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TUTICORIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Retiring Committee

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W. P. C. Knight
P. S. Subbaraman

Mr. W. P. C. Knight,
V. Sribashyam
V. Ramachandran.

Committee for 1962.

Mr. T. K. Raghavachari, *Chairman*
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P. S. Subbaraman

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Office Manager

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Messrs. A & F. Harvey, Ltd.
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Pandyan Insurance Co. Ltd.
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The National and Grindlays Bank Ltd.
Southern Railway
The Tinnevely-Tuticorin Electric Supply Co., Ltd.

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On the Federation of Commonwealth and British Empire Chambers of Commerce

Mr. I. H. Cameron.

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On the Indian Central Cotton Committee

Mr. E. Kuebler.

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On the Provincial Cotton Committee

Mr. Lakshmidas Dwarkadas.

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On the Tuticorin Port Trust

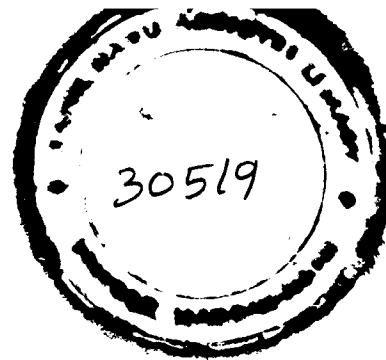
Mr. T. K. Raghavachari
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The Tinnevely District Sales Tax Advisory Committee

V. V. D. Dhanapalan

Mr. V. V. D. Dhanapalan.



**NAMES OF CHAIRMAN
OF THE TUTICORIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SINCE ITS FORMATION**

1906	Mr. Jas Milligan	1933	Mr. J. P. Jenkins
1907	" Jas Milligan	1934	" H. Gamper
	" D. Miller	1935	" J. P. Jenkins
1908	" H. A. Campbell	1936	" J. P. Jenkins
	" O. Rammers	1937	" J. P. Jenkins
1909	" F. H. Walthews	1938	" J. D. Kennedy
	" F. H. Walthews	1939	" J. D. Kennedy
1910	" F. H. Walthews	1940	" J. D. Kennedy
	" D. Miller	1941	" J. D. Kennedy
1911	" F. H. Walthews	1942	" G. D. Hughesdon
	" D. Miller	1943	" G. D. Hughesdon
1912	" F. H. Walthews	1944	" G. D. Hughesdon
	" F. H. Walthews	1945	" W. Essex
1913	" A. Harvey Jr.	1946	" G. D. Hughesdon
	" A. Harvey Jr.	1947	" G. D. Hughesdon
1914	" F. H. Walthews		" R. H. Hobday
	" F. H. Walthews		" A. Ross
1915	" J. Craig Harvey	1948	" D. C. Brown
	" A. Harvey Jr.	1949	" R. H. Hobday
	" G. Z. Meli	1950	" R. H. Hobday
	" C. W. Cole	1951	" A. C. King
1916	" C. W. Cole	1952	" A. C. King
	" T. G. Shute	1953	" A. Ross
	" D. Miller	1954	" R. C. Nyren
1917	" T. G. Shute	1955	" A. Ross
1918	" Duncan Revie	1956	" J. J. Grant
1919	" Duncan Revie	1957	" J. J. Grant
	" A. Harvey	1958	" R. M. Menzies
1920	" A. Harvey	1959	" J. J. Grant
1921	" A. F. Osborne	1960	" T. K. Sivasamban
1922	" A. F. Osborne	1961	" T. K. Sivasamban
1923	" D. W. Gillespie		" T. K. Raghavachari
1924	" A. F. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
1925	" A. F. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
1926	" A. F. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
	" D. W. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
1927	" D. W. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
	" A. F. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
1928	" A. F. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
	" D. W. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
1929	" D. W. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
	" A. F. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
1930	" A. F. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
1931	" D. W. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
1932	" D. W. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
	" A. F. Osborne		" T. K. Raghavachari
	" H. Gamper		" T. K. Raghavachari

**TUTICORIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
TUTICORIN.**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAMBER
FOR THE YEAR 1961.**

Gentlemen,

We had regular monthly meetings as usual this year also. Our membership strength remained the same as last year. The number of applications for measurement certificates received by us this year were less than those received in the previous year in consequence of which the income of the Chamber shows a decrease over its previous year's income. This is perhaps due to the reason that some steamer agents were willing to issue bills of lading without insisting on the production of measurement certificates from the local Chambers of Commerce. It is expected that the position will improve in coming years.

It is with regret that we record the demise of Mr. V. Ramachandran, Manager of this Chamber, in August 1961 after 25 years of faithful service to the Chamber.

India had two distinguished visitors during the year in the person of Her Majesty, the Queen of England and H. R. H. Duke of Edinburgh during January 1961.

Tuticorin Port Development

No development work has been taken up during the year.

Since our report in 1955 and 1960 there was another cyclone in early January 1961 which hit Madras State mainly Tuticorin. On 10-1-1961 following the sudden act of the cyclone in Tuticorin, 10 lighters which were alongside steamers were sunk, resulting in heavy loss to boatowners.

Tuticorin Port

The value of trade of the Port both foreign and coastwise as furnished by the Collector of Customs, Madras, amounted to Rs. 27,31,00,738, a decrease of Rs. 1,04,91,861 over the previous years value Rs. 28,35,92,599. The Port stands first in rank among the minor ports and third in trade in South India next to Madras and Cochin.

Traffic: The number of vessels using the Port decreased from 1970 in 1960 to 1912 in 1961 and the total cargo imported and exported was 9,59,416 tons as against 8,82,738 tons in the previous year, an increase of 76,678 tons.

Imports: The total imports increased by 53,582 tons from 3,60,783 tons to 4,14,365 tons during the year. The amount of dues collected increased by Rs. 15,759 from Rs. 4,18,157 to 4,33,916. The Chief imports were coal, cotton and grains. Coal increased by 21,527 tons from 2,73,047 tons in 1960 to 2,94,574 tons during the year. 1017 tons of machinery were imported during the year as against 2036 tons in the previous year a decrease of 1019 tons. General cargo increased by 5,830 tons, from 59,599 tons during previous year to 65,429 tons during this year.

Exports: Exports increased by 23,096 tons from 5,21,955 tons in the previous year to 5,45,051 tons during the year and the amount of Port dues collected this year showed an increase of Rs. 31,962 from Rs. 7,80,004 to Rs. 8,11,966

Passengers: The total number of passengers who embarked and disembarked during the year was 10.

Improvements: Only immediate and absolutely essential maintenance works were carried out.

General: The figures given in the report relate to the Official year ending 31st March 1961.

COTTON CROPS AND MARKETS - SOUTH - 1960-61.

Acreage. The total acreage under cotton during 1960-61 was estimated at 10,81,000 acres against 10,91,000 acres during 1959-60

The acreage under K-6 variety had considerably increased due to better yield per acre and high prices obtained in 1959-60.

The acreage in general was greater in Tinnevely area than 1959-60 as a result of the failure of the other cash crops and of the generally high price levels for cotton in 1959-60.

The acreage under cotton in Cambodia area was less due to increased acreage under chicory, sugarcane and paddy and inadequate rain in certain parts of Coimbatore district resulting in a reduction of acreage under irrigated Cambodia.

The details of acreage during 1960/61 and 1959/60 are as under.

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Ty / Kg</u>	<u>Camb./U. H.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tinnevely Area	1959/60	5,45,000	73,000	6,18,000
	1960/61	5,60,000	63,000	6,23,000
Cambodia Area	1959/60	1,58,000	3,15,000	4,73,000
	1960/61	1,63,000	2,95,000	4,58,000

Seasonal factors and yield

With satisfactory climatic conditions after sowing the crop made good progress until the end of February '61.

Unfortunately the late sown Ty./Kg. plants around Virudhunagar started flowering in the first fortnight of March '61 only, resulting in a reduction in yield. Dewfall and unfavourable wind during this fortnight also affected the Ty./Kg. crop very much.

The second crop Ty./Kg. in Virudhunagar area also failed owing to insufficient rains. Uganda Hybrid in Tinnevely area was much affected by the heavy rains during July '61.

Our final estimate of yield of 1960-61 is about 2,96,000 bales against 3,28,000 bales in 1959-60.

Quality

The quality of Cambodia / U. H. in general was satisfactory. The reduced yield of Ty./Kg. in Tinnevely area gave rise to difficulties in selection in relation to grade and cleanliness.

Cotton Control

In regard to the cotton control policy the efforts to secure an increase in the floor price had materialised. On June 17, 1961 the Government announced an increase in the floor price of Jarilla from Rs. 139 per quintal to Rs. 168-57 per quintal for the season 1961-62. The floor prices of all other varieties had also been increased correspondingly.

With a comparatively larger carryover at the end of the season 1960-61 and with an expected good crop Government abolished the system of compulsory survey at the beginning of the season. Subsequently the estimates of the 1961-62 crop had to be brought down to 46 lakh bales and mills also had extended 3rd shift working with the result consumption had gone up. Therefore the survey system had to be restored so that malpractices could be checked and prices of cotton kept within the statutory ceilings.

The quota system was continued. Mills were authorised to buy early in September Indian cotton to the extent of 50% of the quantity consumed during 1960-61 season.

The following are the main changes in the provisions of the Control Order for 1961-62 season.

1. No manufacturer shall sell cotton to any person without the previous permission of the Textile Commissioner,

2. No brokerage charges or any other allowance (except stone allowance in Bombay) will be permissible, when cotton is requisitioned.

3. The basic staple of Karunanni has been revised to 27/32" from 26/32". The maximum staple is 1" instead of 15/16" in 1960-61.

The effects of this change in ceiling prices are:

	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>
	<u>Per Quintal</u>	<u>Per Quintal</u>
25/32' Fine	Rs. 256	Rs. 255
26/32' Fine	" 263	" 261
29/32" Fine	" 283	" 285
30/32" Fine	" 291	" 293

4. Basic minimum prices have been fixed for the following varieties.

Dholleras	Rs. 166 per quintal
Pratap	" 163 " "
Mathia } Munhari }	" 147 " "
Bengal Desi	" 143 " "
Omra Desi	" 157 " "

5. The premium for a marked "Kalyan" cotton has been revised to Rs. 50 per candy from Rs. 20 per candy.

6. The basic class of Bengal Deshi has been changed from "Fully Good" to "Fine".

A premium of Rs. 30 per candy (Rs. 9 per quintal) has also been allowed for sawginned cotton.

7. A premium of Rs. 50 (Rs. 14 per quintal) per candy is allowed for a marked "Westerns".

8. The "on" allowance for staple 4/32" over the basic staple of "Cambodia A" has been abolished.

9. The "off" allowance below basic class has been uniformly fixed at Rs. 4 per quintal instead of Rs. 2.80 per quintal. The "on" allowance for "Superfine", Extra Superfine have been increased to Rs. 4 and 8 per quintal instead of Rs. 2.80 and 5.60 per quintal respectively.

10. The basic ceiling prices of the varieties (a) Moglai Jarilla (b) Digvijay A (c) Surti (d) 320F Sawginned and Rollerginned (e) 216F S. G. and R. G. (f) Gaoranis (g) Jayadhar (h) Laxmi and (i) Cambodia "C" remain unchanged.

11. Certain changes in the classification of cottons have also been made.

1960-61	1961-62
1 Vidharbha Jarilla }	1 VidharBha and M. P. 197/3
2 M. P. Jarilla	2 Khandesh Virnar 197/3
3 Khandosh Jarilla	3 Div Vijay A.
4 Vijay A.	4 Dig Vijay B.
5 Vijay B.	5 Surti Vijalpa
6 Surti	6 Jayadhar
7 Jayadhar A. }	7 Laxmi
8 Jayadhar B. }	8 Gaorani.
9 Laxmi A. }	
10 Laxmi B. }	
11 Gaorani A. }	
12 Gaorani B. }	

Market (South) 1960-61 Crop. The Southern cottons started moving into the markets about March '61. The price ruled around the ceilings up to end June '61 due to heavy local demand.

Due to reports of favourable crop estimate, prices started declining by about Rs. 150 per Cdy. about August.

The market again firmed up between September/December '61 due to anticipated reduction in the 1961-62 crop estimate owing to unfavorable weather conditions in the cotton growing centres.

Unsold kuppas/cotton at the end of the season amounted to 3,000 bales against 2,000 the previous year.

General (All India) The cotton crop which was estimated at 54.08 lakh bales constituted a record since the partition of the country. The production of long staple cotton also reached the peak level of 24.4 lakh bales against 18.6 lakh bales in 1959-60. The total mill consumption of all cottons for the season also constituted a record. The imports of foreign cotton amounted to 1003000 bales (400 lbs.) From another point of view also a record had been established, that was an acre yield of 111 lbs. for the 1960/61 season.

The acreage and yield of Indian cotton during the season 1959-60 and 1960-61 and the carryover of Indian and Foreign cottons at the end of the two seasons were:

	1959-60	1960-61
Acreage	1,88,04,000 (revised acres)	1,89,71,000 Acres.
Yield	38.10 lakh bales	54.08 lakh bales.
Carryover at the end of the season	14.50 " "	21.44 " "

The following was the position of supply and distribution.

	In thousand bales of 400 lbs.	
	Indian Cotton.	Foreign Cotton.
Supply		
Carryover as on 31-8-60	991	459
Commercial crop 1960-61	5408	—
Imports during the season	—	1003
	6399	1462
Distribution		
Consumption by mills	4246	1127
Consumption by Khadi Board and surgical dressing manufacturers.	50	—
Exports.	294	—
	4590	1127
Carryover as on 31-8-61	1809	335
	6399	1462

Hedge Contract

The April '61 contract opened on 18-10-60 at Rs. 567.25 per three quintals. The market went up steadily to reach a high of Rs. 604.50 per three quintals on 31-12-60 due to peak mill buying and bouts of buying and selling.

The market which opened at Rs. 601.50 on 2-1-61 came down to Rs. 554.25 on 14-2-61 owing to:

- 1) increased arrivals
- 2) early movement of Broach and Surti crop
- 3) higher estimate of Indian cotton at 50 lakh bales.

On 21st April '61 the contract went off the board at Rs. 556 per three quintals.

August '61.

The contract started its career on 27-2-61 at Rs. 588/- per three quintals and reached its highest of Rs. 604.50 per three quintals on March 20, 1961. On April 18, 1961 it reached the lowest of Rs. 561.25 per three quintals. The contract closed at Rs. 586 per three quintals on 22-8-61.

March '62.

This new contract was inaugurated at Rs. 604.25 per three quintals on 13-7-61.

The important features of this contract are

- 1) Basis Moðlai Jarilla Fine 25/32" with a tolerance of 1/32" for all growths. For Cambodia "A" no tolerance.
- 2) There will be three delivery months viz. March, May and August.

The following are the closing figures at the end of each month since its start from 13-7-61.

31-7-61	Rs. 590.00 per 3 quintals.
30-8-61	„ 596.50 „ „
30-9-61	„ 628.75 „ „
31-10-61	„ 636.25 „ „
30-11-61	„ 656.25 „ „
30-12-61	„ 668.00 „ „

Exchange and Money Market (1961)

Bank's TT selling rate for Sterling on London quoted @ 1/5-31/32 remained unchanged throughout the year. Usance buying rates were put up on the 29th July 1961 due to a rise in the Bank of England rate. The rate for buying 90 days sight D. A. bills on London was quoted @ 1/6-7/16, a rise of 3/32nd. d. But these rates were lowered by 1/32nd on 3rd November 1961 when the Bank of England rate fell from 6½% to 6% p. a.

The U. S. Dollar selling rate opened at 477. The rate ranged more widely than last year, the highest being 480¼ quoted on 14th July 1961 and touched the lowest 474¾ on 12th, 18th and 21st to 25th October. After frequent fluctuations the year closed at 476¼.

The Bank of England rate was raised to 7% p. a. on 26th July 1961; the rise of 2% being regarded as an "Austerity Measure", but on the 5th October the rate was reduced by 1/2% to 6½% and again to 6% p. a. on 2nd November 1961.

The Reserve Bank of India rate has remained unchanged at 4% p. a. since 16th May 1957. A notable feature of the year's money market is the offer of higher rates of interest by banks for deposits with effect from 15th March 1961.

Tight money conditions prevailed until March, 1961, becoming easier in April, Interbank money was plentiful at fairly high rates of interest from June to August, November and December but grew scarce at the close of the year.

Electric Supply

A continuous supply of energy was maintained throughout the year. An increase of approximately 14 per cent in the number of units sold has been recorded as compared with the previous year.

Tuticorin Water Supply Scheme Report for 1961

Source : From Tambaraparani River 26 miles West of Tuticorin
Filtration arrangements : Through in-filtration galleries on the bed of the river
Population as per census of 1961 : 1,24,376

The scheme was originally designed for population of 65,000. The population is now more than a lakh. To cope up the increased demand and at the instance of the Municipal Council the Government have sanctioned a comprehensive improvement scheme for Rs. 31.5 lakhs. The scheme is now in progress. The new reservoir began to function and the supply position is now improved in the north. The improvements to the galleries are in progress and will be completed soon. The improvements scheme envisages the provision of two Boosker pumps at Puducottai and Tuticorin and construction of pump house is in progress. The laying of distribution mains and duplication of pumping and gravity mains were completed. The council continues to supply water through Tractors, lorries and Bullock carts to the areas newly included. The council is doing its best to supply the demand for the Port Trust, Fisheries, Mills and occasional demand of steamers calling at the port and requiring waters. The Council has given over 3445 h. s. c. and maintains 286 Public Fountains.

The Korampallam Tank water which formed the former water supply of the Town is being used for gardens and public baths.

The out put of water per day is 14 gallons per head per day. The quality of water is periodically tested by the King Institute, Guindy and the same is reported to be satisfactory.

We wish to place on record our appreciation of the support which the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Tuticorin has given us in various matters throughout the year and we assure them our continued co-operation.

Accounts.

The Audited Accounts for the year 1961 are placed before you for adoption.

Our thanks are due to the gentlemen who held office as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary during the year and to Mr. A. Ramaswamy Pillai for his services as auditor.

You are requested to appoint a new Committee for the ensuing year.

T. K. RAGHAVACHARI.
Chairman.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MEASURING CARGO

In Force From 15th February 1907.

1. No measurement to be accepted except such as are taken by the Sworn Measurer appointed by the Chamber.

2. A fee to be regulated by the Chamber from time to time meet the necessary expenses shall be levied on goods shipped, for which the attendance of the Sworn Measurer has been required.

3. The Measurer shall measure not less than five packages in every hundred. The calipers shall be placed on the bale or package and the jaws of the calipers shall be brought tight up against both sides of the article, but the calipers should never be used with undue force as this tends to spoil the instrument. The bar of the calipers must rest on the packages when measurements are read.

In the case of iron-bound bales, the measurements shall be taken between the bands and for rope-bound bales one jaw of the caliper shall be on the lashing and the other off.

4. The Measurer shall give a certificate of measurements which must be produced by the shipper when applying for Bill of Lading.

5. Should any doubt arise as to the bales being of the customary weight the Measurer is empowered to weigh any such bales, and, in the event of there being any difference in weight, separate measurement must be taken.

6. No measurement shall be held good unless such as are taken by the caliper, bearing the Chamber's Stamp.

7. In case of disputes as to measurements, the Master Attendant to be requested to measure the disputed package or packages and his decision shall be considered final. The party found to be in error shall pay a fee of Rs. 15/-

8. Measurements are to be taken on the foreshore at the time of shipment.

9. The charge for measurement shall be defrayed by the shipper.

10. No refund of fees will be made on cargo shut out or otherwise not shipped

RATES OF FEES

Measurement

			Rs.	nP.
Cases	up to 10 cft.	...	per 100 cases	2 50
"	and crates over 25 cft	...	each	0 16
Cotton, Waste Cotton, Cotton yarn, Fibre & Senna in bales	per 100 bales			2 00
Palmyra Fibre and Stalks in ballots of 1 cwt.	each per 100 ballots			1 00
Bundles, bales (excepting Cotton, cotton yarn, Fibre and Senna) rolls, ballots [excluding fibre] and other packages	each			0 03
Cotton piece goods-bales	...	...	each	0 19
Tins	...	...	"	0 05
Casks, cylinders, drums, crates & loose planks & scantlings	...	...	"	0 02
Bag cargo—all descriptions	...	...	per cwt	0 02
Packages over 100 cft.	...	...	per 100 cft	
			or part thereof	0 62
Logs, timber	...	...	each	0 16
Fire Bricks	...	...	per 100 cft	2 00
Pipes	...	...	each	0 06

Weighment

Baled cargo all descriptions	...	...	per 100 bales	2 00
Ballots 1 cwt.	...	...	per 100 ballots	1 00
" ½ "	...	...	"	0 50
Bag cargo, all descriptions	...	...	per cwt	0 02
" Onions	...	...	per 100 bags	2 00
" Chillies	...	...	"	1 50
" Cement	...	...	"	0 31
Duplicate Certificate for Weighment / Measurement	...	...	per cert.	0 50
Copra	...	...	per cwt.	0 03
Minimum fee for weighing or measuring Re. 1—00				
Sampling cotton Bales	...	...	per 100 bales	5 00
" Grain Sugar and similar commodities in bags	...	...		
subject to a minimum of Rs 5/-	...	...	per 100 bags	1 00
" Crushed Bones	...	...	"	2 50
" Fire Bricks	...	...	per 1000 bricks	10 00
" Medicinal root	...	...	per bundle	0 25
" Subject to a minimum of Rs. 10/- per Consignment	...	...		
Pipes	...	...	per cwt.	0 16
Granting certificate of origin	...	...	per cert	2 00
" a combined certificate of weighing and sampling	...	...	per 100 pks.	3 00
" duplicate if asked simultaneously FREE; otherwise	...	...		2 50
" Certificate of origin and sanitary certificates	...	...		
any number of copies	...	...		2 00
" " " for Non Members	...	...		3 00
" For certifying invoice, for Members any number of copies	...	...		2 00
" " " for Non-Members	...	...		3 00
" Certificate of Readiness for Members	...	...	per cert.	2 50
" " " Non-Members	...	...	"	3 50
" Copy of Statistics to other than Members	...	...		5 00
" a Survey Certificate under the seal of the Chamber	...	...		5 00
Surveying fee payable to each surveyor	...	...		16 00

(All other rates of fees to be fixed by the Secretary of the Chambers as occasion arises)

TUTICORIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

List of Holidays for 1962.

The Tuticorin Chamber of Commerce do hereby inform the public and all those connected with the Port that the following days have been fixed by them to be holidays under Charter Parties for the year 1962:-

* New Year's Day	...	1st January	Monday
Republic Day	...	26th "	Friday
Tamil New Year's Day	...	14th April	Saturday
* Maundy Thursday	...	19th "	Thursday
* Good Friday	...	20th "	Friday
* May Day	...	1st May	Tuesday
* Ascension Day	...	31st "	Thursday
* Corpus Christi	...	21st June	Thursday
* Assumption Day & Independence Day }	...	15th August	Wednesday
Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Day	...	2nd October	Tuesday
Ayudha Puja	...	9th "	Tuesday
Deepavali	...	27th "	Saturday
* Christmas	...	25th December	Tuesday
* All Sundays			

Note:- * Boatmen will not work on these days as they are days of obligation and feast days.

Pongal (14th January '62) and Our Lady of Snows (5th August '62) have not been declared as holidays as they fall on Sundays.

GROSS AMOUNT OF CUSTOMS DUTY COLLECTED ON EXPORTS AND IMPORTS AT TUTICORIN FROM 1948 — 1961.

Official year 1st April to 31st March	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TOTAL
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1948—49	1,29,299	17,22,530	18,51,829
1949—50	1,62,647	11,50,676	13,13,323
1950—51	8,28,702	19,69,698	27,98,400
1951—52	14,89,118	11,52,696	26,41,814
1952—53	12,93,114	44,52,831	57,45,945
1953—54	9,63,199	53,28,195	62,91,394
1954—55	11,60,335	57,86,133	69,46,468
1955—56	57,16,896	16,67,598	73,84,494
1956—57	11,46,951	66,93,911	78,40,862
1957—58	10,92,931	87,84,880	98,77,811
1958—59	9,64,351	1,22,91,779	1,32,56,130
1959—60	12,78,639	1,23,26,369	1,36,05,008
1960—61	12,91,195	92,00,666	1,04,91,861

SHIPPING TRADE OF TUTICORIN

Official Year	Particulars of Vessels				Total Amount of Port Dues collected	No. of Passengers	
	Stea- mers	Sailers	Total Vessels	Tonnage		Embarked	Arrived
1948—49	316	623	939	7,65,444	89,005—5—3	15,419½	18,124½
1949—50	413	571	984	7,25,850	94,664—6—1	6,827	9,983
1950—51	423	473	896	7,57,187	1,06,492—10—0	2,437	6,507
1951—52	401	575	976	6,27,368	84,628—8—0	1,524	3,665
1952—53	548	579	1,127	6,89,528	87,147—11—9	2,011	5,751
1953—54	522	419	941	7,88,398	1,08,657—6—0	547	939
1954—55	459	565	1,024	7,15,902	1,00,013—2—6	214	229
1955—56	587	733	1,320	6,62,089	89,638—14—6	335	859
1956—57	563	696	1,259	6,72,190	95,730—4—2	59	294
1957—58	508	975	1,483	7,28,916	1,02,032.04	82	125
1958—59	464	1,429	1,893	10,03,004	1,44,813.39	13	23
1959—60	597	1,373	1,970	11,92,507	2,49,284.43	5	13
1960—61	591	1,321	1,912	12,87,765	2,82,509.18	5	5

Statement showing in tons the amount of cargo landed and shipped and
dues collected at Tuticorin.

FROM 1ST APRIL 1942 TO 31ST MARCH 1961

IMPORTS			EXPORTS			Total Tonnage
Year	Amount	Tons	Year	Amount	Tons	
1942—43	31,806 8 9	31,167	1942—43	1,23,364 14 9	210,337	241,504
1943—44	64,935 2 3	63,039	1943—44	95,642 0 3	140,295	203,334
1944—45	71,778 10 9	58,505	1944—45	1,02,600 1 3	128,775	187,280
1945—46	1,33,739 2 9	148,613	1945—46	1,02,868 13 9	130,078	278,691
1946—47	1,89,567 5 0	271,122	1946—47	90,530 14 9	119,493	390,615
1947—48	1,05,338 0 0	154,599	1947—48	63,431 6 3	77,802	232,401
1948—49	2,03,502 0 0	285,287	1948—49	76,132 0 0	83,859	369,146
1949—50	1,86,330 0 0	258,911	1949—50	1,57,470 0 0	167,785	426,696
1950—51	2,21,507 0 0	288,582	1950—51	2,04,368 0 0	224,582	513,164
1951—52	2,27,713 0 0	261,249	1951—52	2,57,394 0 0	234,771	496,020
1952—53	2,53,735 0 0	272,305	1952—53	2,79,358 0 0	238,133	510,438
1953—54	2,83,014 0 0	253,459	1953—54	3,20,963 0 0	205,501	458,960
1954—55	2,89,976 0 0	227,073	1954—55	4,49,677 0 0	293,568	520,641
1955—56	2,93,916 0 0	257,972	1955—56	4,77,597 0 0	309,487	597,459
1956—57	2,91,997 0 0	278,881	1956—57	4,71,069 0 0	307,505	586,386
1957—58	2,88,734 0 0	284,587	1957—58	6,22,138 0 0	415,569	700,156
1958—59	4,24,340 0 0	322,754	1958—59	6,92,615 0 0	463,867	786,621
1959—60	4,18,157 0 0	360,783	1959—60	7,80,004 0 0	421,955	782,738
1960—61	4,33,916 0 0	414,365	1960—61	8,11,966 0 0	545,051	959,416

OFFICIAL YEAR 1960—61

Particulars of Expenditure of Tuticorin Port Trust Fund.

Serial No	Name of Works	Expendi- ture during 1960—61
		Rs.
1.	Repairs to Goods Sheds ...	21,564
2.	Repairs to trollies and trolley line ...	19,545
3.	Repairs to Cranes ...	971
4.	Maintenance of Upper Odai sluice and bridge ...	492
5.	Repairs to Jetties ...	10,113
6.	Improvements to foreshore ...	35,889
7.	Annual repairs to electric installation ...	14,407
8. a)	Working of dredger, "Tuticorin" other than establishment ...	2,68,975
b)	Establishment of dredger including sounding boat ...	79,849
9.	Repairs to Harbour Bungalow ...	346
10. a)	Maintenance of Fire Service Unit ...	84
b)	Establishment of Fire Service ...	1,185
11.	Construction of a new Jetty at Veppalodai ...	85,167
12.	Improvements to Office (Moiety) ...	1,372
13.	Preliminary investigation for development of Port ...	79,109
14.	Improvements to Coal mazdoor lines ...	3,752
15.	Maintenance of a sub Fire station of Madras Fire Service at Tuticorin Port ...	23,657
16.	Purchase of iron materials and Cement for Works ...	21,466
17.	Providing roller boxes for hauling up lighters ...	15,000
18.	Repairs to extension of Compound walls ...	1,192
19.	Repairs to Inspection Bungalow and providing additional accommodation ...	7,206
20.	Construction of new latrines ...	10,998
21.	Extension of South Wharf ...	1,024
22.	Water barge with pump hoses etc. ...	171
23.	Construction of Coal wharf between wet deck and Coal jetty ...	10,944
24.	Construction of Canteen and Waiting shed at foreshore and maintenance and improvements ...	22,360
25.	Providing additional rooms for extension of Port and Port Trust Offices ...	10,974

TOTAL VALUE OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS AT TUTICORIN
DURING 1949 — 61

Exclusive of Treasure, Government Stores and Transhipped Goods.

Official Year 1st April to 31st March	EXPORTS		IMPORTS			Grand Total	BALANCE IN FAVOUR OF	
	Foreign	Coasting	Total	Foreign	Coasting	Total	Exports	Imports
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	R	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rt.
1949—50	7,34,76,389	5,59,74,433	12,94,50,822	3,49,48,519	2,17,98,836	5,67,47,355	18,61,98,177	7,27,03,467
1950—51	8,70,61,574	6,47,45,596	15,18,07,170	2,09,26,535	7,42,38,025	9,51,64,560	24,69,71,730	5,66,42,610
1951—52	5,61,18,782	8,41,36,581	14,02,55,363	3,67,33,549	5,86,48,147	9,53,81,696	23,56,37,059	4,48,73,667
1952—53	5,77,24,972	7,79,34,716	13,56,59,688	4,11,87,850	6,10,95,496	10,22,83,346	23,79,43,034	3,33,76,342
1953—54	5,87,39,199	7,16,71,295	13,04,10,494	4,68,70,444	4,53,85,558	9,22,56,002	22,26,66,496	3,81,54,492
1954—55	6,55,93,364	9,61,47,400	16,17,40,764	1,90,79,792	5,64,62,077	7,55,41,869	23,72,82,633	8,61,98,895
1955—56	8,76,39,679	7,21,75,102	15,98,14,781	2,51,13,900	3,28,17,233	5,79,31,133	21,77,45,914	10,18,83,648
1956—57	10,08,21,444	8,15,04,513	18,23,25,957	6,35,37,407	5,23,32,355	11,58,69,762	29,81,95,719	6,64,56,195
1957—58	16,64,92,164	1,32,17,846	17,97,10,010	3,26,29,560	4,37,08,240	7,63,37,800	25,60,47,810	10,33,72,210
1958—59	9,23,64,733	10,24,19,332	19,47,84,065	3,78,90,023	4,01,97,604	7,80,87,627	27,28,71,692	11,66,96,438
1959—60	5,37,48,174	16,12,44,522	21,49,92,696	19,70,430	9,12,89,199	9,32,59,629	30,82,52,325	12,17,33,067
1960—61	5,58,56,906	17,43,58,254	23,02,15,160	18,69,227	9,36,89,367	9,55,58,594	32,57,73,754	13,46,56,566

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EXPORTS
VALUATION OF TUTICORIN TRADE

ARTICLES	FOR TWELVE MONTHS FROM 1st APRIL TO 31st MARCH											
	1952—53	1953—54	1954—55	1955—56	1956—57	1957—58	1958—59	1959—60	1960—61			
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Cattle & Other Animals	35,59,930	31,75,948	25,59,786	22,25,139	19,77,093	20,09,064	21,00,101	32,12,100	31,23,109			
Cement	20,52,224	12,34,673	51,41,325	36,33,359	41,402	29,01,813	39,71,900	86,78,540	87,65,670			
Cigars & Tobacco	1,56,415	25,774	8,242	4,73,232	5,21,086	8,55,640	...	...	...			
Coffee	31,981	...	...	...	88,589	...	...	...	...			
Cotton [Raw]	5,56,422	53,01,889	53,18,439	50,74,413	40,99,325	35,23,645	1,16,18,127	1,21,67,908	1,31,56,812			
Cotton Goods (excluding Twist & Yarn)	85,34,596	66,07,420	2,84,05,046	1,34,12,674	2,34,76,426	2,35,46,994	40,23,600	41,68,322	41,95,298			
Coir manufactured (excluding rope)	33,981	6,045	44,725	5,930	4,835	...	...	5,273	6,315			
Dyeing & Tanning Materials	895	73	420	...	9,206	...	...	...	...			
Fibre	26,64,079	25,51,227	29,69,116	36,42,017	44,11,782	47,80,752	49,00,222	60,01,308	61,52,432			
Fish (dry) unsalted & salted and other provisions	1,94,52,114	2,03,65,899	2,60,20,221	2,96,03,903	3,99,79,096	3,46,44,110	4,17,03,211	4,20,19,701	4,26,29,802			
Fruit and Vegetables	46,18,559	20,99,519	23,08,759	36,29,229	47,36,937	48,65,971	5,679	3,650	3,590			
Hides & Skins (Raw)	1,57,345	1,61,754	3,41,572	1,29,882	11,034	25,610	...	75,78	65,985			
Hides & Skins [Tanned]	10,779	...	1,37,609	...	...	...	...	20,621	32,615			
Hemp	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Jute	38,308	...	...	...	31,245	330	...	1,595	2,475			
Manures [Bones, Fish]	...	1873	6,823	...	3,908	10,734	...	...	...			
Metals and Manufacturers [Hardware & Cutlery including Plateware Metals]	10,955	4,638	77,411	83,816	85,072	89,004	44,631	47,884	48,963			
Oil Cake and Cattle Food	42,439	50,415	52,403	1,51,639	3,87,768	5,94,432	1,62,325	1,02,010	185,020			
Oils	...	...	73,306	74,967	43,887	56,184	...	...	...			
Grain, Pulse and Flour	...	...	24,20,190	28,25,283	2,31,317	12,04,685	...	...	...			
Rubber	...	...	186	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Salt	6,91,367	4,82,489	3,54,400	10,55,806	39,49,953	57,20,001	59,48,926	65,38,074	68,47,652			
Seeds	23,50,113	18,84,685	38,02,462	1,95,929	5,34,203	8,21,750	...	...	...			
Senna and other Drugs	...	1,916	...	17,25,788	32,68,244	33,64,424	37,00,202	38,93,533	39,84,735			
Shells [Chanks & Cowries]	34,77,852	46,55,910	93,92,688	1,08,50,821	34,07,046	5,88,412	40,022	30,110	32,125			
Spices [Chillies & Cardamoms]	14,94,043	4,62,512	18,59,581	19,19,185	75,23,919	1,67,41,564	1,71,64,321	1,72,06,932	1,92,43,243			
Sugar	35,217	1,52,694	2,72,996	2,34,858	4,12,191	4,00,896	...	...	...			
Tea	4,70,11,793	5,59,42,173	5,53,34,594	5,47,06,673	5,42,01,346	4,69,08,702	7,90,02,100	8,91,01,204	9,84,12,415			
Twist and Yarn [Cotton]	...	...	1,022	151	...	...	...	...	...			
Wool	3,86,78,280	2,52,52,968	1,48,37,471	2,11,53,913	2,88,89,931	2,17,48,093	2,00,10,976	2,15,17,651	2,30,85,201			
Other Articles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
TOTAL	13,56,59,688	13,04,10,494	16,17,40,764	15,98,14,781	18,23,25,957	17,97,10,010	19,47,84,065	21,49,92,696	23,02,15,160			

IMPORTS
VALUATION OF TUTICORIN TRADE

ARTICLES	FOR TWELVE MONTHS FROM 1st APRIL TO 31st MARCH									
	1952—53	1953—54	1954—55	1955—56	1956—57	1957—58	1958—59	1959—60	1960—61	
Apparel	Rs. 155	Rs. 358	Rs. 50					Rs.	Rs.	
Beltin& for Machinery	2,01,162	2,11,070	1,39,409	1,04,790	52,520	20,180	...	...	...	
Building and Engineering Materials										
Chemicals and Drugs	28,422	12,834	6,447	5,484	15,35,721	32,48,983	5,61,061	1,16,785	1,25,378	
Coal	16,32,686	11,02,556	10,32,523	14,98,685	1,32,08,580	1,60,50,240	1,90,39,360	15,03,314	15,30,425	
Cotton [Raw]	2,65,81,106	2,59,74,217	3,64,95,680	1,99,74,369	1,88,46,451	1,22,54,834	2,57,83,953	1,86,84,563	1,89,46,784	
Dyein& & Tanning Materials	3,09,797	...	25,240	39,185	6,400	8,79,961	7,64,145	3,78,85,069	3,94,65,172	
Grain and Pulse	3,96,28,669	2,35,75,984	66,02,348	71,98,636	86,12,886	60,91,323	213,1462	9,04,141	9,43,114	
Hardware	3,56,316	23,308	2,00,964	1,82,886	2,34,495	11,65,093	4,64,791	36,82,757	36,75,432	
Hides and Skins	62,256	4,18,848	...	6,41,170	43,549	...	...	5,29,655	5,49,628	
" "Dressed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Jewellery and Plats	10,12,124	1,70,685	1,050	83,317	7,98,355	10,25,610	35,77,792	...	...	
Jute Manufacturers	42,22,579	40,52,217	29,18,423	41,98,432	4,18,60,466	15,61,561	1,72,500	49,20,083	49,50,292	
Machinery and Mill work								99,700	98,500	
Matches	46,87,568	4,00,840	43,03,878	36,00,095	78,14,665	46,96,698	62,12,135	86,12,081	87,42,163	
Metals and Ores	49,937	...	...	5,714	34,35,904	22,080	...	...	...	
Motor Cars and Motorcycles	15,686	36,577	91,239	1,69,343	83,878	1,10,541	20,074	44,161	44,693	
Oils	2,30,778	1,11,499	67,391	2,59,330	8,16,290	3,58,555	2,63,820	4,77,055	5,68,792	
Piecegoods	1,14,660	79,130	5,23,773	2,87,603	3,80,136	0,60,989	1,430	5,550	5,630	
Provisions & Oilmanstores	9,77,113	66,550	67,019	2,17,600	89,682	13,83,898	66,906	1,62,650	1,73,525	
Paper and Pasteboard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Railway Plant & Rolling Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Salt	87,03,701	38,85,142	51,25,622	39,40,848	62,76,383	34,48,845	27,30,017	2,060	2,190	
Seeds	...	...	...	...	12,92,519	...	...	81,04,156	80,15,172	
Silk	2,27,641	6,26,577	4,31,364	4,48,096	3,44,120	2,59,296	18,790	48,022	49,652	
Spices	5,78,478	1,17,020	17,690	51,670	6,490	3,18,275	...	2,000	2,530	
Sugar	24,056	...	7,938	2,948	100	10,548	12,94,507	21,09,799	22,15,234	
Shells and Cowries	...	...	...	...	17,83,508	...	...	...	...	
Tea Chests	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,80,825	2,29,107	2,91,568	
Twist and Yarn-Art Silk	1,04,400	...	61,319	23,100	...	1,24,65,232	1,30,71,200	1,43,76,889	...	
Tobacco	315	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wood and Timber	3,16,908	...	11,075	31,355	52,180	2,98,693	3,68,051	12,300	13,243	
Fruit and Vegetables	1,21,56,833	3,13,90,605	1,74,21,267	1,49,69,477	82,94,184	93,36,460	12,64,808	9,38,419	9,54,235	
Other Articles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41,86,212	41,95,242	
TOTAL...	10,22,83,346	9,22,56,017	7,55,41,869	5,79,34,133	12,22,34,834	7,63,37,900	7,80,87,627	10,76,36,538	9,55,58,594	

THE TUTICORIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ST DECEMBER 1961

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EXPENDITURE	Amount		INCOME		Amount	
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Establishment and Office Rent	...	01	By Balance brought forward	...	24670	66
" Gratuity paid to the wife of late V. Ramachandra Iyer (Office Manager)	4757	01	" Subscription received from Mem- bers for the year ending 31st December 1961	...	2850	00
" Stationery and Printing	2000	00	" Fees	...	5038	60
" Postage and Telegrams	364	21	" Interest	...	2068	28
" Newspapers and Statistics	86	96				
" Affiliated Membership Subscrip- tion to the Madras Chamber of Commerce for 1961	352	20				
" Subscription to the Associated Chambers of Commerce of India for 1961	50	00				
" Subscription to the Federation of Commonwealth & British Cham- bers of Commerce for 1961	800	00				
" Contribution to Writers Provident Fund	192	00				
" Peon's Uniform	136	50				
" Bank's Commission	40	44				
" Sundries	3	71				
" Provision for Taxation for 1960 & 1961	10	50				
" Balance	155	00				
	25679	01				
TOTAL...	34627	54	TOTAL...		34627	54

A. RAMASWAMY.
Honorary Auditor.

TUTICORIN,
31st December 1961

V. SRIBASHYAM
Honorary Secretary.

THE TUTICORIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1961

LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS		Amount		ASSETS		Amount	
		Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Permanent Fund				Assets			
To Six Members Shares at Rs 5000/- each		30000	00	Securities and Bank Balances			
Less Refund to one Member		5000	00	By 4 per cent Madras Government Loan 1971 (Face Value Rs. 30000/-)		29400	00
Interest payable on Members' Shares				" Fixed Deposit with the National and Grindlays Bank Ltd., Tuticorin...		12500	00
Subscription payable to the Federation of Commonwealth and British Chambers of Commerce for 1961				" 4 per cent Madras Government Loan 1964 [Face Value Rs. 3000/-]		2992	50
Writer's Provident Fund		8264	44	" 3½ percent National Plan Loan 1964 (Face Value Rs. 1000/-)		986	41
Less amount paid to the wife of late V. Ramachandra Iyer (Office Manager)		8264	44	" Current Account with the National and Grindlays Bank Ltd., Tuticorin		4011	33
Provision				" Savings Bank Account with the State Bank of India, Tuticorin		210	98
To Provision for Taxation for 1960 & 1961				" Interest on Investments [accrued]		925	50
Balance				Cash and other Balances			
				By Cash on hand		236	34
				" Stamps on hand		12	95
TOTAL...				TOTAL...		51276	01

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TUTICORIN,
31st December 1961

V. SRIBASHYAM
Honorary Secretary.

THE TUTICORIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TUTICORIN

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Dr.	Cr.	
	Rs.	nP.
To Interest payable on Members' Shares ...	250	00
" Balance ...	2068	28
	2318	28
By Interest received on Investments ...		
" Interest due on Investments ...		
" Interest received on loan to Staff ...		
TOTAL...	2318	28

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SUSPENSE ACCOUNT

Dr.		Cr.
To Stamps on hand	R.s.	nP.
" Interest due on Investments	12	95
" Amount due by State Bank of India, Tuticorin towards balance of Interest on Investments	925	50
TOTAL...	210	98
	R.s.	nP.
By Interest payable on Members' Shares	250	00
" Subscription due to the Federation of Commonwealth and British Chambers of Commerce for 1961	192	00
" Balance	707	43
TOTAL...	1149	43

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TUTICORIN
31st December 1961

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