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## Note on the Stamp Statements of the Punjab for the year 1934-35.

THE following table shows the receipts under the Stamp and Court-fees Acts during the year 1934-35 as compared with those of the preceding year :—

	RECEIPTS DURING		Increase+ or Decrease—
	1934-35.	1933-34.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(1) Under the Stamp Act .. ..	35,90,587	38,13,019	—22,2,432
(2) Under the Court-fees Act .. ..	73,74,442	76,57,226	—2,82,784
Total .. ..	1,09,65,029	1,14,70,245	—5,05,216
<i>Deduct.</i> —Amount transferable to head XXVI—Miscellaneous Departments on account of motor taxation realised in court-fee stamps.	—4,99,249	4,74,240	—25,009
Net receipts .. ..	1,04,65,780	1,09,96,005	—5,30,225

2. This decrease is spread over the following main heads :—

Head.	Increase+ or Decrease—	Reasons.
Rs.		
<i>A.—Non-judicial—</i>		
(a) Impressed stamps .. ..	—87,346	The decrease is ascribed partly to the general depression in the economic condition of the country but chiefly to the devices adopted by the public to evade payment of proper stamp duty on deeds of conveyance in respect of immovable property situated in urban areas. In order to check such evasion, sections 54, 107 and 123 of the Transfer of Property Act have since been extended to all the municipalities and notified areas in the province. The effect of this measure will be noticed in the next year's report.

Head.	Increase + or Decrease—	Reasons.
	Rs.	
<i>A—Non-judicial—concl.</i>		
(b) Impressed stamps as defined in section 2 (13) (a) of the Stamp Act.	+20,765	The increase is attributed to increase in the sales and leases for temporary cultivation of Government waste lands in colonies.
(c) Revenue Stamps ..	-1,36,536	Revenue stamps were introduced from the 1st April, 1934, in place of the unified postage and revenue stamps. The decrease of Rs. 1,36,536 represents the difference between the actual receipts (Rs. 3,67,464) from the sale of revenue stamps and the lump sum assignment of Rs. 5,04,000 which the Punjab Government previously received from the Government of India as its share of the sale proceeds of unified stamps used for revenue purposes.
(d) Miscellaneous Receipts	-44,418	The fall under this head chiefly represents the decrease in fines and penalties imposed in respect of unstamped or insufficiently stamped instruments coming to the notice of presiding officers of courts and Collectors. The decrease is due to the fact that the public pay more attention now than before to the proper stamping of documents as a result of the appointment of stamp auditors and the greater vigilance now exercised by courts in this matter.
<i>B.—Judicial—</i>		
Sale of court-fee stamps ..	-2,88,977	The fall is ascribed to the decrease in litigation resulting from the general economic depression.

3. *Charges.*—An important change made during the year was the introduction of flat rates of discount allowed to licensed stamp vendors on the sale of non-judicial stamps. The revised rates are reported to have worked well. The total expenditure on discount on the sale of both non-judicial and court-fee stamps has decreased by Rs. 3,446 with the decrease in income.

Refunds also show a decrease of Rs. 21,876 as compared with the figures of the last year. The charge fluctuates from year to year.

There was, however, an increase of Rs. 7,043 in the cost of stamps supplied from the Central Stamp Store at Nasik, chiefly on account of the new revenue stamps introduced from the 1st April, 1934.

4. The stamp auditors continued to do useful work and were personally responsible for the recovery of Rs. 53,533 on account of deficient stamp duty and penalty. In view of the usefulness of the work done by these auditors, the agency was strengthened by the addition of one more temporary post of a stamp auditor and their activities were also extended to the audit of receipts from motor taxation which is mostly paid in stamps.

During the year under report the auditors brought to light several cases in which the muharrir attached to the court of the *Tumandar*, Suri Lund in the Dera Ghazi Khan district, had misappropriated penalties imposed on account of deficiency in stamp duty over a long period. On being prosecuted the muharrir was sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

The auditors also exposed a Naib Sheriff of a civil court in the Sialkot district, who had been misappropriating sums received on account of process-fees. Several criminal prosecutions have been instituted against the official concerned of which a few have so far been successful.

5. *Prosecutions*.—Of the six prosecutions in connection with the stamp frauds at Hoshiarpur, which were reported as pending in the last year's report, one case was withdrawn during the year under report, because the accused had already been convicted. The other cases are still pending.

Some cases of evasion of stamp duty on the part of executants of documents also came to light in the Hoshiarpur district and the persons concerned are being proceeded under section 62 of the Stamp Act.

The case regarding the evasion of stamp duty in the Lahore district mentioned in the last year's report was compounded on payment by the accused of a sum of Rs. 753-12-0 on account of deficient stamp duty and penalty.

There were two prosecutions under section 62 (b) of the Stamp Act in the Dera Ghazi Khan district. In both the cases the accused were convicted and sentenced to a fine of Rs. 6 each.

One prosecution was launched in the Shahpur district under the provisions of the Stamp Act for an unauthorised sale of stamps, but the case was compounded by the Collector on the accused paying Rs. 44 as penalty under section 70 (2) of the Act.

6. In the Gujranwala district the license of a stamp-vendor was cancelled for selling a used court-fee stamp.

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## STAMP STATEMENT I.

*Abstract of Receipts and Charges for the year ending 31st March, 1935.*

	CHARGES.								INCOME DERIVED FROM	
	Receipts.	Discount and Establish- ment for sale of Stamps.	Refunds.	Cost of stamps supplied from Central Stamp Store.	Cost of general super- vision.	Other charges.	Total.		Net receipts.	A.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Probate and Letters of Ad- ministration.	Succession certifi- cates.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Under the Stamp Act.	35,90,587	87,053	61,985	25,964	5,903	3,025	1,83,930	34,06,657	..	..
Under the Court-Fees Act.	73,74,442	30,985	77,221	10,306	5,903	3,002	1,27,417	72,47,025	36,166	34,468
Total ..	1,09,65,029	1,18,038	1,39,206	36,270	11,806	6,027	3,11,347	1,06,53,682	36,166	34,468
Total of previous year.	1,14,70,245	1,21,484	1,61,082	29,227	10,235	6,989	3,29,017	1,11,41,228	21,788	36,859

## STAMP STATEMENT II.

*Showing the details of Receipts on account of Judicial Stamps in the Punjab for the year ending 31st March, 1935.*

District.	Sale of Court-fee Stamps.	Sale of Stamps for copies.	Miscellaneous Receipts.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Hissar .. .. .	1,67,605	..	88	1,67,693
Rohtak .. .. .	2,23,455	..	19	2,23,474
Gurgaon .. .. .	1,30,630	..	383	1,31,063
Karnal .. .. .	1,91,064	..	213	1,91,277
Ambala .. .. .	2,69,084	..	270	2,69,354
Simla .. .. .	63,069	..	1,853	64,922
Kangra .. .. .	1,42,565	..	270	1,42,835
Hoshiarpore .. .. .	3,34,979	..	267	3,35,246
Jullundur .. .. .	4,22,019	..	255	4,22,274
Ludhiana .. .. .	2,62,324	..	5,221	2,67,545
Ferozepore .. .. .	3,48,694	..	78	3,48,772
Lahore .. .. .	10,28,572	..	2,346	10,30,918
Amritsar .. .. .	5,09,143	..	2,603	5,11,746
Gurdaspur .. .. .	2,73,701	..	392	2,74,093
Sialkot .. .. .	2,55,189	..	738	2,55,927
Gujranwala .. .. .	2,05,322	..	642	2,05,964
Sheikhpura .. .. .	1,34,650	..	625	1,35,275
Gujrat .. .. .	1,65,090	..	248	1,65,338
Shahpur .. .. .	2,45,427	..	..	2,45,427
Jhelum .. .. .	1,56,325	..	117	1,56,442
Rawalpindi .. .. .	3,80,726	..	247	3,80,973
Attock .. .. .	1,12,848	..	512	1,13,360
Mianwali .. .. .	1,23,998	..	173	1,24,171
Montgomery .. .. .	1,88,027	..	108	1,88,135
Lyalpur .. .. .	3,32,095	..	704	3,32,799
Jhang .. .. .	1,75,060	..	319	1,75,379
Multan .. .. .	2,85,042	..	1,180	2,86,222
Muzaffargarh .. .. .	1,26,203	..	275	1,26,478
Dera Ghazi Khan .. .. .	1,01,273	..	67	1,01,340
Total for 1934-35 .. .. .	73,54,229	..	20,213	73,74,442
Total for 1933-34 .. .. .	76,43,206	..	14,020	76,57,226

### STAMP STATEMENT III.

*Showing details of receipts on account of Non-Judicial Stamps in the Punjab for the year ending 31st March, 1935.*

District.	Impressed Stamps.	Hundis or Inland Bills of Exchange.	Impressed Stamps as defined in section 2 (13) (a) of the Stamp Act.	Foreign Bill Stamps.	Half anna, one anna, two annas and four annas Revenue Stamps.	Share transfer stamps.	Stamps for Legal Practitioners' licenses.	Notarial Stamps.	Forms for agreements and contracts chargeable with two-anna colored impressions.	Forms for cheques or receipts.	Miscellaneous receipts.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Hissar ..	47,968	13	6	..	7,465	..	2,562	30	..	..	6,322	64,366
Rohtak ..	42,096	..	11	..	8,249	..	2,075	1	..	..	5,086	57,518
Gurgaon ..	6,518	..	21	..	8,100	..	1,475	68	..	..	791	36,973
Karnal ..	56,395	90	678	.	9,032	..	1,675	30	..	..	5,629	73,529
Ambala ..	88,519	200	106	6	12,543	..	3,100	116	..	..	4,131	1,08,721
Simla ..	30,455	80	112	208	11,052	74	..	268	..	..	1,552	43,801
Kangra ..	36,339	..	98	..	7,950	..	1,830	100	..	..	8,007	54,324

STAMP STATEMENT III—CONCLD.

Showing details of receipts on account of Non-Judicial Stamps in the Punjab for the year ending 31st March, 1935.

District.	Impressed stamps.	Hundis or Inland Bills of Exchange.	Impressed stamps as defined in section 2 (13) (a) of the Stamp Act.	Foreign Bill Stamps.	Half-anna, one anna, two annas and four annas Revenue Stamps.	Share Transfer Stamps.	Stamps for Legal Practitioners' licenses.	Notarial Stamps.	Forms for agreements and contracts chargeable with two-anna coloured impressions.	Forms for beques or receipts.	Miscellaneous receipts.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Hoshiarpur ..	1,35,313	..	477	..	7,854	..	3,680	286	..	..	11,006	1,58,616
Jullundur ..	1,97,988	483	784	..	9,966	..	3,775	432	..	..	4,808	2,18,236
Ludhiana ..	1,32,947	921	104	..	6,992	61	2,775	110	..	..	9,093	1,53,003
Ferozepore ..	1,21,157	723	166	..	13,193	..	3,217	226	..	..	23,968	1,62,649
Lahore ..	3,63,729	5,061	49,821	6,293	70,839	19,925	44,516	1,550	..	..	14,354	5,76,088
Amritsar ..	2,68,285	13,425	862	21,865	26,121	1,354	3,695	1,314	..	..	16,283	3,53,204

Gurdaespur ..	94,243	..	154	..	9,764	..	3,025	118	..	..	9,825	1,17,129
Sialkot ..	1,00,814	612	150	..	15,458	..	3,075	146	..	..	3,493	1,23,748
Gujranwala ..	83,678	183	83	..	10,540	..	2,913	256	..	..	7,882	1,05,535
Sheikhupura ..	47,189	..	10	..	7,509	..	1,800	..	..	..	6,671	63,179
Gujrat ..	69,080	..	577	..	6,955	..	1,725	82	..	..	5,340	83,759
Shahpur ..	78,059	386	1,431	..	10,434	..	2,265	124	..	..	5,455	98,154
Jhelum ..	49,416	112	150	..	7,133	..	1,515	138	..	..	5,762	64,226
Rawalpindi ..	1,60,214	648	2,920	1,560	19,148	1,779	2,938	598	..	..	9,562	1,99,367
Attock ..	54,035	..	16	..	5,581	..	..	104	..	..	7,759	67,495
Mianwali ..	49,539	..	1	..	11,436	..	1,350	128	..	..	4,819	67,273
Montgomery ..	57,843	226	38,410	..	11,719	..	1,900	218	..	..	3,093	1,13,409
Lyallpur ..	88,413	610	23,905	..	14,249	330	2,920	580	..	..	4,020	1,35,027
Jhang ..	57,531	14	12	..	6,933	..	1,990	72	..	..	5,941	72,493
Multan ..	1,00,674	2,479	6,845	..	18,517	961	3,227	275	..	..	3,399	1,36,377
Muzaffargarh ..	37,029	..	165	..	6,806	..	856	10	..	..	3,576	48,442
Dera Ghazi Khan ..	21,121	131	22	..	5,926	..	700	4	..	..	6,042	33,946
Total for 1934-35 ..	26,96,587	26,397	1,28,096	29,932	3,67,464	24,484	1,06,574	7,384	..	..	2,03,669	35,90,587
Total for 1933-34 ..	27,83,933	24,111	1,07,331	24,356	5,04,000	19,586	94,151	7,464	..	..	2,48,087	38,13,019

## STAMP STATEMENT IV.

*Arrangements for the vend of stamps in the Punjab during the year ending 31st March, 1935.*

District.	Number of Vendors.	DISCOUNT ALLOWED TO VENDORS.		
		On Judicial Stamps.	On non-Judicial Stamps.	Total.
		1	2	3
		Ra.	Ra.	Ra.
Hissar ..	20	687	1,350	2,037
Rohtak ..	13	970	1,528	2,498
Gurgaon ..	23	575	967	1,542
Karnal ..	25	797	1,993	2,790
Ambala ..	83	1,167	3,027	4,194
Simla ..	4	212	439	651
Kangra ..	93	644	1,370	2,014
Hoshiarpur ..	91	1,496	5,287	6,783
Jullundur ..	96	1,825	7,756	9,581
Ludhiana ..	66	1,439	4,509	5,948
Ferozepore ..	88	1,384	4,344	5,728
Lahore ..	198	4,615	8,265	12,880
Amritsar ..	93	1,989	7,045	9,034
Gurdaspur ..	103	1,203	3,333	4,536
Sialkot ..	63	1,122	3,349	4,471
Gujranwala ..	69	831	2,838	3,669
Sheikhupura ..	53	546	1,554	2,100
Gujrat ..	77	710	2,610	3,320
Shahpur ..	76	925	2,618	3,543
Jhelum ..	61	674	1,829	2,503
Rawalpindi ..	77	1,513	4,072	5,585
Attock ..	59	493	2,106	2,599
Mianwali ..	32	523	2,115	2,638
Montgomery ..	42	750	1,994	2,744
Lyallpur ..	31	1,129	3,077	4,206
Jhang ..	51	692	2,014	2,706
Multan ..	48	1,065	3,354	4,419
Muzaffargarh ..	48	565	1,435	2,000
Dera Ghazi Khan ..	42	444	875	1,319
Total for 1934-35 ..	1,825	30,985	87,053	1,18,038
Total for 1933-34 ..	1,806	32,005	89,479	1,21,484

## STAMP STATEMENT V.

*Insufficiently stamped or unstamped instruments on which duty and penalty were levied by Civil Courts and Collectors in the Punjab during the year ending 31st March, 1935.*

District.	BY COURTS OR PERSONS RECEIVING EVIDENCE UNDER SECTION 35 OF ACT II OF 1899.		BY COLLECTORS UNDER SECTIONS 32, 37, 40 AND 41 OF ACT II OF 1899.	
	Number of cases dealt with.	Duty and penalty realized.	Number of cases dealt with.	Duty and penalty realized.
1	2	3	4	5
		Rs.		Rs.
Hissar ..	354	6,245	21	77
Rohtak ..	498	5,006	6	42
Gurgaon ..	98	767	2	22
Karnal ..	103	5,625	..	..
Ambala ..	185	3,978	16	121
Simla ..	107	1,343	15	193
Kangra ..	236	7,663	61	323
Hoshiarpur ..	758	10,778	7	228
Jullundur ..	322	3,943	12	791
Ludhiana ..	446	8,707	40	344
Ferozepore ..	755	23,455	49	500
Lahore ..	709	5,257	22	9,081
Amritsar ..	690	13,779	255	2,208
Gurdaspur ..	927	8,863	102	956
Sialkot ..	196	2,727	34	749
Gejranwa'a ..	422	7,793	4	40
Sheikhupura ..	518	5,976	30	685
Gujrat ..	342	5,200	5	75
Shahpur ..	154	4,932	30	440
Jhelum ..	613	5,249	56	489
Rawalpindi ..	866	8,288	12	1,206
Attock ..	374	7,739	..	..
Mianwali ..	354	4,419	53	398
Montgomery ..	240	2,372	1	701
Lyalpur ..	367	3,789	14	216
Jhang ..	491	5,653	13	284
Multan ..	378	3,219	13	100
Muzaffargath ..	520	4,998	41	378
Dera Ghazi Khan ..	435	5,875	8	158
Total for 1934-35	12,458	1,83,638	922	20,805
Total for 1933-34	13,755	2,31,007	827	15,889

## STAMP STATEMENT VI.

Showing the result of action taken by Collectors to test the valuation of estates for which applications for probates and Letters of Administration were put in in the Punjab during the year ending 31st March, 1935.

District.	Number of inquiries pending at beginning of the year.	Number of cases reported to Collector (section 19-H. of the Court-fees Act).	Number of such cases in which inquiries were instituted during the year.	Number of inquiries completed during the year.	Amount of court-fee due or originally realized on the valuations of the applicants in cases disposed of during the year.	Amount of deficit court-fees required.	Penalty.	REMARKS.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Rs.	Rs.	
Hissar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Rohtak ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Gurgaon ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Karnal ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Ambala ..	4	7	7	3	517	..	..	
Simla ..	1	10	10	10	2,807	..	..	
Kangra ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Hoshiarpur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Jullundur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Ludhiana ..	..	..	..	..	500	..	..	
Ferozepore ..	1	..	..	1	4	..	..	
Lahore ..	10	6	13	13	121	..	..	
Amritsar ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	
Gurdaspur ..	..	4	4	4	..	..	..	
Sialkot ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Gujranwala ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Sheikhupura ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Gujrat ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Shahpur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Jhelum ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Rawalpindi ..	..	6	6	5	1,362	..	..	
Attock ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Mianwali ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Montgomery ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Lyallpur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Jhang ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Mulian ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Muzaffargarh ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Dera Ghazi Khan ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total for 1934-35.	16	34	41	36	5,311	..	..	
Total for 1933-34.	13	26	38	35	5,803	..	..	



STANDARDIZATION

1. The purpose of this experiment is to determine the concentration of a solution of a weak acid by titrating it with a strong base. The endpoint is reached when the pH of the solution changes rapidly.

Volume of Base (mL)	pH
0	2.5
10	3.5
20	4.5
30	5.5
40	6.5
50	7.5
60	8.5
70	9.5
80	10.5
90	11.5
100	12.5

2. The concentration of the weak acid solution is determined to be 0.1 M. The titration curve shows a sharp increase in pH at the equivalence point, which is reached at 50 mL of base.

