REVIEW ON THE STAMP STATEMENTS OF THE PUNJAB

FOR THE YEAR 1953-54

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Receipts—The receipts under the Stamp Act and the Court Fees Act during 1953-54 are compared with those of the year 1952-53 in the following table:—

The state of the s	RECEIPTS	Increase (+)		
Head	1952-53	1953-54	Decrease (—	
1	2	3	4	
Stamp Act	Rs. 35,23,639 48,28,090	Rs. 38,00,891 55,83,069	Rs. +2,77,252 +7,54,979	
Total	83,51,729	93,83,960	+10,32,231	
(1) Amount transferable to head "XII— Receipts ander Motor Velicles Act on account of free for major tax received	22,31,264	28,51,777	+6,20,513	
in Court Fee Stamps". (2) Amount transferable to head "XLVI—Miscellaneous (Provincial) I. G.—Miscellaneous Copying Agency Accounts of Copying fees realized in Court Fee Stamps".	3,70,275	4,15,851	+45,576	
(3) Amount transferable to head "XXI—Administration of Justice—Misc. llaneous Fees and Fin. s—Judical R. cord Rooms R. ceiptsDistrict and S. ssions Courts—Small Cause Courts.	41,937	45,350	+3,413	
Total	26,43,476	33.12,978	+6,69,502	
Netroceipts	57,08,253	60,70,982	+3,62,729	

It will be observed from the figures given in column 4 above that there was a net increase of Rs. 3,62,729 in the receipts under the two Acts during the year under review. This is attributed mainly to an increase in immovable property transactions, registration of documents, stamping of applications for re-allotment of factories owned by evacuees and a corresponding increase in civil and criminal litigation.

2. The following is a comparative statement showing important fluctuations in the sale of Judicial and Non-Judicial stamps during the previous financial year and the year under review:—

Head	Increase (+)	Chief reasons				
1	2	3				
	Rs.					
A-Non-Judicial	3.11					
(i) Impressed stamps	+3,00,259	Increase is due to a greater number of trad and immovable property transactions, etc.				
(ii) Hundis or inland bilts of exchange	+437	It is a small increase and does not call for any explanati n.				
(iii) D ty recovered under r les 8 and 11 of the Stamp Rules, 1925	-97,812	It is due to the havy decrease in the nur br of dc m nts stamp d in the Financial Commission rs' Office.				
(iv) Foreign Bill Stamps	-6,470	The decrease is due to the alum in trade with foreign countries.				
(v) Revenue Stamps	+96,526	This appr ciable increase is due to the growing tendency of the p blic to draw stamped receipts f rail minor and even ordinary transactios which previously were concluded orally.				
(vi) Share transfer stamps	+20,870	The incr ase is due to expansion in the large sc 1 industry and the con equential increase of share business of the limited companies.				
(vii) Stamps for Legal Practitioners	+9,890	D a to the corresponding increase in the numb r of Legal Practicioners.				
(viii) No arial stamps	+4,654	Small increase.				
(ix) Miscellaneous receipts B—JUDICIAL	+899	Minor increase.				
Sale of Court Fee Stamps	+7,54,979	Due to abnormal increase in civil and criminal litigation and miscellaneous petisions.				

^{3. (}a) Charges—As compared with the last year there was an increase of Rs. 6,130 in the discount allowed to Stamp Vendors on the sale of Judicial and Non-Judicial stamps. This in itself is an indication of the increased sales during the year under review.

⁽b) Refunds—A decrease of Rs. 4,528 was registered under this item. This was due to a corresponding decrease in the number of claims tendered by the public.

- (c) Cost of stamps supplied from the Central Stamp Stores.—
 There was an increase of Rs. 986 on this account due to the greater consumption of stamps.
- 4. Stamp Audit Agency—The Stamp Auditors continued to be vigilant in their inspections and succeeded in discovering deficiencies in stamp duty amounting to Rs. 2,02,807 as compared with Rs. 1,79,835 in the preceding year. Recoveries in this behalf amounted to Rs. 24,988 only which is poor.
- 5. Prosecution—There was no prosecution under the Stamp Act. In the Sialkot district the licence of one Stamp Vendor was cancelled beca se of the inconvenience caused to the public due to his frequent absence. An enquiry is also being held against another stamp vendor for committing certain irregularities. In all other districts the stamp vendors were found to have worked satisfactorily.
- 6. Pauper Suits—The arrears of stamp dues in pauper suits continued to be heavy in Lahore. Sialkot, Gujranwala, Multan, Lyallpur, Montgomery districts. The arrears in Rawalpindi, Mianwali, and Attock districts, though not large, are reported to be increasing. It is regretted that no serious effort has been made by the Deputy Commissioners concerned to reduce these arrears. It is howe er encouraging to note that the respective Commissioners are taking a special interest in the matter.

General—The increase of Rs. 3,62,729 in the net receipts during the year under review represents a satisfactory addition to provincial revenues.

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STAMP STATEMENT I.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND CHARGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1954.

Act concerned	Receipts.	Discount and establishment for sale of stamps.	Refunds.	Cost of stamps supplied from Central Stamp Store.	Cost of general supervision.	Other charges.	Total	Net receipts.	Probate and letters of Administration.	Succession certificates.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Under the Stamp Act	Rs. 38,00,891	Rs. 57,506	Rs. 34,482	Rs. 4,989	Rs.	Rs. 2,356	Rs. 99,333	Rs. 37,01,558	Rs.	Rs. 1,562
Under the Court Fees Act.	55,83,069	18,408	8,243	1,025		1,044	28,720	55,54,349	32,867	23,853
Total	93,83,960	75,914	42,725	6,014	10 TO TO TO	3,400	1.28,053	92,55,907	32,867	25,415
Total of previous years.	83,51,729	69,784	47,253	5,028		2,711	1,34,089	75,33,512	10,351	30,150

STAMP STATEMENT II

SHOWING THE DETAILS OF RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF JUDICIAL STAMPS IN THE PUNJAB FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1954

	District			Sale of Court-fee stamps	Miscellan- eous receipts	Total
			34914	tot blenge ".		
	1			2	3	4
		1	(C)	Rs.	Rs,	Rs.
Lahoro				21,47,766	2,627	21,50,39
Sialkot				2,11,689	427	2, 12, 11
Gujranwala				2,16,477	1,023	2,17,50
Sheikhupura			-	1,57,061		1,57,06
Gujrat				1,61,663	60	1,61,72
Shahpur				2,87,828	201	2,88,02
Jhelum				1,07,667	1	1,07,668
Rawalpindi				6,78.689	85	6,78,77
Attock				1.25,904		1,25,904
Mianwali				1,09,478	9	1,09,487
Montgomery			1	2,37,613	222	2,37,835
Lyallpur				3,23,640	3,655	3,27,295
Jhang			1.	1,28.634	76	1,28,710
Multan				4,92,060		4,92,060
Muzaffargarh			11	93,702		93,702
Dera Ghazi Khan				94,812		94,812
			-			
	Т	otal		55,74,683	8,386	55,83,069
Total of previous year	r 1952-53			48,21,107	6,983	48,28,090

STAMP STATEMENT III

SHOWING DETAILS OF RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF NON JUDICIAL STAMPS IN THE PUNJAB FOR THE YEAR 1953-54

	District	and the second s	Impressed stamps	Hundi or inland bills of exchange	D ty recovered under rules 8 and 11 of the Indian Stamp Rules, 1925	Foreign bill stamps	Half anna, one anna, two annas and four annas revenue stamps	Share transfer stamps	Stamps for Legal Practitioner's licenses (b)	Notarial Stamps	Miscellaneons receipts (c)	Total
	1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Lahore			5,36,726	710	87,166	10,958	3,13,920	31,211	40,675	1.208	7,910	10,30,494
Sialkot			1,81,861	146	394		48,328		1,525		3,173	2,35,427
Jujranwala			1,59,256		1,165		32,907	3."	1,038	273	4,391	1,99,030
Sheikhupura			78,066			**	19016		475	12	4,136	1,01,705
Gujrat			1,24,527		5,841		24,307	**	875	164	2,705	1,58,419

Shakpur		1,49,367		10,069		41,246		1,063	566	8,261	2,10,572
Jhelum	·	84,696		335		32,750		725	183	4,847	1,23,536
Rawalpindi		1,75,995		6,602		1,26,340	2,708	875	496	5,614	3,18,630
Attock	Ē.,	1,01,793		34	5,.	26,230		500	440	3,306	1,32,303
Mianwali		70,333				23,070		425	151	895	94,874
Montgomery		84,611		29,082		50,698		1,100	1,539	2,363	1,69,393
Lyallpur		1,89,196		19,051	1.5	95,178	ŝ.,	1,750	2,775	3,700	3,11,650
Jhang		75,006		2,069		17,248		525	123	1,418	96,389
Multan	۳.	3,18,627		22,449	4.9	86,158	40	1,513	2,183	5,574	4,36,544
Muzaffargarh		1,13,647		738		18,271		150	540	91	1,33,437
Dera Ghazi Khan		29,790		35		15,357		355	486	2,465	48,488
Total		24,73,497	856	1,85,030	10,968	9,71,024	33,959	53,569	11,139	60,849	38,00,891
Total of previous year 1952-53.		21,73,238	419	2,82,842	17,438	8,74,498	13,089	43,679	6,485	59,950	3 5,2 3, 6 39

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ARRANGEMENT FOR THE VEND OF STAMPS IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31 ST MARCH, 1954.

			DISCOUNT ALLOY	VED TO VENDORS	
District		Number of vendors,	On judicial stamps.	On non-judicial stamps (a)	Total.
1		2	3	4	5
Lahore		112	Rs. 10,093 861	Rs. 10,603 5,547	20,696 6,408
Gujranwala		27	966	3,956	4,922
Sheikhupura		35	724	1,909	2,633
Gujrat Shahpur		38	3,662	702	4,364 5,206
Jhelum		24 36	3,751	3,067	3,558
Rawalpindi		40	2,987	4,756	7,743
Attock	**	38	571	2,958	3,529
Mianwali		14	2,448	307	2,755 3,652
Montgomery	.,	27	1,083	2,569	6,299
Thang	7	16	404	1,832	2,236
Multan		31	1,954	7,239	9,193
Tuzaffargarh		15	404	4,205	4,609
Dera Ghazi Khan		18	455	1,483	1,938
Total.	The state of the s	513	32,235	57,506	89,741
Total of previo us	year	502	24,319	58,716	83,350

STAMP STATEMENT V.

IN SUFFICIENTLY STAMPED OR UNSTAMPED INSTRUMENTS ON WHICH DUTY AND FENALTY WERE LEVIED BY CIVIL COURTS AND COLLECTORS IN THE PUNJAB DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 1954.

Dis	triet.		BY COURTS O RECEIVING EV DER SECTION II OF I	IDENCE UN- 35 OF ACT	BY COLLECTORS UNDER SECTIONS 32, 37, 40 AND 41 OF ACT II OF 1899			
			Number of cases dealt wi ^t h	Duty and penalty realized	Number of cases dealt with	Duty and penalty realized		
	1		2	3	4	5		
				Rs.		Rs.		
Lahore			30	432	106	7,071		
Sialkot			98	2,786	52	365		
Gujranwala			52	3,399	9	1,082		
Sheikhupura					8	183		
Gujrat			25	1,158	11	255		
Shappur			63	1,897	152	5,715		
Jhelum			10	911	5	303		
Rawalpindi		**		469	34	2,384		
Attock			26	626	7	2,073		
Mianwali			29	404	14	455		
fontgomery			12	2,885	1	8		
Lyallpur			10	630	25	3,070		
Thang			18	378	5	771		
Multan	**		103	5,032				
Muzaffargarh			30	730				
Der: Ghazi K	han				3	423		
	T.tal		506	21,737	432	24,158		
Total of p	revious	year,	450	19,420	370	17,342		

