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Department, all District Magistrates, the
Inspector General of Police, the Commissioners
of Police, Madras, and the Surgeon General

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It seems quite
unnecessary to communicate
this to anyone.
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submitting the Reports
to the Public Works Dept. does not
apply to
All District Magistrates. Madras.
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MR 15.3.95.
The previous G. O. sent received in 10 2998
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was not sent to all those offices - perhaps it was
be forwarded as this is a continuation of that Report.

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Copy to the Factories Act file please.
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No. 48 of 1894.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
HOME DEPARTMENT.

JUDICIAL.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE H. H. FOWLER,
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Simla, the 7th November 1894.

SIR,

In continuation of our Despatch No. 7 (Judicial), dated the 28th February last, we have the honour to forward the Reports on the working of the Indian Factories Act, XV of 1881 (as amended by Act XI of 1891), in the several Provinces during the year 1893.

2. These Reports contain full information upon the subject during the period covered by them; but as the existing Act has not been long enough in force to enable us to compare and tabulate the results for a sufficient period of time, we do not propose to attempt an exhaustive review at present.

3. The Reports now submitted satisfy us that, on the whole, the working of the Act in all the Provinces has been fairly satisfactory. The total number of factories registered rose from 652 in 1892 to 715 in 1893, the number of hands employed in them being nearly 349,500 daily as compared with 317,000 in 1892. Nearly 49,700 women, or 14.2 per cent. of the hands, and 19,800 children under 14, or 5.7 per cent. of the hands, were employed in these factories during the year under report as compared with 43,600 (13.7 per cent.) and 18,888 (5.9 per cent.) respectively in 1892. Making due allowance for better registration, the figures show that the modifications introduced by the Act of 1891 have not prejudiced the working of women and children in factories.

4. There was some improvement in the work of inspection, but in a number of cases it was not sufficiently attended to by the District Medical Officers. The number of accidents increased considerably during the year under review.

In March last we issued special orders to the Local Governments and Administrations in connection with these matters, enjoining (1) more frequent inspection of factories, especially by Medical Officers, and (2) fuller investigation into accidents. We hope to find the effect of those orders in the Reports for 1894.

5. In paragraph 4 of your Despatch No 46, dated 19th April 1894, attention was called to the number of factories exempted in Bengal under section 5 B (2) (c) of the Act from the Sunday or weekly holiday regulations. It will

* No. 4 in the ~~enclosures~~ be seen from paragraph 2 of the letter* from the Government of Bengal of the 13th July 1894 that 57 factories, most of which are jute presses, were so exempted by the Local Government in that Province in 1893 against 51 in the previous year. In these factories, which are almost peculiar to Bengal, the work is carried on for a portion of the year only.

6. We have called the attention of the Local Governments and Administrations to the delay which has occurred in the submission of the present Reports, and hope that in future they will reach you in due time.

We have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient, humble Servants,

A. E. MILLER.

J. WESTLAND.

A. P. MacDONNELL.

LIST OF ENCLOSURES.

1. Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 1531, dated 22nd June 1894, and enclosures.
2. Letter from the Government of Bombay, No. 2523, dated 6th July 1894, and enclosure.
3. Letter from the Government of Bombay, No. 3018, dated 13th August 1894, and enclosure.
4. Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 2422, dated 13th July 1894, and enclosures.
5. From the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 1059, dated 7th August 1894, and enclosures.
6. Letter from the Government of the Punjab, No. 812, dated 21st September 1894, and enclosures.
7. Letter from the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, No. 5623, dated 14th, August 1894, and enclosure.
8. Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Burma, No. 850— $\frac{4-1}{1}$, dated 29th June 1894, and enclosure.
9. From the Chief Commissioner of Assam, No. $\frac{1006-Misc.}{4679-G}$, dated 5th July 1894, and enclosure.
10. From Foreign Department, No. 3231-I., dated 12th September 1894, and enclosure.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

JUDICIAL.

No. 48, DATED SIMLA, THE 7TH NOVEMBER
1894.

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LETTER TO HER MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR INDIA.

SUBJECT.

FORWARDS, with remarks, the Reports on the
working of the Factories Act, XV of 1881 (as
amended by Act XI of 1891), in the several Prov-
inces during the year 1893.

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INDIA OFFICE;
London, the 17th January 1895.

Revenue.
No. 9.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor General of India in Council.

MY LORD,

I HAVE considered in Council the letter of Your Excellency's
Government, No. 48, Home Department (Judicial) of the 7th November 1894,
and the reports which accompanied it, on the working of the Indian Factory
Act, XV of 1881 (as amended by Act XI of 1891), throughout India.

2. A perusal of the Reports satisfies me that the provisions of the law
are on the whole properly carried out, and that occasional shortcomings have
not been overlooked by Your Excellency in Council or by the Local Govern-
ments and Administrations. The orders issued by Your Excellency's Govern-
ment enjoining more frequent inspection of factories and fuller investigation
into accidents will, no doubt, have a beneficial effect. I observe that the
restrictions enacted for the protection of women and children have not
resulted in any decrease of the numbers employed.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servant,
HENRY H. FOWLER.

No. 341.

EXTRACT, paragraphs 1 and 2, with copy of the Despatch to which it is a
reply, forwarded to the Government of Madras, dated the 24th
November 1894.

HOME DEPARTMENT,
JUDICIAL;
Calcutta, the 4th March 1895.

By order,

H. Lussan.
Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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