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E.&.P.H. **(194 8) Department.**

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G.O. NO. Ms.148 Edn.

Dated 21st January 1948.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Archaeology - Prehistonic megalithic sites - Preservation of - Proposals of the Board of Revenue - Approved.

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Copy of the letter No.60(18)-1/2430 dated the 20th November 1946 from the ~~T.N. petitioner~~ T.N.Ramachandran M.A., Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, Fort St. George, Madras 9. to the Deputy Secretary to the Government of Madras, Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

Sub: Archaeology - Prehistoric megalithic sites - Preservation of.

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I am confirming the results of our recent discussion regarding the preservation of megalithic sites, stone rings and prehistoric monuments in the Southern Circle in general and in the Chingleput District in particular. Such monuments in the Chingleput District alone recently protected under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act are 51. To save them from the eage eyes of stone quarriers and other vested interests has been to me and the District Collector a formidable problem. Notice boards and label boards put up to announce to the Public the protected nature of the monuments are clearly meant to keep away from them stone quarrying and the like. But on inspection cases have come to my notice where notice boards were removed in the first instance for illicit stone quarrying to follow. I cite for your information two such specific cases. The warning notice board erected on the side in S.No.114 in Vallanjeri (V.No.57), Chingleput taluk and District, was found missing during the Assistant Superintendent's (Prehistory) inspection on 16-8-1946. Quarrying was noticed in both the protected sites in S.Nos.56 (Parvattimalai) and 63 (Cherimalai) in Pallavaram (Zamin) village No.158 Saidapet Taluk. The District Collector who was requested on 4-9-46 to investigate and report has replied on 24-10-46 (copy of his letter enclosed) expressing his helplessness in respect of the Notice Boards and promising to issue instructions to the Tahsildars to make the village officers responsible not only for the safety of the notice boards but also to detect and prohibit illicit quarrying in the specified hills. The District Collector has also notified his subordinates to the effect that the village officers should be held personally responsible for the sites and that disciplinary action should be taken whenever necessary.

2. As I have already narrated, these megalithic monuments which are so much in the open in the poramboke lands offer us the problem of problems. In view of their large number a few notice boards were put up as test cases and the thefts referred to herein relate to some of them. It is easy to discern the hand of the stone quarriers in this; first it is that the notice boards are removed that ~~these~~ notice boards which the village officers fail to detect or bring to our notice, vested interests are soon on the spot after the stones. And when both the thefts and the consequent illicit quarrying are brought to the notice of the District Collector the result is something like the Collector's reply (copy enclosed) expressing his difficulty in tracing the notice boards or checking their theft (as though we are after the notice boards).

3. In view of the large number of such monuments it is difficult for us to provide the necessary watch and ward. The Village Munsiffs and Officers, who are normally responsible for their preservation according to clause 20 of Chapter V, Miscellaneous (Pages 99-100) of the Village Officers and Ryots' Manual (1941), have now to be statutorily held responsible for the preservation of these monuments. In other words I would urge for more vigilance on their part and a strong intensification of their responsibilities in respect of them.

4. It seems to me that the Government will be helping the cause if they could direct the Collectors and their subordinate officers on the following lines:-

(i) Since the village Officers are the men on the spot and are in charge of archaeological monuments, (trigonometrical) Survey stations etc) they should include these monuments in their general inspections and report to higher officers.

(ii) The 'protected' archaeological sites as well as other ancient monuments must be entered in the village Adangal against the survey numbers in which they are located. This entry will be checked not only by the Revenue Inspector and Tahsildars but also by officers and subordinates of my department who inspect them and they should sign in an inspection form kept for the purpose in token of their having visited the site and checked the entries.

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(iii) The Collector as the local custodian of Crown property must take prompt measures for the investigation of offences relating to the monuments in question including theft of notice boards and quarrying.

5. It will be seen that most of these megalithic sites are unreserved lands at the disposal of Government and the only care-taking they require is that the village officers should see, as in the case of all other unreserved lands at the disposal of Government, that they are not put to prejudicial uses. They (village officers) have every opportunity to do this without being put to extra-work, as they have to go about frequently to visit and inspect the revenue bearing lands in their immediate neighbourhood. The result is that though the Archaeological Survey will from time to time trace out these sites from their present hiding and neglect, the merit of protecting them for the benefit of science and posterity will go solely to your Government.

6. In this connection I may state for your information that the cultural problems which these megalithic sites present are of a kind which link India with Western Asia, North Africa and Europe and it may be that India will supply certain missing links in the history of the remote past. Consequent on the inauguration of intensive megalithic survey in the South from 1946 as part of the Archaeological Survey of India's exploratory activities, a large number of these megalithic sites have now been protected - and more will be in due course for excavation and scientific investigation in the immediate future. At the moment these monuments are surveyed and classified and it is our immediate duty to preserve and protect them for excation and investigation to follow. I trust that the suggestion made by me in this letter will appeal to you as they are quite easily workable by the District Collectors and Revenue Officers and the Village Officials, the Revenue Inspectors and the Tahsildars may also be impressed with the service they over the protection and preservation of these monuments.

Sd/ T.N. Ramachandran,
Superintendent.

EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement No.71383-1/C2 Education dated 28-11-1946.

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Referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks.

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Asst. Secretary to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.

Copy of letter No.D.Dis.No.17614/46 dated 24-10-46 from the District Collector, Chingleput District, Saidapet, to the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, Fort St. George, Madras.

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Archaeology - Megalithic sites - Chingleput district - Preservation of.
Your letter No.60(18)-1/1925 dated the 4th September 1946.

I made detailed enquiries into the matter and find that at this distance of time it is not possible to trace the notice board, which was removed by some one. I am issuing instructions to Tahsildars to make the Village Munsiffs concerned responsible for the safety of the notice boards and to take disciplinary action against them for any neglect on their part. Fresh notice boards may now be put up. The Tahsildar, Saidapet is being instructed to detect illicit quarrying and to take necessary action to prevent quarrying in the specified hills.

Copy of the letter No. NIL dated the 2nd December 1946 to the Superintendent, A.S.I. SoC.

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Sub: Protection of megalithic monuments - Revenue Department to taken action.

In rod It is already a rule of the Revenue Department that all quarrying thic) s[illegible] porombokes should be done on permits. The archaeological (megali- require a[illegible] on these porombokes (usually one in each village where they exist) such Gover[illegible]utely no protection except that there should be no quarrying in [illegible] reserved lands, that is, the rule should be rigidly

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rigidly enforced with respect to these sites. They have been clearly demarcated and noted in the Adangal; they are all within sight of the village officials when going about in the execution of their routine duties. In every case alternative sites fit for quarrying in the immediate vicinity have been pointed out by our survey on the site-plans.

The case, I may point out, is an a fortiori one as compared with that of the Trigonometrical Stations on hill-porombokes which are left in the care only of the Revenue Officials, as the megalithic sites require absolutel y no maintenance at their hands and imposes no strain on them. The sites require at the hands of the village officials only the enforcement of a rule of general application already laid down.

Herewith a note on prepared by ~~the~~ my Assistant Superintendent megatithic momuments ~~consideration-recent-my-letter~~ for your further ~~in connection with my recent further~~ consideration in connection with my recent letter on the subject.

Education & Public Health Department.

Endorsement No.71383-2/G2 dated 11-12-46.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue in continuation of Endorsement No.71383-1/C2 dated 28-11-1946.

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Assistant Secretary to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.

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for SECRETARY.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
Subject.

Archaeology - Prehistoric megalithic sites - Preservation of - Remarks - Submitted.

B.P. Rt. 2640.

Dated 10 May 1947.

Madras.

From

T.M.S.Mani Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

S.RANGANATHAN Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,
Commr. of Land Revenue & Commercial Taxes.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 MAY 1947
REVENUE AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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Read:- Govt. E & P.H. Dept. Entd. No.71383-1-C2 Edn, dated 28-11-46.
Reports from Collectors.

RESOLUTION.

The Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India has suggested the following measures to protect the monuments from the ravages of stone - quarriers:-

(i)Inspection of these monuments by village officers of submission of reports by them.

(ii)The protected archaeological sites should be entered in the village Adangal against the S.Nos. in which they are located. This should be checked not only by Revenue Inspectors and Tahsildars but also by officers of the Revenue Department.

(iii)Prompt investigation by the Collectors of any offences relating to the monuments. Select Collectors were consulted in the matter. Copies of their reports are submitted herewith.

The Board offers the following remarks on the above suggestions:-

(i) The object underlying this suggestion can best be acheived by adopting the instructions noted below. The Village headman and Karnam should be made to inspect all the sites at least once a quarter and submit a report to the Tahsildar through the Firka Revenue Inspector. The Revenue Inspectors in their turn should inspect such sites once a half year and submit a report to Deputy Tahsildars or Tahsildars as the case may be. Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in independant charge should be enjoined to inspect the sites once a year fairly long before the Jamabandi. The inspection of prehistoric megalithic sites and protected monuments should be added as one of the questions to be answered at the time of Jamabandi. This is not likely to prove an additional work to the officers.

Suggestion(ii). It is desirable that entries should be made in the Adangal, where such entries have not been made so far. For this purpose the Archaeological Department should furnish a list of such monuments and their location.

Suggestion(iii). Prompt investigation by the Collectors of any offences relating to the monuments will create a fear in the minds of the people not to tamper or interfere with the sites. This may therefore be adopted.

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2. The Board also agrees with the Collector of Chingleput that to facilitate efficient discharge of their duties in this behalf, the Village Officers should be remunerated for this additional work and recommends to Government that one quarter of the compounding fees realised may be paid as reward to the Village Officers who detect illicit quarrying or damage to the sites in order to make them take interest in the preservation of such sites.

On receipt of the orders of the Government the Board will issue necessary instructions to Collectors.

for Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department - with copies of Chingleput, Kistna, Vizagapatam, Tinnevelly, and Malabar Collectors' letters.

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Copy of D.Dis.25604/46, dated 6-1-47 from the Collector of Chingleput.

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Sub:- Archaeology - Prehistoric megalithic sites - Preservation of - Report - Submission of.

Ref:- Board's No. E.4967-46-1, dated 13-12-46 and 18-12-46.

The suggestions given by the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Madras are generally acceptable.

2. As stated by the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, the sites are "so much in the open and offer him the problem of problems". Appointment of watchmen seems to be an impossibility inview of the scattered nature of these sites. The only course left open would therefore be to make the village officers responsible for the safe preservation of these sites. This would no doubt cause hardship to the village Officers and it varies with number of such sites available in any one village and their location and distance from the village proper. Any way in view of the Archaeological interest of the sites and the necessity to preserve them, it seems desirable and appropriate to burden the Village Officers with this work. To facilitate efficient discharge of their duties in this behalf, the Village Officers may be remunerated for this additional work by granting them a reasonable reward for the detection of illicit quarrying on the sites and unlawful interference with such sites. This may take the shape of a portion of the compounding fees or fines that may be realised in cases of illicit quarrying and unlawful interference with the sites, on the analogy of the rewards granted to the police for detection of gambling cases in the city of Madras. Such an offer would, be a real incentive to the Village Officers to evince interest in the preservation of the sites of Archaeological interest.

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for Secretary.

Copy of letter No. L.Dis.1319/47 dated 22-2-47 from the Collector of Kistna.

Sub:- Archaeology - Prehistoric megalithic sites Preservation - report - Submitted.

Ref:- Board's Ref. E-4867/46-1, dated 13-12-46.

The suggestions given by the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Madras circle in para 4 of his letter No. 60(18) -1/2430 dated 20-11-46 are practicable.

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for Secretary.

Copy of M.L.Dis.25/47 dated 18-2-47 from the District Magistrate, Vizagapatam.

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Sub:- Archaeology - Prehistoric magalithis sites - preservation of - Report - Submit ted.

Ref:- Board's Ref. E.No.4967/46-1, dated 13-12-46
-do- /46-2, dated 18-12-46

The suggestions made by the superintendent, Archaelogical Survey of India, Madras Circle in paa4 of the letter communicated with your reference cited above for the preservations of the monuments from damages are practicable.

I may also suggest that such monuments and their location may be notified and copies communicated to the Collectors. Besides this an annual periodical may also be prescribed in order to supervise the work of R.D.Os. Tahsildars, R.Is and V.Os in regard to the proper protection and preservation of these monuments in question.

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for Secretary.

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Copy of D.Dis. 7966/46, dated 8-4-47 from the Collector of Tinnevelly.

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Sub:- Archaeology - Magalithic sites - Preservation of.
Ref:- Board's Ref. E.No.4967/46-1, dated 13-12-46.

The suggestions of the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Madras, contained in para 4 of his letter dated 20-11-46 may be adopted as they form the only practicable solution of the problem Notice boards should be put up in large numbers. In addition the watchman of the Velur Adichanallur Reserve in Srivaiguntam Taluk may be directed to maintain an Inspection note book which should be attested by each Inspecting Officer from the village officers upwards with any remarks each may wish to add.

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Copy of L.Dis.794/47, dated 25-4-47 from the Collector of Malabar.

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Sub:- Arechaeology - Prehistoric magalithics sites - preservation of - report called for - Submitted.

Your Ref- E.4967/46, dated 18-12-46.

The suggestions in para 4 of the letter from Superintendant, Archaeological Survey of India dated 20-11-46 are workable and may be put into practice. I suggest that the S.Nos. on which the ancient monuments are situated may be entered in the Enclosure III to A Register of theVillage and half yearly inspection report prescribed.

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for Secretary.

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C. No. 71383 C2/46

From the Supdt., Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, No. 60(18)-1/2430 dated 20-11-46.

From the Bd. of Rev., No. B.P. Rt. 2640, dated 10-5-47.

Archaeology - Pre-historic megalithic sites - Preservation of - Proposals of the Bd. of Revenue - Approved.

G.O./Ms. No. 148 Edn. dated 21-1-48.

The Supdt., Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, has proposed certain measures for the protection and preservation of the megalithic sites, stone ships and pre-historic monuments in the Province from the ravages of stone Evaders. The Govt. have examined the suggestions in consultation with the Board of Revenue and pass the following orders:-

(1) The Govt. agree with the Board of Rev. that village headmen and Karnams should be made to inspect the sites at least once a Fasli, and submit a report to the Tahsildar through the Firka Revenue Inspr. The R.Is. in their turn should inspect such sites once a half year and submit a report to Dy. Tahsildars or Tahsildars, as the case may be. The Tahsildars and Dy. Tahsildars in independant charge should inspect the sites at least once a year sufficiently in advance of the Fasli before the jamabandi. The inspection of these sites and monuments should be added as one of the Questions to be answered at the time of jamabandi.

(2) Entries of all the protected archaeological sites should be made in the village Adangal where such entries have not been made so far.

Survey of India is requested to furnish the Board of Rev. with a list of such sites and monuments and their location.

(3) All offences relating to the sites and monuments should be investigated promptly by the Collectors concerned.

2. The Govt also accept the recommendation of the Bd of Rev. that in order to make the village officers take more interest in the preservation of the archaeological sites, one Quarter of the compounding fees realised may be paid as reward to the village officers who detect illicit Quarrying or the like or damage to the sites. ~~The Board is requested to issue the necessary instructions to the~~

3. The Board of Rev. is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Collrs. in the matter.

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To
The Bd of Rev. ✓
" Supdt., Arch. Survey of India, S. Circle. 7.12.47 Eastern Circle
" A.G. (Thro. Fin.) ✓
Copy to the Rev. Dept. ✓
" " Home Dept. ✓
" " Public (I+H) Dept. ✓
3 spare copies

C.No. 71383 C2/46.

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ARCHAEOLOGY - Pre-historic megalithic sites - Preservation of.

From the Supdt., Arch. Survey of India, Southern Circle, Letter No. 60(18)-1/2430 dated 20-11-46.
" Board of Rev., B.P.Rt. 2640 dated 10-5-47.

The Supdt., Arch. Survey of India, Southern Circle, has suggested certain measures to protect the megalithic sites, stone rings and prehistoric monuments from the ravages of stone quarriers.

The Board of Rev. has offered its remarks on the suggestions of the Supdt., Arch. Survey of India. The suggestions are noted on below:--

(1) INSPECTION OF SITES BY VILLAGE OFFICERS AND SUBMISSION OF REPORTS:

The Board of Rev. considers that the village headman and karnam should be made to inspect the sites at least once a quarter and submit a report to the Tahsildar through the Firka Revenue Inspector. The R.Is. in their turn should inspect such sites once a half year and submit a report to Deputy Tahsildars or Tahsildars, as the case may be. The Tahsildars and Dy. Tahrs in independent charge should be enjoined to inspect the sites once a year fairly long before the jamabandi. The inspection of these sites and monuments should be added as one of the questions to be answered at the time of jamabandi. The views of the Board may be accepted.

(ii) PROTECTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES SHOULD BE ENTERED IN THE VILLAGE ADANGAL.

The Board states that it is desirable that entries should be made in the Adangal, where such entries have not been made so far. The Supdt., Arch. Survey of India, S. Circle, may be asked to furnish the Board with a list of such sites and monuments and their location.

(iii) PROMPT INVESTIGATION BY THE COLLRS. OF ANY OFFENCES RELATING TO THE MONUMENTS:

The Board agrees to this suggestion.

2. The Board also recommends that to facilitate efficient discharge of their duties, the village officers who are made responsible for the safe preservation of sites and monuments should be remunerated for this additional work. Hence the Board recommends that one quarter of the compounding fees realised may

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be paid as reward to the village officers who detect illicit quarrying or damage to the sites in order to make them take interest in the preservation of such sites. For orders whether this recommn. may be accepted. The Board states that it will issue necessary instructions to Collrs. on receipt of Govt's orders.

3. Rev. / Home & Fin. may see for remarks on the proposals of the Board.

Rc 27.4.47 cva 28.10.47

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Rev. / Home / Fin.

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For orders whether this dept will accept the Bd's proposals.

2. E & P.H may be requested to circulate this case to H.M (L.R) also.

[3. With reference to the proposal referred to in para 2 on pp 1-2 above, it may be mentioned that in order that the ryots may take interest in the preservation of ancient sites, it is proposed, in a file of this dept, to give them half the value of the stones recovered through them.]

4. The file may be passed on to Finance.

DMS 10.11.47

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(E&P.H dept)

The file from pp 1-2 above may be perused. ~~is necessary clearance~~ The case has prematurely been sent to this dept with ref to the suggestion regarding prompt investigation by the Collectors of any offences relating to the monuments. Please see item (iii) at p. 5 cf. The Board has accepted the suggestion. This dept may agree. May be passed onto Finance.

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The suggestion as such is not acceptable but a reasonable reward for each case detected as convicting may be paid. If this is done it is better to have a definite scale. Proposal may be accepted.

Supra. This has been delayed owing to explanation being called for

Extract taken for Secretary to Govt.

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Lr. (C.S.R)

Please see the notes from p. 1 above. The file has been sent to the dept. with reference to the proposal in para 2 on pp 1-2 above. E&PH. agree to the Board's recommendation that one quarter of the compounding fees realised may be paid as reward to village officers who detect illicit quarrying or damage to the sites. The Revenue Dept also agree to the Board's proposal. Submitted that in the circumstances stated at R in the Collector's letter on p. 6 cf. Finance also may agree to the proposal of E&PH. at R on p. 2 above.

Rc 27/4/47 EPH MR

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 93875 28 NOV 1947 EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Fin. G.O. No. 70701 - C.S.R. 27/11

E.P.H. (C2)

Please see the notes on pages 2-3 above. Rev, Home and Finance agree to the proposals at pages 1-2 ante. A draft order is submd for approval. May be circulated to H.M. (Edn) and H.M. (L.R).

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Education and Public Health Department.
G.O.Ms.No. 148 Edn. dated 21st January 1948.

ABSTRACT.

ARCHAEOLOGY - Pre-historic megalithic sites - Preservation of - Proposals of the Board of Revenue - Approved.

READ:

From the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, No.60(18)-1/2430 dated 20-11-1946.
From the Board of Revenue No.B.F.Rt.2040- dated 10-3-1947.

ORDER:-

The Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, has proposed certain measures for the protection and preservation of the megalithic sites, stone rings and pre-historic monuments in the Province from the ravages of stone querries The Government have examined the suggestions in consultation with the Board of Revenue and pass the following orders:-

(1) The Government agree with the Board of Revenue that village headmen and Karnams should be made to inspect the sites and submit a report at least once a quarter, xxxxxxxxxxxxx to the Tahsildar through the Firka Revenue Inspector. The Revenue Inspectors in their turn should inspect such sites and submit a report once a half year to Deputy Tahsildars or Tahsildars, as the case may be, The Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in independent charge should inspect the sites at least once a year sufficiently in advance of the Jamabandi. The inspection of these sites and monuments should be added as one of the questions to be answered at the time of Jamabandi.

(2) Entries of all the protected archaeological sites should be made in the village Adangal where such entries have not been made so far. For this purpose, the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India is requested to furnish the Board of Revenue with a list of such sites and monuments and their location.

(3) All offences relating to the sites and monuments should be investigated promptly by the Collectors concerned.

2. The Government also accept the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that in order to make the village officers take more interest in the preservation of the archaeological sites, one quarter of the compounding fees realised may be paid as reward to the village officers who detect illicit quarrying on the sites or damage to them.

3. The Board of Revenue is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Collectors in the matter.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)
M.V. Subramanian,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
To the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, South Circle. Fort St. George and Eastern Circle.
To the Accountant General through Finance.
Copy to the Revenue Department.
" Home Department.
" Public (I and P) Department.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Subject

ARCHAEOLOGY - Pre-historic megalithic sites - Preservation of - Rewards to village Officers for detecting illicit quarrying on such sites - Draft amendment to M.F.C.Vol.II - Suggested.

L.Dis.E.No.3201/48.

Dated 1st June 1948.

Station: Madras.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
6 - JUN 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

From

P.M.Jayaraman Esq., Bar-at-law., I.C.S.,
Secretary, Board of Revenue.
S.Ranganathan Esq., C.B.E., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue & Commrl.Taxes.

Read: G.O.Ms.No.148 (Edn) dated 21-1-1948.
Board's L.Dis.E.No.611/48, dated 6-2-48.
Government Finance Department Memo.No.14537 Exp.A/48, ~~dated~~
dated 21-3-48.

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A copy of Board's L.Dis. read above in which instructions were issued to Collectors is submitted. A list of monuments have been called for from the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India and only on its receipt detailed instructions will be issued to Collectors in regard to the registering of those sites and monuments in the village Accounts and a question will also be added to the Jamabandi check Memo.

2. The Board suggests the following draft amendment to the M.F.C. Vol.II.-

Page 201, Appendix 15, Item 15 -(D). General Administration as amended by III list No.157 dated 12-12-1944. Add the following as a new sub-item(3).

"Collectors and District Magistrates may sanction one quarter of the compounding fees realised as rewards to village officers who detect illicit quarrying on the archaeological sites or damage to them".

3. In this connection the Board would suggest that the maximum reward to village officers may be fixed at Rs.50/- in each case.

for SECRETARY.

To the Secretary to Government, Finance Department.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, E & P.H.Department.

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Copy of Board's L.Dis.E.No.611/48, dated 6-2-1948.

ARCHAEOLOGY - Prehistoric megalithic sites - Preservation of - Proposals of the Board of Revenue - Approved - G.O. communicated.

G.O.Ms.No.148 Edn.(E & P.H Dept) dated 21-1-48.

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Communicated to the Collectors of all Districts.

2. The Collectors are requested to follow the instructions in the G.O. read above carefully and also to issue necessary instructions to their subordinates.

Sd/-T.K. SANKARAVAIDVELU PILLAI,
JOINT SECRETARY.

To the Collectors of all districts.

(TRUE COPY).

for SECRETARY.

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Please see the Board's reference on hand.

This is only a copy of the letter addressed to Finance Dept. No action is called for. May be lodged.

File with G.O 148 Edn dt 21.1.48

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Archaeology - Prehistoric megalithic sites - Preservation of - Rewards to village officers for detecting illicit quarrying on such sites.

Ref:-
G.O No 148 Edn Dated 21.1.48
From the Bd. of Rev., L.Dis. E. No. 3201/48 D/1.6.48

Memo No. H4984/C2/48-1 Edn dt 26.6.48

In continuation of ~~with reference to~~ para 2 of the G.O. cited above, the Govt fix the maximum reward payable to village officers who detect illicit quarrying on the archaeological sites or damage to them at Rs 50/- in each case.

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22.6.48

In para 2 of the G.O. read above, the following words will be inserted between the expression 'reached' & 'may': ——

dpd 8/6/48

To
The Bd. of Revenue
Supdt. Arch. Surveys of India Southern circle
The Actg (Third Assistant) Sec. copy to the Rev dept
" Home Dept
" P.W. (I+P) dept

"subject to a maximum of Rs 50/- in each case"

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Subject

ARCHAEOLOGY - Pre-historic Megalithic sites - Preservation of - Instructions for recording these particulars in the village and Taluk Accounts issued.

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B.P.Miscellaneous No.1166.

Station:-Madras. 1 SEP 1948

Dated 26th August 1948.

From

C.A. Ramakrishnan Esq., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

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S. Ranganathan Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue & Commercial Taxes.

V.N. Kudva Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue, Excise & Prohibition.

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Read:- From the Superintendent, Archaelogical Survey of India, No.60(18)-1/2430, dated 20-11-46.
G.O.Ms.148, Education and Public Health Department, dated 21-1-48.
Board's L.Dis.F.611/48, dated 6-2-48.
From the Superintendent, Archaelogical Survey of India, No.60(18)-1/2529, dated 23-7-48.

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RESOLUTION:

The Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India has stressed the need for the Revenue authorities taking adequate steps to protect and preserve megalithic sites stone rings and ancient monuments in good condition. The Government, in their order No.Ms.148, Education and Public Health Department, dated 21-1-48 have directed that the sites should be registered in the village accounts and periodically inspected by the Revenue Inspectors and Tahsildars and that a report should be submitted to the District Collector on their condition. They have also directed that to ensure the systematic inspection of these sites, a new question should be introduced in the Jamabandi check memo. The Board therefore directs that the following question be included in the Jamabandi Check Memo:- (Ibid)

"Have the pre-historic sites and protected monuments, if any, under the Ancient Monument Preservation Act, been inspected periodically by the village officers, Revenue Inspectors, Deputy Tahsildars, Tahsildars as the case may be, as ordered in G.O. No.Ms.148, Education and Public Health Department, dated 21-1-48. Are they preserved in good condition". This should be added as the last question in the Jamabandi Check Memo. (Ibid)

The Board is of the opinion that if this work is to be properly done, permanent registers have to be maintained in the Collector's Office, Taluk Office. They should contain the following particulars:-

(1) Taluk (2) Village (3) Nature of monument (4) S.No. in which situated (5) Extent (6) Boundaries (7) Classification of land (8) Name of owner, if not Government (9) Remarks.

A similar register should be maintained by t[he village] Officers. They should inspect the sites and subm[it a] quarter[ly report to] the Tahsildar through the Revenue Inspector [...] register. The Firka Revenue Inspectors should also maint[ain a register] containing the above particulars for his fir[ka and] submit the

the report to the Tahsildar ~~through the Revenue Inspector~~ once a half year. A copy of the G.O.referred to above should be pasted on* the registers to be maintained in the Collector's Office, and in the Taluk Office and also in the register to be maintained by the Revenue Inspector. The receipt of the report from the Revenue Inspector should be watched by the Tahsildar by means of opening a new periodical. Similarly the reports from the Tahsildar should be watched in the Collector's Office.

The Village Register has to be checked with the Taluk register at every Jamabandi and the Taluk register has to be checked with the District register at the Collector's jamabandi. The Collector should call for periodical reports from the Tahsildars and review the condition of Ancient monuments in his district once a year and send a copy of his review to the Archaeological Department.

It is reported that such sites and monuments are in existance only in the districts of Chingleput, South Arcot, North Arcot and Tiruchirapalli and a list of such sites has already been communicated to the Collectors of the concerned districts in Board's reference F.721/48-3, dated 13-7-48. The Archaelogical Department has been requested to furnish cases of new monuments as and when they are notified under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, and brought on list, direct to the Collectors and Tahsildars. The Collectors are requested to issue necessary instructions to their subordinates in the matter.

*the front page of the

for Joint Secretary.

To

The Collectors of Chingleput, South Arcot, North Arcot and Tiruchirapalli. | Para 1 only.
Copy to other Collectors for information.
Copy to Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Madras.
To the Superintendent, Archaelogical Survey of India, Southern Circle, Madras. (in full).

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May be filed with G.O. Ms. No. 1148. Edn., dated, 21-1-48.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. E5934 *Dated, Bangalore,* 13th December 1948

FROM

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
Education Department, Bangalore.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education & Public Health Department,
Madras.

15 DEC 1948

Sir,

I am directed to request you to be so good as to furnish for reference a copy of the Ordinance issued by the Government of Madras regarding the protection of pre-historic megalethic sites in the Province.

Yours faithfully,

for Secretary to Government;
Education Department.

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Endt. No. 94142-1C$_2$. Edn., dated 27-12-48.

Archaeology — Pre-historic megalithic sites in the Province of Madras — Protection of — Orders regarding.

P.1C.7.

Ref: From the Govt. of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Education Dept., No. E 5934, d., 13-12-48.

A copy of the letter cited is forwarded to the supdt., Archaeological survey of India, S.C. * he is requested to say whether any Orders of the kind referred to in the ? ther have been passed, and if so,

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to refer to ~~these~~ orders.

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To

The Supdt. of
Archaeological survey
of India, S. C.,
Fort St. George.
(with Copy of d.7.)

25/1/49

Telegraphic Address :
Archæological Superintendent,
MADRAS 9.
Telephone : 2152.

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No. 60(18)1/38

Archæological Survey of India,
Southern Circle,

Fort St George, Madras 9, dated 5th Jan. *1949*

7 JAN 1949

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FROM V.D. Krishnaswami Esq., M.A., Dip. Arch. (Cantab),
Superintendent.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education & Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, MADRAS-9.

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pp. 3-4 ante

Subject :— PREHISTORIC MEGALITHIC SITES--Protection of--
Orders passed by the Madras Government.
Ref:-- Government Endorsement No.94142-1-C2-Edn.
dated the 27th December 1948.

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SIR,

(T)/9-10 The Madras Government have, in G.O.No.148 Education, dated the 21st January 1948, made the Village Officers responsible for the proper protection of megalithic sites and requested the Board of Revenue to issue necessary instructions to the Collectors in the matter, and the Board has, in its B.P. Miscellaneous No.1166 dated the 26th August 1948, issued instructions to them accordingly.

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Yours faithfully,
V. R. Banerjee
for SUPERINTENDENT.
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E.&P.H.
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Letter/Ref. No. 94142/48-2 Cy., d., 28/1/49

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Education Department,
Bangalore. (with enclosure)

Sir,

Pre-historic Megalithic Sites
in the Province of Madras—
Orders regarding the protection of.

P. I & C. 7.

With reference to your letter No. E 5934, dated, 13-12-'48, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to forward a copy of

ders of this Govt.
of ~~G~~ No. 148. Edn:, dated, 21-1-'48, (P)/9-10
and a copy of the instructions
issued by the Board of Revenue to
~~the Collector~~ Collectors in its Proceedings
No. 1166, dated, 26-8-'48. (P)/21-22
Yours faithfully,

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[To be filed with
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