	..	9	..	35	..	5,942	636



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