

REPORT

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OF PRISONS 1958



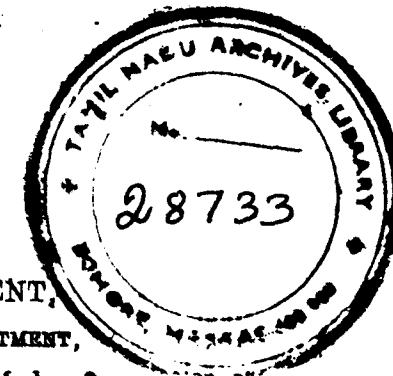
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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL  
OF PRISONS,  
MADRAS, 19th May 1958.

From:

SRI M. A. SHERIFF, I.A.S.,  
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS,  
Madras-7.



To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,  
HOME DEPARTMENT,  
Madras-9.

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SIR,

I submit my report on the working of the Probation branch for the year 1957.

2. *Inspector-General of Prisons.*—(i) Sri T. S. Ramachandran, I.C.S., held charge from the beginning of the year till 12th August 1957 afternoon, when he retired from service. Sri H. N. Hutchings, Superintendent, Central Jail, Madras, held additional charge of the post from 12th August afternoon to 26th August afternoon 1957. I assumed charge on the afternoon of 26th August 1957.

(ii) *Chief Probation Superintendent.*—Sri V. Krishna Menon, M.A., B.L., held the post of the Chief Probation Superintendent, during the whole of 1957.

3. The strength of the Probation Officers at the beginning of the year was 39, i.e., three first grade and 36 second grade. In G.O. No. 1454, Home, dated 28th May 1957, the Government approved the proposal of my predecessor for the conversion of two posts of Grade II Probation Officers into Grade I. The number of probation officers at the end of the year was five in the first grade and 34 in the second grade.

4. *Orientation and pre-discharge work.*—The orientation and pre-discharge work which was started as an experimental measure in the Borstal School, Palayamcottai, the Senior Certified School, Chingleput, and the Central Jail, Madras, in the year 1952, was continued for one more year from 1st July

1957 in Government Memorandum No. 81801-Prisons-II/57-3, Home, dated 16th October 1957. The report on the working of the scheme for the year ending 30th June 1957 submitted to Government in Inspector-General's No. 230/P1/57, dated 5th August 1957, is appended (Appendix A). The orientation and pre-discharge work started in the Sri Sadana and Vigilance Home, from 1st July 1955, was continued this year also with the Lady Probation Officers in the City of Madras working as Welfare Officers.

In G.O. Rt. No. 3902, Home, dated 29th December 1956, the Government sanctioned the continuance of the scheme of orientation and welfare work in the State Jail for Women, Vellore, till January 1958, and the payment of subsidy of Rs. 1,500 to the Madras State Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society for working the scheme. The Women Welfare Officer was doing orientation and welfare work also in the newly opened Borstal Section in the Jail.

During the year, orientation and pre-discharge work was started in the Central Jail, Vellore. The Central Social Welfare Board met half the salary of the Welfare Officer appointed for this purpose and the Madras State Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society met the other half.

In connection with the Centenary of the Struggle for Independence on 14th August 1957, special remission was ordered to prisoners and a number of them were released. An intensified orientation course to prepare the prisoners to be merged in the general community and to strengthen them in a resolve to turn over a new leaf and avoid coming again into the clutches of law was given by the Probation Officers to prisoners to be released on 14th August 1957 from the various jails in the State.

The Government were pleased to instruct the Collectors in Home Department Memorandum No. 94626-Pr.I/56, dated 14th May 1957, to issue instructions to the Superintendents of the Sub-Jails to inform the District Probation Officers concerned promptly whenever a juvenile is admitted in a Sub-jail so that the District Probation Officer may contact the juvenile and take suitable action.

5. *Probation Advisory Committee.*—During the year under report, the Probation Advisory Committee of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society gave financial assistance of Rs. 347.71 to the probationers, ex-borstal inmates, ex-pupils and ex-convicts recommended by the District Probation Officers.

6. *Conferences.*—The Government deputed me, the Chief Probation Superintendent and Sri S. J. Savarinathan, Superintendent of Jails and the District Probation Officer, Tenkasi, to attend the All-India Conference of Correctional Officers at Trivandrum held between the 26th and 29th December 1957 as Government delegates.

The Government also permitted in their G.O. Rt. No. 3332, Home, dated 1st December 1957, five Probation Officers to attend the Conference as delegates at their own expense and directed that the period of their absence may be treated as on duty.

*Decennial Anniversary Session of the Indian Conference of Social Work.*—The Government approved my proposal and directed in their G.O. Rt. No. 3642, Home, dated 23rd December 1957, that three City Probation Officers (one woman and two men) may be deputed to attend the conference as official delegates and sanctioned the payment of a delegation fee of Rs. 10 each. Accordingly, three Probation Officers in the city were deputed to attend the conference.

Two Probation Officers in the State were selected by the Central Social Welfare Board for training in "After-Care" at the Delhi School of Social Work and they were sent for training. The Government permitted them in G.O. Ms. No. 1757, Home, dated 27th June 1957 to undergo training in the course for a period of one year.

The District Probation Officer, Tiruvannamalai, was permitted by my predecessor to serve on the Committee for conducting the Inter-State Seminar of North Arcot and Salem districts held at Tiruvannamalai and take part in the Seminar without detriment to his work.

7. *After-Care Home.*—In G.O. Ms. No. 187, Home, dated 23rd January 1957, the Government were pleased to sanction the establishment of the After-Care Home for Males discharged from Correctional Institutions at Madras, with an accommodation for 100 persons. The 'Home' was inaugurated at the 'Goschen Home', Teynampet, Madras, by the Maharani of Patiala on 29th January 1957. The number of inmates had to be kept below 50 for want of sufficient accommodation. The number of inmates in the Home on 31st December 1957 was 35.

8. *All-India Jail Manual Committee.*—During the year 1957, the Government of India constituted an All-India Jail Manual Committee consisting of the Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay, Madras, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, West Bengal and Punjab, the Regulations Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and Shri J. J. Panakal of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay. The Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay, was appointed convener of the Committee. Sri V. Krishna Menon, Chief Probation Superintendent, Madras, and Sri D. J. Jadhav, Principal, Jail Officers' Training School, Poona, were co-opted as members.

9. *Madras State Probation and Correctional Association.*—A public meeting was organized under the auspices of the Madras State Probation and Correctional Association at Madras on 4th May 1957. Dr. C. P. Tandon, P.M.S.I., Inspector-General of Prisons, Uttar Pradesh, spoke on 'Towards New Horizon in Penology'.

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Madras State Probation and Correctional Association was held at Madras on 15th May 1957. Sri M. Bhakthavatsalam, Home Minister to the Government of Madras, presided over the meeting. He also visited the After-Care Home for Males and evinced keen interest in the working of the carpentry unit which had been established in the After-Care Home for the inmates by the Madras State Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society.

Another public meeting was held at Tiruchirappalli on 1st August 1957 when the District Judge presided. The District Magistrate, the District Superintendent of Police, the Chief Probation Superintendent and the Honorary Secretary of the Madras State Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, Tiruchirappalli, spoke about the advantages of the probation system.

10. *Correctional Journals.*—During the year, the Indian Correctional Association started a quarterly journal called Indian Correctional Journal from April 1957. This journal is devoted to the furtherance of modern correctional methods in the prevention of crime and treatment of offenders.

The Madras State Probation and Correctional Association continued to publish the correctional Bulletin.

11. *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 Children Act, the Madras Borstal Schools 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 use of the services of the District Probation Officers in maintenance cases coming under Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure. As stated in paragraph 4 supra, the orientation and pre-discharge work was continued in four centres besides the State Jail for Women, Vellore, and the Stri Sadana and Vigilance Home, Mylapore. Details of the work of the department are given below.

12. *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 the 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 North Arcot, South Arcot, Chingleput, Madurai, Nilgiris and Salem and that in other districts it was lower than in the previous year. In the City of Madras, the fall that was noticed during the last four years continued during this year also. But the number of first offenders dealt with under the various sections of the Madras Probation of Offenders Act, was 17,239 during 1957, as against 8,035 during 1956. So, the fall is only in the number of cases referred to the Probation Officers and the number placed under supervision.

The number of persons placed under supervision increased in the districts of South Arcot, Madurai, Nilgiris, Salem and Tanjore. On the whole, the work showed progress. The number of persons on supervision during the year in the State including those carried over from the previous year increased from 2,600 to 2,877, an increase of 10.7 per cent. The number of persons placed under supervision increased from 1,872 to 1,898, i.e., an increase of 26 or about 1.4 per cent. The number of probationers under supervision at the end of the year was 1,646 as against 1,479 last year. The number of visits paid and received by the District Probation Officers decreased from 25,162 to 24,000 and 6,037 to 5,586 respectively. But the number of reports submitted increased from 19,547 to 21,364. The total number of persons dealt with under the various sections of the Act increased from 20,482 to 20,454.

TABLE I.  
Comparative statement of the work of the District Probation Officers under the Madras Probation of Offenders Act during the years 1956 and 1957.

| Serial number and district. | Number of persons placed under supervision during |       | Number of preliminary enquiries made during |       | Number of visits paid by District Probation Officers during |        | Number of visits received by District Probation Officers during |       | Number of periodical reports submitted to courts by the District Probation Officers. |        |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|                             | 1956.                                             | 1957. | 1956.                                       | 1957. | 1956.                                                       | 1957.  | 1956.                                                           | 1957. | 1956.                                                                                | 1957.  |
| (1)                         | (2)                                               | (3)   | (4)                                         | (5)   | (6)                                                         | (7)    | (8)                                                             | (9)   | (10)                                                                                 | (11)   |
| 1 Madras City ..            | 288                                               | 88    | 81                                          | 36    | 5,339                                                       | 4,584  | 1,425                                                           | 1,169 | 3,428                                                                                | 3,530  |
| 2 Arcot, North ..           | 460                                               | 612   | 151                                         | 133   | 3,406                                                       | 2,440  | 236                                                             | 202   | 2,498                                                                                | 2,166  |
| 3 Arcot, South ..           | 336                                               | 351   | 92                                          | 130   | 728                                                         | 740    | 173                                                             | 220   | 640                                                                                  | 777    |
| 4 Chingleput ..             | 201                                               | 265   | 72                                          | 68    | 1,716                                                       | 2,018  | 930                                                             | 984   | 1,156                                                                                | 1,148  |
| 5 Coimbatore ..             | 700                                               | 522   | 130                                         | 90    | 2,378                                                       | 1,925  | 269                                                             | 456   | 2,314                                                                                | 2,072  |
| 6 Madurai ..                | 676                                               | 979   | 167                                         | 228   | 2,863                                                       | 2,958  | 925                                                             | 555   | 2,742                                                                                | 2,829  |
| 7 Nilgiris, The ..          | 154                                               | 203   | 40                                          | 50    | 726                                                         | 618    | 10                                                              | 11    | 509                                                                                  | 392    |
| 8 Ramanathapuram ..         | 352                                               | 348   | 90                                          | 71    | 1,442                                                       | 766    | 215                                                             | 87    | 1,034                                                                                | 565    |
| 9 Salem ..                  | 596                                               | 715   | 111                                         | 128   | 2,005                                                       | 2,973  | 275                                                             | 637   | 1,534                                                                                | 2,797  |
| 10 Tanjore ..               | 418                                               | 421   | 163                                         | 190   | 1,258                                                       | 1,655  | 414                                                             | 439   | 1,289                                                                                | 1,849  |
| 11 Tiruchirappalli ..       | 575                                               | 572   | 157                                         | 154   | 2,644                                                       | 2,642  | 641                                                             | 328   | 1,862                                                                                | 2,669  |
| 12 Tirunelveli ..           | 596                                               | 528   | 128                                         | 120   | 658                                                         | 981    | 525                                                             | 498   | 541                                                                                  | 596    |
| 13 Kanyakumari ..           | ..                                                | ..    | ..                                          | ..    | ..                                                          | ..     | ..                                                              | ..    | ..                                                                                   | ..     |
| Total ..                    | 5,342                                             | 5,604 | 1,372                                       | 1,398 | 25,162                                                      | 24,000 | 6,037                                                           | 5,586 | 19,547                                                                               | 21,390 |

TABLE II.  
Progress of probationers under the Madras Probation of Offenders Act during the year 1957.

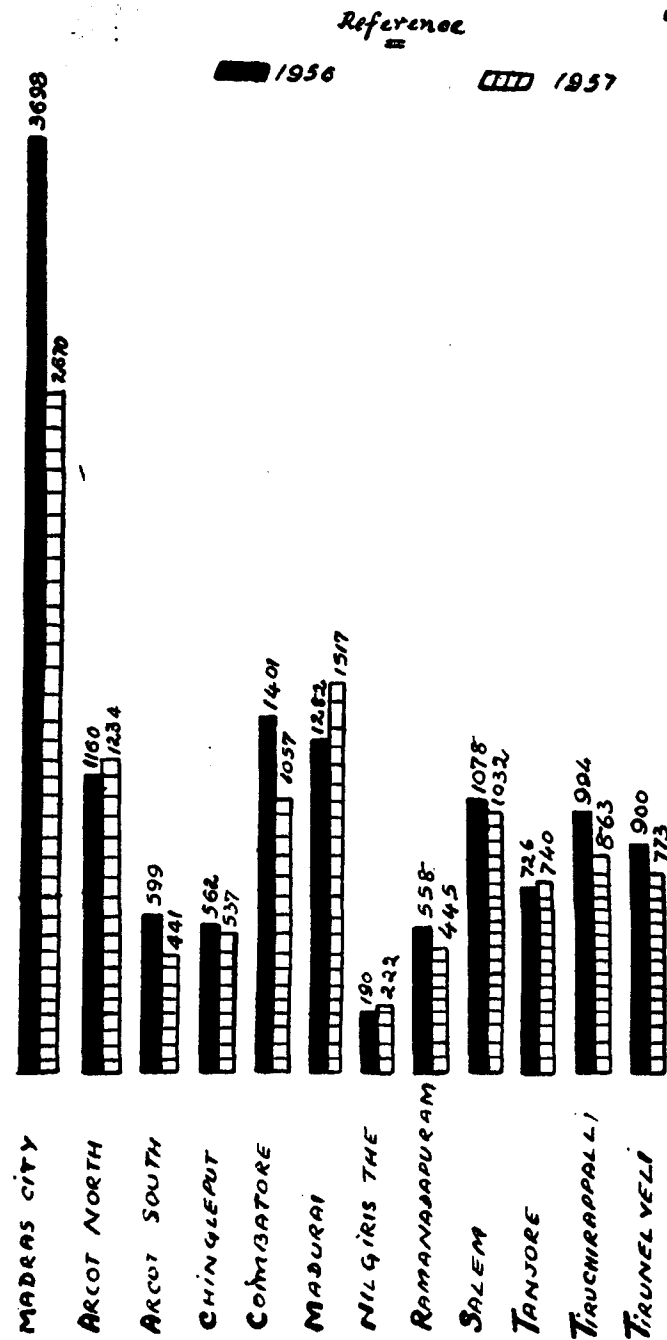
| Serial number and district. | (1) | (2)   | (3)   | (4)    | Number of persons whose probation expired. | Number of persons whose probation was terminated. | Number of persons who reversed to crime. | Total disposed. | Number of persons on supervision at the end of 1957. | Percentage of reversion to crime. |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                             |     |       |       | Total. |                                            |                                                   |                                          |                 |                                                      |                                   |
| 1 Madras City               | ..  | 60    | 36    | 96     | 52                                         | ..                                                | 1                                        | 53              | 43                                                   | 1                                 |
| 2 Arcot, North              | ..  | 166   | 133   | 299    | 116                                        | ..                                                | 2                                        | 118             | 181                                                  | .7                                |
| 3 Arcot, South              | ..  | 89    | 130   | 219    | 88                                         | ..                                                | 3                                        | 91              | 128                                                  | 1.4                               |
| 4 Chingleput                | ..  | 69    | 68    | 137    | 60                                         | ..                                                | 4                                        | 64              | 73                                                   | 2.9                               |
| 5 Coimbatore                | ..  | 139   | 90    | 229    | 124                                        | 3                                                 | 8                                        | 136             | 94                                                   | 3.5                               |
| 6 Madurai                   | ..  | 168   | 228   | 396    | 149                                        | 1                                                 | 7                                        | 157             | 239                                                  | 1.8                               |
| 7 Nilgiris, The             | ..  | 48    | 49    | 97     | 44                                         | ..                                                | 2                                        | 46              | 51                                                   | 2                                 |
| 8 Ramanathapuram            | ..  | 114   | 71    | 185    | 92                                         | ..                                                | 4                                        | 96              | 89                                                   | 2.2                               |
| 9 Salem                     | ..  | 147   | 129   | 276    | 96                                         | ..                                                | 8                                        | 104             | 172                                                  | 3                                 |
| 10 Tanjore                  | ..  | 178   | 190   | 368    | 106                                        | 17                                                | 5                                        | 128             | 240                                                  | 1.4                               |
| 11 Tiruchirappalli          | ..  | 173   | 154   | 327    | 115                                        | ..                                                | 10                                       | 125             | 202                                                  | 8                                 |
| 12 Tirunelveli              | ..  | 128   | 120   | 248    | 109                                        | 1                                                 | 4                                        | 115             | 134                                                  | 1.6                               |
| 13 Kanyakumari              | ..  | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..                                         | ..                                                | ..                                       | ..              | ..                                                   | ..                                |
| Total                       | ..  | 1,479 | 1,398 | 2,877  | 1,151                                      | 22                                                | 58                                       | 1,231           | 1,646                                                | 2                                 |

TABLE III.  
Comparative statement of the total number of persons dealt with under the Madras Probation of Offenders Act, 1936, during the years 1956 and 1957.

| Serial number and district. | (1) | (2)                                                         | (3)                                                                | (4)                                                                     | (5)                                               | (6)   | (7)   | (8)    | (9)    |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
|                             |     | 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. |       |       |        |        |
|                             |     | 1956.                                                       | 1957.                                                              | 1956.                                                                   | 1957.                                             | 1956. | 1957. | 1956.  | 1957.  |
| 1 Madras City               | ..  | 7,514                                                       | 16,418                                                             | 440                                                                     | 785                                               | 81    | 36    | 8,035  | 17,239 |
| 2 Arcot, North              | ..  | 237                                                         | 1,506                                                              | 234                                                                     | 250                                               | 151   | 133   | 612    | 1,889  |
| 3 Arcot, South              | ..  | 305                                                         | 454                                                                | 185                                                                     | 73                                                | 92    | 130   | 552    | 657    |
| 4 Chingleput                | ..  | 186                                                         | 545                                                                | 80                                                                      | 149                                               | 73    | 68    | 333    | 762    |
| 5 Coimbatore                | ..  | 6,177                                                       | 3,531                                                              | 359                                                                     | 277                                               | 110   | 90    | 6,866  | 3,898  |
| 6 Madurai                   | ..  | 600                                                         | 849                                                                | 273                                                                     | 263                                               | 157   | 228   | 1,080  | 1,340  |
| 7 Nilgiris, The             | ..  | 119                                                         | 111                                                                | 65                                                                      | 39                                                | 40    | 49    | 224    | 199    |
| 8 Ramanathapuram            | ..  | 191                                                         | 569                                                                | 123                                                                     | 89                                                | 90    | 71    | 404    | 729    |
| 9 Salem                     | ..  | 227                                                         | 462                                                                | 205                                                                     | 375                                               | 111   | 128   | 543    | 965    |
| 10 Tanjore                  | ..  | 348                                                         | 499                                                                | 183                                                                     | 407                                               | 163   | 190   | 694    | 1,096  |
| 11 Tiruchirappalli          | ..  | 125                                                         | 241                                                                | 174                                                                     | 132                                               | 157   | 154   | 456    | 481    |
| 12 Tirunelveli              | ..  | 577                                                         | 898                                                                | 193                                                                     | 181                                               | 128   | 120   | 808    | 1,199  |
| 13 Kanyakumari              | ..  | ..                                                          | ..                                                                 | ..                                                                      | ..                                                | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..     |
| Total                       | ..  | 16,606                                                      | 26,083                                                             | 2,504                                                                   | 3,020                                             | 1,372 | 1,398 | 20,482 | 30,454 |

ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE

CHART SHOWING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
ENQUIRIES MADE BY DISTRICT PROBATION OFFICERS  
DURING THE YEARS 1956 AND 1957.



PROBATION DEPARTMENT, MADRAS STATE

CHART SHOWING THE TOTAL NUMBER ON SUPERVISION  
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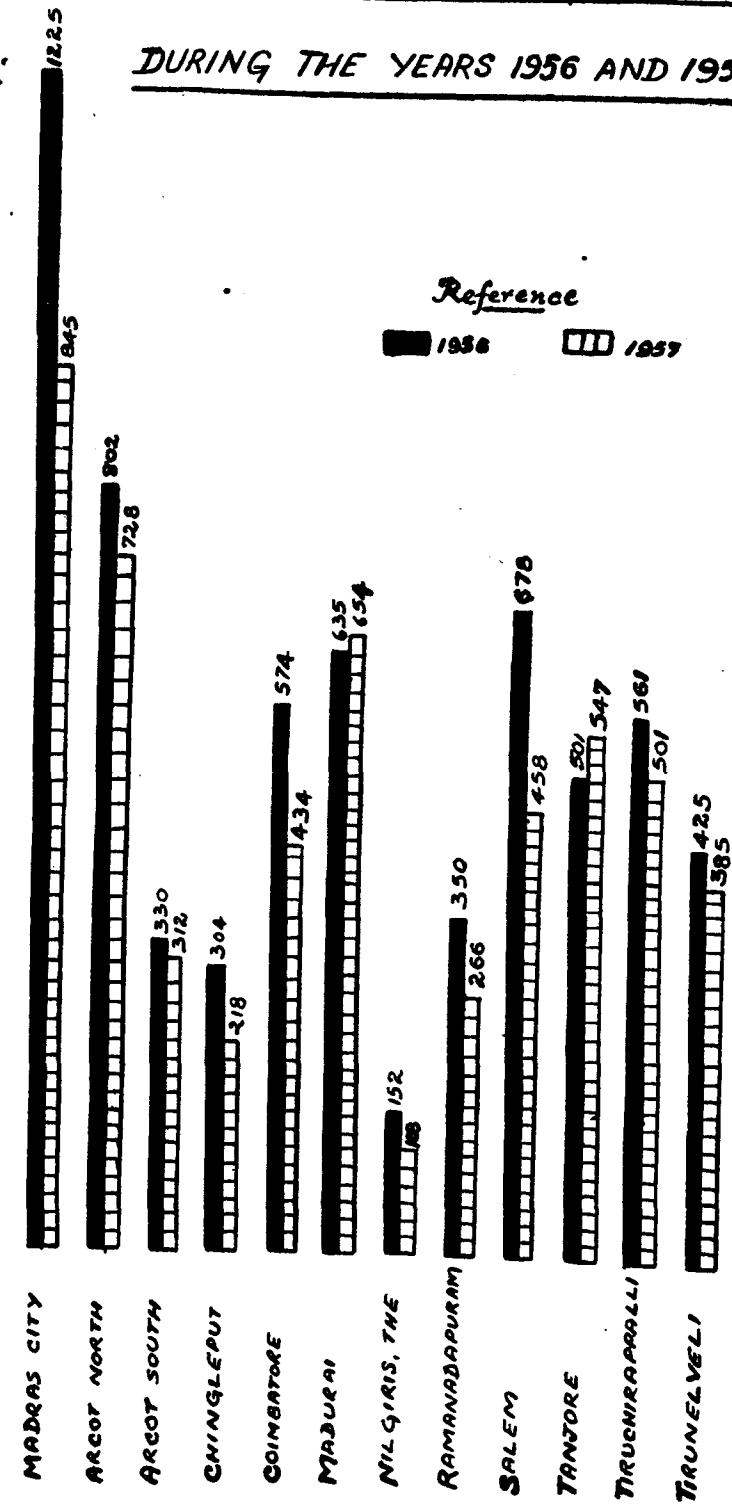


TABLE IV.  
Comparative Statement of the work of probation under the Madras Children Act, 1920, during the years 1956 and 1957.

| 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 of supervision at the end of |       |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|
|                             | 1956.                            | 1957. | 1956.                                                | 1957. | 1956.                               | 1957. | 1956.                              | 1957. | 1956.                                             | 1957. | 1956.                               | 1957. |
| (1)                         | (2)                              | (3)   | (4)                                                  | (5)   | (6)                                 | (7)   | (8)                                | (9)   | (10)                                              | (11)  | (12)                                | (13)  |
| 1 Madras City .. .. .       | 2,643                            | 2,293 | 351                                                  | 346   | 340                                 | 319   | 691                                | 665   | 325                                               | 365   | 366                                 | 300   |
| 2 Arcot North .. .. .       | 653                              | 587   | 193                                                  | 227   | 202                                 | 159   | 395                                | 386   | 176                                               | 221   | 219                                 | 166   |
| 3 Arcot South .. .. .       | 184                              | 130   | 12                                                   | 8     | 16                                  | 28    | 28                                 | 36    | 14                                                | 15    | 14                                  | 21    |
| 4 Chingleput .. .. .        | 236                              | 216   | 26                                                   | 20    | 43                                  | 26    | 69                                 | 46    | 30                                                | 25    | 39                                  | 21    |
| 5 Coimbatore .. .. .        | 624                              | 470   | 88                                                   | 75    | 82                                  | 80    | 170                                | 355   | 83                                                | 86    | 87                                  | 69    |
| 6 Madurai .. .. .           | 556                              | 481   | 132                                                  | 108   | 81                                  | 78    | 213                                | 186   | 108                                               | 60    | 105                                 | 126   |
| 7 The Nilgiris .. .. .      | 22                               | 8     | 21                                                   | ..    | 8                                   | 1     | 29                                 | 1     | 21                                                | ..    | 8                                   | 1     |
| 8 Ramanathapuram .. ..      | 165                              | 73    | 21                                                   | 22    | 15                                  | 12    | 36                                 | 34    | 21                                                | 18    | 15                                  | 16    |
| 9 Salem .. .. .             | 350                              | 253   | 113                                                  | 68    | 118                                 | 67    | 231                                | 135   | 111                                               | 86    | 120                                 | 49    |
| 10 Tanjore .. .. .          | 158                              | 205   | 30                                                   | 66    | 30                                  | 29    | 60                                 | 95    | 32                                                | 28    | 28                                  | 67    |
| 11 Tiruchirappalli .. ..    | 342                              | 247   | 27                                                   | 60    | 61                                  | 65    | 88                                 | 125   | 27                                                | 60    | 61                                  | 66    |
| 12 Tirunelveli .. .. .      | 253                              | 164   | 20                                                   | 30    | 40                                  | 21    | 16                                 | 51    | 20                                                | 31    | 40                                  | 20    |
| 13 Kanyakumari .. .. .      | ..                               | ..    | ..                                                   | ..    | ..                                  | ..    | ..                                 | ..    | ..                                                | ..    | ..                                  | ..    |
| Total .. .. .               | 6,186                            | 5,127 | 1,034                                                | 1,030 | 1,036                               | 885   | 2,070                              | 1,915 | 968                                               | 995   | 1,102                               | 920   |

13. *The Madras Children Act.*—A comparative statement of the number of juveniles dealt with by the Probation Officers in the years 1956 and 1957 is given in Table IV. The table shows that except in the district of Tanjore, there has been a decrease in the number of preliminary enquiries called for by the courts in the case of juveniles, including the City of Madras. But though the figures have decreased, the services of the probation officers were nevertheless utilized well for making social investigations about juveniles in Madras City, North Arcot, Chingleput, Coimbatore and Madurai.

It has been stressed in a number of previous reports that the only way of ensuring a uniform and steady application of the beneficent provisions of the Madras Children Act in the cases of all children who need care and protection, is the establishment of juvenile courts in all the districts and of Reception Home as their essential adjuncts. The Government in their G.O. Ms. No. 3675, Home, dated 26th December 1955, accepted the principles of opening juvenile courts and Reception Homes in all districts and agreed to consider the proposal in 1957-58. Accordingly, the Government in their G.O. Ms. No. 1743, Home, dated 27th June 1957, ordered the constitution of juvenile courts in Chingleput and Tanjore districts and sanctioned the establishment of a juvenile court in Coimbatore district. The opening of juvenile courts in the districts of Ramanathapuram, South Arcot, Tirunelveli and The Nilgiris was deferred by Government as the proposals for the starting of Reception Homes in those districts for juvenile undertrials had not materialised.

TABLE V.

Comparative statement of the work of after-care of ex-pupils during the years 1956 and 1957.

| Serial number and districts. | Number of enquiries in. |       | Total number of ex-pupils on supervision. |       | Number of reports submitted during |       |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|
|                              | 1956.                   | 1957. | 1956.                                     | 1957. | 1956.                              | 1957. |
| (1)                          | (2)                     | (3)   | (4)                                       | (5)   | (6)                                | (7)   |
| 1 Madras City .. .. .        | 373                     | 145   | 288                                       | 290   | 683                                | 782   |
| 2 North Arcot .. .. .        | 42                      | 23    | 67                                        | 71    | 233                                | 215   |
| 3 South Arcot .. .. .        | 30                      | 43    | 59                                        | 86    | 213                                | 313   |
| 4 Chingleput .. .. .         | 92                      | 40    | 52                                        | 49    | 168                                | 177   |
| 5 Coimbatore .. .. .         | 36                      | 49    | 83                                        | 84    | 228                                | 143   |
| 6 Madurai .. .. .            | 35                      | 28    | 44                                        | 52    | 121                                | 144   |
| 7 Nilgiris .. .. .           | 11                      | 5     | 34                                        | 31    | 65                                 | 87    |
| 8 Ramanathapuram .. ..       | 18                      | 5     | 56                                        | 49    | 184                                | 84    |
| 9 Salem .. .. .              | 70                      | 25    | 94                                        | 83    | 408                                | 122   |
| 10 Tanjore .. .. .           | 77                      | 78    | 76                                        | 62    | 226                                | 175   |
| 11 Tiruchirappalli .. ..     | 36                      | 23    | 78                                        | 89    | 168                                | 276   |
| 12 Tirunelveli .. .. .       | 18                      | 44    | 55                                        | 77    | 157                                | 146   |
| 13 Kanyakumari .. .. .       | ..                      | ..    | ..                                        | ..    | ..                                 | ..    |
| Total .. .. .                | 838                     | 508   | 986                                       | 1,023 | 2,854                              | 2,614 |

Table V shows the number of enquiries made regarding pupils before the discharge from the Certified Schools, the number of ex-pupils under the supervision of the District Probation Officers during the year under report and the number of after-care reports submitted by them as compared with those of the corresponding figures in the previous year. While the number of enquiries made and the number of reports submitted decreased from 838 to 508 and 2,854 to 2,614 respectively, the total number of ex-pupils on supervision increased from 986 to 1,023.

TABLE VI.

Comparative statement of the work of after-care of ex-inmates of the Borstal School, Palayamkottai, during 1956-57.

| Serial number and district. | Number of persons under supervision. |       | Number of after-care reports submitted in |       |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------|-------|
|                             | 1956.                                | 1957. | 1956.                                     | 1957. |
| (1)                         | (2)                                  | (3)   | (4)                                       | (5)   |
| 1 Madras City .. .. .       | 67                                   | 57    | 239                                       | 133   |
| 2 North Arcot .. .. .       | 37                                   | 30    | 101                                       | 99    |
| 3 South Arcot .. .. .       | 63                                   | 47    | 175                                       | 172   |
| 4 Chingleput .. .. .        | 29                                   | 33    | 75                                        | 116   |
| 5 Coimbatore .. .. .        | 30                                   | 30    | 78                                        | 50    |
| 6 Madurai .. .. .           | 40                                   | 53    | 155                                       | 161   |
| 7 The Nilgiris .. .. .      | 2                                    | 6     | 8                                         | 16    |
| 8 Ramanathapuram .. .. .    | 38                                   | 38    | 80                                        | 66    |
| 9 Salem .. .. .             | 30                                   | 23    | 170                                       | 67    |
| 10 Tanjore .. .. .          | 101                                  | 73    | 289                                       | 250   |
| 11 Tiruchirappalli .. .. .  | 60                                   | 40    | 163                                       | 160   |
| 12 Tirunelveli .. .. .      | 86                                   | 63    | 258                                       | 144   |
| 13 Kanyakumari .. .. .      | ..                                   | ..    | ..                                        | ..    |
| Total .. .. .               | 583                                  | 493   | 1,791                                     | 1,433 |

14. *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 1956 and 1957. The number of ex-inmates under supervision and the number of reports submitted decreased from 583 to 493 and from 1,791 to 1,433 respectively. The reports of the District Probation Officers showed that most of the ex-inmates have turned over a new leaf and have settled down as honest and law-abiding citizens. The percentage of reversion to crime among those under supervision during the year was 1.6.

15. *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 91 as against 277 in the previous year. Of these, eight were placed under the supervision of the Probation Officers against 101 in 1956.

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

TABLE VII.  
Comparative statement of maintenance cases dealt with by District Probation Officers during the years 1956 and 1957.

| Serial number and district. | Reports submitted. |       | Cases pending disposal at the beginning. |       | Compromised. |       | Maintenance ordered. |       | Dismissed. |       | Cases pending disposal at the end of |       |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------------|-------|------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|                             | 1956.              | 1957. | 1956.                                    | 1957. | 1956.        | 1957. | 1956.                | 1957. | 1956.      | 1957. | 1956.                                | 1957. |
| (1)                         | (2)                | (3)   | (4)                                      | (5)   | (6)          | (7)   | (8)                  | (9)   | (10)       | (11)  | (12)                                 | (13)  |
| 1 Madras City .. .. .       | 200                | 38    | 9                                        | 20    | 60           | 15    | 38                   | 48    | 50         | 18    | 11                                   | 22    |
| 2 Arcot, North .. .. .      | 3                  | 2     | ..                                       | ..    | 5            | 2     | ..                   | ..    | 1          | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 3 Arcot, South .. .. .      | 2                  | 2     | ..                                       | ..    | 1            | 1     | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 4 Chingleput .. .. .        | 9                  | 2     | ..                                       | ..    | 4            | 1     | ..                   | 1     | ..         | ..    | 2                                    | ..    |
| 5 Coimbatore .. .. .        | ..                 | ..    | ..                                       | ..    | ..           | ..    | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 6 Madurai .. .. .           | 1                  | 2     | ..                                       | ..    | ..           | 1     | ..                   | ..    | 1          | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 7 The Nilgiris .. .. .      | ..                 | ..    | ..                                       | ..    | ..           | ..    | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 8 Ramanathapuram .. .. .    | 2                  | 14    | 1                                        | ..    | 2            | 3     | ..                   | 3     | ..         | 8     | ..                                   | ..    |
| 9 Salem .. .. .             | 4                  | ..    | ..                                       | 1     | 1            | ..    | ..                   | ..    | 3          | 1     | ..                                   | ..    |
| 10 Tanjore .. .. .          | 13                 | 7     | ..                                       | ..    | 4            | ..    | 1                    | 3     | 7          | 4     | ..                                   | ..    |
| 11 Tiruchirappalli .. .. .  | ..                 | ..    | ..                                       | ..    | ..           | ..    | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 12 Tirunelveli .. .. .      | ..                 | ..    | ..                                       | ..    | ..           | ..    | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| 13 Kanyakumari .. .. .      | ..                 | ..    | ..                                       | ..    | ..           | ..    | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..    | ..                                   | ..    |
| Total .. .. .               | 233                | 110   | 13                                       | 31    | 77           | 22    | 93                   | 55    | 62         | 32    | 15                                   | 22    |

16. *Code of Criminal Procedure—Chapter XXXVI (Maintenance of wives and children).*—A comparative statement of maintenance cases dealt with by the District Probation Officers during the years 1956 and 1957 is given in Table VII. As in the previous year, the courts in the City of Madras 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 110 cases referred to the Probation Officers for enquiry and report as against 251 in 1956, 83 were from the City of Madras. Of these 110 cases handled during the year and 21 cases pending disposal at the beginning of the year, compromise was effected in 22 cases and maintenance was ordered on the recommendation of the Probation Officers in 55 cases. In 32 cases, the petitions were dismissed and the remaining 22 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 courts, with a view to see that the compromises were really effective and beneficial to the parties.

TABLE VIII.

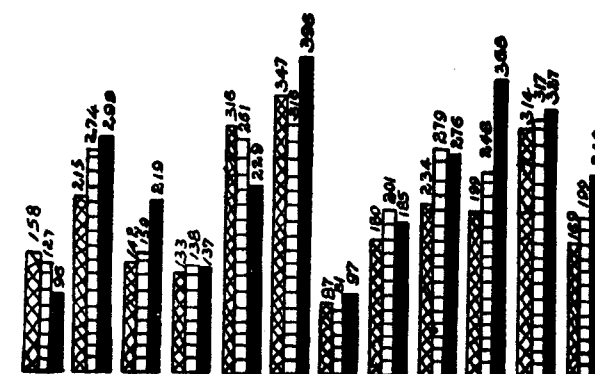
*Comparative statement of the work of after-care of ex-convicts during the years 1956 and 1957.*

| Serial number and district. | Total number of convicts under supervision. |       | Number of visits made. |       | Number of after-care reports submitted. |       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|-------|
|                             | 1956.                                       | 1957. | 1956.                  | 1957. | 1956.                                   | 1957. |
| (1)                         | (2)                                         | (3)   | (4)                    | (5)   | (6)                                     | (7)   |
| 1 Madras City .. ..         | 26                                          | 21    | 344                    | 118   | 107                                     | 118   |
| 2 Arcot, North .. ..        | 25                                          | 13    | 103                    | 36    | 73                                      | 49    |
| 3 Arcot, South .. ..        | 11                                          | 10    | 46                     | 11    | 36                                      | 26    |
| 4 Chingleput .. ..          | 2                                           | 2     | 6                      | 2     | 3                                       | 2     |
| 5 Coimbatore .. ..          | 20                                          | 20    | 111                    | 80    | 101                                     | 117   |
| 6 Madurai .. ..             | 20                                          | 19    | 159                    | 89    | 107                                     | 98    |
| 7 The Nilgiris .. ..        | 2                                           | 4     | 8                      | 18    | 6                                       | 11    |
| 8 Ramanathapuram ..         | 18                                          | 9     | 62                     | 12    | 47                                      | 15    |
| 9 Salem .. ..               | 24                                          | 24    | 140                    | 98    | 130                                     | 105   |
| 10 Tanjore .. ..            | 12                                          | 11    | 36                     | 32    | 86                                      | 86    |
| 11 Tiruchirappalli ..       | 14                                          | 9     | 74                     | 31    | 62                                      | 35    |
| 12 Tirunelveli .. ..        | 23                                          | 21    | 75                     | 39    | 36                                      | 63    |
| 13 Kanyakumari .. ..        | ..                                          | ..    | ..                     | ..    | ..                                      | ..    |
| Total .. ..                 | 197                                         | 163   | 1,214                  | 564   | 794                                     | 725   |

17. *Parole work.*—Table VIII gives a comparative statement of the number of ex-convicts under the supervision of the Probation Officers in the years 1956 and 1957, the number of visits made by Probation Officers and the number of reports submitted by them. The number of ex-convicts under supervision decreased from 197 to 163. The number of visits made and the reports submitted in turn decreased from 1,214 and 794 to 564 and 725 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 eight years therefore gives promise that the system would work well even if the releases are liberalised still further.

CHART SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER SUPERVISION UNDER

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THE MADRAS CHILDREN ACT

