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SEIZURES OF COCAINE AT BOMBAY.

Note by the Secretary-General.

The Secretary-General has the honour to circulate to the Members of the League, the Parties to the Opium Convention and the Members of the Advisory Committee a letter (with annexes) concerning certain seizures of cocaine at Bombay on the 7th and 16th of September last.

These documents were forwarded by the British Government and are circulated at its request.

London,

To the Secretary-General.

22nd October 1925.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Office, No. E & O. 6069/25 dated 15th October 1925, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to transmit copy of a letter received from the Government of India regarding seizures of Cocaine at Bombay on the 7th and 16th September 1925, dated 24th September, 1925, and enclosures.

A copy of the Government of India's letter and its enclosures has been sent to the Home Office of His Majesty's Government in connection with the agreement for the mutual exchange between Governments of Information of this nature.

(Signed) J.C. WALTON.

For Secretary,

Economic & Overseas Department.

Letter from Under Secretary to the Government of India
To the Under Secretary of State for India, London.

SIMLA,

the 24th September, 1925.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of September 14th, 1925
I am directed to forward for information, a copy of the
letters specified on the margin, received from the Collector
of Customs, Bombay, on the subject indicated.

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| 1. S.R. No. 4376 of 1925, dated the 16th September 1925 | } |
| 2. S.R. No. 4423 of 1925, dated the 19th September 1925.
(in duplicate). | |
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2. A copy of letter No. 1 has also been sent to
the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Government of Japan.

(Sd) V.S. SUNDARAM.

S.R. No. 4376 of 1925.

From A.M. Green Esq., M.A., I.C.S.,
Collector of Customs, Bombay.

To the Under Secretary to the Government of India,
Simla.

New Custom House.
Bombay, 16th September 1925.

Sir,

Subject - Cocaine seizure, S.S. "SICILIA".

I have the honour to report that the P. & O. Company's S.S. "Sicilia" arrived here on 7th September 1925. On searching the quarters of the firemen of the vessel the Customs rumraging staff found four bottles of Japanese cocaine, weighing $3 \frac{1}{5}$ oz. and valued at Rs.384, tied in a blue boiler suit under the bedding of the bunk of one Rhadikhan Mujadkhan, a Pathan coal trimmer.

2. The accused was handed over to the Excise Department together with the cocaine and placed before the Third Presidency Magistrate who convicted and sentenced the accused to pay a fine of Rs.250 or in default to undergo three months' rigorous imprisonment. The fine has been paid.

3. The bottles bore labels as follows:-

25 grn
Cocaine Hydrochloride
Hoshi Pharmaceutical Co.Ltd. Tokio, Japan.

(Signed) G. BROWN.

For Collector of Customs.

SR No. 4423 of 1925.

From
A.M. Green Esq., M.A., I.C.S.,
Collector of Customs, Bombay.

To
The Under Secretary to the Government of India,
SIMLA.

New Custom House,
Bombay.
19th September 1925.

Sir,

Subject - Cocaine seizure- S/S "INDUS MARU".

I have the honour to report that on the arrival of the Csaka Shosen Kaisha's S/S "INDUS MARU" on 16-9-25 the vessel was searched by the Customs Rurraging Staff, and 12 ounces of cocaine valued at Rs. 1,440/- was found in a bag wrapped in a small towel around the waist of the Chief Oiler named Karakubo Tani.

The accused was handed over to the Excise Department together with the cocaine and placed before the Chief Presidency Magistrate who convicted and sentenced him to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

The cocaine was in bulk tied in a small cloth bag and there was nothing to indicate the manufacturer's name.

(Signed) A.M. GREEN.

Collector of Customs.