

CASTE INDEXES IN THE PRESIDENCY

Part II – Index of Hindu castes in the Bombay presidency including sindh

Caste. Tribe or race.	Areas for which reported: Where there are blanks, Information has not been Received .the list is not exhaustive	Traditional or Habitual occupation	Remarks
<u>(1) Hindu</u> <u>advanced.</u>			
<u>A</u>			
Amil	Sindh	Government Servants, Traders, landlords professions	The Amils are part of the lohan tribe and derive their names from their names from their having been “officers and officials” under the ruling houses of sindh prior to British rule.
Arora	Sindh (district not specified)	Traders	They are immigrants from the Punjab and probably allied to lohan.
<u>B</u>			
Bhabra	Sindh	Traders	Hindus as well as Muslims
Bhansali Vegu	Kathiawar. Cutch Bombay city broach and sindh especially Karachi district	Do	
Bhatia Sub castes- (i) Rai Gajiria (ii) Rai Haria (iii) Rai Sabat. (iv) Rai Panj loria (v) Rai Ramaija (vi) Rai padamsen (vii) Rai Ded. (viii) Rai Surya (ix) Rai Paleja (x) Rai Deta (xi) Rai Gokul Gandhi (xii) Rai Jaba (xiii) Rai Nai Gandhi (xiv) Rai Media (xv) Rai Hichiria. (xvi) Rai Babal (xvii) Rai Nechal (xviii) Rai Gangla (xix) Rai Sura (xx) Rai Nagiria (xxi) Rai	Bombay city, cutch Gujarat khandesh thana kathiawar aand sindh	Do	They are scattered in small numbers in all the trade centers of the presidency. There are numbers of “nukhs”, i.e., the exogamous division of the caste amongst them (vide Enthoven’s” Tribes and castes of Bombay” vol, I, p. 137) for sindh Bhatias see separate notes and list of nukhs.

Sarakia (xxii) Rai Soni (xxiii) Rai Sohila (xxiv) Rai Jiya (xxv) Rai Magia (xxvi) Rai Ganga (xxvii) Rai Rikha (xxviii) Rai Jedan (xxix) Rai Kodia (xxx) Rai Koa (xxxi) Rai Wadhan (xxxii) Rai Jiva (xxxiii) Rai Vitra (xxxiv) Rai Dhaga (xxxv) Rai Kandias (xxxvi) Rai Rariya (xxxvii) Rai Kajarins (xxxviii) Rai Sejula (xxxix) Rai Jabala (xl) Rai Milan (xli) Rai Dhabas (xlii) Rai Jiwan (xliii) Rai Jagita (xliv) Rai Khabera (xlv) Rai Thola (xlvi) Rai Sodia (xlvii) Rai Bora (xlviii) Rai Muccha (xlix) Rai Tambal			
Brahman Abhir	Khandesh, Sholapur, Bijapur, Sukkur (sindh)	Cultivators	
Brahman- Anavala Bhatela. Mastan	Gujarat, west Khandesh, Thana, Sukkur	Writers, cultivators, landlords, pleaders doctors	
Brahman-Bhojak Maga	Kathiawar,Cutch,Ahemdabad,,BroachThar and Parkar	Priest and Writer	
Brahman -Chanchhari	Thar and parkar	Priest and writers	
Brahman -Odbecha	Thar and parkar	Religious mendicants	
Brahman-Kiriagar	Thar And Parkar	Priest and Beggars	
Brahman- Pokarana (pushkarna)	Sindh, kathiawar, Cutch, Broach	Cultivators, confectioners, contractors, Domestic Servants	They take their names from pokar , or pushkar lakes near Ajmer
Brahman-Rajgur	Thar and parkar	Priest and writers	
Brahman- Sarasvat	Kathiwar ,Cutch, Sindh, Kokan	Priest, Writers, landlords pleaders, Doctors	For details vide Enthoven vol I p. 238. Should not be confused with Gaud Sarasvat
Brahman- Setlan	Thar and parkar	Priest	
Brahman- Sewak	Northern Deccan,Thar and Parkar	Priest and writers	
Brahman-Shrimali	Cutch Kathiawar, Gujarat Sukkur, thar and parkar	Priest	
Brahman-Surmali	Sukkur	Priest and writers	

<u>L</u>			
Lohana (lavana) or luwana	Gujarat, Cutch, Kathiawar, Sindh, Thana	Bankers merchants, grain-dealers shopkeepers	See special notes on sindh lohano
<u>S</u>			
Sahata	Sindh (district unspecified)	Traders and landlords	They are both hindu and muslims
Sonar, Soni	The whole presidency	Gold and silver smiths	This includes Daivadnya and vishva Bramans for endogamous division vide Enthoven vol III, pp 339 and 344
<u>V</u>			
Vani Vaniya-Narsipura	Gujarat, Sindh	Traders	Also jains
<u>(2)Hindu Intermediate</u>			
<u>A</u>			
Ahir	Gujrat, Kathiawar, Daccen Thana and Sindh	Cowherds, husband mens, carpenters Goldsmiths	Also sub division of Shimpi, Gavali
Bajir	Sindh (Unspecified)	Carpenters	Both hindus and mohamdams
Bhoi	The whole presidency	Fisherman boatmen, palanquin bearers	
Bhogar or Kasar	The whole presidency	Bangle makers and seller of brass and copper pots	Hindus as well as muslims
Bunnia Bania, Vani	The whole presidency	Traders and money lenders	See vani
Burero or Buriro	Nawabshah, Hydrabad	Cultivators	
<u>C</u>			
Chahvan or Chavhan	Thar and Parkar Ahmedabad	Cultivators and laborers	
Chira	Karchi, Nawabsha, Hydrabad	Carpenter and wood cutter	
Chuhag	Karachi larkana	Merchants	
<u>D</u>			
Dalwani	Hyderabad	Cultivators and Government Servant	Hindus as well as Muslims
<i>Darji</i> , Merani or Sai	Gujarat, Kathiawar, sindh Cutch, Bijapur	Tailors	
<i>Dhobi</i>	All over presidency	Washer man	Both Hindus and Muslims also a synonym for parit
Dodo	Khairpur, Sukkur	Traders	
<u>H</u>			
Hajam, Bhatia limbarchia, Ghainjo, rat, valand	All over presidency	Barber	
Himaiti	Karachi and Hyderabad	Cultivators	
Hinduja	Sindh Districts	Traders	
Hingoro	Karachi, Nawabsha, Larkana	Traders	
<u>J</u>			
Jagi	Cutch, Broach, Hydrabad	Temple ministrants	
Jajri	Sindh Districts	Zamidars, and cultivators	
Janwari	Nawabsha, Hyderabad	Cultivators	

<i>Jat</i>	North Deccan Bombay city, Kairpur Ahmedabad , Thar and Parkar and Sindh Generally	Cultivators: in Sindh Often camel breeders	They claim Rajput origin
Jesar	Nawabshah larkana Thana Thar and parkar	Traders	
Jessa	Thar and parkar	Cultivators	
Jindani	Thar and parkar and Larkana	Cultivators	Jindanies are Baloch: but they may be few Hindus so Calling themselves.
<u>K</u>			
Kachhi	Poona, Belgaum, Ahemadnagar, Sholapur Broach, Hyderabad		Hindu as well as muslims Muslim kanchhi are traders
Kakar	Nawabsha	Traders	Both Hindus and Muslims
Kalal or Kalans	All over province	Liquor seller, meat seller distillers leather worker tanners	Both Hindus and Muslims
Kamathi or Telugu	Bombay city Deccan ,Thana and sindh	Monsoon laborers writers traders ect	
Karia	Nawabsha, Hyderabad	Blacksmith	Both Hindus and Muslims
Kasai, Kasbi or Khatik	All aver presidency	Butchers, farmers	Both Hindus and Muslims
Katara	Sukkur, Lunawada state	Traders	
Khatpal	Upper sindh Frontier	Traders	
Khati Kathia	Kathiwara Larkana	Cultivators land holders	In larkana they are immigrants
Kerra	Upper sindh frontier	Traders	
Khitri	Sindh district	Traders and dyers	
Kumbhar	The whole presidency	Potters	Hindus as well as Muslims (A occupational name)
Kurmi	Sindh	Cultivators	A profssion and not a caste Kurmi means a cultivators
Labana	Sukkher, Hydrabad , Panch – mahals	Cultivators, landlords	
<i>Lohar (luhar)luwar</i>	All over the presidency	Blacksmith	An occupational term: Hindu and Muslim.
<u>M</u>			
Maideo	Thar and parkar	Cultivators' cattle breeders.	
<i>Mali</i>	The whole presidency	Gardener, husband men, Flower seller	
Masand	Sindh	Priest	
Mirasi	Karachi, Hyderabad, Belgaum	Cultivators	
<u>N</u>			
Nagdev	Hyderabad, Nawabshah, Larkana	Traders and Zamidars	They are lingayats .
Nhavi, Nai or Nahvi	Daccan, Konkan, Sukkher, Panch mahals Thar and parker.	Barber	An occupational name
<u>O</u>			
Ojha	Sukkur, sindh (unspecified)	Government servants, school masters etc.	
<u>P</u>			
Phulvadhia	Nawabsha	Traders and government servants	
Pinjari(pinjara) ,Tai Taria	Gujrat, North Daccan and sindh	Cotton cleaners	Hindus as well as Muslims
Popat poto	Nawabshah Larkana	Traders	
Punwari	Hydrabad	Cultivators and government servants	

<u>R</u>			
Rabari	Gujrat, Kathiwar, Cutch, Sindh, Deccan	Landlords and cultivators	They claim to be rajput
Rajpal	Larkana	Traders	
Rajput	Gujrat, Kathiwar, Cutch, Sindh, Deccan	Landlords and cultivators	A term like ' maratha ' of vague meaning
Rana	Hydrabad	Soldiers,Zamidars , cultivators	They are rajputs
Rathor	All sindh district	Cultivators and land holders	They are rajputs
<u>S</u>			
Sali (salvi)	The whole presidency	Weavers	The6y should not be confused with koshti or devang. There is an independent caste though the occupation is the same as that of koshti or devang
Sewani	Hydrabad	Government Servants , Traders cultivators	Hindus as well as Muslims , a geographical name not a caste
Sahani	Karachi, Hydrabad ,Thar and Parkar	Traders and cultivators	Probably merely a family name of lohano,amil)see Ilinger .
Sikh	Sindh	Carpenters and cultivators	
Sutar (suthar)	All over the presidency	Carpenters	
<u>T</u>			
Taruhi	Kairpur , Sukkher	Cultivators, traders	
Thakor	Sindh ,Ahemdabad	Cultivators	
<u>V</u>			
Vagher	Kathivara , Cuthch ,U.S. frontier	Cultivators	
Vahan(wahan)	Sindh	Grain Parchers	
<u>W</u>			
Wadvi	Nawabsha , larkana	Traders	
<u>Hindu backwards</u>			
<u>B</u>			
Babur	sindh	
Badani	Upper sindh frontier, Hyderabad	They are Hindus as well as Muslims
Bagri	Upper sindh frontier, larkana, Hyderabad	Begging	
Barcha	Upper sindh frontiers, Nawabsha.	Laborers	Hindus as well as Muslims
Barmera	Thar and Parkar , Hyderabad		
Bava ,Atit, Bairagi,Gosavi or Gussain, Sadhu	The whole presidency	Beggars devotees etc	The term given are not really synonymous and are mostly occupational in character
Bazigar	Sindh broach	Wandering acrobats	An occupational name. Both Hindus and Muslims
Bhagia	Nawabsha	Servants	
Bhaitia	Sindh	Milkman	
Bhal	Karachi, Hyderabad	
Bhand	Kathiwar, Sindh	Actors, mimes	
Bhat or barot	All over the presidency	Genealogist and	

Dhukkar	Nawabsha, Hyderabad	Labourers and haris	
F			
Fakir	Though out the presidency	Begging	Hindus as well as Muslims An occupational name
G			
Gahilro	Thar and Parkar	Laborers	
Gedar	Karachi	Laborers	
Gend	Sindh	Laborers	
Gharwali	Karachi, Hydrabad	Laborers	
Ghat	Thana, Broach, Hydrabad	Laborers, Domestic Servent	A territorial term ; sub division of Nhavi , Chambhar and Kumbhar
Gir	Nawabsha	Beggar	Immigrants from Kathiawar
Gurira	Hydrabad , Thar and Parker	Cultivators, tailors and beggars	
H			
Harj Kalyan	Nawabsha, Hyderabad	Laborers	
J			
Jaga	Thar and Parker	Cultivatrs	
Jagariacutjch, broach, hydrabad	Cutch, broach, Hyderabad		
Jagiasi	Sindh	Religious beggar	
Jajak	Sindh	Priest	
Jajik	Sukkur, Nawabsha	Drummers	
Jajuk	Nawabshah	Beggars	
Jakhro(jakhrejo	Nawabshah	Cultivators	
Jarejo	Thar and Parker	Cultivators	Rajputs (chanra-vanshi)
Jato	Sindh	Tanners or leather workers	
jhandahora	Hydrabad, Nawabshah	Odd jobbers	
Jhandahora	Nawabshah	Beggars	
Jogi (jogal	Through out the presidency	Wandering beggars black stone vessel makers	It apperes to be a religious order of hindus and not a caste
K			
Kahar	Deccan , Sindh	Fisherman, palanquin bearers domestic	Called also Bundeli Bhois and ‘Duri’; claim to have come from Bundelkhand in time of Aurangzeb
Kanuh	Nawabshah, Hyderabad	Labourers	
Karia	Nawabshah, Hyderabad	Blacksmiths	
Khati	Thar and parker	Dyers and washer man	
Kori	Sindh	Weavers and fisherman	Hindus as well as Muslims
Lakshmir	Nawabsha, Hyderabad	Cultivators.	
Larai	Nawabsha, Hyderabad	Cultivators. and labourers	Probably territorial name from “lar”
Luhanio	Hydrabad	Salt sellers	
Lund	Sindh	Beggars	Hindus as well as Muslims
M			
Machula	Nawabshah, Hyderabad	Prostitutes and procurers	
Mahajir	Thar and Parkar	Cultivators	
Mahind	Thar and Parkar	Cultivators	Rajput
Makhar	Thar and Parkar	Cultivators	
Mangaria	Thar and Parker, Sukker, Nawabshah	Cultivators	

Marich	Hyderabad, Sukkher	Dancers and prostitutes	
Menghwar	Thar parker sindh generally	Cultivators and leather workers	
Mochi	Gujarat,,sindh,Khandesh,Ahemdnagar, Thana, Belgaum.	Leatherworkers and shoe makers	Hindus as well as muslims see Enthoven Vol II,pp 56 sqq.
Moranjhria	Karachi ,Hydrabad	Cultivators	
N			
Nabha	Thar and parker	Cultivators	
Naga	Sindh	Beggars	
Nangaur	Thar and parker	Cultivators	
Nangraj	Nawabshah , Hydrabad	Cultivators	
O			
Od or Odh Rathor Suneta Tuher	All over the presidency	Earth workersb and stone dressers	Hindus as well as muslims . Also known as wodds,waddar, vaddarb and Orh. They are same as Beldar. See Enthoven Vol , II, pp138 sqq.
P			
Panura	Nawabshah , Hydrabad	Cultivators and labourers.	
Parka	Thar and parker, Hydrabad	Cultivators and labourers	
Pirajpoto	Thar and parker	Cultivators	One of sub division of Haranshikaris.
R			
Rathore	Sindh	Cultivators and land holders	
Rawalia (raval)	The whole presidency	Tape weavers, baads, beggar.	
S			
Sanjogi	Larkana ,Hydrabad	Cultivators	Hindus as well as Muslims .seems to be an occupational caste of religious ascetics, who have taken to cultivation
Sanyasi	The whole presidency	Ascetics	An occupational name , not a caste
Shikari	Sindh	Sweepers	Recruited from both Hindus and Muslims also synonym for pardhi in presidency proper.
Siyal	Khairpur, larkana, Hyderabad, Nawabshah.	Cultivators and labourers	Hindus as well as Muslims .
Solangi	Thar and parkar	Cultivators and labourers	
Suthria	Sindh	Mendicantes	
Thakur	Northen Konkan, Deccan, Thar and Parkar, Ahmedabad	Field labourers	Also a title used by rajput and koli landlords see Enthoven vol III,pp 376 sqq.
Thakur Har	Nawab shah	Beggars	
Udasi	Sindh	Religious beggars	
<u>Hindu Depressed.</u>			

B			
Bhangi Olgana Halalkhor Lalbegi Landge- shirole	All over the presidency	Scavengers	They are hindus as well as muslims . see Enthoven Vol. I pp 104 sqq
C			
Chambhar(chamar), Mochigar, chamgar, Dohar, Samgar, Rohidas,	All over presidency		
Chena Dasaru	Sindh (unspecified)	Zamindars	Some of them have returned themselves as muslims. Hindus as well as muslims
Chuhar (chuhru)	Sindh (unspecified)	Sweepers	Hindus as well as muslims
D			
Dhed, Mghwal, Menghwal, Ganeshia, Rishia	Gujrat , Kathiwar, sindh	Village servants field labourers, Cultivators	
Holiya or holar	Daccan, Kanara, Sukkher	Village watchmen and leather workers	
Kolgha or kolcha	Surat and Sukkar	Agriculturist	The Sukkur reporting must be due to immigrants, II if correct primitive tribes found chiefly in the ststes , south- east of Surat
Mahar or Mhar, Parwari	Deccn , Konkan, Sindh	Village watchmen and menials	In realiy an assembly of tribal units , not one tribes see Enthoven Vol. II, pp. 401 sqq wich gives thirteen synonyms for Mahar , inclusives off Parwaris recorded in the census
Sochi	Sindh	Shoemakers	An occupational names they are same as Mochies except the Mochies of Gujarat , who are “touchable”