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FOREWORD

ALTHOUGH since the beginning of history, foreign travellers and historians have recorded the principal marts and entrepôts of commerce in Bengal and have even mentioned important festivals and fairs and articles of special excellence available in them, no systematic regional inventory was attempted until the time of Dr. Francis Buchanan-Hamilton in the beginning of the nineteenth century. One of the tasks set before him by a resolution of the Governor-General-in-Council in 1807 was "to examine with as much accuracy as local circumstances will admit": "an account of the various kinds and amount of goods manufactured in each district.....the ability of the country to produce the raw materials used in them.....how the necessary capital is procured, the situation of the artists and manufacturers, the mode of providing their goods..... commerce; the quantity of goods exported and imported in each district; the manner of conducting sales, especially at fairs and markets...."

That he discharged his duty very thoroughly will appear from his statistical accounts of the districts of Purnea (of which Malda was part), Dinajpur (of which Malda and Jalpaiguri were part), and Rangpur (of which Cooch Behar and Jalpaiguri were part).

The great Revenue Surveys of the middle of the nineteenth century made no attempt in this direction, and accounts of fairs and festivals in districts were neglected until W. W. Hunter took up the compilation of statistical accounts again in the last quarter of last century. But for the purpose of notifying holidays in the East India Company's offices the Board in Calcutta had since 1799 been in the habit of "procuring an accurate Bengalee almanac properly authenticated by brahmanical astronomy" from the Nabadwip Court (Letter from Secretary of Board to Collector of Nadiya, 5 July 1799, No. 8217, W. W. Hunter's Unpublished Bengalee MSS Records). Satis Chandra Vidyabhusan in his *History of Indian Logic* wrote that "almanacs were prepared by the Pundit Samaj of Nabadwip which were supplied to the Nawab's Court of Murshidabad as well as to the East India Company, the Supreme Court, etc.,....the *Nabadwip Panjika* under the imprimatur of *Nabadwipadhipateranugya* was accepted by all the landlords of Bengal". This *Nabadwip Panjika* which remained the standard almanac for Bengal continued in use throughout the first half of the nineteenth century and each issue contained a list of important fairs and festivals in every district. A valuable almanac was that published by the Vernacular Literature Committee's Almanac published in 1855-6 1262B.S.). It gave an account of 309 famous fairs of Bengal in its second part (*see* 'Desh', 13 Sravan 1359). The *Gupta Press Panjika* or almanac which virtually replaced *Nabadwip Panjika* made its first appearance in 1869 and continued to publish a useful list of important fairs and festivals in the country. But this list was by no means exhaustive, nor were W. W. Hunter's which he published with each Statistical Account.

Meanwhile native crafts, industries and objects of artistry decayed rapidly and thoroughly as a result of the East India Company's policy of extinguishing them, and official interest in fairs and festivals declined, although these occasions, divested of much of their glory, still continued to attract handicrafts from far and near. The *Imperial Gazetteers* published between 1880 and 1910 gave a minor place to these important seasonal markets or temporary inland ports. Even the District Gazetteers, (1908-1918), which still are the fullest and most compact accounts of districts, make but casual mention of fairs and festivals in the country and attach little economic importance to them.

For, indeed, the importance of fairs and festivals—as the meeting ground of many religions and many cultures, crafts and motifs from far and near, of ideas and design, workmanship, excellence and finish, of tools and appliances, of trends of the future and vanishing practices of the past, of adaptability and local variation, of skill and imagination—declined with the punitive export policy of the East India Company and the unrestricted import of machine-made goods, so much so that at the close of the last century fairs and festivals were reduced to a matter of concern only for the Public Health Department. They were no longer regarded as important centres of trade and commerce, but were now from the Government point of view merely a collection of human beings among whom epidemics were to be prevented from breaking out. They, therefore, ceased to interest the Commerce and Industries Department of the Government. It is significant that C. A. Bentley, the Director of Public Health in Bengal, published in 1929 a small pamphlet called *Fairs and Festivals in Bengal*. At the end of the pamphlet he printed

a 'chronological list' of 84 'important fairs of festivals in Bengal', none of which was supposed to be attended by less than 10,000 persons. As will be readily appreciated, this list was drawn up as a handbook of epidemic work of the Public Health Department, and not for the student of sociology or of inland trade and commerce. Some Settlement Officers—notably B. B. Mukherji in his Reports on Birbhum and Murshidabad, M. O. Carter in his Report on Malda, and F. O. Bell in his Report on Dinajpur—prepared lists of important fairs and melas but they, too, were tentative and rudimentary.

On the other hand, fairs and festivals continued to be a matter of law and order, and the Police Department and the District Board continued to maintain full lists of them in their local offices, a source which has so far remained unquarried. It was in connexion with a survey of rural arts and crafts with reference to the Census of 1951 that Shri Sudhansukumar Roy suggested that a full list of fairs and festivals should be compiled for each police-station and district. Such a list would be of great help to those who might care to investigate the State's religious centres and festivals, inland trade and commerce, art motifs and designs, circuits of trade, ancient trade routes, and special manufactures. It would give the student of toponomy much valuable clue and the student of history much valuable insight into the organisation of markets. The Superintendents of Police of all districts were addressed on the subject, and simultaneously the Chairmen of all District Boards were written to. While their replies were awaited, other sources were consulted and tentative lists for all districts prepared. But the fullness of the lists furnished by Superintendents of Police and Chairmen of District Boards exceeded all expectations and it remained merely to collate the two sets of lists and make up a common measure of them. This has been done and is now presented for public use. In this connexion mention must be made of the series of delightful reports that is being published in the Bengali newspaper *Jugantar* on melas and fairs in West Bengal.

The scholar will find in these lists much to excite his curiosity. First, they show what an extensive network of seasonal and perennial markets village fairs still provide to native craftsmanship and industry. Secondly, they help to connect economic streams with social and religious movements. Thirdly, they suggest how a succession of small fairs in a time series culminate in a very big fair, almost always in the heart of a particular area, and how this big event gradually subsided through another time series of small fairs, so that an endless cycle of trade, social and religious intercourse was kept in motion. Fourthly, they insinuate a great deal about what Buchanan-Hamilton was charged to investigate a century and a half ago: "the situation of the artists and manufacturers, the mode of providing their goods, the usual rate of their labour, and any particular advantages they may enjoy; their comparative affluence with respect to the cultivators of the land, their domestic usages, the nature of their sales, and the regulations respecting their markets". Fifthly, they can very greatly help in reconstructing ancient and not so ancient trade routes in the country, and, again, what Buchanan-Hamilton was asked to investigate: "the nature of the conveyance of goods by land and water, and the means by which this may be facilitated, especially by making or repairing roads".

Learned men will find these lists of a hundred different uses, but the last sentence says what prompted the Development Department to undertake publication of this booklet. This and another instruction which the Governor-General-in-Council on the 11th September 1807 gave to Dr. Francis Buchanan-Hamilton: "Should it appear to you that any new art or manufacture might be introduced with advantage into any district, you are to point out in what manner you think it may be accomplished".

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LIST OF IMPORTANT FAIRS AND MELAS

DISTRICT BURDWAN

Serial No.	J. L. No.	Name of place where mela or fair is held	Time (English month) when mela is held	Local religious or other occasion of the mela	Duration of mela or fair (number of days)	Average total attendance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : BURDWAN SADAR				
		Thana : Burdwan				
1	58	Tubgram	June-July	Dasahara	2	500
2	103	Kaligram	Do.	Jaydurga	3	2,000
3	66	Mirzapur	Do.	Ditto	3	4,000
4	61	Sonpur	May-June	Kali Puja	3	5,000
5	136	Hat Gobindapur ..	Do.	Manasa	2	2,000
6	106	Kurman	April	Charak	7	6,000
7	..	Sadar Ghat	Dec.-Jany. ..	Pous Parban	1	5,000
8	16	Nababhat	Feb.-March	Sivaratri	1	8,000
9	..	Mahanta Asthal	July-August ..	Jhulan	5	2,000
10	26	Kanchannagar	June-July	Rath	1	1,000
11	In 68	Hutudewan	February	Oras mela	2	500
12	In 68	Nerodighi	Do.	Garib Newaj Pir mela ..	4	300
13	68	Rayan	Do.	Sivaratri mela	4	500
14	9	Alampur	March	Buropir mela	4	300
15	19	Matial	February	Satyapir mela	2	300
		Thana : Ausgram				
16	90	Suata	December	Mahaprabhur Asthana ..	3	3,000
17	122	Beranda	February ..	Radha Krishna	3	1,500
18	158	Guskara	March	Sivaratri	3	1,800
19	132	Budra	Do.	Manasa	1	100
20	38	Ramchandrapur ..	May	Didi Thakurani	3	3,000
21	90	Suata	January	Bamanpirer mela	2	2,000
22	121	Beluti	Do.	Kalidaha mela	6	1,000
23	169	Dignagar	July	Rath	1	500
24	170	Bhota	February	Maghi purnima	3	600
25	179	Kairapur	April	Debi mela	3	1,000
26	..	Bagrai	Do.	Sha-sahiba mela	2	800
27	..	Dharapara	May	Dharmaraj mela	1	400
28	171	Takipur	October	Kali puja	2	1,000
		Thana : Galsi				
29	37	Mankar	February ..	Bhawani puja	3	500
30	16	Chak Tentul	March ..	Charak	5	300
31	20	Kasba	January	Behula Bhasan	7	1,500
32	63	Ramgopalpur	March	Ananda mela	3	700
33	85	Pursha	January	Pir Saheb	4	1,000
34	70	Gohagram	March	Charak	1	500
35	103	Irkona	February	Sri panchami	7	2,000
36	137	Ura	January	Paus Sankranti	3	500
37	..	Baradighi	February	Pirerdarga	2	400
38	..	Barsona	Do.	Barsona mela	4	600
39	..	Bardighi	Do.	Pirer mela	4	500
40	48	Paraj	April ..	Paraj mela	5	1,000
41	37	Mankar	February ..	Bhaba mela	5	600
		Thana : Khandaghosh				
42	..	Daspukur	February ..	Pirsaheb	3/4	500
43	35	Bonwai	June	Ambubachi	2/3	3,000
44	45	Onari	February	Onari Purbapara mela ..	12	2,000
45	..	Baheragara	January	Pirsaheb	7/8	1,000
46	65	Gaitanpur	Do.	Gouranga Thakur	1	1,000
47	..	Nasika	June	Dharmaraj	3	1,000
48	..	Khetkuri	March	Gajan	3/4	1,000
49	..	Nowhat	February	Oras mela	8	1,500
50	82	Aladipur	Do.	Baruopir mela	2/3	500
51	78	Sagrai	May	Gajan	3/4	700
52	107	Gopalbera	January	Pirsaheb	1	2,000
53	68	Kesabpur	March	Pirsaheb mela	4	1,200

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Thana : Memari				
54	93	Bohar	April	Pir Gadai Saheber mela	4	20,000
55	132	Keja	June	Manasa puja (Jhapan mela)	2	8,000
56	215	Chot Khanda	August	Manasa puja	3	25,000
57	..	Gayeshpur	March	Pir Aulia Saheb mela	2	500
58	4	Sargachhi	April	Rangila Saheber mela	3	500
59	In 167	Gopeganter	May	Chandi mela	2	700
60	39	Palsit	Do.	Mahatsav mela	4	500
61	116	Patra	Do.	Sasti mela	1	500
62	44	Dadpur	June	Mamdotala Gajan mela	2	700
63	7	Mandalgram	August	Jagatgouri mela	2	3,000
64	152	Memari	July	Jhapan mela	1	700
65	208	Kalsi	August	Ditto	1	1,500
		Thana : Jamalpur				
66	114	Jaugram	February	Sivaratri mela	7	5,000
67	..	Ramkindaha	April	Chaitra Sankranti	1	200
68	72	Siali	January	Kali puja	7	300
69	118	Kulingram	Jan. to Feby.	Madangopal Thakur mela	20	800
		Thana : Bhatar				
70	33	Mahata	January	Gobindajee's mela	4	300
71	68	Muratipur	February	Fakir's mela	4	200
72	38	Eruar	July	Kali puja	3	300
73	38	Do.	Jany.-Feby.	Saraswati puja	1	1,000
74	67	Bamsor	February	Pirer mela	4	1,000
75	36	Mandardihi	March	Maulavi Saheber mela	4	500
76	48	Nunari	Do.	Fakir Saheber mela	4	1,000
		Thana : Raina				
77	57	Bora	February	Makari saptami mela	2	1,000
78	200	Daminya	Do.	Kalpataru mela	2	6,000
79	184	Madhabdihi	Feby. to March	Ahar Chandi mela	5	1,000
80	57	Bora	May	Nrishingha Chaturdashi mela	2	800
		Subdivision : ASANSOL				
		Thana : Asansol				
81	..	Ghagarbari	January	Kali puja	1	5,000
82	23	Asansol village	April	Siva puja (Charak)	3	2,000
83	15	Dhadka	February	Kali puja (Naibari)	1	2,000
		Thana : Jamuria				
84	44	Darbardanga	January	Dharmasala	1	2,000
85	31	Banali	February	Kenduli mela	3	5,000
86	31	Do.	March	Ramraja puja	3	5,000
87	19	Nandi	Do.	Saraswati puja	3	600
88	18	Sibpur	Do.	Sivaratri mela	1	500
89	..	Shikpur	April	Pir saheber mela	2	200
90	41	Kumardiha	Do.	Ditto	2	200
91	21	Jamuria village	Do.	Dharmarajer Gajan	2	500
92	20	Damodarpur	September	Chata Parab (Santal Festival)	2	4,000
93	..	Saltor	April	Dharmarajer Gajan	2	500
94	23	Pariharpur	September	Chata Parab (Santal Festival)	2	2,000
		Thana : Hirapur				
95	61	Aluthiya	February	Saraswati puja	1	400
96	..	Thunut	February and October	Mankeswari mela	3	3,000
97	57	Purushottampur	March	Chaitra Sankranti mela	1	500
98	33	Kalajhariya	February	Kenduli mela	1	8,000

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Thana : Raniganj				
99	..	Narayanbari	February	Dharmaraj	7	4/5 thousand
100	23	Ronai	Do.	Pir Saheb	5	7/8 thousand
101	17	Siarsol	June	Rathajatra	7	3/4 thousand
		Thana : Ondal				
102	36	Dakshin Khanda ..	April	Siva puja	4	2,000
103	32	Khandra	March	Kali puja	2	1,000
104	18	Ukhra	June	Rathajatra	1	5,000
105	18	Do.	July	Jhulanjatra	4	10,000
106	10	Mahal	January ..	Rayani puja	7	5,000
107	..	Pandaveswar	Do.	Siva puja	1	6,000
108	41	Kajoragram	March	Siva Gajan	3	5,000
109	51	Ramprasadpur	Do.	Ditto	2	1,000
110	52	Ondal South Bazar ..	April	Mahabirjhanda	3	700
		Thana : Faridpur				
111	..	Durgapur	June	Rathajatra	1	1,000
112	42	Kataberia	Do.	Ditto	1	500
113	42	Do.	November	Gostha mela	7	1,000
114	..	Oyaria	Do.	Ditto	3	1,000
115	50	Ichapur	May	Ganga puja	3	1,000
116	35	Sarpai	Do.	Ditto	3	2,000
117	..	Sagarbhanga	April	Gajan	2	1,000
118	65	Mejedihi	Do. ..	Dharmaraj	2	1,000
119	92	Nadiha	Do.	Gajan of Shib	2	500
120	74	Faridpur	Do.	Dharmaraj	2	500
121	42	Kataberia	October	Gostastami mela	2	300
		Thana : Kanksa				
122	65	Gopalpur	March	Sivaratri mela	1	2,000
123	65	Do.	February	Maghi saptami	1	2,000
124	65	Do.	March	Chaitra Sankranti	4	2,000
125	63	Babnabera	January	Pous Sankranti	4	1,000
126	90	Silampur	Do.	Makar Sankranti	3	1,000
		Thana : Kulti				
127	30	Barakar Shibmandir ..	February	Sivaratri	2	5,000
128	52	Neamatpur	Do.	Ditto	2	3,000
129	..	Paltandanga	January	Pous Sankranti	1	5,000
		Kalyaneswari ..	February	Saraswati puja	1	5,000
130	39	Dishergarh	April	Pirer mela	15	2,000
		Thana : Barabani				
131	50	Domohani Chati ..	November	Goshala mela	3	5,000
		Thana : Salanpur				
132	55	Jitpur	February	Sivaratri	1	1,000
133	..	Jemihari	Do.	Ditto	3	2,000
		Subdivision : KALNA				
		Thana : Kalna				
134	..	Chanditolahat	July	Ashar Nabami	3	1,500
135	34	Medgachhi	February	Dharmaraj puja	3	1,550
136	46	Goparghat Malatipur ..	Do.	Uttarayana	1	500
137	53	Sargaria	May	Sitala puja	2	1,000
138	56	Maslandapur	June	Sidhyeswar puja	1	500
139	58	Atgharia	August	Manasha puja	1	300
140	57	Simlon	Sempetmber ..	Ditto	1	200
141	51	Krishnapur	October	Ditto	1	300
142	54	Briddhapara	April	Chaitra Sankranti	1	200

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
143	66	Sultanpur	April	Kalimata puja	2	500
144	71	Gopalpur	August	Manashamata	1	200
145	..	Belerhat	September	Durga puja	1	100
146	64	Puplati	August	Manashamata	1	150
147	62	Bhatra	July	Bastu puja	1	200
148	..	Marteswar	March	Dolejatra	2	300
149	..	Birulia	July	Kalimata	1	200
150	..	Do.	November	Bastu puja	1	100
151	130	Narikeldanga	July	Jhapan	1	1,500
152	128	Baidyapur	June	Rakhiday	7	1,500
153	128	Do.	October	Rash Festival	3	500
154	128	Do.	Do.	Nabami puja	1	500
155	134	Udaypur	July	Jhapan	3	1,200
156	153	Kadipara	July	Ditto	1	200
157	106	Akalpaush	August	Ditto	1	200
158	74	Tehata	Do.	Manasha	1	300
159	107	Narenga	Do.	Ditto	1	300
160	110	Jhikra	January	Dewan mela	1	500
161	162	Koyaldanga	July	Manasha puja	1	500
162	95	Dharmadanga	September	Ditto	1	200
163	95	Dharmadanga	February	Bagdebi puja	1	200
164	..	Puranhat	September	Gajalakshmi puja	1	500
165	..	Do.	May	Manasha puja	1	500
166	192	Ekchari	April	Charak puja	1	200
167	..	Jamurtola	May	Jhapan	1	100
168	..	Sarbamangala	Do.	Sarbamangala puja	1	200
169	171	Satgachi	March	Dolejatra	1	200
170	..	Kanchragoriah	April	Jatadhari puja	1	200
171	138	Kumarpara	May	Sitala puja	1	200
172	139	Singarkon	April	Jagatgouri puja	1	500
173	51	Krishnapur	Do.	Gostha Bihar	1	300
174	145	Kola	August	Jhapan	1	150
175	143	Bara Bahar	September	Ditto	1	150
176	..	Chaugram	Do.	Ditto	1	150
177	146	Kulti	Do.	Ditto	1	125
178	139	Singarkon	March	Dolejatra	12	150
179	46	Malatipur	January ..	Gopai mela	1	2,500
180	..	Bagnapara	February	Mahatsav mela	4	3,000
181	34 35	Medgachi or Manikhar	January	Jatmela	1	2,000
182	46	Malatipur	February	Makari saptami mela ..	1	..
183	48	Gramkalna	Do.	Ditto	1	1,500
184	139	Singarkon	March	Dole mela	3	2,500
185	67	Isabpur	April	Kali mela	2	1,000
186	53	Sargaria	May	Sitala mela	1	2,500
187	128	Baidyapur	June/July	Rathajatra mela	9	1,500
188	28	Raniband	July	Ashar Nabami mela	2	2,000
		Thana : Purbasthali				
189	46	Jamalpur	May	Siva puja	1 month	10,000 to 12,000
190	46	Jamalpur	February ..	Siva Puja	2	4/5 thousand
191	87	Bhandartikuri ..	August	Manasha puja	1	4/5 thousand
192	81	Palashpuli	March	Sitala puja	1	2/3 thousand
193	..	Sibnagar	February	Sivaratri mela	3	3,000
194	46	Jamalpur	May	Buroraj mela	3	10,000
195	..	Polerhat	August	Brahmani mela	3	5,000
		Thana : Manteswar				
196	29	Kharampur	January	Oras mela (Muslim Festival) ..	4	1,200
197	104	Joshu Bhagra	May	Buroraj Thakur	4	2,000
198	93	Raigram	February ..	Gorachand mela	5	5,000
199	71	Kusumgram	Do.	Pir Saheber mela	5	2,000
200	24	Susunia	May	Tarikhya puja	5	4,000
201	41	Manteswar	April	Charak puja	2	5/6 hundred

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
202	..	Ichudanga	February	Buroraj mela	1	2,000
203	..	Ichudanga	May	Ditto	3	2,000
204	..	Raigram	Feb./March ..	Gorachand mela	7	1,000
205	..	Kuley	February	Pir Saheber mela	2	500
206	..	Bhelia	March	Ronza Sarif mela	4	500
		Subdivision : KATWA				
		Thana : Katwa				
207	37	Karajgram	January	Panchanantala mela	1	400
208	48	Kaithan	Do.	Kaithan Hattala mela	1	200
209	47	Karulia	Do.	Panchanantala	1	300
210	123	Chanduli	June	Ganga puja	1	500
211	74	Mulgram	January	Panchanantala	1	500
212	74	Mulgram	June	Ambubachi	1	150
213	112	Agradwip	March	Baruni	7	1,000
214	..	Gopalpur	January	Panchanan Thakur mela ..	4	800
215	..	Khajurdihi	February	Bhairabnath mela	2	800
216	121	Singi	July	Khetralal puja mela	3	1,000
217	7	Srikhanda	November ..	Srikhanda Bardanga mela ..	3	1,000
		Thana : Ketugram				
218	118	Uddharanpur	January	Pous Sankranti	15	25,000
219	14	Berugram	Do.	Gopaldas Babaji's death ..	3	2,000
220	69	Dakshindihi	Do.	Ratanti Chaturdashi	1	10,000
221	48	Dadhia	February	Bairagithala	15	70,000
222	11	Ankhona	Do.	Pirer mela	3	3,000
223	117	Naihati	April	Gajan mela	3	60,000
224	49	Aiyapur	February	Saraswati puja	3	5,000
225	75	Billeswar	Do.	Billwanath mela	2	500
226	36	Kandra	March	Sha-Saheber mela	2	200
227	37	Komarpur	June	Kala Chandtala mela	2	500
228	30	Amgaria	December	Amgaria mela	5	1,000
		Thana : Mangalkot				
229	33	Kasiara	February	Bairagitola mela	6	4,000
230	68	Babladihi	Do.	Sivaratri mela	3	5,000
231	129	Kharija Kshirgram . ..	March	Kshirgram mela	6	20,000
232	64	Mangalkot	February	Pir Saheber mela	7	3,000
233	115	Sitalgram	January	Dhananjoy Pandit's death ..	3	1,000
234	112	Chaitanyapur	March	Sivaratri	3	2,000
235	59	Nutanhat	April	Basanti puja	4	1,000
236	58	Kogram	January	Ujjaini puja	3	2,000
237	36	Jhilera	Do.	Ditto	3	500
238	81	Palisgram	February	Musafir mela	2	600
239	128	Kshirgram	May	Jogadya mela	1	5,000
240	59	Nutanhat	February ..	Jatindra mela	3	500
		Thana : Raniganj				
241	27	Ballavpur Nadighat ..	January (Paus Sankranti)	Paus Sankranti	1	4,000
242	..	Nabanjuri	January ..	1st of *Magh*	1	3,000
		Thana : Kulti				
243	38	Sanctoria	February ..	Majar Sarif	7	9,000
		Thana : Jamuria				
244	6	Churulia	February ..	Data Md. Sahib	6	1,200
245	..	Do.	Do. ..	Saraswati mela	2	1,000
		Thana : Ketugram				
246		Bairagyatala Katwa town ..	February ..	Sri Chaitanyas renunciation ..	3	50,000
		Thana : Kalna				
247		Kalna Town	February ..	Mahismardini	5	50,000

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : BIRBHUM SADAR				
		Thana : Suri				
1	106	Karidhya	October	Gostha mela	1	500
2	12	Ajaypur	January	Brahmadatti	1	350
3	46	Patanda	Do.	Ditto	2	1,000
4	81	Koma	November	Rashjatra	2	1,500
5	63	Purandarpur	April	Dharam puja	4	3,000
6	..	Pathar-Chapri	March	Data-sahib Majar	7	10,000
7	189	Nagari	January	Brahmadatti	1	2,500
8	202	Bhandiraban	November	Rash mela	1	7,000
9	192	Barabagaon	February	Krishi-silpa Pradarsani	7	10,000
		Thana : Dubrajpur				
10	42	Bakreswar	February	Siva-chaturdashi	7	10,000
11	..	Khageswar	April	Charak puja	2	500
12	..	Kaddang	May	Dharma puja	6	1,000
13	223	Jatra	January	Pous Sankranti	3	250
14	143	Hetampur	Do.	Saraswati puja	4	1,000
15	158	Kota	May	Dharam puja	1	500
16	145	Kendula	Do.	Ditto	2	500
17	155	Loba-Barawari	June	Rathajatra	1	500
18	155	Loba	October	Kali puja	2	1,000
19	74	Jamthalia	May	Dharam puja	1	500
20	191	Sahapur	April	Other occasion	7	1,000
21	195	Kuita	October	Maharram	1	1,000
22	140	Islampur	April	Chaitra Sankranti	1	500
23	140	Do.	Do.	Fakir Shaheb's mela	3	500
24	193	Selarpur	....	Ram Navami	7	1,000
25	58	Metela	....	Baisakhi purnima	1	500
26	119	Chandipur	....	Ditto	1	500
27	220	Belahri	....	Dasahara	1	1,000
28	100	Bandhersol	....	Dharmaraj puja	2	50
29	143	Hetampur	....	Rathajatra	1	2,000
30	143	Do.	....	Jhulanjatra	3	500
		Thana : Bolpur				
31	113	Supur	....	Rash purnima	3	500
32	..	Suratheswar Tala	....	Siva-chaturdashi	3	300
33	129	Sian	*1st Magh*	....	3	300
34	128	Dwarakanathpur	*Falgoon*	....	1	200
35	65	Goalpara	.....	Baisakhi purnima	3	500
36	121	Muluk	November	Gosthastami	3	500
37	140	Bahiri	....	Ekadasi after Saraswati puja	3	500
38	..	Loldaha	March	....	3	500
39	16	Kasba	*1st Magh*	....	1	100
40	38	Srichandrapur	....	Dole purnima	2	200
41	113	Supur	....	Rathajatra	1	300
42	48	Manoharpur	1st Magh	....	1	500
43	8	Salan	....	Sri panchami	3	500
44	..	Gonorah	*Jaistha*	....	2	300
45	5	Simulia	*Falgoon*	....	3	3,000
46	157	Mahadebpur	Do.	....	3	500
47	109	Raipur	*Jaistha*	....	3	300
48	..	Deoli	January	Pous Sankranti	1	100
49	..	Kankalitala	April	Religious	2	2,000
50	..	Sreeniketan	February	Anniversary day of Sreeniketan	1	3,000
51	..	Santiniketan	December	Dikshya date of 3 days of Maharshi Debendra Nath Thakur	3	5,000
		Thana : Mahammadbazar				
52	53	Jindharpur	....	Rathajatra	1	500
53	33	Makdumnagar	....	Maharram	2	500
54	38	Harinsinga	April	....	1	500
55	67	Deucha	June	Rathajatra	1	500
56	40	Hingla	April	Charak puja	1	1,000

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
57	121	Maulpur	March	Maulpur mela	3	2,000
58	76	Raypur	Do.	Sivaratri	4	1,000
59	76	Do.	April	Charak puja	1	500
60	..	Danjora	August	Danjora mela	1	700
61	..	Do.	Do.	Raghunath mela	1	300
62	71	Raghunathpur	June	Rathajatra	1	400
63	70	Ushka	April	Baruni mela	1	1,500
64	..	Sanganpur	Do.	Dharam puja	3	500
65	..	Bharkata	October	Kali puja	1	1,000
66	18	Ganpur	June	Rathajatra	1	300
67	25	Darkota	October	Gostha mela	1	800
68	26	Dighalgram	February	Brahmadatti	3	2,000
69	23	Alinagar	Do.	Religious	1	500
70	26	Dighalgram	June	Rathajatra	1	500
71	121	Maulpur	April	Charak puja	1	500
		Thana : Nanoor				
72	130	Nabasta	February	Maghi purnima	3	500
73	125	Brahmankhanda ..	*Chaitra* ..	....	3	500
74	54	Charkalgram	April	Maghi purnima	7	3,000
75	17	Jubutia	March	Siva puja	1 month	8,000 or more
		Thana : Khoyrasol				
76	133	Bagasol	*1st Magh*	....	1	1,000/1,500
77	..	Lower Kha	*Magh*	....	7	1,500/2,000
78	130	Khayrasol	..	Gosthastami	1	500/700
79	84	Parsundi	January	Paraichandi	4	5,000
80	92	Jamalpur	May	Manasa puja	3	1,200
81	82	Barra	February	Ganesh Janani	3	500
82	78	Babuijore	Do. ..	Saraswati puja	2	400
83	74	Geruapahari	September	Santali mela	1	350
84	58	Bhadulia	May	Dharam puja	2	300
85	126	Nakrakonda	March	Dole purnima	2	400
86	110	Nundira	February	Gossain puja	1	500
87	..	Bhabaniganj	Do.	Chandi puja	2	800
88	107	Rasa	April	Siva puja	1	400
89	114	Krishnapur	February	Chandi puja	1	500
90	140	Isgara	May	Kali puja	3	600
91	137	Churar	October	Rash	3	400
		Thana : Illambazar				
92	63	Jaydeb Kenduli	January	Pous sankranti	3	10,000
93	95	Illambazar	May	Kirtan	3	1,000
94	34	Galtia	Do.	Religious	5	500
95	..	Gurisa	June	....	1	500
96	22	Mangaldihi	November	Rash purnima	3	500
97	109	Katna	January	....	2	500
98	132	Gopalnagar	July	Ashari purnima	1	500
		Thana : Labhpur				
99	76	Maheshpur	September	Kali puja	5	2,000
100	101	Labhpur	February	Maghi purnima	7	2,000
101	45	Raskhareswar ..	March	Sivaratri	3	2,000
102	..	Fullaratala	....	Maghi purnima	9	700
103	134	Dhandanga	April	....	2-4	400
		Subdivision : RAMPURHAT				
		Thana : Murarai				
104	31	Ratanpur	February	Sivaratri	10	4,000
105	104	Murarai	March	Ditto	8	2,000
106	72	Jajigram	October	Kali puja	2	2,000
		Thana : Rampurhat				
107	62	Chandipur (Tarapit) ..	September	Tarapit mela	7	5,000
108	64	Udaypur	October	Kali puja	2	2,000
109	46	Gopalpur	....	Makari saptami	3	500
110	123	Tarapur	*Chaitra*	....	1	700

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
111	176	Joghar	*Chaitra*	....	1	400
112	158	Kaluha	April	Baisakhi purnima	1	500
113	197	Podda	....	Ditto	1	500
114	64	Udaypur	....	Kali puja	1	500
115	138	Margram	*Pous*	Ditto	1	500
		Thana : Nalhati				
116	90	Bhadrapur	March	Samsundar puja	6	2,000
117	53	Nalhati	April	Siva puja	1	100
118	..	Dhamri	....	Chaitra Sankranti	1	700
119	53	Nalhati	June	Rathajatra	1	200
120	78	Kurugram	*Magh*	Saraswati puja	3	600
121	50	Jagadhari	September	Durga puja	3	200
122	76	Atgram	March	Kali puja	3	200
123	75	Barla	June	Rathajatra	1	300
124	81	Bujunga	February	Kali puja	3	500
125	92	Akalipur	Do.	Ditto	3	400
126	117	Lohapur	March	Ditto	7	1,000
		Thana : Mayureswar				
127	26	Fatehpur	Every Saturday ..	Kali puja	1	400
128	22	Mallarpur	March	Chaitra Sankranti	3	700
129	17 & 57	Muralidangal	December	Pous Sankranti	3	500
130	..	Fakirkhanamela ..	*Magh*	....	7	2,000
131	164	Birchandrapur	November	Gostha	6	700
132	..	Aradhanamela	February	....	3	3,000
133	207	Kaleswar	Do.	Sivaratri	7	900
134	95	Jhikadda	March	Chaitra Sankranti	1	600
135	215	Dheka	February	Religious	1	500
136	50	Kamraghat	Do.	....	4	3,000
137	102	Kotasur	*Baisakh*	....	7	4,000

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : BANKURA SADAR				
		Thana : Khatra				
1	15	Nanda	14th *Baisakh* (4th week of April)	Siva puja	2	1,000
2	8	Dhanarangi	2nd *Baisakh* (2nd week of April)	Gajan parab	2	1,500
3	42	Bamni	February	Bamni 24 Prahar mela ..	5	2,000
4	25	Deuli	30th *Poush* (2nd week of January)	24 Prahar Sankirtan	5	5,000
5	84	Bhogra	13th *Jaistha* (3rd week of May)	Gajan parab	1	1,500
6	147	Bhojda	1st *Baisakh* (2nd week of April)	Siva puja	1	1,500
7	123	Simla	4th *Jaistha* (2nd week of May)	Ditto	2	2,000
8	192	Khatra	17th *Bhadra* (1st week of September)	Ind parab	3	1,500
9	..	Do.	6th *Magh* (3rd week of January)	Saraswati puja	4	500
10	..	Metala	30th *Chaitra* (2nd week of April)	Siva puja	1	1,000
11	217	Parkul	30th *Poush* (2nd week of January)	Makar snan	1	2,000
		Thana : Indpur				
12	17	Hatgram	29th *Sraban* (2nd week of August)	Shib Gajan	3	500
13	..	Do.	1st *Jaistha* (3rd week of May)	Ditto	5	2,000
14	..	Barabandha	1st *Jaistha* (3rd week of May)	Ditto	1	500
15	153	Dangarampur	12th *Baisakh* (4th week of April)	Ditto	1	400
16	116	Puara	30th *Chaitra* (2nd week of April)	Ditto	1	2,000
17	141	Indpur	20th *Baisakh* (1st week of May)	Ditto	1	300
18	192	Atbaichandi	30th *Baisakh* (2nd week of May)	Ditto	1	500
19	175	Brajarajpur	4th week of February ..	Dole purnima	1	700
20	..	Nelaboni	30th *Chaitra* (2nd week of April)	Shib Gajan	1	400
		Thana : Ranibandh				
21	26	Baddi	April	Shib Gajan	1	300
22	11	Narkoli	Do.	Ditto	1	300
23	27	Gholkuri	1st week of May ..	Ditto	1	200
24	16	Pareshnath	2nd week of January ..	Nabaratri	1	300
25	..	Simla	1st week of May ..	Shib Gajan	1	400
26	..	Mahutpur	2nd week of May ..	Ditto	1	300
27	38	Rudra	1st week of May ..	Ditto	7	1,000
28	60	Budhkhila	4th week of January ..	Tusu Festival	1	400
29	75	Ranibandh	April	Shib Gajan	1	400
30	130	Bansdiha	Do.	Ditto	1	300
31	38	Rudra	4th week of February ..	Dolejatra	1	200
32	129	Rautara	January	Sri panchami	1	400
		Thana : Raipur				
33	162	Motgoda	Last Saturday of *Magh* (1st or 2nd week of February)	Annual Utsab of God Dharmaraj ..	5	20,000
34	6	Bhagra	May	Shib Gajan mela	1	700

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		Thana : Simlapal				
35	141	Simlapal	September	Durga puja	4	4,000
36	..	Do.	March	Dolejatra	3	3,000
37	168	Dubrajpur	May	Shib Gajan mela	1	600
38	..	Velaidiha	September	Durga puja	4	3,000
39	..	Do.	March	Dolejatra	3	2,000
40	199	Bhutsahar	October	Kali puja	2	3,000
41	176	Nekratapal	January	Pous Sankranti	1	2,000
		Thana : Taldangra				
42	140	Sabrakon	2nd week of February day and night	Rash mela	3	2,000
		Thana : Bankura				
43	202	Ekteswar Union IX	April	Gajan Festival	1	10,000
44	89	Kenjakura Union V	Do.	Ditto	1	10,000
45	80	Uriama Union V	Do.	Ditto	1	2,000
46	215	Kankata (in Town)	May	Ditto	1	1,000
47	..	Daser Bandh (in Town)	Do.	Ditto	1	2,000
48	171	Bhagabanpur Union VIII	Do.	Ditto	1	1,000
49	103	Jambedia Union III	Do.	Ditto	1	5,000
50	24	Mankanali Union I	Do.	Ditto	1	5,000
51	138	Sunukpahari Union VIII	Do.	Ditto	1	5,000
52	56	Achuri Union IV	Do.	Ditto	1	500
53	196	Jagadalla Union VIII	March	Ditto	1	3,000
54	191	Banshi Union VIII	Do.	Ditto	1	5,000
55	308	Kusthia Union XI	July	Ditto	1	2,000
56	244	Purandarpur Union II	April	Ditto	1	3,000
57	99	Kalpathar Union VI	January	Sri panchami	3	5,000
58	275	Narra Union X	July	Gajan Festival	1	2,000
		Thana : Chhatna				
59	31	Jirra Union II	October	Durga puja	3	500
60	155	Arra Union III	February	Sri panchami	3	500
61	114	Kamarkuli	May	Shib Gajan mela	2	750
62	146	Jhantipahari Union III	June	Gajan Festival	1½	500
63	..	Chhatna Raj Durbar	May	Ranir Gajan mela	2	800
64	..	Kulgera Union V	Do.	Gajan Festival	1½	500
65	..	Mantemmeno Union V	March	Ditto	1½	500
66	..	Chhatna Union X	Do.	Ditto	3	500
67	..	Kamartenli Union X	Do.	Ditto	1½	300
68	..	Chhatna Union X	May	Ditto	15	500
69	89	Shushunia Union XII	March	Ditto	3	1,500
		Thana : Saltora				
70	64	Behari Union I	April	Gajan Festival	2	1,000
71	81	Dhekia Union III	Do.	Ditto	2	2,000
72	86	Pabra Union VIII	Do.	Ditto	2	1,000
73	6	Tiluri Union IV	June	Ditto	1	2,500
		Thana : Mejhia				
74	37	Namo Mejhia	May	Gajan mela	3	1,000
75	..	Palerbandh	March	Bhogroy mela	3	1,000
76	7	Ardhagram	May	Gajan Festival	3	300
77	..	Mejhia	Do.	Bathonia mela	2	2,500
78	65	Ramchandrapur	January	Saraswati puja	3	500
79	1	Bhara	March	Gajan Festival	3	500
80	17	Tegharia	April	Ditto	3	200
		Thana : Barjora				
81	15	Pratappur	January	Saraswati puja	1	2,000
82	46	Barjora	April	Gajan Festival	1	2,000
83	..	Gour Bera	January	Makar mela	3	500
84	58	Pakhanna	February	Makari Saptami mela	5	1,000
85	52	Krishnagar	March	Baruni mela	3	500
86	181	Jagannathpur	April	Gajan Festival	1	5,000
87	130	Beliator	July	Ditto	1	5,000

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		Thana : Gangajalghati				
88	2	Barsal Union III ..	March	Gajan Festival	3	200
89	18	Phuljam Union IV ..	Do.	Ditto	3	150
90	81	Keshara Union VI ..	Do.	Ditto	3	500
91	149	Pirhabani Union X ..	Do.	Ditto	3	200
92	86	Bhaktabandh Union VIII ..	Do.	Ditto	3	100
93	..	Bhuifore	April	Sri Ram Nabami mela ..	3	1,000
94	89	Taljhitka Union VIII ..	November	Rash mela	3	100
		Thana : Onda				
95	139	Maitha Union I	April/May	Gajan Festival	1	4,000
96	..	Alati Union II	March/April ..	Ditto	1	500
97	227	Khamarberea	April	Ditto	2	1,000
98	96	Tapoban Union III ..	October	Durga puja and Lakshmi puja ..	6	4,000/5,000
99	95	Santore Union III ..	March/April ..	Gajan Festival	1	500/600
100	..	Hariharpur Union III ..	April	Ditto	1	1,000/2,000
101	89	Lodna Union IV.. ..	Do.	Ditto	1	400/500
102	7	Bhola Union V	Do.	Ditto	2	1,000/2,000
103	58	Nutangram Union VI ..	Do.	Ditto	2	1,000/2,000
104	..	Perora Union V	Do.	Ditto	3	1,000/2,000
105	66	Ashnasol Union V ..	September	Durga puja..	4	600/700
106	64	Hatbari Union V ..	October ..	Lakshmi puja	2	600/700
107	..	Dhanna Union VI ..	April	Gajan Festival	1	600/700
108	..	Raidi Union VI ..	Do.	Ditto	1	600/700
109	37	Chhota-Kurpa Union VII ..	Do.	Ditto	1	600/700
110	..	Gholkunda Union VII ..	January	Saraswati puja	1	600/700
111	38	Mandarbani Union VII ..	February and March ..	Dolejatra	3	600/700
112	45	Bhulanpur Union VII ..	January	Saraswati puja	3	4,000/5,000
113	44	Kiabati Union	Do.	Ditto	4	500/600
114	3	Chhagulia Union ..	November	Rash mela	3	500/600
115	151	Baharamuri Union X ..	April	Gajan Festival	3	1,000/1,500
116	..	Do.	January	Saraswati puja	3	1,000/1,500
117	49	Gopalpur Union X ..	Do.	Ditto	3	1,000/1,500
118	149	Chandrakona Union X ..	February/March ..	Dolejatra	3	500/600
119	2	Krishnanagar Union X ..	June/July	Rathajatra	1	200/300
120	..	Kiabari Union X ..	January/February ..	Saraswati puja	1	1,000/2,000
121	149	Chandrakona Union X ..	May	Gajan	2	300/400
122	211	Bahulara Union XI ..	April	Ditto	3	4,000/5,000
123	183	Onda Union XI.. ..	March	Ditto	7	4,000/5,000
124	238	Teliberia Union XII ..	April	Ditto	1	3,000/4,000
125	248	Ramsagar Union XII ..	Do.	Ditto	1	300/400
126	248	Do. ..	July	Ditto	1	300/400
127	278	Gorasol Union XII ..	December	Pous Sankranti	3	300/400
128	279	Nakaijuri Union XII ..	Do.	Ditto	3	500/600
129	271	Agarda Union XIV ..	July/April	Gajan	1, 3	200/300 300/400
130	230	Purusottampur Union XIV	January	Saraswati puja	3	300/400
131	270	Jhatibani Union XIV ..	July	Gajan	1	300/400
132	..	Jatabari Union XIV ..	April	Ditto	3	300/400
133	261	Jadabnagar Union XIV ..	July	Ditto	1	300/400
134	288	Jamdahara Union XIV ..	May	Ditto	2	300/400
135	..	Jamdahara	July	Ditto	1	300/400
		Subdivision : VISHNUPUR				
		Thana : Vishnupur				
136	131	Chuamoshina	April	Shib Gajan	2	2,500
137	..	Bharai	September	Durga puja	4	900
138	136	Dihar	March	Sareswar Gajan	2	1,500
139	..	Bharai	June	Rathajatra	1	800
140	134	Janta	March	Baruni mela	7	2,500
141	532	Radhanagar	May	Shib Gajan	2	3,000
142	102	Ajodhya	Do.	Dasahara	1	5,000
143	102	Do.	October	Rash mela	3	2,500
144	11	Dwarika	February	Dolejatra	3	300
145	42	Turki-Sitarampur ..	April	24 Prahar	3	3,000
146	..	Pansoli	January	Saraswati puja	2	1,000
147	35	Basudebpur	October	Kali puja	2	550
148	99	Jiabandi ,, ,,	Do.	Ditto ,, ,, ,,	2	400

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149	..	Piardoba	October	Kali puja	2	500
150	81	Chanchar	September	Durga puja..	4	1,500
151	..	Kella (Vishnupur town) ..	October	Rashjatra	7	1,500
152	..	Vishnupur town ..	June	Rathajatra (Ultarath)	1	15,000
		Thana : Jaypur				
153	24	Brajasol	April	Gajan mela..	2	4,000
154	134	Dakshina Barh	Do.	Chaitra Sankranti	2	1,400
155	120	Maynapur	March	Hakand Baruni mela	3	3,000
156	26	Hetia	April	Shib Gajan mela	2	4,000
157	..	Baital	Do.	Ditto	2	3,000
158	48	Kuchiakole	Do.	Ditto	2	4,000
159	..	Kuchiakole-Mohanpur ..	June	Rathajatra	1	6,000
160	43	Gokulnagar	April	Rakshmakali mela	3	5,000
161	110	Gelia	June	Rathajatra	1	9,000
		Thana : Kotulpur				
162	..	Ballitha	April	Chaitra Sankranti	3	2,000
163	..	Do.	January	Pous Sankranti	1	2,000
164	70	Napukur	Do.	Ditto	1	2,000
165	54	Mirzapur	April	Chaitra Sankranti	2	1,500
166	..	Sapura	January	Pous Sankranti	1	10,000
167	88	Kotulpur	October	Rashjatra	5	200
168	64	Madanmohanpur ..	Do.	Ditto	5	300
169	..	Chatra	September	Rabankorarath	2	250
170	193	Sihar..	April	Chaitra Sankranti	2	500
171	193	Do.	June	Rathajatra	1	1,000
		Thana : Indas				
172	103	Behar	May	Kalu Ray's Gajan	2	1,000
173	40	Kalagram	April	Gangadhar Gajan	2	500
174	5	Gopalnagar	Do.	Bura Shib Gajan	4	500
175	75	Shashpur	May	Bura Shib Geram mela ..	2	2,000
176	50	Keneti Gurudham Sevasram	January-February ..	Santoshram mela	6	500
177	..	Shanpura	January	Pous Sankranti	1	1,000
178	53	Abdulpur	Do.	Gurudham Santa Ashram mela ..	8	3,000
		Thana : Patrasair				
179	2	Deulapara	April	Shib Gajan	2	500
180	7	Narayanpur	Do.	Ditto	1	350
181	64	Salkhara	March	Ditto	2	1,500
182	49	Patrasair	April	Ditto	3	1,500
183	47	Krishnanagar	December	Kenduli mela	1	500
184	54	Danna	April	Gajan	1	350
185	..	Maheshpur	December	Makar Festival	1	1,000
186	..	Bulshi	April	Gajan	2	1,500
187	105	Birsingha	May	Mahatsole mela	2	1,000
188	98	Jamkuri	April	Basanti puja mela	1	500
189	..	Naricha	December	Sharbamangala	2	1,500
190	..	Kushdwip	May	Shib Gajan	2	1,500
191	..	Sehapore	Do.	Marakchandi mela	2	1,500
		Thana : Sonamukhi				
192	85	Sonamukhi town ..	March-April ..	Monohardas's mela	3	5,000
193	..	Panchal	April	Shib Gajan mela	2	8,000
194	..	Nafardanga	January	Gajan	3	2,000
195	110	Radhamohanpur ..	February	Nairarbandh mela	7	1,000
196	..	Palsora	April	Gajan	2	800
197	65	Rampur	Do.	Ditto	2	500
198	109	Khaerbani	Do.	Chaitra Sankranti	2	300
199	124	Dariapur	March	Gajan	2	400
200	..	Narayansundari	June	Dasahara	2	1,000
201	151	Dhansimla	Do.	Ditto	3	1,200

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : SADAR NORTH				
		Thana : Garhbeta				
1	..	Bagri (Krishnanagar) ..	1st March ..	Mela in connection with Dolojatra and Rathajatra Festivals	3	6,000
2	763	Kenkator ..	March ..	Chaitra Sankranti	3	2,500
3	118	Pinboni ..	April ..	Ganjan mela	1	500/600
4	..	Rapuria ..	November ..	Rashjatra	1	500/600
5	402	Krishnanagar ..	June ..	Harinam Sankirtan	3	300/400
6	..	Sarga ..	February ..	Gajan mela	3	3,000
7	746	Rashkundu ..	April ..	Siva mela	3	700/800
		Thana : Kotwali				
8	..	Bela (in Union II) ..	February ..	During Sankranti puja Festival ..	7	500
		Thana : Debra				
9	230	Chandipur ..	December and January	Kedar mela	15	5,000
10	100	Trilochanpur ..	March ..	Dole Purnima	3	400
11	260	Satyapur ..	April ..	Gajan of God Shiv	15	2,000
12	47	Golgram ..	June ..	Rathajatra	6	1,000
13	339	Dwarikapur ..	Do. ..	Ditto	6	500
14	92	Malighati ..	May ..	Nabakunja of God Srikrishna ..	7	500
		Thana : Salbani				
15	524	Karnagarh ..	January ..	Barang puja	2	3,000
16	245	Gaighata ..	Do. ..	Ditto	1	2,000
17	..	Nanduria ..	Do. ..	Ditto	1	2,000
18	248	Jalahari ..	June ..	Charak	1	3,000
19	422	Bankibandh ..	September ..	Ind	1	2,000
20	90, 183, 415	Salbani ..	January ..	Baram puja	1	3,000
21	..	Meghakham ..	February ..	Sankranti puja	1	2,500
		Thana : Keshpur				
22	81	Kanasole ..	April ..	Gajan	7	5,000
23	473	Kastha Khamar ..	March ..	Chaitra Sankranti	2	2,500
24	..	Noradeul ..	January ..	Pous Sankranti and Saraswati puja	7	1,000
25	447	Dhalhara ..	April ..	Gajan	8	2,500
		Subdivision : SADAR SOUTH				
		Thana : Khargpur Local				
26	247	Gholgharia ..	April ..	Kali puja	2	3,000
27	573	Bhandaria ..	Do. ..	Ditto	2	1,000
28	..	Malancha ..	July ..	Rathajatra	8	1,000
29	13	Andharia ..	February ..	Maghi purnima	2	500
30	531	Sreerampur ..	March ..	Dole purnima	3	1,500
31	..	Mawa ..	Do. ..	Kali puja	1	1,200
32	384	Balarampur ..	July ..	Rathajatra	2	700
		Thana : Narayangarh				
33	326	Deula ..	January ..	Makar Sankranti	1	2,000
34	..	Mamansa ..	Do. ..	Ditto	1	2,000
35	..	Turna ..	Do. ..	Ditto	1	2,000
36	..	Kasba ..	February ..	Maghi purnima	2	4,500
37	439	Roipur ..	Do. ..	Sivaratri	2	2,500
38	315	Beldabazar ..	October ..	Durga puja	2	2,500
39	..	Narayangarh ..	February ..	Maghi purnima	1	2,000
40	480	Bhadrakali ..	April ..	Charak	2	3,000
41	..	Reddipur ..	Do. ..	Ditto	1	1,000
42	350	Babalpur ..	Do. ..	Ditto	1	1,000
43	..	Paktapole ..	Do. ..	Chaitra Sankranti	1	1,000
44	..	Narayangarh ..	June ..	Rathajatra	1	2,000
45	315	Belda ..	Do. ..	Ditto	1	2,000

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		Thana : Mohanpur				
46	..	Sanpia	November	Rash	7	600
47	390	Agarara	September	Durga puja	4	500
48	384	Mohanpur	June	Snanjatra	1	1,000
49	384	Do.	Do.	Rathajatra	1	5,000
50	384	Do.	July	Ultarath	1	4,000
51	..	Baitabazar	April	Barwari Kali puja	15	2,000
52	..	Kharisha	Do.	Charak puja	12	300
		Thana : Pingla				
53	..	Gopinathpur	April	Agni puja	1	200
54	..	Kantapukur	February	Maghi purnima	2	5,000
55	83	Pingla Hat	April	Hari mela	4	400
56	106	Dhaneswarpur	Do.	Ditto	2	500
57	77	Kalika Kundua	Do.	Charak mela	4	4,000
		Thana : Sabang				
58	293	Sabong	October	Durga puja	4	1,000
59	248	Tilantapara	November	Rash purnima	5	2,000
60	389	Shitalda	February	Sivaratri	4	1,000
61	407	Bishnupur	October	Durga puja	4	1,000
		Thana : Dantan				
62	250	Kedar	February	Sivaratri	2	1,000
63	120	Sharashanka	January	Religious	1	2,000
64	..	Thakurgharh	July	Rathajatra	2	4,200
		Subdivision : TAMLUK				
		Thana : Sutahata				
65	77	Gunageria	January	Madhab mela	14	2,000
66	..	Basudevbariya	March	Dole mela	2	1,500
67	84	Basulya	April	Gajan mela	5	1,000
68	60	Barabari	May	Gangaswar mela	6	4,000
		Thana : Tamluk				
69	22	Bansda	February	Maghi purnima	3	4,000/5,000
70	..	Chimutia	April	Nilratri	1	2,000
71	21	Sahara	February	Bhim Ekadashi	2	500
72	..	Dihigumai	March	Chaitra Sankranti	2	2,100
73	16	Balluk	November	Rathajatra	2	1,500
74	..	Dehimari	July	Ditto	2	1,200
75	11	Barasati or Haldichak	March	Holi purnima	2	1,000
76	..	Kakurda	February	Rathajatra	2	500
77	61	Sayadighi	April	Ganga Baruni	8	1,000
78	..	Ramtarak Hat	October	Durga puja	4	1,000
79	..	Bhalukahat	October and November	Kartick Ekadashi	2	2,000
80	..	Deruari Hat	June	Rath	2	5,000
81	83	Narayandari	October	Durga puja	4	1,000
82	..	Radhamoni Bazar	Do.	Ditto	4	5,000
83	..	Kelomal	Do.	Ditto	4	2,000
84	..	Dhanichak	March	Holi purnima	2	2,000
85	..	Nilhanpur	Do.	Ditto	2	500
86	152	Jogikhop	November	Rash	5	5,000
87	294	Kulberia	February	Bhim Ekadashi	4	2,000
		Thana : Moyna				
88	..	Garsfat	October	Utthan Ekadashi	7	3,000
89	196	Jaigirchak	February	Bhim Ekadashi	2	1,000
90	210	Purba Dakshin Mayna	Do.	Kali Puja	8	3,000
91	235	Ijmali Chak	Do.	Bhim Ekadashi	5	1,500
92	207	Gar Mayna	March	Dole jatra	1	4,000
93	212	Anandapur	Do.	Panchamdole	1	2,000
94	225	Gojina	February	Rash	9	4,000
95	177	Gokulnagar	April	Charak	3	4,000

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		Thana : Panskura				
96	333	Raghunathbari	September	Bijoya Dasami	1	4,000
97	..	Begunbari	May	Falaharini Kali puja	4	800
98	..	Deulia	September	Bhadra Sankranti	4	800
99	..	Patna	January	Pous Sankranti	3	600
100	..	Siddhikundu	Do.	Ditto	3	1,800
101	29	Jashara	March	Dolejatra	3	1,600
102	29	Deulia	September	Dharma Sankranti	4	2,700
103	41	Brindabanchak	October	Durga puja	4	3,000
		Thana : Mahisadal				
104	..	Mahisadal	June and July	Rath	8	50,000
105	152	Rambag	Do.	Ditto	1	1,000
106	..	Kadamara	February	Maghi purnima	2	2,000
107	152	Rambag	September	Rath	1	1,500
108	61	Kanchi	February	Maghi purnima	2	5,000
		Thana : Nandigram				
109	130	Reyapara	February	Sivaratri	7	20,000
110	130	Do.	April	Charak puja	1	1,500
111	..	Amgachia	Do.	Ditto	2	6,000
112	..	Sarusabad	October	Moharrum	1	12,000
113	180	Nandigram	January	Pous Sankranti	1	2,500
114	..	Bamarasa	March	Chaitra Sankranti	4	3,300
115	58	Baroj	April	Madhu purnima	2	1,700
116	111	Jalpai	March	Baruni	1	12,000
117	102	Habichak	June	Rathajatra	8	25,000
118	164	Basulichak	September	Basuli mela	4	12,000
119	170	Bhekutya	April	Charak puja	1	3,000
120	..	Terapakhia	October	Durga puja	7	6,000
121	..	Asattola	March	Basanti puja	4	8,000
122	..	Bazal	September	Durga mela	4	4,000
123	61	Bamun Arah	Do.	Ditto	4	2,000
124	61	Do.	April	Charak	4	20,000
125	..	Kulum	February	Sivaratri	2	1,000
126	80	Amdabad	January	Pous Sankranti	1	500
127	139	Subdi	June	Rathajatra	2	3,000
128	80	Amdabad	Do.	Ditto	2	1,000
129	135	Runkinipur	March	Madhu purnima	2	2,000
130	227	Shimulcunda	February	Sivaratri	1	16,000
131	227	Do.	September	Durga mela	4	7,000
132	185	Mohammadpur	February	Siv Chaturdashi	8	5,000
133	12	Purushottampur	September	Durga mela	4	7,000
		Subdivision : JHARGRAM				
		Thana : Jhargram				
134	..	Old Jhargram	August	Indra Parba mela	9	2,000
135	..	Do.	September	Durga puja	4	500
136	473	Chandra	April	Gajan mela	1	300
137	..	Sardiha	May	Ditto	1	300
138	340	Suknibasa	October	Guptamari mela	1	300
139	811	Chandri	January	Makar	4	300
		Thana : Nayagram				
140	..	Deulbar	February	Siv Chaturdashi	1	3,000
141	..	Birkada	Do.	Kumar Shahib	5	5,000
142	..	Sahasralinga	Do.	Siv Chaturdashi	1	2,000
143	981	Daulbar	April	Baruni Charak	7	500
144	1246	Nayagram	September	Durga puja	4	5,000
145	1220	Jamirapal	January	Makar	7	2,000
		Thana : Sankrail				
146	750	Kashidanga	May	Charak	1	5,000
147	..	Garh Rohini	October	Durga puja	4	3,200
148	..	Pital Kathi	Do.	Jai Chandi mela	2	3,000
149	905	Kultikri	June	Rathajatra	1	600

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		Thana : Jambani				
150	112	Gidni	October	Kali puja	7	2,000
151	..	Kendua	May	Siva puja	1	1,000
		Thana : Binpur				
152	136	Belpahari	September	Indra mela	1	1,000
153	190	Muran Sole	Do.	Indra Dwashi	2	3,000
154	305	Silda	Do.	Indra mela	1	1,000
155	371	Lachhipur	January	Ekhan mela	2	500
156	426	Binpur	Do.	Ditto	2	500
157	790	Lalgorh	June	Rathajatra	2	500
158	626	Ramgarh	Do.	Ditto	2	500
		Thana : Gopiballavpur				
159	564	Belaberya	November	Rash purnima	3	3,000
160	370	Malincha	January	Pous Sankranti	2	2,000
161	186	Chorchita	April	Charak	1	1,000
162	987	Deulbar	Do.	Baruni mela	4	1,900
163	..	Kurbania	Do.	Bali Jat	1	20,000
164	394	Gopiballavpur	March	Dolejatra	1	3,000
		Subdivision : GHATAL				
		Thana : Ghatal				
165	..	Ghatal Town	May	Sitala puja	1	1,000
166	..	Do.	June	Gambhir Sitala puja	2	1,000
		Thana : Daspur				
167	17	Nij Narajole	July	Rathajatra	8	3,000
168	..	Chechua	January	Maghi purnima	7	1,000
169	203	Kotalpur	February	Sri panchami	3	2,000
170	205	Khanjapur	July	Rathajatra	3	900
171	25	Rajnagar	February	Bhim Ekadasi	3	5,000
172	..	Kismal	Do.	Maghi purnima	3	2,000
173	221	Naihati	March	Chaitra Sankranti	2	2,000
174	55	Laoda	Do.	Ditto	2	2,200
175	19	Ramdaspur	April	Ram Navami	3	3,500
176	155	Nabin Manua	September	Dharma Sankranti	1	1,500
177	59	Purusattampur	Do.	Ditto	1	750
178	159	Jote Keshab	November	Kali puja	4	7,500
		Thana : Chandrakona				
179	165	Tatarpur	March	Siva Charak	1	3,000
180	199	Gopaldanga	April	Pirmadari Shahib	4	5,220
181	152	Jara	February	Sivaratri	4	1,500
182	27	Srinagar	January	Maghi purnima	8	2,500
183	279	Dingal	Do.	Ditto	8	2,500
184	103	Chandrakona Town	July	Rathajatra	8	2,500
		Subdivision : CONTAI				
		Thana : Egra				
185	..	Egra Bazar	February	Sivaratri	7/8	8,000/10,000
186	..	Do.	March	Basanti puja	7/8	8,000/10,000
187	39	Kudi	Do.	Chaitra Sankranti	7/8	8,000/10,000
188	..	Balighai	June	Barwari puja	7/8	8,000/10,000
189	..	Rajsal	Do.	Rathajatra	2	5,000/6,000
190	..	Hatnagar	February	Sivaratri	5	10,000
191	70	Basudevpur	July	Rathajatra	2	5,000
192	..	Alamgeria	Do.	Janmasthami	10/12	15,000/16,000
193	..	Bhabanichak	March	Barwari puja	3	4,000/5,000
194	121	Barda	September	Durga puja	4	3,000
195	203	Pani Parul	March	Chaitra Gajan	5	5,000

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		Thana : Pataspur				
196	..	Panchelgarh	November	Rash purnima	8	6,000
197	134	Amarshi Kasba	January	Chandra Nil	15	8,000
198	36	Gopalpur	October	Durga puja	4	2,000
199	31	Tepapara	July	Rathajatra	2	1,500
200	11	Naipur	Do.	Ditto	2	1,900
201	..	Tulshi Chara	January	Pous Sankranti	2	1,500
		Thana : Bhagwanpur				
202	..	Bhimeswari	January	Pous Sankranti	2	2,000
203	261	Khanjadapur	Do.	Ditto	3	5,000
204	112	Purba Masuria	March	Chaitra Sankranti	1	955
205	28	Gurgram	November	Rashjatra	6	1,800
206	..	Shib Bazar	March	Gajan	1	1,000
		Thana : Contai				
207	..	Junepur	January	Pous Sankranti	1	1,000
208	41	Nachinda	May	Akshoy Tritiya	14	30,000
209	141	Nilpura	Do.	Ditto	3	1,000
210	..	Doruna	July	Rathajatra	2	3,000
211	183	Dariapur	April	Bankim mela	1	300
212	215	Nimdasbar	November	Kali puja	4	7,500
213	210	Makundpur	October	Durga puja	5	1,900
214	295	Chakhajaratpur	Do.	Ditto	4	2,700
215	520	Mirzapur	Do.	Ditto	4	2,500
216	265	Kishorenagar	Do.	Ditto	4	3,500
217	..	Bidhubani	Do.	Ditto	4	1,600
218	..	Amrui	November	Kali puja	4	5,000
219	199	Hanirmahal	Do.	Ditto	4	7,000
220	174	Karalda Nij	March	Chaitra Sankranti	1	1,500
221	386	Belda	Do.	Ditto	1	750
222	399	Daha Landa	April	Akshaya Tritiya	1	1,500
223	419	Umapatibar	January	Pous Sankranti	3	2,500
224	..	Junpat	Do.	Ditto	1	20,000
		Thana : Ramnagar				
225	..	Mirgodaganj	October	Kali puja	7	3,000
226	12	Damodarpur	March	Chaitra Sankranti	2	1,800
227	34	Arjuni	September	Durga puja	4	1,000
228	70	Bausedevpur	July	Rathajatra	2	1,900
229	..	Tegra Hat	September	Durga puja	4	1,000
230	..	Mirgoda	November	Kali puja	4	4,700
231	..	Masaria	September	Durga puja	4	1,000
232	235	Tengramari	January	Pous Sankranti	3	3,000
233	130	Depal	September	Durga puja	3	1,000
234	..	Belboni	July	Rathajatra	4	3,000
235	..	Bolisai	September	Durga puja	4	3,000
236	..	Do.	July	Rathajatra	2	3,000
237	226	Kalindi	January	Pous Sankranti	4	1,000
238	62	Mangalpur	October	Kali puja	3	1,000
		Thana : Khedgree				
239	..	Jorarnagar	January	Birth ceremony of Subhas Bose	7	2,000
240	..	Krishnanagar	April	Kali puja	7	2,500
241	13	Thakurnagar	March	Dole purnima	3	2,000
242	14	Jahanabad	January	Pous Sankranti	1	600
243	85	Janka	September	Durga puja	3	2,000
244	95	Lakshan Chak	January	Gandhi mela	3	500
245	116	Meidinagar	Do.	Bhimeswari mela	1	3,000
246	90	Barakashaphalia	October	Durga puja	4	2,700

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : HOOGHLY SADAR				
		Thana : Polba				
1	..	Mahanad	February-March ..	Jath mela for Siva puja ..	30	20,000
		Thana : Pandua				
2	108	Pandua	February	Pir Sahib mela	30	40,000
		Thana : Balagarh				
3	9	Guptipara	June-July	Rathajatra and Punarjatra of Sri Jagannath	8	20,000
4	41	Inchhura	August	Jhapan mela for Bishahari Mansa	1	15,000
		Subdivision : SERAMPUR				
		Thana : Tarakeswar				
5	29	Tarakeswar	February	Mela for Sivaratri puja ..	1	20,000
6	29	Do.	April	Gajan of Sri Taraknath ..	5	35,000
7	42	Mahesh	.... ..	Rathajatra, Punarjatra and Snanjatra	8	..
		Thana : Jangipara				
8	102	Furfura	March	Fair for Isle Swab of Furfura Sharif	3	15,000
		Subdivision : ARAMBAG				
		Thana : Arambag				
9	44	Dihi Bayara	March-April ..	Baruni mela for Ranjit Roy's Dighi	1	10,000
		Thana : Goghat				
10	82	Kamarpukur	February	Sri Ramkrishna Deb mela ..	3	15,000
		Thana : Khanakul				
11	..	Pansheoli	March-April ..	Shyam Majhi's Baruni mela ..	1	10,000

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : HOWRAH SADAR				
		Thana : Howrah				
1	..	Howrah Maidan ..	July	Rathajatra Festival	1	10,000
2	..	Do. ..	Any day within 2nd half of July	Return Rathajatra Festival ..	1	10,000
		Thana : Sibpur				
3	..	Ramrajatala	April to August ..	Ramraja Thakur	April to August.	1,000
		Thana : Bantra				
4	..	Belgachia	June	Rathajatra	1	200
		Thana : Malipanchghara				
5	..	Jaladhari Park	October	Kali puja	15	5,000
		Thana : Bally				
6	..	Temple Road	November	Rash mela	7	5,000
		Thana : Domjur				
7	34	Makardah	March	Dolejatra Festival	7	2,000
8	28	Mahiari	November	Rash mela	7	5,000
9	40	Narna	April	Charak puja	3	3,000
10	44	Gayespur	January	Ganesh puja	15	1,000
11	54	Pakuria	April	Chaitra Sankranti	2	1,000
		Thana : Jagacha				
12	..	Dass Nagar	August	Janmashtomi Festival ..	30	1,000
13	..	Sanpur	August or September ..	Ditto	15	10,000
		Thana : Jagatballavpur				
14	..	Manikpur	January	Manick Pir mela	4	600
15	16	Brahminpara	Do.	Feteali Pir mela	10	5,000
16	..	Munshirhat	Do.	Fatiali mela	15	5,000
17	46	Niz Balia	Do.	Sinha Bahini mela	15	3,000
18	64	Siddheswar mela ..	February	Sivaratri mela	7	5,000
19	..	Nashkarpur	January	Harisava mela	4	1,000
		Subdivision : ULUBERIA				
		Thana : Uluberia				
20	..	Jangal bilash	January	Pir mela	15	4,000
21	..	Tulshigar	February	Kali mela	1	5,000
22	9	Chandipur	January	Ganga puja	2	500
		Thana : Bauria				
23	6	Fort Gloster	September or October	Durga puja ..	7	3,000
		Thana : Shyampur				
24	33	Ratanpur	March	Gajan ..	2	4,000
25	..	Dewantola	October	Annapurna puja ..	4	400
26	..	Do.	November	Rash puja ..	8	300
27	44	Chilra	Do.	Ditto ..	8	500
28	128	Bagandah	March	Sivaratri ..	1	300
29	..	Katakhola	April	Manasha puja ..	1	100
30	..	Gohalpara	Do.	Panchananda puja ..	1	400

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31	..	Ulughata ..	.. June	Rathajatra	2	300
32	..	Dewantola ..	.. January	Dewansaheb	1	1,000
33	..	Goalbaria ..	.. April	Baishaki purnima	1	200
34	137	Nabagram ..	.. June	Rathajatra	2	300
35	..	Deshantola ..	.. February	Sitala puja	8	500
36	..	Naskarpur ..	.. April	Bishalakhi ..	1	2,000
37	76	Gobindapur ..	.. June	Rathajatra	8	300
38	58	Radhanagar ..	.. April	Akhoytritia	1	400
39	89	Radhapur ..	.. May	Vim Ekadashi	8	500
40	88	Kamalpur ..	.. February	Saraswati puja	6	400
41	..	Sayapur ..	.. April	Sitala puja	10	1,000
42	109	Dingakhola ..	.. June	Ganga puja	5	300
43	108	Sibganj ..	.. Do.	Ditto	5	200
44	93	Kalidaha ..	.. Do.	Rathajatra	8	400
45	9	Noul ..	.. March	Brahma puja	6	500
46	..	Nahala ..	.. April	Kali puja ..	2	200
47	..	Sushali ..	.. January	Ditto ..	4	200
48	..	Kaminai ..	.. March	Nil puja ..	2	400
49	68	Dihi Mondalghat	.. January	Mahakali puja	8	600
50	..	Syiabia ..	.. Do.	Sitala puja	4	250
51	128	Baganda ..	.. June	Rathajatra	2	400
52	128	Do. ..	.. March	Nil puja ..	1	500
53	..	Borogachi ..	.. June	Ganga puja	8	300
54	57	Kharuberia ..	.. November	Kali puja ..	8	1,000
55	70	Sikol ..	.. March	Bonomali puja	1	1,000
56	107	Kurchiberia ..	.. April	Baisakh Sankranti	1	400
57	..	Kulshikari ..	.. June	Ram Nabami	8	300
		Thana : Amta				
58	189	Basantapur ..	.. April	Charak puja	1	200
59	186	Ghoradh ..	.. Do.	Ditto	1	200
60	181	Purash ..	.. Do.	Ditto	1	200
61	202	Khosalpurbazar	.. Do.	Chaitra Sankranti	1	200
62	204	Kurit ..	.. Do.	Ditto	1	200
63	153	Rashpur ..	.. Do.	Ditto	1	200
64	107	Sheroberia ..	.. Do.	Ditto	1	200
65	65	Jhikra ..	.. Do.	Ditto	1	600
66	..	Durgapur ..	.. Do.	Ditto	1	400
67	..	Bhatora ..	.. Do.	Ditto	1	400
68	100	Khasmali ..	.. Do.	Ditto	1	400
69	99	Kharigeria ..	.. Do.	Ditto	1	400
70	105	Joypur ..	.. July	Rathajatra	1	300
71	..	Khalna ..	.. Do.	Ditto	1	300
72	143	Amta ..	.. Do.	Ditto	1	500
73	143	Do. ..	.. September	Melaichandi puja	1	500
74	135	Kharda ..	.. April	Chaitra Sankranti	1	300
75	..	Singtibazar ..	.. July	Rathajatra	1	300
76	18	Sibpur ..	.. April	Chaitra Sankranti	1	300
77	172	Gouranga Chak	.. June	Rathajatra	1	200
78	143	Amta ..	.. May	Baisakhi purnima	1	5,000
79	..	Harishpur ..	.. September	Durga puja	1	300
80	65	Jhikra ..	.. June	Rathajatra	7	400
		Thana : Bagnan				
81	..	Bhuira ..	.. April	Gajan ..	1	1,500
82	..	Do. ..	.. June	Rathajatra	2	3,000
83	43	Bangalpur ..	.. May	Ditto ..	1	3,000
84	45	Harap ..	.. Do.	Charak ..	1	2,000
85	..	Kalibari ..	.. April	Gajan ..	1	500
86	20	Mellak ..	.. March	Dolojatra ..	1	1,000
87	..	Pepullyan ..	.. April	Nil ..	1 night	1,000
88	85	Khanjadapur ..	.. June	Rathajatra	1	1,000
89	4	Deulgram ..	.. Do.	Ditto. ..	7	3,000
90	14	Kalyanpur ..	.. April	Gajan ..	1	2,000
91	18	Birampur ..	.. August	Kali puja ..	1	4,000
92	..	Bainan Bazar ..	.. June	Rathajatra ..	2	2,000
93	..	Do. ..	.. April	Charak ..	1	2,000
94	84	Baidyanathpur ..	.. Do.	Gajan ..	1	3,000

List of Melas and Fairs held in Calcutta

	Place and exact location where mela is held in Calcutta City	Date—Bengali and English, on which the mela starts	Duration of the mela	Approximate number of people attending	Approximate number of booths and stalls that are erected in each mela
	1	2	3	4	5
South District					
1	**Rash Mela** Mayerpore Rd. near its crossing with Chetla Central Road	1st week of November each year. Last mela was held on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th November 1952	4	About 5,000	40 booths and 100 stalls
2	**Rathajatra Festival Mela** Crossing of Diamond Harbour Road and Circular Garden Reach Road—Both sides of Circular Garden Reach Road	In the month of *Ashar* .. Last mela was held on 24th June 1952 and 2nd July 1952	2	About 2,000	No booths and stalls erected but the stall-keepers squatted on the roads and foot-paths
3	**Sivaratra Mela** 49/5, Circular Garden Reach—Bhukailash Raj Bhawan	In the month of *Magh* .. This year the mela will be held on 29th *Magh* 1359 B.S., 2nd February 1953	1	About 5,000	100 booths and 200 stalls
	(a) **Chaitra Sankranti Mela** (b) **Rathajatra Mela**	In the last year the melas were held on—			
4	Paddapukur Square at Paddapukur Road. and Lansdowne Road crossing	(a) 13th April 1952 (31st *Chaitra* 1358 B.S.)	7	About 5,000	200 booths and stalls
		(b) 24th June 1952 (10th *Ashar* 1359 B.S.), 1st July 1952 (17th *Ashar* 1359 B.S.)	2	About 4,000	100 booths and stalls
5	**On Kalipuja day** Mohinimohan Road from the crossing of Ashutosh Mukherjee Road and Mohini Mohon Road	In the last year the mela was held on 18th October 1952 (10th *Kartick* 1359 B.S.)	1	2,000	100 stalls and booths
6	**On Rathajatra Festival** On Rashbehari Avenue near the crossing of Sadananda Road and Rashbehari Avenue	In the last year the mela was held on 10th *Ashar* 1359 B.S. (24th June 1952), 1st July 1952 (10th *Ashar* 1359 B.S.)	2	4,000	120 stalls and booths
7	**During Rathajatra Festival and Rashpurnima** On Rashbehari Avenue from the crossing of Russa Road to Keoratala Burning Ghat along Tollyganj Road from the Bridge to Tollyganj Circular Road	2 days during Rathjatra in the month of July. 4 days during the Rashpurnima in the month of November	6	5,000	200 stalls and booths
North District					
8	14, Ram Kanto Bose St. inside the compound (Naba Brindaban Dham). **(Rash Mela).** *Shyampukur area*	In the month of *Kartick* during Rash Purnima: In the month of November of the English Year	7	10,000	25
9	161/1, Upper Chitpur Road—inside and outside of the open plot of land (Madanmohantala) **(Rash Mela)**	Ditto	3	5,000	30
10	On Beadon Street near Chhatu Babu Bazar **(Charak Mela)**	30th *Chaitra* (B.S.) and in the month of April, (E.Y.) on the Charak Puja day	1	2,000	120
11	146, Raja Rajendra Lal Mittra Road, Belliaghata **(Rash Mela)**	14th of *Chaitra* (B.S.) and March/April (E.Y.)	5	20,000	50
	Port area		Nil		

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	1	2	3	4	5
Central District					
1	Eastern part of the Upper and Lower Circular Road from the Sealdah Gates to the Moulali Junction	During Rathajatra festival in the month of *Ashar* (July)	1 week	Lakhs of people from all parts of the State of West Bengal	A few hundred stalls apart from the temporary licenses issued by the Calcutta Corporation to hawkers to use the footpaths on either sides of the aforesaid thoroughfare
2	Inside premises No. 91, Chingrihata Road and the surrounding places on both sides of Chingrihata Road, Huges Road, Bibibazar Lane at the crossing of which the house is situated	4 days including Rashpurnima during the Bengali month of *Kartick*—15th *Kartick* this year (1st November 1952)	4	20,000	300 stalls and 20 booths
3	Both sides of Anandi Palit Road on the northern side of Debnarayan Babu's Market	Both days of Rathajatra festival—10th *Ashar* (24th June 1952) and also 18th *Ashar* (2nd July 1952) this year	2	1,000	15 stalls
4	Open field known as Panchanontola off Kutia Tangra 3rd Lane and Chingrihata Road	Ditto	2	5,000	40 stalls
5	On the surroundings of Satya Narayan Park	3 days during Dewali festival	3	10,000	300 stalls
6	Chitpur Road in front of premises No. 402, Upper Chitpur Road	Ditto	3	10,000	50 stalls
7	In the house of Raja Rajendra Mullick	2 days	2	2,000	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : SADAR, ALIPORE				
		Thana : Behala				
1	..	Chanditala	Every year in the month of Jaistha on each Tuesday (May and June)	Mangal Chandi Thakur	Throughout the day—Tuesday	8,000 to 10,000
		Thana : Budge-Budge				
2	..	Raipur Union No. V ..	The mela sits for one week from 15th to 18th January	On account of Ganga puja ceremony	7	1,000/1,500
3	54	Bowli	Rathajatra festival and return festival	On account of Rathajatra ..	2	500/700
		Thana : Bishnupur				
4	34	Joyrampur	The mela takes place two times during the month of March and April, first it takes place during the Sivaratri festival, lasts for a day, secondly during the Charak puja and lasts for 3 days	Sivaratri festival and Charak puja Festival.	1 and 3	700
5	9	Jhikurberia	April	Nil puja mela	2	700/7,800
6	..	Dakshin Bishnupur ..	March	Holi utsab	1	200
7	47	Kirtonkhola	April	Baruni (Kirtonkhola mela) ..	1	10,000
8	47	Do.	Do.	Sitala mela puja	1	1,000
9	..	Ramnathpur	Do.	Gostha mela	4	500
		Thana : Maheshtala				
10	5	Maheshtala	June or July ..	Rathajatra Festival	2	500
11	..	Banesjor Hat	Do.	Ditto	2	400
12	..	Par Bangla	Do.	Ditto	2	1,000
13	..	Dak Ghar	Do.	Ditto	2	500
14	..	Maynagar	Do.	Ditto	2	400
15	..	Nungi	Do.	Ditto	2	700
16	13	Ganipur	April and May ..	Charak Festival	2	400
17	..	Sibrampur	Do.	Ditto	2	500
18	..	Chatla	Do.	Ditto	2	400
19	..	Nungi	Do.	Ditto	2	600
20	..	Bisalakshitala	Do.	Ditto	2	400
21	8	Chakmir	Do.	Ditto	2	500
22	..	Gopalpur	Do.	Ditto	2	100
		Thana : Bhangar				
23	72	Shakhar	January	Pous Sankranti	7	5,000
	72	Maricha	March	Kalachand mela	3	3,000
	72	Bhangar Pirsthan ..	April	Bhangar Pir anniversary day ..	1	5,000
24	..	Chinipukur	January	Ekdilpirer mela	6	500
25	24	Pithapukur	February	Pirer mela	6	700
		Thana : Baruipur				
26	10	Mallickpur	December	Fatea Dohaj Daham	1	..
27	31	Baruipur Rashtola ..	November	Rash mela	30	5,000
	31	Baruipur	July	Rathajatra mela	7	10,000

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Thana : Jaynagar				
28	41	Mayda	April	Sri panchami	1	1,000
	30	Kalinagar	Do.	*Chaitra* Sankranti	1	500
	17	Jaynagar	Do.	Dhanartari kali bari Festival ..	3	1,500
		Sree Krishnapur ..	January	Pous Sankranti	1	800
	17	Jaynagar	July	Rathajatra mela	7	2,000
		Thana : Canning				
29	..	Ghutiarisarif	August	Muslim Pir mela	5	2,000
30	78	Taldi	November	Kali puja	3	500
31	78	Do.	June	Sitala Mata puja	2	400/500
32	51	Kalikatala	February	Bonbir puja	4	350/400
33	52	Matherdighi	April	Basanti puja and Charak puja ..	8	600
34	..	Boraganda	May	Charak and Gostha mela ..	2	250
35	..	Bansra	June	Ambubachi utsab and Ghutiari Sharief mela	6	2,000
		Subdivision : BARRACKPUR				
		Thana : Noapara				
36	..	Nababganj Sreedhar Bangshidhar Road.	August	Hindu	3	500,000
		Thana : Barrackpur				
37	..	Madrail	February	Dolejatra	3	300
		Thana : Titagarh				
38	..	Sashtitala (Charnak) ..	June	Rathajatra	1 day as Rathajatra 1 day return Rathajatra.	10,000
		Thana : Khardah				
39	..	Rash Khala	June	Rathajatra	2	10,000
40	..	Pinjrapol	March	Gorakha Nath	1	5,000
41	10	Panihati	Do.	Nitai Gouranga	1	5,000
42	11	Agarpara	January	Gazibaba	1 month	80,000
		Thana : Jagaddal				
43	..	Shyamnagar Kalibari ..	December	Pousha Kali mela	for the whole month of December.	1,500
44	16	Authpur Ghashbari ..	last week of June and 1st week of July.	Rathajatra mela	7	300
45	1	Bhatpara near Nuddea Mill	November	Rash mela	For the whole month of November.	12,000
46	4	Narayanpur	In the 1st week of March	Joychandi mela (Kali mela) ..	3	200
		Thana : Naihati				
47	4	Kanthalpara Rathtala Radhaballav Road	June or July ..	Rathajatra mela	15	1,000
48	..	Muktapur Khaldhar Ghosh-para Road	November or December	Rash mela	For the whole month of November.	2,000

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		Thana : Baranagar				
49	..	Jhulantala	July	Religious	7	5,000
	..	Rathtala	Do.	Ditto	3	6,000
	..	Dakshineswar	January	Ditto	1	20,000
	..	Adya Pith	February	Adya puja	2	1,000
		Thana : Dum Dum				
50	..	Nagar Bazar	July	Rathajatra	2	5,000
		Subdivision : BARASAT				
		Thana : Barasat				
51	16	Saibana (Union II) ..	November	Rash mela	1	3,000
52	..	Barasat Town (Municipal area)	June	Rathajatra mala	7	2,000
53	122	Dattapukur	November	Rashjatra	8	600
54	..	Bhagyamantapur ..	Do.	Ditto	4	500
55	171	Kayamba	December	Ditto	6	350
56	..	Ullarhat and Kazipara ..	February	.. .. ..	8	1,000
57	140	Ula	January	Manick Pirer mela	6	150
58	140	Ula	March	Manick Pirer mela	4	150
59	143	Kadambagachhi ..	February	Mokampukur mela	6	250
60	129	Panchuria	Do.	Panchuria mela	4	950
61	164	Balipur	Do.	Balipur mela	4	250
62	..	Beniabow	March	Pagal Pirer mela	5	400/500
63	97	Bamangachhi	February	Manik Pirer mela	4	250
64	..	Dhola	March	Ekdil Pirer mela	4	350
65	..	Sonakharki	Do.	Fatema Khatim mela	4	1,000
66	144	Sankargachhi	Do.	Sankargachhi mela	3	300
67	115	Chotajagulia	April	Manik Pirer mela	4	400
68	..	Narayanpur	Do.	Pir Gorachand mela	4	1,000
69	116	Bahera	Do.	Ekdil Pirer mela	4	100
70	1	Babpur	May	Kali puja	4	150
71	148	Simul Gachhi	April	Maniktola mela	4	200
		Thana : Deganga				
72	..	Kalsur	November	Rash puja	8	200
73	26	Dogachhia	April	Pir Gorachander mela	4	150
74	68	Deulia	June	Rathajatra	2	1,000
		Thana : Amdanga				
75	..	Amdanga Kalibari Un. III ..	December	Kali Anniversary	20	3,000
		Thana : Rajarhat				
76	49	Sikharpur	November	Rashjatra	3	150
77	..	Gobra	January	Badar Pirer mela	5	250/300
78	..	Do.	February	Ekdil Shaheber mela	6	200/250
79	38	Jhalgachhi	January	Pagal Gazi mela	1	150
80	..	Rajarhat	March	Bul Veyali mela	4	300
		Subdivision : BANGAON				
		Thana : Bangaon				
81	..	Gobrapur	April	Mahishamardini puja	6	150/200
82	..	Bazitpur	Do.	Sib puja mela	4	200
83	..	Ganrapota	Do.	Chaitra Sankranti	4	100
84	..	Murighata	January	Full moon day in the month of Magh	1	500
85	..	Ganrapota	April	Bengali New Year's day ceremony ..	3	600
86	..	Charaktala	June	Rathajatra	1	500
		Thana : Gaighata				
87	..	Baghna	January	Hazat Newas	6	..
88	..	Jaleswar	April	Siber puja	1	600
89	..	Saruipur	May	Siber mela	8	300
90	..	Thakurnagar	April	Baruni snan	2	1,000

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : DIAMOND HARBOUR				
		Thana : Magrahat				
91	..	Earpur	April	Charak puja mela	1	1,000
92	67	Sapmara	Do.	Ditto	1	1,000
93	56	Rajballabhpur ..	Do.	Gostha mela	3	3,000
94	67	Sapmara	Do.	Ditto	3	3,000
95	59	Dhandhania	Do.	Dharma puja mela	2	1,500
96	57	Maheswara	Do.	Ditto	2	1,500
97	15	Serpur	April	Charak puja mela	3	5,000
98	..	Mohanpur Hat	Do.	Charak and Gostha mela ..	4	5,000
99	17	Chak-Parankanta Khali ..	Do.	Gostha puja mela	2	1,500
100	16	Sitarampur	Do.	Ditto	1	1,000
101	17	Chak Parankanta Khali ..	September	Durga puja mela	3	2,500
102	24	Karimabad	October	Kali puja mela	1	1,000
103	..	Mohanpur	September	Durga puja mela	3	1,500
104	21	Beramara	January	Saraswati puja	3	2,000
105	..	Mohanpur	October	Kali puja mela ..	3	2,000
106	193	Bansundaria	April	Gangasnan, 1st Baisakh ..	2	5,000
107	193	Do.	Do.	Charak puja	2	3,000
108	41	Baniber	Do.	Gangasnan, 1st Baisakh ..	2	2,000
109	..	Majada	Do.	Charak puja	2	1,500
110	199	Benipur	September	Durga puja	3	2,000
111	61	Sibpur	Do.	Ditto	3	1,500
112	188	Maitirhat	October	Kali puja	1	1,000
113	199	Benipur	April	Gajan (Gostha)	3	2,000
114	..	Makali	Do.	Dharma puja	1	2,500
115	105	Uttar Kusum Karbalahat ..	September	Mahurrum	1	2,000
116	102	Kanpur	April	Charak puja	1	1,000
117	144	Hatuganja	January	Sri panchami	8	5,000
118	99	Deula	April	Charak puja and Gostha mela ..	2	1,000
119	142	Sarachi	Do.	Gostha mela	1	1,000
120	145	Ektara	Do.	Ditto	1	1,000
121	129	Sangrampur	Do.	Gajan mela and Gostha mela ..	1	1,000
122	136	Bamna	January	Saraswati puja	2	1,500
123	..	Kathalbarua	April	Charak mela	1	1,000
124	136	Bamna	Do.	Gostha mela	1	1,000
125	..	Barhanpur	Do.	Ditto	1	1,000
126	118	Azamkhali	February	Dolejatra	1	500
127	118	Do.	April	Charak mela	1	1,000
128	201	Katapukuria	Do.	Dharma puja	1	1,000
129	..	Alida	Do.	Gostha mela	3	5,000
130	..	Tonarhat	Do.	Ditto	1	1,000
131	115	Uttarkalas	Do.	Pirshaheb mela	3	500
132	..	Mukundapur	February	Dolejatra	2	2,000
133	204	Abad Iswaripur ..	April	Gostha mela	2	1,500
134	79	Rangilabad	Do.	Ditto	1	1,000
135	..	Alida	Do.	Bibi Mayer puja	4	500
136	34	Manirampur	Do.	Gostha puja	4	300/400
		Thana : Mathurapur				
137	46	Barasi	From 26-3-52 to 12-4-52 (during fullmoon of the month of *Chaitra*)	A Hindu mela	15	5,000
138	189	Kumarpur	October	Jagannath dever mela	8	300/400
139	187	Laxmi Janardanpur ..	January	Bishalakshi puja and Ganga mela ..	7	500
140	35	Nalua	February	Panchami puja	6	250
141	156	Dakshin Gobindapur ..	March	Siva Chaturdashi	8	300
142	..	Raipur	April	Nando snan mela	2	20,000
143	49	Khari	Do.	Sarbamangola puja	2	1,000
		Thana : Mandirbazar (Shortly to be notified as a thana)				
144	..	Mandirbazar	April	Chaitra Sankranti, Gajan and Gostha	6	7,000
145	..	Do.	February	Shivaratri	1	4,000
146	..	South Bisnupur ..	January	Pous Sankranti	1	3,000
147	..	Polerhat	Do.	Ditto	1	2,000
148	..	Bijayganj	Do.	Ditto	1	2,000

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		Thana : Falta				
149	14	Padmapur	January	Ganga puja	3	1,000
150	28	Belsingha	June	Rathajatra	2	7,000
151	..	Mala	April	Gosthajatra	3	5,000
152	27	Jagannathpur	June	Snanjatra	1	3,000
153	70	Dholtikari	May	Dharmajatra	1	5,000
154	..	Samirnath Gopalpur	In the Mahurrum month	Mahurrum	1	7,000
155	123	Fatepur	April	Gosthajatra	3	8,000
156	123	Do.	June	Rathajatra	2	7,000
157	..	Daulatpur	January	Bishalakshi puja	8	900
158	76	Basudebpur	November	Rash lila	2	500
159	43	Rasulpur	April	Gostha puja	4	400
160	87	Kodalia	Do.	Ditto	4	400
		Thana : Sagar				
161	..	Iswaripur	January	Ganga puja mela	2	300/500
162	..	Dashpura	March	Siva Chaturdasi mela	1	500
163	38	Gangasagar (at the mouth of Bay of Bengal)	January	To take bath on the last of Pous	4	100,000 (from all over India and outside)
		Subdivision : BASIRHAT				
		Thana : Basirhat				
164	27	Matiabazar	March and April	Chaitra Sankranti	Month 1	500
165	9	Begampur	Do.	Ditto	Week 1	400
166	..	Kholapota	April	Ditto	Month 1	450
167	64	Chaita	Do.	Ditto	Month 1	300
168	..	Chona	Do.	Ditto	20	300
169	..	Beguadanga	Do.	Chaitra Sankranti	15	250
170	..	Hazratalla	Do.	Ditto	2	250
171	54	Rajapur	Do.	Ditto	15	250
172	43	Basirhat Town Hall	Do.	Baruni snan	2	700
173	..	Bagundi	Do.	Chaitra Sankranti	5	200
174	55	Chanpa Pukuria	Do.	Harir puja	1	500
		Thana : Baduria				
175	32	Atlia	December	Sah fakir fair	3	1,200
176	45	Rudrapur	January	Kali puja fair	3	1,300
177	85	Taragunia	March	Sibaratri fair	3	1,300
		Thana : Swarupnagar				
178	26	Diara	December and January	....	7	400/500
		Thana : Hasnabad				
179	..	Bhebia	December	Baroari mela	3	200
180	21	Kharampur	Do.	Ditto	3	200
181	..	Komarpukur	February	Sitala puja mela	7	500
182	..	Perghata	March	Dole mela	1	300
183	60	Rameswarpur	Do.	Ditto	1	200
184	111	Charalkhali	February	Baroari mela	1	200
185	114	Ramapur	March	Dole mela	3	300
186	117	Jogesgang	Do.	Mabkan-Ghumtir mela	8	350
187	115	Madhabkati	Do.	Kali puja	6	700
188	..	Boletala	April	Baruni	1	350
		Thana : Haroa				
189	87	Jaygram	May	....	5	150/200
190	90	Bamanpukuria	March	Pir Gorachand mela	6	200
191	90	Do.	February	Kali puja mela	8	200/300
192	..	Deuli	March	Dolejatra	7	200
193	159	Nimchi	February	Nimchi mela	8	300
194	82	Madari	November	Rash purnima	6	300
195	69	Dhuturdaha	January	Kali puja	8	500
196	45	Kamarganti	November	Kalimata puja	2	250
197	112	Haroahat	March (12th *Falgoon* of each year)	On the memorial of Babu Pir Gora Chand sahib	3	4,000

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : NADIA SADAR				
		Thana : Kotwali				
1	..	Krishnagar Town ..	March or April ..	Baradole	Month 1 Days	15,000
2	10	Belpukur	March	Ganesh puja	5	5,000
		Thana : Nabadwip				
3	..	Majherchara	February	Religious	11	1,000
4	20	Nabadwip Town ..	November	Rash Purnima	2	2,000
5	..	Sree Mayapur	March	Parikrama mela	3	2,000
6	..	Hulorghat	February or March ..	Dolejatra	7	1,000
		Thana : Krishnaganj				
7	37	Sibnibas	January	Bhim Ekadashi	3	3,000
8	52	Matiari	June	Worship of a " Pir " on the occasion of Ambubachi	15	5,000
9	25	Chandannagar	March	Dolejatra	7	1,000
		Thana : Nakasipara				
10	102	Muragachha	April or May ..	Jatar mela	5/6	2,000
11	65	Karkaria	June	Dasahara	1	400
12	..	Shahebtola	Do	Shahebtola mela	1	2,000
13	58	Gotpara	June or July ..	Gopinath Snanjatra	1	2,000 or 3,000
14	(In J.L. 58)	Bramhanitala	July or August ..	Manosha puja	4/5	4,000 or 5,000
15	77	Raripara	June or July ..	On the occasion of the birth day of Katatu Saheb Pir	1	1,000
16	..	Dhanchipur	September or October ..	On the occasion of Mohurrum ..	1	1,000
17	(In J.L. 103)	Bhebadanga	December or January ..	On the occasion of Uttarayan ..	1	3,000 or 4,000
		Thana : Kaliganj				
18	..	Juranpur Kalitala ..	February or March ..	Maghi purnima mela ...	1	4,000 or 5,000
19	89	Matiari	April	Matiari Ram Nabami mela ...	6/7	5,000 or 6,000
		Thana : Karimpur				
20	37	Thanapara	January	Pous Sankranti	7	2,000
21	..	Shikarpur	March	Basanti puja	3	500
22	123	Fulkhali	May	Baruni snanjatra	1	1,000
23	49	Murutia	June	Dashahara Ganga snan ..	7	1,500
24	129	Sundalpur	March	Purnima	3	1,000
25	6	Karimpur bazar ..	July	Rathjatra	8	500
		Subdivision : RANAGHAT				
		Thana : Hanskhali				
26	53	Ber-Hanskhali	April	Local Religious	1	1,000
27	53	Hanskhali	June	Rath mela	1	2,000
28	29	Mayurhat	January	Local Muslim religious ..	3	15,000
29	38	Dakshinpara	March	Dole mela	4	1,000

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		Thana : Santipur				
30	..	Bagdevi Tala	May	Baisakhi Fullmoon	1	500
31	22	Santipur Town	Do.	Gazir marriage	1	1,000
32	22	Do.	July	Rathajatra	2	15,000
33	22	Do.	August	Jhulan	3	15,000
34	22	Do.	September or October ..	Durga puja Bijaya	1	10,000
35	22	Do.	October or November ..	Kali puja	1	5,000
36	22	Do.	Do.	Jagadhatri puja	2	20,000
37	22	Do.	November	Rash mela	15	15,000
38	22	Do.	February	Saraswati puja	1	12,000
39	22	Do.	March or April ..	Dole mela	1	5,000
40	54	Phulia Krittibash ..	Do.	Ditto	1	3,000
41	..	Babla	Do.	Ditto	2	1 lakh
		Thana : Chakdah				
42	83	Kulia	March or April ..	Dole mela	1	3,000
43	..	Ghoshpara	Do.	Ditto	10	50,000
44	..	Chakdah	Do.	Maghi purnima	5	1,000
45	..	Kaliganj	Do.	Ditto	5	1,000
46	94	Madanpur	Do.	Astom Dolejatra mela ..	4	500
47	130	Gotera	*Agrahayan* ..	Dharmaraj mela	7	500
48	105	Simurali	March or April ..	Sivaratri mela	7	500
49	..	Kulaiarpat	*Pous*	Kaliarpat	3	25,000
50	..	Kaliganj	March or April ..	Maghi purnima mela	5	4,000
51	..	Surendraganj	March or April ..	Ditto	3	4,000
52	105	Gotera	Last Saturday of *Agrahayan*	Dharmaraj mela	7	2,000
53	38	Chanduria	Do.	Maghi purnima	3	1,000
54	24	Jasra	July	Snanjatra	1	3,000
55	..	Khedaitala	August	Manosha puja	1	2,000
56	129	Ghetugachhi	December	....	5	5,000
		Thana : Haringhata				
57	4	Birahi	October or November ..	Bhratridwitya	1	15,000
58	4	Do.	March or April ..	Dolejatra	1	5,000
59	..	Karamchabelia ..	February	Bara Pir	3	3,000
60	..	Manicktala	January	Manick Pir	1	5,000
61	4	Mahadebpur	June or July ..	Rath mela	1	2,000
62	4	Haringhata	Do.	Ditto	1	3,000
63	65	Fatepur	April	Gostha Jatra	1	2,000
64	75	Haripukharia	Do.	Rabi puja	1	500
65	..	Nagar-Ukra	Last day of *Chaitra* ..	Burwari Kali puja mela ..	1	2,000
66	37	Kathdanga	January	Manikpir mela	7	6,000
		Thana : Ranaghat				
67	49	Aranghata	May or June ..	Jugal Kishore mela	30	5,000
68	151	Patuli	March or April ..	Maghi purnima	2	10,000
69	19	Birnagar	May	Ulai Chandi mela	3	3,000

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : MURSHIDABAD SADAR				
		Thana : Berhampur				
1	..	Berhampur ..	June ..	Ganga puja ..	3	10,000
2	..	Chowrigacha ..	January ..	Pous Sankranti ..	1	1,000
3	..	Basantatala ..	April ..	Sitala puja ..	On 4 Tuesdays and 4 Sundays of the month	500
4	..	Karbala ..	October ..	Maharrum	½	1,000
5	..	Do. ..	December ..	Challisha	1	1,000
6	93	Bishnupur ..	January ..	Kali puja	On 4 Tuesdays and 4 Saturdays of *Pous*	3,000
		Thana : Beldanga				
7	..	Mauganpara ..	January ..	Ganga snan ..	1	300
8	7	Bhabta ..	Do. ..	Uttaranti	1	200
9	51	Beldanga ..	Do. ..	Ganga snan ..	1	200
10	3	Mahala-Rajapur ..	Do. ..	Uttaranti	1	200
11	51	Beldanga ..	May ..	Harinamsankirtan ..	1	200
12	79	Saktipur ..	February ..	Shivaratri	4	500
13	54	Maniknagar ..	April ..	Nam-Sankirtan ..	1	300
14	7	Bhabta ..	May ..	Ditto ..	1	200
15	51	Beldanga ..	June-July ..	Rathajatra ..	1	200
16	51	Do. ..	November ..	Kartic puja ..	1	200
17	3	Rajapur ..	May ..	Hari-Sankirtan ..	1	1,000
18	44	Kumarpur ..	June ..	Dasahara	14	200
19	59	Sarulia ..	October ..	Maharrum	1	300
20	..	Mahala ..	January ..	Uttarayan ..	1	500
		Thana : Hariharpara				
21	39	Ramkrishnapur ..	October ..	Kali puja	4	2,000
22	34	Hosenpur ..	March ..	Shivaratri	7	200
23	..	Tajpur ..	Not held in any fixed month	Maharrum ..	1	300
24	30	Rukunpur-Kalitala ..	April-May ..	Kali puja	4 Tuesdays of *Baishak*	300
		Thana : Nawada				
25	5	Alampur ..	June ..	Narayan puja ..	5	1,500
26	10	Bali ..	May ..	Dharmaraj puja ..	1	400
27	36	Patikabari ..	March ..	Sivaratri	9	500
		Thana : Domkal				
28	..	Mastaram ..	April-May ..	Astana of Mastaram Sadhu ..	4 Tuesdays of *Baishak*	3,500
29	15	Jitpur ..	October-November ..	Kali puja	4	1,000
30	30	Katakopra ..	April-May ..	Charak puja ..	15	800
		Thana : Jalangi				
31	..	Kalitala ..	May ..	Bar-mela	1 day on last Tuesday of *Baisakh*	1,000
32	..	Dargatala (Jalangi) ..	Do. ..	Darga mela ..	1 day on last Thursday of *Baisakh*	600
33	..	Jalangi ..	October ..	Maharrum	1	300

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		Subdivision : JANGIPUR				
		Thana : Raghunathganj				
34	110	Jarur	October	Jagadhatri puja	1	400
35	131	Mirzapur	November	Kartick puja	1	500
36	138	Gankar	March	Basanti puja	2	200
37	142	Rajnagar	December	Lakshmi puja	8	1,000
38	35	Giria	October	Kali puja	8	1,000
39	15	Mithipur	February	Saraswati puja	4	1,000
40	65	Bhabki	Do.	Ditto	5	500
41	14	Sekandara	November	Krishnakali puja	8	1,000
42	21	Jotkamal	February	Saraswati puja	1	500
43	89	Rampur	March	Shiva puja	3	200
44	6	Raghunathganj Town	Do.	Tulsi-Bihar	4	1,000
		Thana : Samserganj				
45	..	Faridpur	April	Lakshmi puja	30	3,000
46	..	Nayansukh	July	Rathajatra	2	500
47	96	Arjunpur	Do.	Ditto	1	600
48	108	Nimtita	October	Bhagwati-Bhusan	1	2,000
49	104	Dhusaripara	Do.	Padma puja	1	300
50	63	Mahadeb Nagar	Do.	Maharrum	1	1,000
51	..	Delwarpur	Do.	Ditto	1	800
52	..	Ramrampur	Do.	Kali puja	1	500
53	..	Nayahat	Do.	Ditto	1	200
54	..	Shibnagar	December	Shyamsundar	7	1,500
55	..	Maheshtola	Do.	Madan Mohan Dev	7	1,000
56	103	Jaladipur	Do.	Lakshmi puja	7	500
57	75	Dogachhi	November	Shyamsundar Deb	7	1,500
58	108	Nimtita	March	Basanti puja	4	500
59	..	Hijole	October	Kali puja	1	500
60	..	Kanchantola	Do.	Kali puja	1	500
61	108	Nimtita	February	Saraswati puja	8	1,500
62	..	Raghunandanpur	December	Nabanya Kartic	3	1,000
63	..	Jibanjole Hat	Do.	Shyamchand and Balaram	7	1,500
64	..	Nayansukh	November	Kali puja	1	500
65	55	Beniagram	October	Maharrum	1	1,000
		Thana : Sagardighi				
66	14	Banyeswar	February	Shivaratri	4	5,000
67	14	Do.	March	Shiva mela	4	500
68	21	Jaglai	February	Brahmadaitya mela	4	2,000
69	46	Manigram	April	Basanti puja	8	2,000
70	..	Mathurapur	January	Shyamsundar Deb	9	250
71	137	Bangsia	March	Ditto	7	1,200
72	89	Sagardighi	January	Ditto	8	1,200
73	62	Bokhara	March	Ditto	9	900
74	30	Morgram	Do.	Kamale-Kamini	8	1,000
		Thana : Suti				
75	102	Ahiran	March	Basanti puja	15	500
76	..	Bajitpur	January	Sarbeswar puja	1	3,050
77	..	Chhapghati	May	Dhulot	1	500
78	59	Ichhlipara	July	Rathajatra	2	600
79	10	Kadamtala	Do.	Kali puja	2	500
80	..	Kassimnagar	October	Ditto	15	2,000
81	59	Ichhlipara	December	Ananta Deb	7	1,500
82	84	Ramakantapur	April	Kali puja	1	500
83	40	Bangsabati	February	Rajrajeswari	9	1,500
84	86	Nurpur	November	Jagadhatri puja	6	1,200
85	..	Lakshminarayanpur	Do.	Lakshmi puja	8	1,200
		Subdivision : LALBAGH				
		Thana : Murshidabad				
86	52	Kella Nizamat	September (last Tuesday of *Bhadra*)	Bera Festival	1	10,000
87	63	Nasipur	July-August	Jhulan Jatra	5	3,000
88	44	Lalbagh Town	Not held in any fixed month	Maharrum	5	10,000

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		Thana : Nabagram				
89	101	Kiriteswari	January-February ..	Kali puja (Pitasthan)	4 Tuesdays of *Pous*	5,000
90	74	Mahurul	February-March ..	Shyamchand	15	2,000
91	..	Belele	Do.	Ditto	15	2,000
92	68	Isanpur	March	Sivaratri	8	500
93	29	Juran Kandi	April	Chaitra Sankranti	12	500
94	67	Hijrol	March	Shyamchand	12	500
		Thana : Jiaganj				
95	6	Jiaganj Bazar	January-February ..	Saraswati puja	1	500
96	..	Sadhuganj	May	Sri Sri Kamale-Kamini puja ..	4	500
97	..	Jiaganj-Azimganj Bazar ..	June	Dashahara	1	1,000
98	3	Sadekbagh	June-July	Rathajatra	7	500
99	..	Neheliapara and Jiaganj Bazar	July-August ..	Jhulan Jatra	4	500 (in each place)
		Thana : Raninagar				
100	66	Goas	April	Ram Navami	2	1,000
		Thana : Lalgola				
101	80	Lalgola Bazar	June-July	Rathajatra	30	12,000 for two days for pulling the Rath and for the rest 2,000 per day
102	17	Piplaserai	Not held in any fixed month	Maharrum	1	3,000
103	..	Deoan Sarai	Do.	Ditto	1	1,200
104	49	Syampur	January	Ananta Sajya	4	200
		Thana : Bhagwangola				
105	11	Sundarpur	January-February ..	Sri panchami (Saraswati puja) ..	1	550
106	11	Do.	March	Ram Nabami	1	300
107	..	Shaikpore	January	Dadapir's mela	4	600
108	..	Tekpara	September-October ..	Durga puja	1	250
109	111	Gopirampur	June	Ganga puja	1	350
110	120	Harirampur	April	Chaitra Sankranti	1	700
111	15	Lalitakuri	February	Makri Saptami	1	500
		Subdivision : KANDI				
		Thana : Kandi				
112	63	Kandi-Puratan Hat (Rudra-devtala)	April	*Home* of Rudradev (Chaitra-Sankranti)	1	5,000
113	84	Dohalia-Kalitola ..	September-October ..	Worship of Goddess *Tara* ..	1	4,000
114	63	Kandi-Rajbati	October-November ..	Rash purnima	1	3,000
115	63	Do.	June-July	Rathajatra	1	700
116	63	Do.	Do.	Ulta Rathajatra	1	700
117	63	Chatina-Kandi	September-October ..	Immersion of Goddess *Durga* ..	1	1,000
118	85	Ruppur ..	April	Worship of God Rudra ..	2	5,000
119	88	Boalia	Do.	Fakir Saheb's mela	2	600
120	93	Jemo Bazar	June-July	Rathajatra	2	2,000
121	20	Mahalandi	July	Matherer mela	1	2,000
		Thana : Khargram				
122	85	Nagar	January	Dada Pir Shab's Darga ..	30	2,000
123	..	Manasatala	June	Manasa puja	15	300
124	106	Eroali	October	Kali puja	2	600
125	106	Do.	Do.	Ditto	1	500
126	9	Nonadanga	January	Shyamsundar Dev	1	200
127	138	Khargram	February and March ..	Shyamchand	12	1,200

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		Thana : Burwan				
128	1	Jhikarhati	August	Manasa puja	2	700
129	3	Sitalgram	Do.	Ditto	2	700
130	..	Barakopra	Do.	Ditto	2	700
131	..	Chotakopra	Do.	Ditto	3	1,200
132	134	Masadda	April	Shiva puja	2	700
133	99	Bhastor	May	Dharmaraj puja	7	2,000
134	149	Panchthupi	August	Jhulan Jatra	5	1,200
135	149	Panchthupi	October	Durga puja	4	1,200
136	..	Kaytha	March	Dole purnima	20	200
137	..	Jugaswara	Do.	Basanti mela	15	500
138	56	Burwan	Do.	Sha Samarkand Bokhari Saheb ..	15	10,000
139	29	Kharjjuna	February	Shyamsundar Dev	15	3,000
140	12	Kundal	Do.	Shyamchand Dev	7	3,000
		Thana : Bharatpur				
141	81	Sijgram	April	Fakir's Asthana	14	3,000
142	83	Saiyad Kulutia	February	Pir Shab's Asthana	14	2,000
143	83	Saiyad Kulutia	Do.	Hazrat Baba Saha	7	1,000
144	42	Talgram	March	Hindu Adwita Festival ..	14	4,000
145	51	Sahabajpur	Do.	Khelaram Babaji's mela ..	14	4,500
146	107	Talibpur	April	Pir Saheb's Darga	4	5,000
147	9	Jajan	April	Sarbamongala Thakur	18	500
148	113	Malihati	Do.	Ram Nabami	1	200
149	5	Baidyapur	May	Dharmaraj	1	300
150	85	Raigram	June	Ditto	1	300
151	95	Jamulia	January	Ditto	2	200
152	..	Sisua	March	Sivaratri	1	5,000
153	92	Simulia	Do.	Sadhu Baba	2	500
154	..	Sisua	April	Chaitra Sankranti	1	5,000
155	..	Hamidhati	Do.	Ourash Sarif	5	700
156	68	Bharatpur	March	Sha Farid	7	300

DISTRICT MALDA

Serial No.	J. L. No.	Name of place where mela or fair is held	Time (English month) when mela is held	Local religious or other occasion of the mela	Duration of mela or fair (number of days)	Average total attendance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : MALDA SADAR				
		Thana : Englishbazar				
1	128	Ramkeli	June	Jaistha Sankranti	4	10,000
2	..	Amriti	February	Sivaratri	3	5,000
3	84	Sadullapur	June-July	Ganga Dashahara	2	10,000
4	84	Do.	September	Bhadra Sankranti	1	6,000
5	84	Do.	August-September. ..	Bhadra purnima	1	2,000
6	84	Do.	January	Pous Sankranti	1	6,000
7	84	Do.	January-February ..	Maghi purnima	2	7,000
		Thana : Gajol				
8	173	Dhaoyail	February	Maghi purnima	14	4,000
9	33	Pandya	March-April ..	Sabibarat (Muslim religion) and death celebration of Jalaluddin Fakir and others	7	3,000

DISTRICT WEST DINAJPUR

Serial No.	J. L. No.	Name of place where mela or fair is held	Time (English month) when mela is held	Local religious or other occasion of the mela	Duration of mela or fair (number of days)	Average total attend-ance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : BALURGHAT SADAR				
		Thana : Balurghat				
1	28	Par Patiram (U.B. No. 1) ..	3rd week of January ..	General fair	15	4,000
2	22	Bolla	1st Monday of every October	Religious mela	2	2,000
3	187	Patiram	January and February	Sri Hari puja	15	5,000
4	75	Trikul	Uncertain	.. .. ..	..	1,000
5	89	Khidirpur	April	Charak puja	1	1,000
6	293	Binsira	....	Rathajatra	..	..
7	202	Nazirpur	3rd week of April ..	General fair	15	3,000
		Thana : Kumarganj				
8	12	Kanura	March	Baruni snan	1	2,000
9	100	Kumarganj	*Baisakh*	Mukeswari mela	1	1,000
10	202	Batun	April	Chamunda Kali puja	1	5,000
		Thana : Gangarampur				
11	86	Dhaldighi (Puranpara) ..	February and March ..	In the memory of Pir Shahib Fakir	30	15,000
		Subdivision : RAIGANJ				
		Thana : Raiganj				
12	..	Bindol	December	Rash purnima	30	4,000
		Thana : Kaliaganj				
13	105	Shergram	May and June ..	Kukramani mela	31	1,500
14	..	Kukramoni	Do.	Cattle fair	30	5,000
		Thana : Kushmandi				
15	54	Sarala	April and May ..	Baruni snan	15	1,000
16	..	Dhokorai	Do.	Anniversary of Pir Festival ..	10	1,000
		Thana : Hemtabad				
17	88	Mahipur	March	Dolejatra	22	1,000

DISTRICT JALPAIGURI

Serial No.	J. L. No.	Name of place where mela or fair is held	Time (English month) when mela is held	Local religious or other occasion of the mela	Duration of mela or fair (number of days)	Average total attend-ance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : JALPAIGURI SADAR				
		Thana : Kotwali				
1	..	Dinbazar River ghat ..	September	Immersion ceremony (Durga puja)	1	5,000
2	..	Rajbari	August	Manasha puja	1	3,000
3	..	Sonarhat	September	Immersion ceremony (Durga puja)	1	2,000
4	..	Gourihat	Do.	Charak puja	1	2,000
5	..	Paharpur Goshala ..	October	Gopastami	1	3,000
		Thana : Mainaguri				
6	..	Jalpesh	February and March ..	Sivaratri	1 month	More than 1 lakh
7	202	Bhandani	No fixed time could be given as the mela is held after Bejoya Dasami	In connection with Bhandani puja	1	5,000
		Subdivision : ALIPUR DUARS				
		Thana : Alipur Duars				
8	99	Alipur Duar Hatkhola ..	September	Durga puja	4	4,000
		Thana : Kalchini				
9	..	Hamiltonganj	September or October	Kali puja	3	2,000
		Thana : Madarihat				
10	18	Madarihat	September	Durga puja	1	500
11	31	Hantupara	Do.	Ditto	4	1,000
12	45	Birpara	Do.	Ditto	1	300
13	38	Sishubari	October	Kali puja	1	200
14	10	Lankapara	September	Durga puja	4	200
15	30	Mujnai	Do.	Ditto	1	200
16	32	Dumchipara	October	Kali puja	3	1,000
17	33	Ramjhora	Do.	Ditto	3	800
		Thana : Falakata				
18	98	Chuakhola	September	Durga puja	5 to 7	500
19	80	Jharhbeltali	March	Dolejatra	7	700
20	82	Beltali Bhandani ..	Do.	Ditto	7	500
21	102	Chhota Salkumar ..	Do.	Ditto	5/6	500
22	72	Hedaitnagar	Do.	Ditto	5/6	600
23	61	Malsagaon	March and April ..	Baruni snan	7	700

DISTRICT DARJEELING

Serial No.	J. L. No.	Name of place where mela or fair is held	Time (English month) when mela is held	Local religious or other occasion of the mela	Duration of mela or fair (number of days)	Average total attendance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : DARJEELING SADAR				
		Thana : Rangli Rangliot				
1	..	Tribeni ..	January ..	Local religious ..	4	4,000
		Thana : Pulbazar				
2	..	Singla ..	January ..	Local religious ..	3	1,000
3	..	Pulbazar ..	Do. ..	Exhibition ..	3	3,000
4	..	Bijanbari ..	Do. ..	Makar Sankranti ..	4	3,000
5	..	Lodoma ..	Do. ..	Religious ..	3	1,500
		Subdivision : SILIGURI				
		Thana : Kharibari				
6	(In 1)	Bodrajote ..	September, October ..	Durga puja ..	2	150
7	22	Balahijhora ..	Do. ..	Ditto ..	1	150
8	(In 9)	Shyamdhanjote ..	Do. ..	Ditto ..	1	100
9	(In 25)	Surajmaljote ..	Do. ..	Ditto ..	1	100
10	(In 47)	Paharibhite ..	Do. ..	Ditto ..	1	300
11	38	Debiganja ..	Do. ..	Ditto ..	1	100
12	..	Borokomat ..	Do. ..	Ditto ..	1	150
13	(In 45)	Gurudayaljote ..	February, March ..	Shibaratri ..	1	250
14	(In 48)	Haodabhita ..	September, October, February and March	Durga puja and Shibaratri ..	1 (in each occasion)	300
15	.. 48	Kharibari ..	September, October ..	Durga puja ..	1	300
16	.. 46	Kishordoba ..	February, March ..	Shibaratri ..	2	300
17	.. 20	Dohajuri ..	Do. ..	Dolejatra ..	3	250
18	(In 13)	Pemajote ..	October ..	Kali puja (Dipanwita) ..	2	150
19	(In 95)	Rangalijote ..	Do. ..	Ditto ..	1	200
20	.. 81	Nakshalbari ..	September or October	Durga puja and Kali puja ..	1 (in each occasion)	500
21	(In 87)	Oarishjote ..	February and March ..	Shibaratri ..	2	400
22	(In 4)	Gagaruramjote ..	October ..	Kali puja ..	1	100
23	(In 35)	Tarabarijote ..	Do. ..	Haribola ..	1	100
24	(In 28)	Chunilaljote ..	Do. ..	Maharrum ..	1	100
25	(In 89)	Manjayajote ..	Do. ..	Kali puja ..	2	150
26	(In 90)	Manikjote ..	Do. ..	Ditto ..	1	150
		Thana : Siliguri				
27	(In 82)	Bagdogra ..	September ..	Durga puja ..	1	2,000
28	..	Atharakhai (UB III) ..	Do. ..	Ditto ..	1	2,000
29	(In 14)	Khaprul (UB IV) ..	Do. ..	Ditto ..	1	500
30	102	Matigara Hat (UB VI) ..	Do. ..	Ditto ..	1	2,000
31	..	Tarbandha ..	February ..	Sivaratri ..	4	3,000
		Thana : Phansidewa				
32	69	Tarbandha ..	March ..	Shibchaturdashi ..	3	3,000
33	..	Jalash ..	Do. ..	Baruni snan ..	2	3,000
		Subdivision : KURSEONG				
		Thana : Kurseong				
34	44	Giddapahar ..	April ..	Religious ..	3	1,000
		Subdivision : KALIMPONG				
		Thana : Kalimpong				
35	5	Pedong (Topkhana) ..	January ..	Agricultural Exhibition mela ..	3	1,500
36	(In 24)	Ichhay Busti ..	Do. ..	Religious ..	3	500
37	..	Beni Mela ..	Do. ..	Makar Sankranti ..	4	3,000

DISTRICT COOCH BEHAR

Serial No.	J. L. No.	Name of place where mela or fair is held	Time (English month) when mela is held	Lcal religiouso or other occasion of the mela	Duration of mela or fair (number of days)	Average total attend-ance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : COOCH BEHAR SADAR				
		Thana : Kotwali				
1	..	Debibari Cooch Behar town	September and October	Dasahara	7	3,000 to 4,000
2	..	Cooch Behar town . ..	November	Rash purnima ..	15	8,000 to 10,000
3	1014	Baneswar	February	Shibaratri	3	5,000 to 6,000
4	834	Ambari	April	Astami snan ..	2	4,000 to 5,000
		Subdivision : TUFANGANJ				
		Thana : Tufanganj				
5	...	Tufanganj town ..	March	Dolejatra	15	1,000
6	...	Garadhat	Do.	Ditto	2	500
		Subdivision : DINHATA				
		Thana : Dinhata				
7	..	Mahamaya Pat ..	*Aswin* from Sasti to Dashami	Durga puja	5	500
8	..	Gosanimari	Do.	Ditto	5	500
9	..	Ranir Hat	Do.	Ditto	5	500
10	..	Gobrachhara	Do.	Ditto	3	300
11	546	Alokjhari	Do.	Ditto	3	300
12	..	Bhataguri Bandar ..	Do.	Ditto	4	300
13	710	Baladanga	Do.	Ditto	4	300
14	756	Soulmari	Do.	Ditto	4	300
15	772	Tiadaha	Do.	Ditto	4	300
16	..	Harir Hat (Gital Daha) ..	Do.	Ditto	4	300
17	714	Karbalamat Dinhata ..	*Aswin*	Maharrum	2	100
18	563	Petla	Do.	Ditto	1	500
19	..	Okrabari	Do.	Ditto	1	300
20	608	Bara Atiabari	Do.	Ditto	1	300
21	..	Kursha hat	Do.	Ditto	1	300
22	..	Naktabari	Do.	Ditto	1	300
23	710	Baladanga	Do.	Ditto	1	300
24	..	Okrabari	Do.	Ditto	4	300
25	(In 712)	Karisal Putimari ..	30th *Aswin* to 6th *Kartick*	Burir puja	7	300
26	..	Kuchni (Magrahat) ..	*Kartick*	Jogatdhatri	2	300
27	783	Garbhadanga	Do.	Ditto	2	300
28	714	Dinhata	*Falgoon*	Shib Chaturdashi	7	500
29	714	Do.	*Chaitra*	Basanti puja	4	500
30	568	Rangapani	Do.	Ditto	4	200
31	74	Bajejama Seoraguri ..	Do.	Ditto	4	200
32	558	Singimari	Do.	Ditto	4	200
33	546	Alokjhari	Do.	Ditto	4	200
34	714	Dinhata	*Falgoon*	Dolejatra	1	300
35	711	Puthimari	Do.	Ditto	1	1,000
36	587	Gotamari	Do.	Ditto	1	500
37	562	Panaguri	Do.	Ditto	1	500
38	..	Gosanimari	Do.	Ditto	1	500
39	..	Bhangni	*Chaitra*	Baruni	1	2,000
40	543	Jambari	Do.	Ditto	1	400
41	..	Gosanimari	Do.	Ditto	1	600

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Subdivision : MATHABHANGA				
		Thana : Mathabhanga				
42	..	Mathabhanga Town ..	March/April ..	Shibaratri	7	10,000
43	..	Bherbheri	April/May	Goloknath mela	7	10,000
44	..	Genduguri	March	Baruni (Astami)	7	5,000
45	..	Jaldhakka	Do.	Ghikdanpa	7	5,000
46	..	Ghoksardanga	March/April ..	Shibaratri	7	5,000
47	..	Bhogmara	December/January ..	Pous mela	7	5,000
48	..	Nishiganj	October/November ..	Kartic purnima	7	7,000
		Subdivision : MEKLIGANJ				
		Thana : Mekliganj				
49	..	Mekliganj Town ..	September/October ..	Durga puja	4	3,000
50	..	Nijtaraf and Ranirhat ..	Do.	Ditto	3	2,000
51	119	Andaran Kuchlibari (Dhaprahat)	Do.	Ditto	4	2,000
52	..	Dhulidhat	March	Dolejatra	3	2,000
53	..	Chhat Jamaldaha (Baskata mela)	Do.	Baruni	15	3,000
54	..	Kashiabari (Nepaler danga mela)	Do.	Ditto	3	2,000
55	..	Changrabandha ..	February/March ..	....	1 month	3,000
		Thana : Haldibari				
56	..	Haldibari Town ..	December/January ..	Yearly mela	1 month	10,000
57	..	Andaran Khasbash Buxiganj	February/March ..	Death ceremony of a local Muslim	2	10,000

PROVISIONS IN THE STATUTE BOOK REGARDING FAIRS AND MELAS

THE BENGAL VILLAGE SELF-GOVERNMENT ACT V OF 1919

Section 26(1)

Every Union Board—

(*c*) shall make special arrangements for the sanitation and conservancy of fairs and *melas* held within the union.

THE BENGAL LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1885

(Bengal Act III of 1885)

Part III—Duties and powers of Local Authorities—Chapter I—Duties and powers of District Boards—1—Miscellaneous.

100. It shall be lawful for a District Board, with the approval of the Commissioner, and (subject to such rules and restrictions as the Provincial Government may from time to time prescribe) under this Act, to—

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(*3*) hold, within the district, from time to time, fairs and exhibitions of cattle, country produce and agricultural implements, or local manufactures, and incur such expenditure and charge such fees in connection therewith as may from time to time be approved by the Commissioner;

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100A. It shall be lawful for a District Board to require the owner or the lessee of a fair or *mela* or an owner or a lessee of land intending to establish a fair or *mela* thereon, to obtain a license in this behalf from the District Board on such terms and conditions, and on payment of such fees as the Provincial Government may prescribe by rules made under section 138.

100B. A District Board may, by public notice issued at least one month before the date of any fair or *mela*, prohibit prostitution within such fair or *mela* or within half a mile thereof.

100C. Subject to any rules made under section 138, it shall be lawful for a District Board by an order in writing to require the owner or the lessee of a private *hat* or market to make proper sanitary arrangements and to remove any insanitary conditions within such *hat* or market.

100D. If any person holds a fair or *mela* or a private *hat* or market without or otherwise than in conformity with the terms of a license granted under section 100A, or in contravention of an order issued under section 100C, as the case may be, he shall be liable to fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, and in the case of a continuing breach, to a daily fine not exceeding twenty-five rupees.

THE BENGAL MUNICIPAL ACT, 1932

(Bengal Act XV of 1932)

CHAPTER XVIIA

FAIRS AND MELAS

414A. The Commissioners at a meeting may require the owner or lessee of a fair or *mela* or an owner or a lessee of land intending to establish a fair or *mela* thereon, to obtain a license in this behalf from the Commissioners on such terms and conditions, and on payment of such fees as may be prescribed.

414B. The Commissioners at a meeting may, by public notice issued at least one month before the date of any fair or *mela*, prohibit prostitution within such fair or *mela* or within half a mile thereof.

414C. The Provincial Government may make rules regulating the granting of licenses for holding fairs or *melas* and fixing the fees in respect thereof.

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214. It is the duty of the officer in charge of a police station to arrange that a sufficient number of constables are deputed to the important *hats* and fairs in his jurisdiction, where disorder is likely to arise, to keep order and to prevent drunkenness and misconduct. On the occasion of a large annual fair or *mela*, he should ascertain the number of people likely to attend, and report beforehand to the Superintendent the arrangements which he proposes to make, asking for an additional force, if necessary.

NOTE : Certain amendments have been made since 1947 changing *Bengal* to *West Bengal*, *Provincial* to *State*, etc.