

(d) **SCHEDULE OF SUMS ALLOWED BY THE AUDIT OFFICE AS PAID, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 73, PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1926—continued**

Department and Particulars.	Reason.	Amount.	Total Amount.
Stamp Duties		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Postages and telegrams	Voucher lost	2 10 0	2 10 0
State Forest Service			
Petty expenses	Vouchers lost	15 2 5	
Toll services	Receipt unobtainable	0 9 1	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	81 5 11	
Wages	Receipt not obtained	12 17 1	109 14 6
State Hydro-electric			
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	37 11 9	37 11 9
Tourist and Health Resorts			
Toll services	Receipt unobtainable	0 7 6	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	1 1 0	1 8 6
Treasury			
Expenses: (ORSO)	Receipts unobtainable	5 7 11	
Petty expenses	Receipts not obtained	1 3 0	
Postages and telegrams	Vouchers lost	41 11 0	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	60 3 10	
U.S.J.P.B. expenses	Vouchers lost	1,613 15 2	1,722 0 11
Valuation			
Postages and telegrams	Vouchers lost	43 19 9	43 19 9
War Assets Realization Board			
Wages	Voucher lost	9 13 10	9 13 10
			£15,460 1 5

NOTE.—The recurring item “Postages and telegrams, Vouchers lost” calls for explanation. As mentioned last year, a complete bundle of vouchers covering payments in respect of numerous Departments disappeared, it is said, on V.J. Day, 15th August, 1945. The relative items in the foregoing list have only been cleared in 1947–48.

(e) **PROCEEDINGS TAKEN AGAINST DEFAULTERS AND OTHERS**

Particulars of cases in which proceedings have been taken in pursuance of section 69 (3) of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, are included in the statement under para. (c), page 5.

The Audit Office is required by the above-mentioned section to take all such steps as it thinks fit to prosecute according to law all defaulters in respect of any public moneys or stores, but the section does not prevent prosecutions in such cases by persons other than the Audit Office. The statement includes, therefore, prosecutions which were instituted by Departments concerned as well as by the Audit Office.