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tah·sil·dar also **tah·seel·dar**  (tə-sēl dār')

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n.

A district official in India in charge of revenues and taxation.

[Urdu *taḥsīldār*, from Persian : *taḥṣīl*, collection, revenue (from Arabic, infinitive of *ḥaṣṣala*, to acquire, collect, derived stem of *ḥaṣala*, to occur, obtain; see **ḥṣl** [in the Appendix of Semitic roots](#)) + *-dār*, having; see **dher-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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