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THE COMMISSIONER AND SUPERINTENDENT,

JULLUNDUR DIVISION.

Dated Suket, the 30th March 1921.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Administration Report of the Suket State for the year Sambat 1977 (1920-21).

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

SHATRUJIT SINGH,

Wazir, Suket State

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Your most obedient servant

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STATIONARY ENGINE

Year	Month	Day	Particulars	Amount	Total
1890	Jan	1
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUKET STATE.

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL.

The year under report is of a very great historical importance from many points of view. It was in this year that the Suket bye-laws were framed and put into practice in the State. In the previous years the duties of the officers of the State were not specified by any laws, and it is not an exaggeration to say that most of the officials were quite ignorant of their duties.

His Highness Raja Lakshman Sen Sahib has been extraordinarily busy during the year under report. He has introduced many useful reforms in the State as a result of his high judicial training. His Highness studied the laws already existing in the State very thoughtfully. Most of them were found defective, and were accordingly revised. The State registers and records were not properly kept. The dealings of the State Treasury were very mysterious, and the work of the Treasury was not found methodical and according to modern basis.

His Highness gave his best attention to this problem, and appointed the Treasury staff under the Treasury Officer Pandit Brij Ballabh.

The question of forests is of a very great importance from the economic point of view. Before His present Highness came to the *gaddi* the State Forests were in the worst possible condition. But thanks to His Highness and to Mr. Glover that a good deal of care has now been taken to improve them.

His Highness has enacted many other laws in order to better the condition of his subjects, the good and welfare of whom is always at his heart.

In fact every department of the State has been reorganised on modern basis, and it is hoped that in due course of time Suket will be one of the best administered States.

Another important event which requires special mention, and to which a separate chapter will be devoted in the subsequent pages, is the organisation of the Suket Municipality during the year under report. To train his people in municipal affairs, His Highness has very kindly accepted temporarily the Presidency of the said committee since the time of its organisation. It is to be noted with pleasure that the people have now begun to take a keen interest in municipal affairs.

The Public Works Department has also done very satisfactory work during the year. A full account of it will be found in a subsequent chapter.

Another change in the State is the establishment of telephonic connections in the capital to facilitate the work of the officials. In order to enable the guests to speak of their discomforts to the officials concerned, telephonic connections have also been established in the European Guest House.

Karsog is one of the biggest tehsils in the State. It is also a very good place for shooting. Dahir has, on the other hand, the most important staging bungalow in the State. It was, therefore, thought advisable to establish phonophones at these places and to connect them with the capital. This has been done during the year. It is needless to point out that it has added much to the comforts of the State guests. They can now speak of their inconveniences and other things to the officials in the capital, who do their best to do the needful.

The telephone and phonophone are also open for use to the public on payment of a small sum.

According to the orders of His Highness, all the registers of the Toshakhana are promptly kept now. These registers are checked twice a year by the Treasury Officer in charge of the Toshakhana, and the report of the verification is submitted regularly to His Highness.

His Highness has further ordered that a general register of the articles in the Farashkhana and another register for their temporary issue should be maintained by the Moharir in-charge in the same forms as those prescribed for the Toshakhana, and that the Aide-de-Camp in charge of the Farashkhana should examine the articles twice a year on the same dates on which the Treasury Officer examines the articles in the Toshakhana.

Under the orders of His Highness and for the comforts of the guests, proper furniture and utensils have been placed in the

Guest Houses. The Durbar also intends to provide two cooks there.

As already said, His Highness has studied carefully the working of the various departments in the State. To help the officials in discharging their duties efficiently, His Highness has issued very useful instructions to the heads of the Departments. All these instructions have been published in the form of book.

An Urdu edition of the Indian Penal Code with certain additions and modifications to suit the purpose of the State was prepared under the orders of His Highness. This new book, called "Lakshman Dand," has also been printed during the year.

His Highness has also got prepared an Urdu edition of the Criminal Procedure Code with certain modifications to suit his purpose. The book has been sent to an able lawyer at Lahore for consultation, and it is hoped that the book will be published very soon.

In the year under report His Highness has been appointed a member of the Chiefs' College Council. His Highness has not neglected the religious side of his duties. In order to perform certain religious ceremonies called "Pinds and Shradhs" in connection with the sad and untimely demise of his deeply mourned and revered brother, His late Highness Raja Sir Bhim Sen, K.C.I.E., His Highness visited all the sacred places of the Hindus in India. It is to be recorded with pleasure that during his tour His Highness had pleasant interviews with the Governors of Madras, Bengal, Ceylon and the Punjab. On His Highness' way home he stayed at Delhi to attend the Chamber of Princes in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness Field Marshal Duke of Connaught. I have much pleasure to offer on behalf of the Durbar my sincere thanks to these officers for their kind hospitality.

His Highness had to curtail his tour programme in order that he may attend the Lahore Provincial Durbar. He therefore could not visit Dwarka. He may visit it next year. In spite of the fact that His Highness has been very busy during the year under report, it is gratifying to note that His Highness has been keeping very sound bodily health. Of course being accustomed to live in the plains for the last 12 or 13 years, His Highness cannot bear the extreme cold winter of the hills.

The people have been very loyal to His Highness as well as to the British Government. Their health and domestic condi-

tions have been very satisfactory. They are all praying for the long life and prosperity of His Highness, who has taken a very keen interest in their welfare.

During the year under report and the previous four years the average rates of the principal food staples in seers per rupee were as follows :—

Name of food staple.	RATE IN SEERS PER RUPEE.				
	1973.	1974.	1975.	1976.	1977.
Wheat	11½	11¼	11	10½	10¼
Rice	6½	6½	6½	6	6
Gram	7	6½	6½	6	6
Maize	14	14	13½	13	12
Mash	8	7½	6½	6	3½
Barley	16	15¼	15½	15	13

CHAPTER II.

FINANCE.

The financial position of the State is very delicate. At the beginning of the year under report the State was under a debt of about two lacs of rupees. This debt was incurred by His late Highness. Attempts are being made by His Highness to improve the financial condition of the State, and it is to be noted with pleasure that much has been done to achieve this end. The Durbar has paid off Rs. 1,69,043-8-9 during the year, and it is strongly hoped that the whole debt will be paid off within a year or so.

The following statement shows the financial working of the year :—

OPENING BALANCE ON 1ST CHET 1977.			Income during the year.	Expenditure during the year.	CLOSING BALANCE ON LAST DAY OF PHAGAN 1977.		
Cash.	Bank.	Invested fund.			Cash.	Bank.	Funds invested.
58,625-2-5	217-1-10	50,000-0-0	3,55,603-5-3	4,21,035-5-4	38,193-2-4	217-1-10	50,000-0-0

At the close of the year the Durbar held the following invested funds :—

	Rs.	
2 War Bonds	...	25,000 each.
		Total
	...	50,000

Appendices III and IV give the detail heads of income and expenditure for the year. They call for no special comment.

The only abnormal expenditure this year has been in connection with the Installation Durbar and the religious ceremonies

connected with the demise of His late Highness Raja Sir Bhim Sen, K.C.I.E., and these have been as follows :-

	Rs.	A.	P.
Installation	49,093	15	9
Religious ceremonies connected with the demise of His late Highness ...	54,549	11	11
Total	1,03,643	11	8

Before His Highness came to the *gaddi* the working of the Treasury was very unsatisfactory. The accounts were not properly kept, and most of the valuable things had found no place in the Treasury registers. The Treasury was nominally under the supervision of the Wazir, who had to do a lot of judicial and executive work besides.

His Highness studied the Treasury problem and the financial position of the State very carefully, and as a result of his labours the following reforms were introduced in the State Treasury in the beginning of the year under report :—

1. The Treasury Department has been divided into two branches—

(a) The Cash Branch under the control of a Treasurer with one Tahvildar, one clerk, and one orderly as his assistants.

(b) The Account Branch with an Accountant at its head. The Accountant is assisted in his work by one Wasil Baqi Nawis and one Siyah Nawis.

2. Both these branches are under the direct supervision of a Treasury Officer.

3. Separate registers for income and expenditure are kept now. These registers, together with the cash books, have been properly maintained during the year.

There is one Sub-Treasury at Karsog under the charge of Lala Jagat Ram.

Since Jeth 12th the Treasury has been under the charge of the Treasury Officer Pandit Brij Ballabh, an undergraduate of the Punjab University. He has done satisfactory work, and the Durbar appreciates his services.

It is hoped that under the supervision of His Highness the State will be in a better financial position ere long.

CHAPTER III.

LAND REVENUE AND SETTLEMENT.

His Highness has expressed his desire to have a Land Revenue Settlement in the State. Negotiations on the subject have been carried on with the Commissioner and Superintendent, Jullundur Division, and he has been requested to move the Punjab Government to send to this State on deputation for one year Lala Mohan Lal as an Extra Assistant Settlement Officer. We sincerely hope that ere long our request will be complied with and the settlement work begun.

The previous form of "Jamabandi" was very lax and confused. A new *jamabandi* was, therefore, prepared under the orders of His Highness, and it is to be recorded with pleasure that the new *jamabandi* has been found very useful in comparison to the old one.

During the year under report the land records and other registers have been properly kept.

The following statement shows the permanent Land Revenue establishment maintained during the year :—

Name of Tehsil.	REVENUE OFFICERS.		KANUNGOS.		Wasil Baqi Nawis.	Patwaris.
	Tehsildars.	Naib-Tehsildars.	Office.	Field.		
Head Revenue Office at Sadr ...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Tehsil Sadr ...	1	1	1	1	...	1
Do. Karsog ...	..	...	...	...	1	1
Total ...	1	1	1	1	2	2

Systematic and accurate supervision has been maintained over the collections of land revenue, and punctual realisation has been enforced. The payment of revenue has been commendably prompt during the year.

A sum of Rs. 7,123 was realised from *nazrana* on land.

CHAPTER IV.

FORESTS.

During the last decade or so the State forests have suffered a good deal from heavy exploitation, and had almost reached the point of devastation when the point was seriously considered by His Highness. At the wish of the Durbar the Government sent Mr. H. M. Glover, I.F.S., Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bashahr Forest Division, to inspect the forests. This officer commenced his work on the 27th December 1919, and submitted his very useful inspection note on the 19th January 1920. After thoroughly studying Mr. Glover's note, the Durbar found itself in sympathy with the suggestions. Attempts have been made to follow Mr. Glover's advice strictly. The State has secured the services of a qualified Forest Ranger, S. Jiwan Singh by name, and it is hoped that the condition of the forests will be much improved under his supervision. It will not be out of place here to record the best thanks of the Durbar to Mr. Glover, Colonel Burlton, I.A., Commissioner, Jullundur, and the Punjab Government for the very kind help which they have rendered to the cause of the State Forests.

It is a matter of regret that under these circumstances the State will not be able to get considerable income from the forests, and this is really a drawback in the finances of the State.

Grazing fees for the year have been Rs. 2,140-10-0.

The total income of the Forest Department, including grazing fees, in the year under report is Rs. 1,32,537-3-3 and the expenditure Rs. 1,607-11-9 giving a surplus of Rs. 1,30,929-7-6.

The question of Forest Settlement is very important. The State hopes to make this settlement in conjunction with the Land Revenue Settlement in the State.

CHAPTER V.

EXCISE.

The revenue from the excise contracts for the year was as follows :—

	Rs.
1. Country spirit	... 19,000
2. Opium and charas	... 2,800
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Total	... 21,800

At the request of the Mandi Durbar the Suket Durbar has fixed the same rates for the retail vend of liquor in the Bahl area as in the Mandi State. This has been done from the first day of Har 1977 for a period of one year only. It will not be out of place to mention here that the Suket Durbar has lost a considerable sum of money this year by accepting the proposal of the Mandi Durbar, because the Bahl area is the greatest consumer of liquor.

During the year under report the Durbar has paid much attention to this department. Before being bottled, the liquor is very carefully tested and graded. The liquor sold now is of a better quality than that of the previous years, and therefore the price of the spirit has risen, annas 5 being the price of a bottle of the most inferior liquor. This enhancement in prices is the cause of a decrease in drunkenness. During the year the time for the opening and closing of the liquor shops has been fixed by law.

This year the State bought 36 maunds of opium from the cultivators in order to sell it to the retail contractors allowed to each tehsil.

One case of illicit distillation, one of opium smuggling, and two petty cases of transgression of the rules were reported during the year.

His Highness is seriously thinking of having a brewery of the State, and to bring it under the Excise Manual Act as soon as possible.

The Excise Officer, Pandit Brij Ballabh, has done satisfactory work during the year, but it is hoped that he will be able to pay more attention next year.

CHAPTER VI.

JUDICIAL.

Before His Highness came to the *gaddi* the system of work in the courts, as elsewhere in other departments of the State, was not satisfactory, and required re-organisation and consolidation in order to fix responsibilities and ensure systematic and accurate work. His Highness, therefore, fixed the jurisdiction of every court. These powers will be found in Appendix XI. They call for no special comment.

The following procedure is now observed in the trial of civil and revenue cases:—

On presentation of a plaint, summons for the striking issues are issued for the defendant. On the latter's appearance, and after obtaining the written pleas, the issues are framed by the court. Opportunity is then given for producing evidence and after recording the evidence, the suits are decided on the principles of equity and justice. But if the defendant or defendants fail to appear after due service, the suits are decided *ex parte*. All the points are carefully dealt with in the judgment.

The abstract statement given in Appendix V shows the details of all judicial work done by the Civil, Criminal and Revenue Courts of the State.

Appendices VI to X give details for each court and call for no special comment.

Receipts from the sale of Court-fee and Non-Judicial stamps for the year under report were Rs. 12,813-4-9.

M. Shatrujit Singh, Wazir, accompanied His Highness in the tour. During his absence L. Sidhu Ram officiated for him, and Pandit Joti Parshad, Naib-Tehsildar, officiated for L. Sidhu Ram, Tehsildar. The Pandit was relieved of his duties of a Naib Tehsildar by M. Ganga Singh, the Commandant.

It is gratifying to note that the officials have done excellent work during the year under report.

It is to be noted with pleasure that about the end of the year under report the Durbar secured the services as a Judge of Pandit Karta Krishen, retired Tehsildar, Punjab. It is hoped that under his supervision the work of the Judicial courts will be organised on sound basis.

CHAPTER VII.

POLICE.

The Durbar has already intimated its desire to send its own men for training at the Phillour Police Training School to the Commissioner of the Jullundur Division. We will send our first batch as soon as we get capable men. It is needless to say that our Police would then become as it should be.

During the year His Highness issued many useful instructions to the Police Officers for their guidance. Some of them run as follows :—

1. The elementary report must be signed by the reporter or, in case the reporter is illiterate, his thumb impression must be affixed.

2. A register of all the *budmashes* under the provisions of the Police Act 10 must be kept carefully in the Sadr Thana. A separate register of other *ludmashes* who co-operate in their criminal deeds with the people not residing in the Suket State should also be maintained.

3. The registers of births and deaths should be kept with the *lumbardars*, who should report all cases of births and deaths in the Police Office. In case they fail to do it, it will be the duty of the Police Officer to report such a case of negligence to the Magistrate at once.

4. The Police Officers and constables in the Sadr must parade daily.

The following table shows the working of the Police during the year, details of which are given in Appendix XI :—

Cognizable cases reported during the year	...	...	40
" " admitted	"	...	33
" " sent up for trial	"	...	24
" " left untraced	"	...	7
" " under police investigation	...	...	2
Persons sent up for trial	...	...	62
" convicted	...	...	31
" discharged	...	...	23
" pending trial	...	...	8
Percentage of persons convicted	}	...	51
" cases		...	
" property recovered		...		76

A sum of Rs. 34 has been realised this year from cattle trespasses.

M. Hira Singh has been Sub-Inspector of Police during the year, and has done satisfactory work.

CHAPTER VIII.

JAIL.

Since the beginning of the year under report the Medical Officer of the King Edward Hospital has been working as an *ex-officio* Superintendent of the Jail. In the absence of the Medical Officer the duties of the Superintendent were discharged by the 2nd class Magistrate.

Saran Dass has been working as a Jemadar of the Jail during the year, and he has discharged his duties well.

The record of admissions and releases of prisoners of various classes has been as follows :—

	Convicts.	Under-trial.	Civil.	Total.
Inmates at the beginning of the year	12	...	1	13
Admissions during the year	46	104	49	199
Released during the year	55	98	50	203
Inmates at the end of the year	3	6	...	9

The State has also sent this year one lunatic to the Lahore Lunatic Asylum.

The Durbar now intends to make arrangements in the Jail premises for manual labour and other industries for the prisoners. This act on the part of the Durbar will serve both the purposes of making the Jail self-supporting as well as of training the prisoners in some art and of reforming their character.

The inmates of the Jail have behaved well, and there have been no cases of escape during the year under report.

On the whole the health of the prisoners has been good. There has been one death during the year among the prisoners. In order to keep the prisoners in good health, His Highness has ordered that each prisoner should be given 6 chittacks of curd, 6 chittacks of oil, and some vegetables every Sunday. This has been done during the whole year.

His Highness has further ordered that, under the provisions of the Jail Act, the prisoners may see their relatives after every three months in the Jail premises under the supervision of the Jail Superintendent.

A separate register for the visitors has been kept in the Jail. The Magistrates and the other visitors occasionally visit the Jail and note down their suggestions in the Visitors' Book. Attempts are constantly made to attend to these suggestions. Many thanks are due to His Highness, who himself has visited the Jail several times.

CHAPTER IX.

EDUCATION.

It is really a matter of regret that education is very rare in the State. There are only one primary school and one Hindi *patshala* supported by the State. No fees are charged in either of these institutions.

His Highness has paid much attention to education. During the year he sent the Wazir and the Naib-Tehsildar out in the villages to bring home to the people the advantages of education. He also sent Pandit Brij Ballabh and Mr. Beotra to inspect the local school. The reports submitted by them were quite satisfactory.

The building for the proposed O'Dwyer Bhima High School and its boarding house is still under construction. His Highness is getting very anxious about it, and it is hoped that it will be ready very soon.

L. Thakar Dass is acting as the Head Master of the Bhojpur Primary school.

The total number of students in all was 88 at the end of the year. An analysis by religion and caste is given below :—

Brahmin ...	...	...	16
Rajput ...	...	...	22
Khatri ...	...	...	1
Mahajan ...	...	...	19
Kanait ...	...	...	7
Muhammadans ...	...	...	3
Others ...	...	...	20

The distribution by language learnt is as follows :—

English ...	...	...	5
Hindi ...	...	...	78
Urdu ...	...	...	15

The average daily attendance of boys during the year under report was 83.

It is hoped that under the kind supervision of His Highness education will receive as much attention as it ought to.

CHAPTER X.

MEDICAL AND SANITATION.

This year there was a great difficulty in getting a suitable Medical Officer for the King Edward Hospital. Three or four men were tried. They were either found unqualified or bad charactered, and were accordingly dismissed. One of these men, L. Sant Ram by name, was very rude and unmanerly, and had to be got rid off.

At present the hospital is under the charge of L. Dilbag Rai. He is an old man, and has discharged his duties very well.

Appendix XII will show that 3,035 out-door and 19 in-door patients were treated during the year under report as against 6,303 and 131 respectively last year.

There is also one Vedic dispensary under the charge of a Raj-vaid Nokhoo Ram by name.

The Punjab Special Vaccination Staff visited the State during the year. The number of persons vaccinated was as below :—

	PRIMARY VACCINATION.			RE-VACCINATION.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
By the Punjab Special Staff...	1,468	1,433	2,906	839	447	1,286

His Highness took a very keen interest in the work of the said staff, and gave all possible help to them.

The State has also employed many sweepers in the Sadr to clean the public bazars and streets, and the municipal area is in a better sanitary condition now.

The total expenditure on the King Edward Hospital during the year under report has been Rs. 2,370-9-0.

CHAPTER XI.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

This department has been very busy during the year. It has got the following staff, and all the members of the staff deserve appreciation for their excellent work :—

1. Superintendent Pandit Hardwari Lal.
2. Overseer Sardar Basant Singh.

The old Court Rooms were neither very spacious to accommodate the whole Judicial staff, nor were they built on the principles of hygiene. It was therefore thought advisable to build a new Kutcherry near the King Edward Hospital on the Mall. The building has almost been completed, and the courts will be shifted there very soon. A clock tower has also been constructed there.

The Lakshman Bhima Club building has also been completed. Within a very short time the Club will be organised on the modern basis. Many thanks are due to His Highness, who realised the social side of the activities of the educated people of his State and spent an enormous sum on this building.

Besides these two buildings a Hindu Temple at Jaroli Garden is also under construction. The cost of the temple is met by the dowager Rani Sahiba Sarmauri from her own pocket.

The Durbar records with regret that during the visit of Mr. Glover a State bungalow in which the said officer was putting up caught fire and was burnt to ashes. But thanks to the Almighty that Mr. Glover and party were all safe.

During the year under report the condition of the roads has been immensely improved. Many trees have been planted on the Mall and the other roads.

During the year the total expenditure on this department has been Rs. 3,407-13-6.

CHAPTER XII.

DHARMARTH.

During the whole of the year under report this department has been under the charge of the Wazir Sahib. The total expenditure during the year has been Rs. 655-14-6.

The Durbar supports many orphanages and *gaushalas*. Food is also given to the poor.

It is not out of place to record here that His Highness very generously gives from his own pocket a monthly sum of Rs. 40 as alms.

CHAPTER XIII, STATE ARMY.

Mian Ganga Singh, the Commandant of the State Army, is a well-known figure in the State. During the Great War he was sent as a Commandant with the State contingency by His late Highness. His services as a Recruiting Officer were very much appreciated by the Punjab Government, who awarded him many medals and sanads.

His present Highness also takes a very keen interest in the army. It will not be out of place to mention here that His Highness had offered many recruits to Lieutenant Oats and Colonel Quinn on their visit to the State.

Owing to the financial difficulties there has been no change in the strength of the army this year.

During the year under report the total expenditure on the army was Rs. 3,619-10-0.

This year the Durbar purchased 7 maunds of ammunition for the Silakhana. The gun-powder is also supplied from the Silakhana to departments like the Public Works Department.

CHAPTER XIV. MUNICIPALITY.

It is indeed very difficult to estimate the trouble which His Highness has undergone by organising the Suket Municipality. The people knew nothing as to the advantages of such a body. They were quite satisfied with the old customs and did not like to see such a new change. His Highness made strong efforts to bring home to the people the advantages of a municipality. At first no body liked the idea, but now as a result of one year's hard labours of His Highness and the subordinate staff most of the people have now realised the advantages of such a body and have become strong supporters of it. Of course, some of the people are still against it, but they are only exceptions and need not be taken into account.

His Highness organised the committee early in the beginning of the year under report. To train his people in the municipal affairs, His Highness himself temporarily accepted the presidency of the said committee, and has presided over many weekly meetings.

The municipal area comprises the Sadar bazars of Pong, Chatrokhari, Bhojpur and Nagar. Almost all the various classes of people are represented on the committee. In order to have its work done efficiently the Municipality has the following sub-committees :—

1. Medical Sub-Committee.
2. Lightning Sub-Committee.
3. Police Sub-Committee.
4. Sanitation Sub-Committee.
5. Public Works Department Sub-Committee.
6. Octroi Sub-Committee.
7. Accounts Sub-Committee.

It is to be noted with pleasure that often times His Highness himself visits the shops in the bazaars to ascertain whether the shop-keepers are selling good milk and other eatable things, and whether the Sanitary Sub-Committee is doing its duty faithfully. As a result of it the municipal area is in a better sanitary condition now, and the eatable things sold in the bazaars are quite according to the principles of hygiene. The water tanks on the roads are frequently cleaned, and people get very pure water to drink now.

On the whole the accounts of the committee have been carefully kept. There were a few cases in which the octroi clerks charged more than was due. All these cases were reported to His Highness the President. He dealt severely with the octroi clerks and refunded all the extra money to the people concerned.

A very important change in the municipal area is the abolition of the transit duties and the introduction of octroi duties instead. The Punjab Government impressed upon the Durbar to abolish the transit duties. This was done in the days of His late Highness Raja Sir Bhim Sen, K.C.I.E. Some how or other the proposal was kept in abeyance by His late Highness, but as soon as His present Highness came to the *gaddi*, he paid his attention to this problem and abolished these duties at once. It is quite clear that by doing so the State loses an enormous sum of money every year, and that this is allowed only in order to make the economic factors act freely in the State trade.

But it is to be noted with regret that the people being uneducated feel the new change very much. They have been accustomed to pay the transit duties from times immemorial. It had become a habit with them, and hence they did not feel the pinch of these duties. Being of a conservative nature the people do not like the old customs to give place to new ones even if the new ones are to their good. This is exactly the case with these duties. The people do not like the abolition of the transit duties and the introduction of the octroi duties because they do not realise even for a minute that the new change is for their betterment.

But it is hoped that with the advancement of education and training the people will come to know their error.

It is to be recorded with pleasure that the year under report was free from an attack of any epidemic disease.

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CHAPTER XV. VETERINARY AND STABLES.

The total number of horses at the end of the year was 27 and mules 17 as against 36 and 18 respectively last year.

M. Gopal Singh remained in charge of the Stables throughout the year, and took a keen interest in his duties.

M. Rahmat Khan is in charge of the Veterinary Hospital, and has justified his selection to that post.

The Veterinary Staff treated 32 in-door and no out-door cases during the year under report.

This year the Durbar consulted a qualified Engineer, and he suggested certain repairs to be made to the stables. These repairs will be made as soon as the finances allow.

CHAPTER XVI.

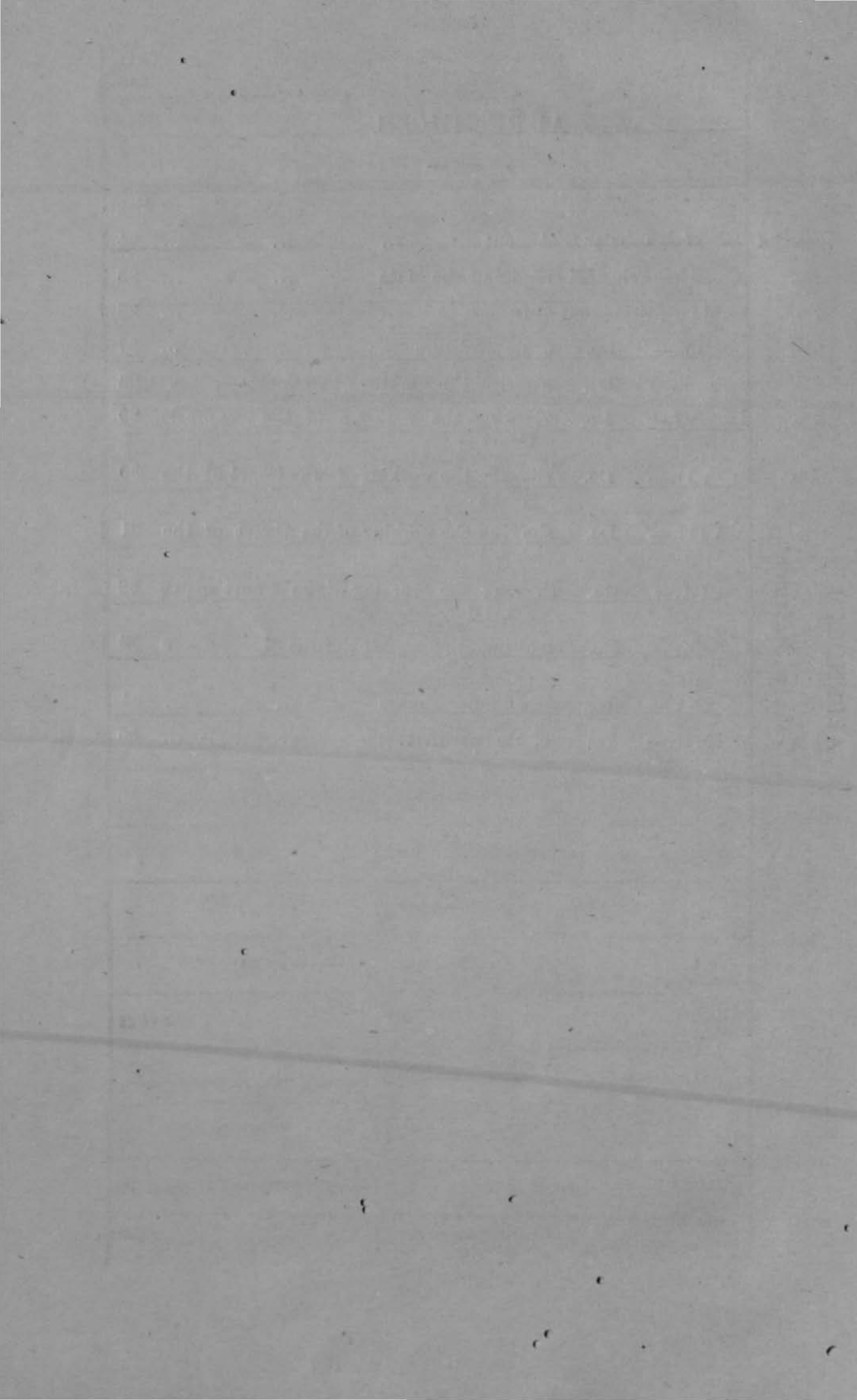
BHIM PRESS.

The State Press, commonly known as the Bhim Press, has done a lot of State printing this year under the supervision of L. Sidhu Ram, Mir Munshi. It is really a pity that the public do not evince any interest in it.

The Press building is not very satisfactory, and the Durbar, therefore, is thinking to have a new building for this purpose very soon.

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APPENDIX I
Tabular Statement.

Suket.	Name of the State.	
Rs. 11,000 (eleven thousand) only.	Tribute in men or money.	
His Highness Raja.	Title.	Particulars.
Raja Lakshman Sen, Chandra Bansi.	Name, caste, race.	
27 years.	Age.	
11	Salute in guns.	
Nil.	Name and age of male heir, if any.	
420.	Area in square miles.	General Statistics.
54,928.	Population in 1911.	
Rs. 3,56,003-5-3	Approximate revenue.	
3	Fort guns.	Army and Police.
Nil.	Field guns.	
9	Cavalry.	
62	Infantry, including gunners and Police.	
2	Hospitals and dispensaries.	
Dahir, Suket, Ghiri, Charag, Alsindi and Chindi; total 6.	Staging Bungalows.	
2	Post Offices.	
1	Electric light installations.	
1	Telegraph Offices.	
(1) Suket to Dihar, (2) Suket to Mandi, and (3) Suket to Hot Water Springs.	Principal roads.	
Wheat, rice, pulses, deodar, timber, ghee, gur, honey, potatoes, etc.	Principal products.	

APPENDIX II.

Principal Officers of the State.

Revenue and Judicial.	M. Shatruijit Singh	... Wazir.
	Pt. Karta Krishen	... Judge.
	L. Sidhu Ram ...	... Tehsildar, Fadh.
	Pt. Joti Parshad	... Naib-Tehsildar.
Finance	... Pt. Brij Ballabh	... Treasury Officer.
H. H. Office	... L. Baboo Ram Beotra, B. A. (Hons).	... Superintendent.
English Office	... Pt. Joti Parshad	... Head Clerk.
Military	... M. Ganga Singh	... Commandant.
	S. Gajindar Singh	... A-D-C.
	S. Iqbal Shah ...	... Addl. A-D-C.
	S. Karam-ud-Din	... Subedar.
Medical	... L. Dilbagh Rai, Sub Assistant Surgeon.	Medical Officer.
	Pt. Nokhu Ram	... Raj Vaid.
Police	.. M. Hira Singh ...	... Sub-Inspector.
Forest	... S. Jiwan Singh ...	... Forest Officer.
Excise	... Pt. Brij Ballabh	... Excise Officer.
P. W. D.	... Pt. Hardawari Lal	... Superintendent.
	S. Basant Singh	... Overseer.
Education	... L. Thakar Dass	... Head Master.
Veterinary	... M. Rahmat Khan	... Veterinary Assistant.

APPENDIX III.

Statement of income for the year 1977 (1920-21).

Major Head.	(Minor Head.	Actuals for 1977.
		Rs. a. p.
Land Revenue	Land revenue proper, cesses, water mills, etc.	95,029 4 8
	Nazrana and other income	18,862 0 4
Forests	Main forest income	1,30,396 9 8
	Grazing fees, etc.	2,140 10 0
Miscellaneous	Bridge tolls	412 8 0
	Municipality, including shop-tax	8,522 8 6
	Gardens	0 10 0
	Other taxes and contracts	1,237 8 0
	Telephone	6 9 3
Judicial	Fines and judicial fees	16,324 1 6
	Court-fees and non-judicial stamps	12,813 4 9
	Proceeds of unclaimed property	1,925 7 9
State quarries	Slajes, etc.	2,025 0 0
Customary Burtan ... ..	.....	1,467 0 0
Deposits ... ..	.....	4,087 15 8
Stables ... ..	.....	74 8 0
Excise ... ..	.....	20,567 14 0
Nazar on the occasion of the Installation Durbar and other petty items ... ..	.....	70,000 0 0
	Total	3,85,603 5 3

APPENDIX IV.

Statement of expenditure for Sambat 1977 (1920-21.)

Major Head.	Minor Head.	Actuals for 1977.
		Rs. a. p.
Land Revenue ...	Land Revenue establishment ...	4,758 1 0
Forests ...	Establishment ...	1,607 11 9
Miscellaneous ...	Municipality ...	1,457 8 0
	Gardens ...	500 11 9
	Census ...	800 5 6
	Press ...	356 13 3
	Festivals ...	932 1 8
	Reading room ...	217 12 0
	Others ...	50 2 0
Judicial ...	.....	3,657 13 3
Hospitality ...	.....	1,548 0 0
Refund of deposits ...	.....	145 5 0
Bhandara ...	Silakhana ...	183 15 0
	Farashkhana ...	1,042 2 0
	Toshakhana ...	66 9 3
	Godown for wood ...	32 6 3
Stables and Waterferry ...	Stables ...	7,781 8 5
	Motor ...	6,271 10 6
	Elephant, etc. ...	322 0 3
Public Works Department ...	.....	3,407 13 6
Excise ...	.....	286 8 6
Education ...	.....	440 3 9
Jail ...	.....	834 12 6
Army ...	.....	3,619 10 0
Police ...	.....	964 8 9
Treasury ...	.....	1,577 15 3
Government demands ...	Tribute ...	11,000 0 0
	Lady O'Dwyer Fund ...	1,500 0 0
	Victoria Memorial Fund ...	8,000 0 0
Dharmarth ...	.....	655 14 6
Personal expenses of H. H. ...	.....	13,890 9 9
Relations ...	.....	16,243 12 8
Medical ...	.....	2,370 9 0
Stationery, etc. ...	.....	1,106 12 8
Old Debts, including Installation Durbar and religious ceremonies connected with the demise of Raja Sir Bhim Sen.		3,29,315 3 5
	Total ...	4,21,015 5 4

APPENDIX V.

Abstract statement of cases in all Courts of Suket State
for Sambat 1977 (1920-21).

Classification of cases.	Pending from last year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.	Decided during the year.	Pending at the end of the year.
Criminal Cases ...	180	918	1,098	959	139
Do. Appeals, revision and review.	14	52	66	46	20
Civil Cases ...	189	786	975	708	267
Do. Appeals, revision and review.	39	88	127	103	24
Revenue Cases ...	436	650	1,286	312	974
Do. Appeals, revision and review.	8	34	42	312	10
Miscellaneous ...	392	4,561	4,953	4,661	292
Other do. ...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,258	7,289	8,547	6,821	1,726

APPENDIX VI.

Abstract statement of cases in the Supreme Court, Suket State, for Sambat 1977.

Court.	Classification of cases.	Pending from last year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.	Decided during the year.	Pending at the end of the year.
As Chief Court ...	Criminal Cases, Original ...	1	78	79	79	...
	Do. Appeals, revision and review ..	12	23	35	31	4
As Chief Court ...	Civil Cases, Original ...	4	4	8	6	2
	Do. Appeals, revision and review ...	8	10	18	11	7
As Chief Court ...	Revenue Cases, Original ...	...	453	453	204	249
	Do. Appeals, revision and review ...	6	13	19	9	10
	Miscellaneous ...	13	200	213	206	7
Total ...		44	781	825	544	281

APPENDIX VII.

Abstract statement of cases in the Court of the Wazir for the year 1977.

Court.	Classification of cases.	Pending from last year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.	Decided during the year.	Pending at the end of theyear.
Magistrate, 1st class ..	Criminal Cases, Original	13	261	274	248	26
	Do. Appeals, revision and review ...	2	26	28	15	13
Judge, 1st Class	Civil Cases, Original '	9	42	51	488	3
	Do. Appeals, revision and review ...	31	55	86	68	18
Collector, 1st Grade	Revenue Cases, Original	18	8	26	11	15
	Do. Appeals, revision and review ...	2	21	23	16	7
Wazir	Miscellaneous	31	1,227	1,258	1,177	81
	Total ...	106	1,640	1,746	1,583	163

APPENDIX VIII.

Abstract statement of cases in the Court of the Judge
for the year 1977.

Classification of cases.	Pending from last year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.	Decided during the year.	Pending at the end of the year.	REMARKS.
Criminal Cases, Original	26	26	10	16	
Do. Appeals, etc.	3	3	...	3	
Civil Cases, Original	11	11	3	8	
Do. Appeals, etc.	23	23	6	17	
Revenue Cases, Original	
Do. Appeals, etc.	
Miscellaneous	48	48	31	17	
Total	111	111	50	61	

APPENDIX IX.

Abstract statement of cases in the Court of Tehsildar, Sadr, for the year 1977.

Court.	Classification of cases.	Pending from last year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.	Decided during the year.	Pending at the end of the year.
Magistrate, 2nd class	Criminal Cases, Original	74	203	277	243	31
Munsif, 1st class	Civil Cases, Original	71	126	197	139	58
Tehsildar	Revenue Cases, Original	396	389	785	78	707
	Miscellaneous	268	1,860	2,128	1,929	199
	Total	809	2,578	3,387	2,892	995

APPENDIX X.

Abstract statement of cases in the Court of the Naib-Tehsildar for the year 1977.

Court.	Classification of cases.	Pending from last year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.	Decided during the year.	Pending at the end of the year.
Magistrate, 3rd class ...	Criminal Cases, Original ...	92	350	442	376	66
Munsiff, 2nd class ...	Civil Cases, Original ...	105	603	708	509	199
Naib-Tehsildar ...	Revenue Cases, Original ...	22	...	22	19	3
	Miscellaneous ...	62	1,226	1,288	1,237	51
	Total	281	2,175	2,160	2,141	2,319

APPENDIX XI.

Judicial Powers.

Courts.	Criminal.	Civil.	Revenue.
Supreme Court... ..	<p>(a) For disposal of offences punishable with death or with a sentence of more than two years' rigorous imprisonment.</p> <p>(b) For the disposal of appeal from the Court of Magistrate, 1st class.</p>	<p>(a) For the decision of original suits the value whereof exceeds Rs. 1,000.</p> <p>(b) For the decision of first appeals from the Court of Judge, 1st class, and second appeals from the Courts of the Munsiffs.</p>	<p>(a) For the determination of original suits the value whereof exceeds Rs. 1,000.</p> <p>(b) For disposal of first appeals from the Court of the Wazir, and second appeals from the order of Tehsildar and Naib-Tehsildar.</p>
Courts of the Wazir and Judge.	<p>(a) For the disposal of offences punishable with a sentence of imprisonment between 6 months and 2 years.</p> <p>(b) For the disposal of appeals from the Courts of Magistrate, 2nd and 3rd class.</p>	<p>(a) For the decision of original suits the value whereof lies between Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000.</p> <p>(b) For the decision of appeals from the Courts of Munsiffs, 2nd and 3rd class.</p>	<p>(a) For the determination of original suits the value whereof lies between Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000.</p> <p>(b) For disposal of appeals from the order of Tehsildar and Naib-Tehsildar.</p>
Courts of Tehsildar and Munsiff, 1st class, and Magistrate, 2nd class.	Powers of a Magistrate, 2nd class ...	For the decision of original suits the value whereof lies between Rs. 100 and Rs. 500.	For the disposal of original suits the value whereof lies between Rs. 100 and Rs. 500.
Courts of Naib Tehsildar, Munsiff, 2nd class, and Magistrate, 3rd class.	Powers of a Magistrate, 3rd class ...	For the decision of original suits the value whereof does not exceed Rs. 100.	For the disposal of original suits the value whereof does not exceed Rs. 100.

APPENDIX XII.

Statement showing number of patients treated and operations performed in the King Edward Hospital in Sambat 1977.

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Name.	Number of patients treated.			Number of operations performed.		
	In-door.	Out-door.	Total.	Major.	Minor.	Total.
King Edward Hospital ...	19	3,035	3,054	...	...	...

