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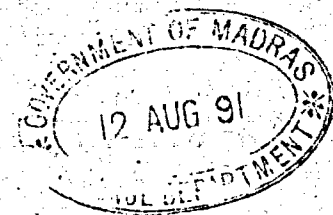
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Circular No. 19
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Dated Simla, the 20th July 1891.

SUBJECT.
Revised forms for the Returns of Agricultural Statistics.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Revenue and Agricultural Department (Statistics),—dated Simla, the 20th July 1891.

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Circular No. 42 (Statistics), dated 31st March 1884. —
" " 98 (Statistics), dated 20th August 1884. —
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Circular No. 81-13-4 (Statistics), dated 11th September 1888. —
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RESOLUTION.

In the Circular of the 11th September 1888 cited in the preamble, the opinion of local Governments and Administrations was invited on certain modifications recommended by the conference of officers of agricultural departments, held at Delhi in March 1888, in the returns of agricultural statistics prescribed in the Circulars of the 31st March and 20th August 1884. Having carefully considered the opinions and wishes of local Governments expressed in the replies received, the Government of India have decided to prescribe the forms appended to this Resolution. These forms have for the past three years been as far as possible used for the compilation of the Imperial abstracts and they are now circulated for general adoption with effect from the year 1890-91. In determining the changes which should be introduced particular regard has been had to the desirability of making as few as possible those alterations which involve interference with village papers. Occasional exceptions to this principle have, however, been found inevitable. Some of the changes adopted may involve the collection of statistics which are of small consequence in particular Provinces. In these instances the decision has been arrived at on a consideration of the general advantage to be gained by the change and has been based mainly on the recommendations of the Delhi Conference at which the majority of Provinces were represented.

2. For the purpose of imperial compilation uniformity is indispensable. No modifications in the forms of the returns submitted to the Government of India which have not been specially authorized can therefore be permitted; and where deviations from the prescribed headings are unavoidable under existing circumstances, efforts should not be spared to gradually eliminate them. There is no objection to the amplification or modification of the forms for provincial purposes. On the contrary, it is most desirable that these returns should be utilized to the fullest extent in administration reports, the headings being expanded or rearranged as may be necessary. By this measure the labour now devoted to the separate and independent compilation of statistical returns for provincial reports

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dealing with agricultural subjects will be minimised; the discrepancies which frequently exist between the two sets of returns and detract from the value of both will be obviated; and the examination and discussion to which the figures will be subjected in provincial reports will provide the Government of India with the materials, now wanting, for a review of the imperial tables. The opportunity is at the same time taken to remind local Governments and Administrations of the express desire of Her Majesty's Secretary of State, that the information in provincial reports and returns regarding crops and other agricultural matters should be as full and detailed as the means at disposal will allow.

3. The alterations embodied in the forms annexed are indicated in an appendix and will, with a few exceptions, be found to agree with those accepted at the Delhi Conference. No new form has been prescribed, but the series is rearranged as follows:—

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Form A 1. Total acreage. | Form B. Prices of produce. |
| " A 2. Classification of net area. | " C. Incidence of Land Revenue. |
| " A 3. Acreage under crops. | " D. Varieties of tenure. |
| " A 4. Agricultural stock. | " E. Transfers of landed property. |

Instructions for the compilation of the forms are given in the shape of foot-notes, but there are some points which call for supplementary remarks and are dealt with in the following paragraphs.

4. *Form A 2 (1)—Forests.*—To provide for the case of lands legally declared to be forests or administered as forest under any legal enactments other than forest Acts it has been necessary to enlarge the definition of the heading. Care should be taken that the areas of Government forest included in this return are obtained from the same source as the areas exhibited in the reports on forest administration.

5. *Form A 2 (3)—Culturable waste other than fallow.*—Owing to the extreme variations which have been found to exist in the period for which land is left fallow the heading "Culturable waste other than fallow" has been substituted for that formerly proposed *viz.* :—"Culturable, but not cultivated for three years."

6. *Form A 3 (1 to 30)—Details of Crops.*—After careful consideration it has been decided to add *ragi* or *manlia* (*Eleusine coracana*) to the new crop headings adopted on the recommendation of the Delhi Conference. This is as important a food crop in southern India as is barley in northern India, and the Government of India desire that where the area cultivated with *ragi* is not already recorded separately, the alterations necessary in the village returns of crops to secure these statistics may be introduced as soon as convenient. If for reasons of real importance the statistics of any crop included in the statement cannot be separately given the corresponding column may be left blank, but the reasons for omission should be fully explained. Alterations in the standard crop headings of the imperial return cannot, for the reasons already stated, be allowed though the forms may be expanded or modified at the discretion of local Governments for provincial purposes.

7. *Form A 4—Stock, &c.*—The headings added in this return to those previously suggested are *youngstock* and *camels*. *Pigs* have been omitted. Special

importance is attached by the Government of India to the correct compilation of the information required for columns 1 to 5, which involve the separate classification of animals whose milk is valuable, and of young apart from adult stock.

8. *Form B—Prices of produce.*—Under the instructions contained in Circular No. ¹⁰⁷/₁₈₈₇, dated 13th December 1888, where a commodity of which the price has to be shown is not locally produced, the price at which it is imported is to be given if it be an article of common consumption. These orders are cancelled by the directions given in the footnote. The principle on which the latter are based is, that as a record of agricultural as distinguished from commercial prices the returns should exhibit the average wholesale prices at the chief markets of those districts in which the agricultural commodity is largely grown.

9. *Form C—Incidence of Land Revenue*—has been left unaltered for the present. The form has been the subject of much criticism and discussion but the Government of India are not prepared to substitute any modified form.

10. *Form D—Varieties of tenure.*—This form has been provisionally modified in accordance with the recommendations of the Delhi Conference, but is still the subject of correspondence with one or two local Governments. Pending further instructions the revised form should be brought into use as soon as possible.

11. The provincial returns are, with the following exceptions, due to the Government of India on the 1st November of each year and should be punctually submitted by that date:—

	1st instalment on the 1st December.	2nd instalment on the 1st February.
North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	Forms A and E.	Forms B, C and D.
Bombay.	Forms A, B and E.	Forms C and D.
Punjab.	Forms A to E.	

12. No uniform period can be prescribed for the year to which the statistics should relate, but the Government of India desire that Forms A and B should be compiled for the recognized agricultural year of each Province.

13. No general review of the statistics is required with the returns; but if only to save return references, they should invariably be supplemented with a brief notice of remarkable variations or discrepancies requiring explanation.

ORDERED, that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the local Governments and Administrations noted on the margin, for information and guidance.

Government of Madras.
" " Bombay.
" " Bengal.
" " the North-Western Provinces
and Oudh.
Punjab.
Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.
" " Assam.
" " Burma.
" " Ajmere.
" " Coorg.
Resident at Hyderabad.

Ordered also, that the Resolution be forwarded to the Foreign Department for favour of communication to the Government of the Mysore State and to the Agents to the Governor-General in Central India and Rajputana.

(True extract.)

Secretary to the Government of India.

To
The Secretary to the Govt of
Madras
at Bangalore

FORM A.

FORM A.

SHOWING TOTAL ACREAGE, CLASSIFICATION OF AREAS, IRRIGATION, CROPS, CURRENT
FALLOW AND STOCK IN EACH DISTRICT OF _____ DURING THE* _____
YEAR ENDING _____

[In this Form are incorporated Forms A, B, III-D 2 and Irrigation Form of the Old Series].

Presidency or Province.		DISTRICTS.				Presidency or Province.	
		A.	B.	C.	Total.		
A 1.		Total Acreage.				A 1.	
1. Area according to Professional Survey. 2. Deduct { (a) Feudatory and Tributary States. (b) Area for which no returns exist. 3. Net area by Professional Survey. 4. Corresponding area in Village Papers.		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	1. Area according to Professional Survey. 2. Deduct { (a) Feudatory and Tributary States. (b) Area for which no returns exist. 3. Net area by Professional Survey. 4. Corresponding area in Village Papers.	
A 2.		Classification of Area shown in column 4 of A. 1.				A 2.	
1. Forests. 2. Not available for cultivation. 3. Culturable waste other than fallow. 4. Current fallows. 5. Net area cropped during the year.						1. Forests. 2. Not available for cultivation. 3. Culturable waste other than fallow. 4. Current fallows. 5. Net area cropped during the year.	
6. Irrigated during the year from— { (a) Government canals { (b) Private canals { (c) Tanks { (d) Wells { (e) Other sources Total Area Irrigated						6. Irrigated during the year from— { (a) Government canals. { (b) Private canals. { (c) Tanks. { (d) Wells. { (e) Other sources. Total Area Irrigated.	
7. Crops irrigated. { (a) Wheat { (b) Other cereals and pulses { (c) Miscellaneous food-crops { (d) Miscellaneous non-food crops						7. Crops irrigated. { (a) Wheat. { (b) Other cereals and pulses. { (c) Miscellaneous food crops. { (d) Miscellaneous non-food crops.	
A 3.		Acreage under Crops.				A 3.	
English or Vernacular names. 1. Rice 2. Wheat 3. Barley 4. Cholam or Jowar (millet) 5. Cambu or Bajra (millet) 6. Ragl or Mandua 7. Maize 8. Gram (Pulse) 9. Other food grains inclg. pulses 10. Linseed 11. Til or Gingelly 12. Others 13. Condiments and Spices 14. Sugarcane 15. Others 16. Cotton 17. Jute 18. Others 19. Indigo 20. Others 21. Opium 22. Coffee 23. Tea 24. Tobacco 25. Cinchona 26. Indian Hemp 27. Others 28. Fodder crops 29. Orchards and Garden Produce 30. Miscellaneous { Food { Non-food 31. Total 32. Area cropped more than once 33. (31—32) Net area cropped during the year						Botanical names. 1. Oryza sativa. 2. Triticum sativum. 3. Hordeum vulgare. 4. Sorghum vulgare. 5. Pennisetum typhloleum. 6. Eleusine coracana. 7. Zea Mays. 8. Other cereals inclg. pulses. 9. Other food grains inclg. pulses. 10. Linum usitatissimum. 11. Sesamum indicum. 12. Others. 13. Condiments and Spices. 14. Saccharum officinarum. 15. Others. 16. Gossypium, sp. 17. Corchorus, sp. 18. Others. 19. Indigofera tinctoria. 20. Others. 21. Papaver somniferum. 22. Coffea arabica. 23. Camellia theifera. 24. Nicotiana glauca & N. rustica. 25. Cinchona, sp. 26. Cannabis sativa, sp. 27. Others. 28. Fodder crops. 29. Orchards and Garden Produce. 30. Miscellaneous { Food. { Non-food. 31. Total. 32. Area cropped more than once. 33. (31—32) Net area cropped during the year.	
A 4.		Stock, &c.				A 4.	
1. Bulls and Bullocks 2. Cows 3. Male Buffaloes 4. Cow Buffaloes 5. Young Stock (Calves and Buffalo calves) 6. Sheep 7. Goats 8. Horses and Ponies 9. Mules and Donkeys 10. Camels 11. Floughs 12. Carts		No.	No.	No.	No.	1. Bulls and Bullocks. 2. Cows 3. Male Buffaloes. 4. Cow Buffaloes. 5. Young Stock (Calves and Buffalo calves.) 6. Sheep. 7. Goats. 8. Horses and Ponies. 9. Mules and Donkeys. 10. Camels. 11. Floughs. 12. Carts.	

(1) * Is. - Financial, Agricultural or Revenue year.

(2) A. 1. (1) This area is exclusive of Native States. This information should be given in the heading of each form. If the area returned by the Professional Survey Department relates with the Government of India in the Foreign Department, deduct it in A. 1. (2). The area of feodatory or tributary States not under the Foreign Department should be shown separately as for the A. 1. (4) Should include the whole area shown against A. 1. (1), the net area by village papers being substituted, where it differs.

(3) A. 2. (1) "Forests" mean "any land classed or administered as Forest under any legal enactment dealing with Forests." Any province, however, is free to exclude any cultivated areas which may exist within such forests and show them under the heading "net area cropped during the year," an explanation being given in a foot-note.

(4) A. 2. (2) "Not available for cultivation" should include all land wholly barren, and also all land covered by buildings, water, roads, or otherwise devoted to uses other than agriculture.

(5) Groves, not classed in the cropped area, should be included in "cult. waste other than fallow."

(6) A. 2. (3) will correspond with entry 32 of "A-1."

11. Ploughed.
12. Carts.

Form B.

Wholesale prices of product, &c., for the year ending

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(1) In columns 2 to 17, the average of the wholesale prices and in columns 18 to 21 the average of the retail prices prevailing during the year in the principal marts of each district should be given.

(2) In the case of agricultural produce the prices of only those commodities will be entered which are exported to the foreign market or consumed in considerable quantities whether for consumption or export.

(3) The marts at which and the dates on which prices are to be ascertained will be determined under the orders of the Government. A list of the marts selected and dates fixed should be furnished to the Government of India with the next returns.

(4) The prices taken each year for the calculation of averages should, as far as possible, refer to the same variety or quality of articles produced or sold.

(5) For sugar the price of the simplest form of saccharine produce commonly known as gur or jaggery should be given.

(6) For cotton the price of cotton freed of its seed, the form in which it is most commonly sold, should be entered.

(7) For iron the price of this description of unwrought iron commonly employed in the manufacture of agricultural implements should be stated.

Form C.

Incidence of the Land Revenue on Area and Population in 189

District.	Total area by Survey, less feudatories.	Deduct area not fully assessed, including estates assessed at privileged rates.	Balance of area fully assessed.	Total land revenue (excluding cesses) (column 2).	Population of district (column 2).	Land revenue per head of population (columns 5 and 6).	INCIDENCE OF LAND REVENUE (COLUMN 8) ON AREA (COLUMN 4) PER ACRES.		Population of fully assessed area.	Land revenue assessment per head of population of fully assessed area (columns 8 and 11).	TOWNS OVER 10,000 INHABITANTS.	
							For total area.	For cultivated area only.			No. of towns.	Aggregates population.
	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
(1) Ryotwari	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	No.
(2) Zemindari and village communities.												
TOTAL												

Column (1).—In Bombay, Madras, Assam, the area held under ryotwari tenure may be shown separately from the area otherwise held. In the Central Provinces a similar distinction may be made between the zemindari and taluqa areas and in Bengal between zemindari and Government estates.
Column (2).—This will be column A1 (1) of Form A, less column A1 (3a) of that form.
Column (3).—Small revenue-free plots for which details are not forthcoming need not be included in these deductions.

Form D.

Varieties of Tenure held direct from Government, during the year ending

Nature of Tenure.	*Number of Estates.	Number of Villages.	Number of Holders or Shareholders.	Gross area.	Average area of each estate.	Average assessment of each estate.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	No.	No.	No.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.
1. Revenue payers paying more than Rs. 50,000 revenue.	(a) Individuals under law of primogeniture. (b) Individuals and families under ordinary law. (c) Village communities.					
Revenue payers paying from Rs. 50,000 to 5,000 revenue.						
3. Revenue payers paying from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 100 revenue.	(a) Individuals under law of primogeniture. (b) Individuals and families under ordinary law. (c) Village communities.					
4. Revenue payers other than those of cultivating communities paying less than Rs. 100 revenue.	(a) Individuals under law of primogeniture. (b) Individuals and families under ordinary law. (c) Village communities.					
5. Peasant proprietors paying separately.						
6.† Holders of wholly or partly revenue free tenures.	In perpetuity.‡ For life or lives.					
7. Landowners who have redeemed the revenue.						
8. Purchasers of waste-lands.						
9. Others.						
TOTAL						

* This number represents the number of separate estates recorded on the Land Revenue Registers. One proprietor therefore may be recorded several times as the owner of more than one estate separately recorded.
† Should include Inamdars and Jagirdars.
‡ Local Governments may subdivide this heading so as to distinguish between grants (a) absolutely and (b) conditionally held in perpetuity.
§ If considered necessary, an explanation may be added as to what this covers.
Such other foot-notes may be added to the form as may be deemed necessary to explain its contents.

Form E.

Register of Transfers of Landed Property during the year ending

Districts and Class of Tenure.	NUMBER OF TRANSFERS.		TOTAL AREA TRANSFERRED.	
	By order of Court.	By private contract or gift.	By order of Court.	By private contract or gift.
1	2	3	4	5
	No.	No.	Acres.	Acres.
Proprietors { Revenue-paying Wholly or partially revenue-free				
Tenants who have statutory (or otherwise recognised) powers of transfer.				
TOTAL				

Memorandum showing the alterations and additions made in the forms now in use for the annual returns of Agricultural Statistics.

Forms now in use.	Corresponding new forms or columns and alterations or additions in headings or footnotes.
Form A. Area cultivated and uncultivated ... " B. Crops cultivated ... Irrigation ... " III-D 2. Agricultural stock ...	} Amalgamated in Form A 1 to 4 (Total acreage, classification of areas, irrigation, crops, &c., &c.)
Form A. Column 4. "Area for which returns are otherwise not available." " 6. "Net area dealt with in the return." " 10. "Available for cultivation." " 7. "Actually cropped" ... Foot note 5. "Forests" mean "Government forests and forests administered under any forest act."	Form A 1. Column 2 (b). "Area for which no returns exist." Column 3. "Net area by professional survey." " 1. "Corresponding area in village papers." (See footnote). Form A 2. " 3. "Culturable waste other than fallow." " 5. "Net area cropped during the year." Footnote 3. "Forests" mean "any land classed or administered as forest under any legal enactment dealing with forests."
Form B.	Form A 3. The following columns added—3. "Barley," 4. "Cholum or Jowar (millet)," 5. "Cumbu or Bajra (millet)," 6. "Ragi or Mandua," 7. "Maize," 8. "Gram (Pulse)," 9. "Linseed," 10. "Til or Gingelly," 11. "Oilseeds," 12. "Others," 13. "Condiments and Spices," 14. "Sugar," 15. "Others," 16. "Dyes," 17. "Others," 18. "Opium," 19. "Indian Hemp," 20. "Drugs and Narcotics," 21. "Others," 22. "Fodder crops," 23. "Orchards and Garden produce."
Column 17. "Total area of crops" ... " 19. "Actual area on which crops were grown."	Column 31. "Total crops." " 33. "Net area cropped during the year."
Form III-D 2. Column 1. "Cows and bullocks" ... " 2. "Buffaloes" ... " 5. "Sheep and Goats" ... " 8. "Boats" ...	Form A 4. Column 1. "Bulls and Bullocks." " 2. "Cows." " 3. "Male Buffaloes." " 4. "Cow Buffaloes." " 6. "Sheep." " 7. "Goats." Omitted. The following columns added—5. "Young stock (Calves and Buffalo Calves)," 10. "Camels."
Form III-E 1.	Form B. The following columns added—4. "Barley," 5. "Cholum or Jowar," 6. "Cumbu or Bajra," 7. "Maize (seed)," 8. "Gram," 9. "Til or Gingelly," 10. "Grass," 11. "Straw," 12. "Jowar and Bajra (Fodder)."
Column 6. "Cotton, uncleaned" ...	Column 12. "Cotton, cleaned."
Form I-E 3. Column 1. Side headings ... " 8. "Revenue rate per acre"	Additional footnotes given. Form D. Column 1. Side headings recast. Omitted.

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FROM

SIR E. C. BUCK, Kt.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Rev. & Agri. Dept.
Statistics.

Simla, the 20th July 1891.

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter No. 77, dated 11th February 1889, on the subject of the modification of some of the present forms for the returns of agricultural statistics, I am directed to refer the Government of Madras to this Department's Resolution No. 19 of to-day's date, issuing the revised forms and the general instructions on them; and at the same time to reply to the following points in your letter which could not conveniently be dealt with in the Resolution:—

2. *Form A 2, Column (4)—Current fallows.*—It appears from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5607 (Mis.), dated 21st June 1884, that in Madras "current fallows" represent "occupied waste," which includes not only land available for cultivation but also "lands covered by buildings, water, &c., comprised in ryots' holdings." The Board's attention might be drawn to the foot-note to the prescribed form, which lays down that lands of the latter class should be shown against head (2) "Not available for cultivation." *Ans 6365/91*

3. *Form A 2, Column (6)—Area irrigated.*—It has been suggested in the letter under reply that the heads (c) Tanks, (d) Wells, and (e) Other Sources may, like heads (a) and (b) Canals, be divided into "Government" and "Private." These details [*i.e.*, for (c), (d) and (e)] can be given by the Government of Madras in its returns appended to the General Administration and other reports; but the Government of India prefer that they should not find place in the form prescribed for the returns of agricultural statistics. *Comm. G. 1225*

4. *Form A 4, Column (6)—Sheep and Column (7)—Goats.*—At present the number of sheep and of goats are not recorded separately in the village accounts of the Presidency. The distinction is necessary for the purposes of the Imperial

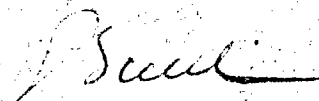
return, and the Government of India will therefore be glad if arrangements are made to show it in the prescribed form forwarded to them. All other local Governments and Administrations have agreed to show these animals separately. The heading "Pigs" has been struck out from the form as desired by the Government of Madras.

5. *Form D—Varieties of Tenure held direct from Government.*—The Government of India have no objection to this form being prepared and submitted quinquennially as desired by the Government of Madras.

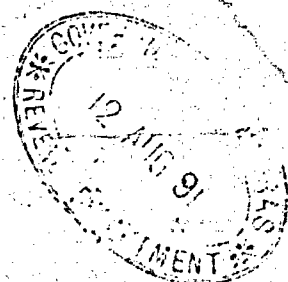
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Your most obedient Servant,



Secretary to the Government of India.



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