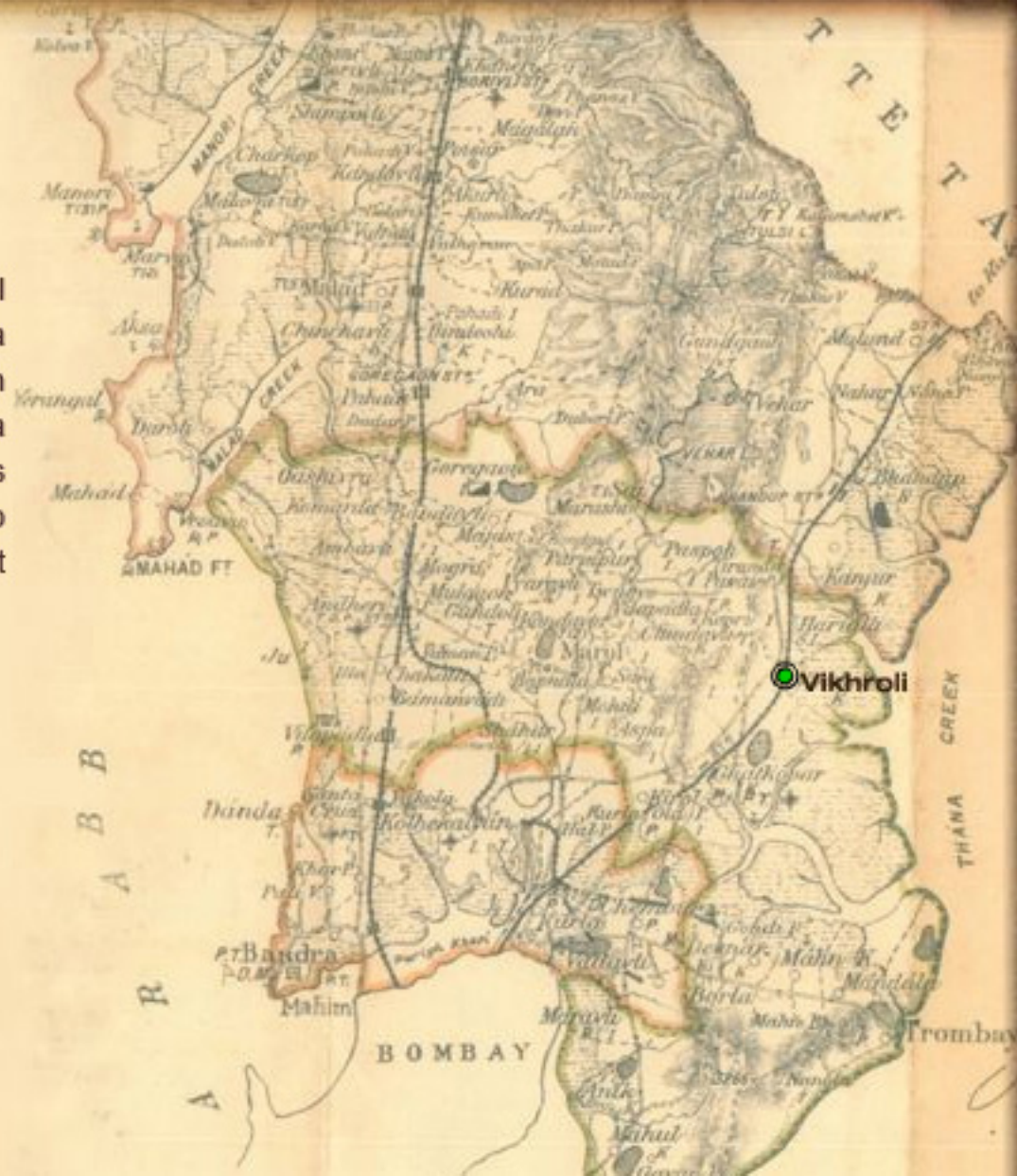


Document of the Month

60 years ago, in a letter written to the Central Bank of India on 4th July 1951, Late Pirojsha Godrej reveals that our first factory shed in Vikhroli has commenced operations and a second one is under construction. What was it manufacturing? How long did it take to develop the land? Take a look at Document of the Month for July to get your answers.



PBG
The Managing Director,
Central Bank of India Ltd.,
Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort,
Bombay.

04.07.1951

Dear Sir,

Our first factory building at Vikhroli comprising a roofed area of 2,33,000 sq. ft. i.e. over five acres of covered land has just come into operation. Its cost to date including plants, machinery etc. comes to Rs. 70 lacs. The construction of an exactly similar building is about to be completed. We have 650 acres of first-class land at Vikhroli besides 3000 acres of slightly low-lying land to the East which we have planned to reclaim with earth from our own hills in the area near by at a small cost gradually as our needs grow to provide quarters for our workers and their families. The lands which have taken us 9 years to consolidate lie on both sides of the G.I.P. Railway lines served by two level crossings besides a sub-way that we have now constructed to provide passage without detention for our own vehicular traffic.

With the addition of our first factory building at Vikhroli our present output will now at least be doubled. Our order books show a total of one crore of rupees of undelivered orders which includes an order for nearly nine lacs of ballot boxes to the value of Rs. 44 lacs to be delivered in about three months' time. Our stocks, therefore of raw materials, work in progress and finished products will naturally increase correspondingly.

Thanking you,

We remain, Dear Sir,
Yours Faithfully,
For Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd

Managing Director