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G.O., 14th April 1891, No. 312.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
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Exd. A. Aubert.

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| Women ... ... ... ... ... | 375 |
| Children ... ... ... ... ... | 32 |
| Total ... | 607 |

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