



# ESTIMATED POPULATION BY CASTES, 1951

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## I N T R O D U C T I O N .

In pursuance of Government policy there was limited enumeration and tabulation of Castes in 1951 Census. Even in the case of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes, the figures of each Caste were not separately extracted; only the group totals were ascertained. The Backward Classes Commission require the figures of population of each individual Caste. In order to assist them an estimate of population of each Caste in 1951 has been made on the basis of the figures of the previous Censuses.

2. The figures have been presented in four tables:-

- (i) Scheduled Castes;
- (ii) Scheduled Tribes;
- (iii) Backward Classes; and
- (iv) Other Castes, Hindus and Muslims separately.

Some minor adjustments have been made in the estimated figures of Scheduled Castes in order to make the total tally with the 1951 Census total of that group.

3. Figures for 1911, 1921 and 1941 could not be taken on account of the following reasons:-

- (a) Separate figures for the constituents comprising Bombay are not available in 1911 and 1921 Census tables.
- (b) No Caste-wise figures are available for 1941 Census. The tables of 1941 Census give figures for only a few selected Castes and these also for a few selected districts.

Extracts from 1921 Census Report explaining the causes for variations in the figures of individual Castes have been given in an Appendix.

TABLE I SCHEDULED CASTES.

The figures given in this table relate to the territory of Bombay as in 1951.

2. The table presents the figures of 38 Castes as specified in the President's Order, 1950. The population given in this table refers only to the population of Hindus.

3. Column 5 of the table gives the estimated population in 1951. This has been determined by applying the percentage increase of the general population of the State to the latest available Census figures of each Caste. The total estimated population in 1951 of these Castes shows a small excess over the 1951 Census total of this group.

The estimated population of each Caste has been adjusted in order to make the total population of Scheduled Castes tally with the enumerated total population of 1951.

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TABLE - I.

POPULATION OF SCHEDULED CASTES NOTIFIED UNDER PRESIDENT'S ORDER 1950, IN THE CENSUSES OF 1911 - 31 AND ESTIMATED POPULATION IN 1951.

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Name of Caste.	P o p u l a t i o n i n			Estimated population in 1951	Remarks.
	1911	1921	1931		
1. Ager			1	1	
2. Asodi			*	*	
3. Bakad			*	*	
4. Bhambi			8,730	11,778	
5. Bhangi			109,524	147,759	
6. Chakrawadya-Dasar			21	29	
7. Chalvadi			*	*	
8. Chambhar, or Mochigar, or Samagar.			296,056	399,410	
9. Chena-Dasaru			729	983	
10. Chuhar or Chuhra			*	*	
11. Dakaleru			*	*	
12. Dhegu-Megu			*	*	
13. Dhor			18,277	22,763	
14. Garoda			9,630	12,993	
15. Halleer			*	*	
16. Halsar, or Haslar, or Hulsavar			*	*	
17. Holaya, or Garode			*	*	
18. Kolcha, or Kolgha			2,105	2,839	
19. Kotegar (In North Kanara district)			*	*	
20. Lingader			*	*	
21. Lachigar			*	*	
22. Madig, or Mang			309,587	417,665	
23. Mahar			1,291,828	1,742,812	
24. Mahyavanshi			*	*	
25. Mangarudi			4,334	5,846	
26. Meghval, or Menghwar			42,397	57,199	
27. Mini Madig			*	*	

	1	2	3	4	5	6
28. Mochi (Throughout the State except Gujrat division).			10,546		14,228	
29. Mukri			*		*	
30. Nadia			622		839	
31. Rohit			*		*	
32. Shenva, or Shindhaya			9,843		13,279	
33. Shingdaw, or Shingadya			*		*	
34. Sochi			*		*	
35. Timali			68		93	
36. Turi			4,531		6,112	
37. Vankar			107,988		145,687	
38. Vitholia			526		709	

Notes:- \* Figures not available

The total estimated population of Scheduled Castes in 1951 according to the above table came to 3,170,846 while the enumerated population of Scheduled Castes in 1951 is 3,003,024. The excess has been proportionately deducted from each Caste in order to tally the total with 1951 Census figures.

TABLE II SCHEDULED TRIBES.

The table presents figures of 24 tribes as specified in the President's Order, 1950. Out of these 24 tribes the population figures for **tribe** one/viz., Pomla are not available in the previous Census tables.

2. The estimates of 1951 population in this table have been made in the same manner as in Table I. The total estimated population in 1951 of these Castes shows a decrease over the 1951 Census total of Scheduled Tribes. On account of wide variation in the two totals no attempt has been made to adjust the estimated population figures.

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Table II Population of Scheduled Tribes ( notified under President's Order 1950) in the Censuses of 1911-1931 and estimated population in 1951.

B O M B A Y.

S.No.	Name of Caste	Population in			Estimated Population in 1951	Remarks
		1911	1921	1931		
1		2	3	4	5	6
1.	Barda			3	4	
2.	Bavacha			1,971	2,308	
3.	Bhil ( including Bhagalia Bhil Garasia, Dholi Bhil, <del>Dungri</del> Bhil, Dungri Garasia, Mewasi Bhil, Raval Bhil and Tadvi Bhil )			74,789	106,530	
4.	Chodhara			84,068	119,747	
5.	Dhanka			38,079	54,240	
6.	Dhodia			64,568	91,971	
7.	Dabla			96,105	136,893	
8.	Ganit or Ganta			71,146	101,341	
9.	Goro			562	801	
10.	Kathodi or Katkari			88,336	125,827	
11.	Konkna			73,741	105,037	
12.	Koli Dhor			15,923	22,681	
13.	Koli Mahadev			12,084	17,213	
14.	Mavchi			33,334	47,481	
15.	Maikda or Mayak			13,762	19,603	
16.	Pardhi (including Advichincher and phanse Pardhi)			10,410	14,828	
17.	Patelia			537	765	
18.	Pomla			190	271	
19.	Powara			*	*	
20.	Rathawa			7	10	

1	2	3	4	5	6
21. Thakur			109,721	156,288	
22. Valvai			4,142	5,900	
23. Varli			206,910	294,737	
24. Vasava			23,322	33,220	

## Notes :-

\* Figures are not available.

The total estimated population of Scheduled Tribes in 1951 according to above table came to 1,458,196 while the enumerated population of the Scheduled Tribes in 1951 is 3,359,305. As there is wide variation in the two totals no attempt has been made to adjust the estimated figures.



T A B L E - III. BACKWARD CLASSES.

This table presents figures for 129 Castes which comprise the list of 'Backward Classes' prepared by the State Government. This list was used to elicit answer to one of the Census questions in the 1951 Census enumeration.

2. The estimates of 1951 population in this table have been made in the same manner as in Table I. The total estimated population in 1951 of all Castes shows a decrease over the 1951 Census total of Backward Classes. On account of wide variation in the two totals no attempt has been made to adjust the estimated figures.

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TABLE - III.

Population of Backward Classes  
in the Censuses of  
1911 - 31 and  
estimated  
population in  
1951.  
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Name of Caste.	P o p u l a t i o n i n			Estimated population in 1951.	Remarks.
	1911	1921	1931		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
1. Alitkar			*	*	
2. Bagri (Marwar, Baori Gujrat Bari, Salas Waghari, Marwar Waghari.			*	*	
3. Bahurupi			110	157	
4. Bajania			6,306	8,982	
5. Balasahani			36	51	
6. Bandi			*	*	
7. Buttal			*	*	
8. Bava			50,495	71,926	
9. Bazigar			*	*	
10. Bedar (Berad, Naikmakkalu Naikwadi Talvar includ- ing Kanade Talvar, Valmiki)			205,627	292,897	
11. Beldar			11,484	16,358	
12. Bestar (Bhampta, Ghatichor Pathrut, Tudug, Waddar, Wadari, Takrri, Uchlia, Dong Dasar, Girni Wadda, Kallwadar)			*	*	
13. Bhampta (Rajput) Pardeshi Bhampta.			2,634	3,752	
14. Bhand			*	*	
15. Bharadi (Nath Panthi, Dauri Gosavi)			4,272	6,085	
16. Bhavaiya			1,299	1,850	
17. Bhavin			2,456	3,498	
18. Bhisti			101	144	

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19. Bhoi			68,018		96,886
20. Bhute			120		171
21. Budbudki			*		*
22. Burud			12,515 (a)		17,826
23. Chamtha			*		*
24. Chandlagara			*		*
25. Charan			13,412		19,104
26. Charodi			*		*
27. Chhara (Kanjari, Kanjari, Bhat, Sansia).			194		276
28. Chigaribetegar			*		*
29. Chitarakathi			542		772
30. Dasa			24		34
31. Dabagar (in Gujrat)			*		*
32. Davari			*		*
33. Depala			*		*
34. Devali			*		*
35. Devdig			*		*
36. Dhivar (Magda)			9,709		13,830
37. Dholi			*		*
38. Dombari.			*		*
39. Futgudi			*		*
40. Gadharap			*		*
41. Garudi (Madikar)			5,767		8,215
42. Ghisadi			2,952		5,205
43. Golla			8,224		11,714
44. Gondhali			5,827		8,300
45. Gopal			5,348		7,618
46. Halepaik			*		*
47. Haranshikari			*		*
48. Helav			*		*

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
49. Jagiasi (from Sind)			*	*	
50. Jajak (from Sind)			*	*	
51. Jatia			*	*	
52. Jatigar			*	*	
53. Javeri (Johari)			213	303	
54. Jogi			1,896	2,701	
55. Jostin			*	*	
56. Joshi			7,920	11,281	
57. Kahar			1,951	2,779	
58. Kaikadi (Pamlor)			10,459	14,898	
59. Kammi			*	*	
60. Kapdi			*	*	
61. Katabu (Kiliket)			*	*	
62. Kattai			*	*	
63. Kharwa			37,852	53,917	
64. Khati (from Sind).			*	*	
65. Khelkari (Kolhani)			*	*	
66. Koli Malhar			51,720	73,670	
67. Koli Suryavanshi			*	*	
68. Kongadi			*	*	
69. Korava (Kotwal) (Section of Kaikadi)			*	*	
70. Korcha (Section of Kaikadi.)			*	*	
71. Kochar			*	*	
72. Kori (from Sind)			*	*	
73. Kotwalia			3,676	5,236	
74. Kucchria (from Sind)			*	*	
75. Kunbi Tilori (In the Ratnagiri Distt.)			*	*	
76. Kunchi Korava			*	*	
77. Lamani (Lambada)			48,645	69,290	
78. Machni (Tandel)			51,200	72,930	
79. Mairal.			19	27	

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
80.	Manbhav		2,202		3,137
81.	Me		*		*
82.	Mina		*		*
83.	Mochi(in Gujrat)		5,590		7,962
84.	Namdhari (Namdhari Paik)		*		*
85.	Nandiwale		*		*
86.	Nat		*		*
87.	Nath		*		*
88.	Nirshikari		*		*
89.	Od. (Vaddar)		102,109		145,445
90.	Padharia		*		*
91.	Padiar		*		*
92.	Pangul		99		141
93.	Patharvat		2,604		3,709
94.	Patradavaru		*		*
95.	Phasechhari		*		*
96.	Phudgi		*		*
97.	Rachevar		*		*
98.	Raikari		*		*
99.	Raj Pardhi		4,834		6,886
100.	Ramoshi		58,699		83,611
101.	Ravalia		43,205		61,542
102.	Sahdev Joshi		*		*
103.	Salat		2,205		3,141
104.	Sangan		5,448		7,760
105.	Sanjogi		204		291
106.	Sarania		654		932
107.	Saroda		*		*
108.	Sarvade		*		*
109.	Shikari		*		*
110.	Shikkaligar		1,654		2,356

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
111. Sudgadsidda			*		*
112. Suler			*		*
113. Suppalig			*		*
114. Suthria (from Sind)			*		*
115. Takankar.			*		*
116. Thakar			20,747		29,552
117. Tirgar			*		*
118. Tirmali			*		*
119. Vadi			1,507		2,147
120. Vaghri			101,216		144,173
121. Vaidu			1,332		1,897
122. Vaiti			*		*
123. Vakal (in Kanara Distt.)			*		*
124. Valhar			258		367
125. Vanjari			144,223		205,433
126. Vasudev			*		*
127. Vir			*		*
128. Waghti Pardhi			*		*
129. Wansfoda			*		*

Notes :- \* Figures are not available.

(a) Figure of District Baroda includes Vanstoda.

The total estimated population of Backward Classes according to above table came to 1,613,165 while the enumerated population of Backward Classes in 1951 is 4,489,594. As there is wide variation in the two totals no attempt has been made to adjust the estimated figures.

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TABLE IV - OTHER CASTES.

The table presents figures of 157 Castes. The list has been prepared with reference to the Castes given in 1931 Census after eliminating the Castes given in Tables I, II and III. Out of these 157 Castes 115 are included under Hindus and 42 under Muslims.

2. The table has been presented in two parts -  
(i) Hindus; and  
(ii) Muslims.

3. The estimates of 1951 population in this table have been made in the same manner as in Table I. The total estimated population in 1951 of these Castes shows a decrease over the 1951 Census total of Other Castes. On account of wide variation in the two totals, no attempt has been made to adjust the estimated population figures.

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TABLE - IV.

POPULATION OF OTHER CASTES IN THE CENSUSES  
1911 - 31 AND ESTIMATED POPULATION IN 1951 -  
(i) H I N D U S.

B o m b a y.

Name of Caste.	P o p u l a t i o n i n			Estimated population in 1951	Remarks.
	1911	1921	1931		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
1. Agri			258,605	368,360	
2. Ahir			59,114	84,203	
3. Alikar			38	54	
4. Anjna Chavderi			38,459	54,781	
5. Bania			103,770	147,811.	
6. Bhad Bhunja			410	584	
7. Bhandari			265	377	
8. Bharthari			255	363	
9. Bhansali			771	1,098	
10. Bharwad Dhangar or Kurub			949,709	1,352,775	
11. Bhat or Barot or Brahma Bhat			23,352	33,263	
12. Bhatia			6,924	9,863	
13. Bhavsar or Chipa			22,509	32,062	
14. Brahma Kshatri			1,310	1,866	
15. <u>Brahman</u>			<u>1,034,227</u>	<u>1,473,163</u>	
(i) Aboti			264	376	
(ii) Anavala			11,818	16,834	
(iii) Audich			101,873	145,109	
(iv) Chitpavan or Konkanasth			123,150	175,416	
(v) Deshastha			308,243	439,064	
(vi) Gaud Saraswat			60,256	85,829	
(vii) Gugali			1,513	2,155	
(viii) Havik			35,741	50,910	
(ix) Jambur			2,412	3,	



1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
(x) Kanhada			28,209	40,181	
(xi) Khedawal			3,992	5,686	
(xii) Mewada			5,075	7,229	
(xiii) Modh			18,811	28,715	
(xiv) Nagar			14,895	21,217	
(xv) Pushkarna			20	28	
(xvi) Saraswat (Proper)			14,959	21,308	
(xvii) Tapodhan			6,070	8,646	
(xviii) Other Brahman			296,926	422,944	
16. Chhappar Band			1,421	2,024	
17. Chunwalia			8,185	11,659	
18. Dabgar			961	1,369	
19. Darji, Shimpi, Sai and Mirari			133,596	190,295	
20. Dhimar			*	*	
21. Dholi, Parit, Agasa and Madiwal			78,167	111,342	
22. Disawal			7,167	10,209	
23. Ghunchi			14,300	20,369	
24. Gola (Rice Pounder)			6,209	8,844	
25. Gossin (i) Gossin Sansari			14,069	20,033	
(ii) Gossin Vairagi.			3,352	4,775	
26. Gugali.			1,513	2,155	
27. Gujar			620	883	
28. Gurav.			83	118	
29. Gurkha			91	130	
30. Hajam, Nhavi, Nadig and Kelasi			174,539	248,615	
31. Halwaki Wakkal.			22,048	31,405	
32. Hijda			67	95	
33. Holar			54	77	
34. Indian			24	34	
35. Jambu			2,412	3,436	
36. Jat			160	228	

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
37. Jharola			705	1,004	
38. Kachhia			8,144	11,600	
39. Kadia Kumbhar			1,946	2,772	
40. Kadwa Patidar			219,140	312,145	
41. Kalal			1,589	2,008	
42. Kamalia			83	118	
43. Kansara			2,158	3,074	
44. Kapol			2,535	3,611	
45. Karadia			8,745	12,456	
46. Kasar			1	1	
47. Kathi			3,525	5,021	
48. Kayasth			2,609	3,716	
49. Kayasth Prabhu			31,127	44,338	
50. <del>Khadya</del>			3,850	5,484	
51. Khalpa			54,287	77,327	
52. Khant			4,427	6,306	
53. Kharva			6,699	9,542	
54. Khatri			3,125	4,451	
55. Khavas			3,583	5,104	
56. Khedwal			3,992	5,686	
57. Kolhati or Dombari			3,673	5,232	
58. Kolis			1,685,301	2,400,560	
59. Komti or Vaishya			10,957	15,607	
60. Kothi, Hutgar, Jed winkar or Devang			101,092	143,996	
61. Kumbhar Sutria			1,280	1,823	
62. Kumbhar			221,127	314,976	
63. Lad			7,754	11,045	
64. Lewa Patidar			225,386	321,042	
65. Lingayat or Veer Shiva			1,370,023	1,951,474	
66. Lohar, <b>Luhar</b> or Kammar			108,813	154,994	
67. Lohna or Luvana			47,490	67,645	

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
68. <u>Mahrattas &amp; Kunbi group.</u>						
(i) Kunbi Kulwadi or Kanbi				909,645		1,295,707
(ii) Leva or Reva Kunbi or Khandesh				87,050		123,995
(iii) Mahratta				4,228,112		6,022,565
(iv) Mahratta Kunbi				545,766		777,395
(v) Tirole Kunbi of Khandesh				108,091		153,966
(vi) Kanbi Miscellaneous				6,086		8,669
(vii) Mahratta Kashtrya				12,164		17,327
69. Makwana				23		33
70. Makwara				20,700		29,485
71. Mali & Phulmali				329,088		468,756
72. Matia Patidar				3,558		5,068
73. Molesalam				19		27
74. Momna				2,299		3,275
75. Oswal				3,505		4,993
76. Pagi				1		1
77. Panchal and Vishwa Brahman				59,138		84,237
78. Panchkalashi and Somvanshi Kshatriya				23,174		33,009
79. Patar Wadia				20,778		29,596
80. Patana Prabhu				5,656		8,056
81. Porwad				1,314		1,872
82. Prabhu				3,499		4,984
83. Raddi				35,442		50,484
84. Rajput				464,275		661,318
85. Rani Praj Unspecified				10		14
86. Sagar				1,364		1,943
87. Sali & Padamsali				75,442		107,460
88. Sathwara				6,550		9,330
89. Shaikh				231		329
90. Shainde				8,609		12,263
91. Shri Mali				4,637		6,605
92. Soni, Sunar, Akash and Daivdnya Brahman				13,209		262,389

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
93. Sutar			182,418	259,838
94. Sutar Luhar & Luhar Sutar			2,047	2,916
95. Savi			20,817	29,652
96. Takari			482	687
97. Talabda			59,566	84,846
98. Talavia			113,682	161,938
99. Tamboli			535	752
100. Targala			4,902	6,982
101. Teli			126,582	180,310
102. Thakarda			190,187	270,904
103. Thakar Paradeshi			711	1,013
104. Thori			56	80
105. Uda Patidar			3,899	5,554
106. Umad			1,233	1,756
107. Vadi			775	1,104
108. Vagher			5,175	7,371
109. Valand (including Nayee Brahman)			28,035	39,933
110. Vani (All Castes)			286,920	408,692
111. Vania			41,538	59,167
112. Vanza			1,375	1,959
113. Vasudeo			61	87
114. Wansfoda			664	946
115. Others			2,107,213	3,001,535

Note:- The total estimated population of Other Castes (Hindus and Muslims both) according to <sup>the</sup> above tables came to 27,747,216 while the enumerated population of the Other Castes in 1951 is 25,104,227. As there is wide variation in the two totals no attempt has been made to adjust the estimated figures.

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TABLE - IV.

POPULATION OF OTHER CASTES IN THE  
CENSUSES 1911 - 1931 AND ESTIMATED POPULA-  
TION IN 1951 - (ii) M u s l i m s.

B o m b a y .

Name of Caste. 1.	P o p u l a t i o n i n			Estimated population in 1951. 5.	Remarks. 6.
	1911 2.	1921 3.	1931 4.		
1. Ahmadi			18	26	
2. Arab			2,852	4,062	
3. Behlim			1,732	2,467	
4. Baloch			3,298	4,698	
5. Bhedela			1,908	2,718	
6. Bhangi			1,002	1,427	
7. Bohra			121,104	172,502	
8. Brahui			217	309	
9. Dadhi			537	765	
10. Dhobi			439	625	
11. Dudhwala			419	597	
12. Fakir			6,495	9,252	
13. Gandhrap			617	879	
14. Ghanchi			7,426	10,578	
15. Hajam			4,935	7,029	
16. Kasai			6,824	9,720	
17. Kasbati (including Sipahi).			2,852	4,062	
18. Khatki			1,115	1,588	
19. Knatri			2,216	3,156	
20. Khoja			20,796	29,622	
21. Khokhar			970	1,382	
22. Kumbhar			897	1,278	
23. Lohar			92	131	
24. Makrani			3,020	4,302	
25. Malek			11,206	15,962	
26. Non.			33,566	47,812	

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27. Miāna			425		605
28. Moleslam			23,380		33,303
29. Momin			40,770		58,073
30. Momna			19,325		27,527
31. Mughal			8,962		12,706
32. Pathan			122,434		174,393
33. Pinjari			28,409		40,466
34. Saiyad			9,590		13,660
35. Serai (Jat)			530		755
36. Shaikh			26,073		37,139
37. Sindhi			9,681 (a)		13,790(a)
38. Tadvi Bhil			8,172		11,640
39. Tai			4,160		5,925
40. Teli			28,746		40,946
41. Vohra			28,355		40,389
42. Others.			1,441,004		2,052,581

Note:-(a) Figures include those of "Sindh Khaskheli,"  
 "Sindh Mohana", "Sindh Saman" and "Sindh Sumra."

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## A P P E N D I X.

Extracts from the previous Census Report.  
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### A - SCHEDULED TRIBES.

BHIL. - The caste figures for Bhils are figures for a heterogeneous group of tribes, a group whose external boundaries are by no means definite and whose internal divisions are inadequately examined.

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KOLI. - The Kolis present an even more different problem. In 1911 an attempt was made to enumerate and tabulate "Sub Castes" of Kolis. This attempt broke down owing to the uncertainty of the different names in Gujarat.

Certainly the Southern Kolis, and most particularly the Son Kolis, are apparently distinct from those of North and have been united with them in the past though the accident of having the same name. However the Khandesh Kolis form a possible connecting link. The whole problem emphatically calls for further elucidation and is one towards solutions on which a long and careful series of anthropometric measurements should prove invaluable.

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### B - OTHER CASTES.

AHIR. - There exist in many of the functional castes intercaste group bearing the name of one of the early tribes, representing descendants or members of those tribes who passed into the functional caste through

community of occupations. And in some cases the tradition of the tribe name is so strong that it will be returned at the Census. Thus many functional castes contain Ahir and Gujar sections and it may and does happen that an Ahir Chambhar, for instance, will return himself as an Ahir. But the balance of the Ahir tribe, that is all those who had not been absorbed into other Castes, became itself a caste with the traditional occupation of cowherds. Consequently the Chambhar is not only lost to his own caste, but is included wrongly in the Ahir Caste. For this reason the strength of Castes like Ahir is liable to show violent fluctuations from Census to Census.

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BAVA (BACKWARD), GURAV & HUGAR ( OTHER CASTES). -

The Presidency Castes show national changes. Castes in which violent changes occur are - Bava (which is an occupational term), Gurav and Hugar (here the reduction is probably the fault of the members of the Caste, who will return themselves - wholly erroneously - as Brahmans), Kabbaligar and Panch Khalshi (they probably got into Khatri through returning themselves as Kshatriya in 1911.)

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LINGAYAT. - In this presidency the only important problem raised by this type of Caste is the problem of Lingayats. A 'Caste' which contains within itself touchables and untouchables is almost a contradiction in terms. On the other hand, it is to be remembered that if we relegate the entry 'Lingayat' as a sect of Hinduism and record the Castes, we shall get names



like Devang, which occur among ~~ordinary~~ Hindus also and these Lingayat Devangs will be included with their Hindu fellows. If on the other hand we keep Lingayat as a main religion, then we can tabulate Hindu Devangs and Lingayat Devangs separately, just as we now Mahomedans Bhangis separately from Hindu.

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MALI AND GAVLI. - There is a double difficulty here. In the first place any particular occupation is now-a-days by no means confined to the Caste which traditionally performed it. And it is even doubtful whether in some cases there was ever at any period a clearly defined and exclusive caste. Good instances are Mali and Gavli. The Mali caste, as such, is a loosely knit group of endogamous divisions, united by little except traditional occupation. But beyond the fringe of this groups are a large numbers of gardeners, who belonging technically to other Castes, will return their caste as Mali to the enumerator. The same remarks apply to Gavli.

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MAHRATHA. - The Mahrathas on the other hand represent a comparatively recent mixture of different racial elements, whose unity at the time when they became a Hindu Caste, was political and not racial. The whole problem of the tabulation of Mahrathas and Kunbis was raised in the early stages of the Census operations and a large number of opinions collected. The problem was whether Mahrathas, 'Mahratha Kubis' other Kunbi, and Kunbis should be tabulated together or separately, and was

accentuated by the fact that in 1901 persons returning as 'Mahratha Kunbis' were tabulated with Mahrathas, but in 1911 with Kunbis. In 1911 an attempt was made to record and tabulate the 'Sub-Castes' of Kunbis and Kanbis, taking these two together. Although 44 Sub-Caste names were returned (see page 215 of the 1911 report). Some of these contained only a handful of individuals, in two instances only one individual. The largest sub-caste was the Leva Kanbis or Gujrat with 505 thousand. But there was a 45th entry for "Unspecified" which contained 638 thousand. There is reason to think that the Kanbis of Gujrat **are racially** distinct from the Kunbis of the South, and have been included with them at previous Censuses from the accident of having the same name, - the names Kunbis and Kanbi, as also Kurmi and Kulvadi indicating, almost certainly "husband-man", even though their exact etymology is a matter of doubt. Khandesh, as in the case of Kolis, presented a difficulty, since it supplies various Kunbi groups, some of whom are almost certainly of Gujarat origin, but others allied to the Deccan Kunbis. Further in the case of the Kunbis and Mahrathas of the Deccan and ~~Konkanit~~ seems certain that the boundaries of the Maratha caste are hazy and that well-to-do **Kunbis** assume and retain without opposition the Mahratha name.

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MUSALMAN. - Many of the fluctuations are of course impossible as facts, and are due solely to differences in enumeration or classifications. This is particularly true of some of the Sindhi Musalmans. Baloch, Brahui and Pathan show reasonable changes and we may therefore assume that the figures are correct enough for adminis-

trative purposes. But Arab, Saman, Sumra, Munana and Serai or Jat yield no information of any value at all. Khaskheli was not tabulated in 1911 and stability or instability of the figures cannot therefore be estimated. If any one wishes to know the number of any one of these Castes, he will have to work on estimates.

The figures of Bohra, Khoja and Memon all show increases at this Census, which could not possibly be due to natural causes. It must be assumed therefore that the 1911 figures were too low, since it does not seem likely that in the case of these particular Castes there is any danger of persons getting wrongly included.

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PANCHKALSHI AND PANCHAL. - There are some functional groups like **the** Panchkalshis and Panchals, whose traditional occupation is not a single trade but embraces several. Here again there is a tendency for the name of the particular occupation of the individual to be returned instead of the caste name. Thus a Panchal carpenter will return Sutar (his occupation) and will then be tabulated in the Sutar Caste. From the above remarks, it will be seen that the figures for all the functional Castes are exceedingly doubtful value.

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