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29th April 1874.

No. 325. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th February 1874, No. 368 :—

Read Reports from the President of the Local Fund Boards, Ganjam District, dated 29th September and 7th October 1873, Nos. 276 and 294.

THE Local Fund Reports of the Chetterpore and Chicacole Circles for 1872-73 will be submitted for the information of Government.

CHETTERPORE.

2. RECEIPTS.—The year began with a deficit, and the Local Fund Board had to borrow a large sum from Government to meet it. Altogether the assets were Rupees 1,33,091 according to the President, and Rupees 1,34,391 according to the Accountant-General.

3. The deficit is thus explained in Board's Proceedings, 13th March 1872, No. 1,927. "The Season* has been so adverse that only Rupees 45,831 out of an estimate of Rupees 85,300 can be expected from the Land Cess. The necessities of the people demand work, so that expenditure cannot be stopped." It amounted to Rupees 21,872 according to the President, and Rupees 31,942 according to the Accountant-General.

* 1871-72.

4. In their order of the 21st March 1872, No. 341, Government authorized a loan of Rupees 25,000.

5. Excluding these exceptional items, the receipts of the year were Rupees 1,34,391 (including Rupees 1,295 of Public Works receipts which appear in the Accountant-General's Statement). The receipts (excluding the balance) of 1871-72 were Rupees 61,652. The chief differences were in the grant from Provincial Funds and the Land Cess. The grant from Provincial Funds was reduced by Rupees 6,920, but the Land Cess increased by Rupees 52,645.

6. Government first intended to reduce the Provincial Funds Grant by Rupees 12,920, but they afterwards gave Rupees 1,000 as an additional grant, and Rupees 5,000 in lieu of tolls.

7. The Land Cess increased in consequence of the large arrears left uncollected during the distress of 1871-72.

8. EXPENDITURE, GRANT I.—The allotments for Public Works according to the Registers in this Office were—

			Rs.	
New Works...	Communications by Public Works Department	...	26,650	
	Educational do. do.	...	200	
	Sanitary and Miscellaneous do.	...	1,500	
				28,350
Repairs ...	...Communications do. do.	...		43,847
				72,197

9. The actual expenditure according to the President, the Accountant-General, and the Controller of Public Works Accounts was—

		President.	Accountant-General.	Controller.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
New Works...	Communications by Public Works Department	16,948	34,445	16,948
	Sanitary and Miscellaneous by Public Works Department ...		747	747
		16,948	35,192	17,695
Repairs ...	Communications by Public Works Department	43,659	42,895	42,895
		60,607	78,087	60,590

10. The large excess shown by the Accountant-General for New Works is evidently the result of some adjustment which he will be requested to explain.

11. The Controller's figures may be assumed to be the most correct as regards the expenditure of the year, though the Accountant-General's must be taken for purposes of account. They include Rupees 747 for sanitary expenditure in the town of Ganjam, which was not reported to the President. They also include Rupees 3,502, said to have been expended out of Famine Funds.

12. It is explained that Rupees 3,000 of the allotments for New Works had to be left unutilized because of the revision of an estimate, and Rupees 500 were transferred to Grant III.; but even allowing for this, a very small portion of the available allotment was expended. The allotment for Repairs was fully utilized.

13. The New Works in progress were :—

	Rs.
Road from the line between Aska and Surada to the Surla Platform	13,098
Improving the road from the Mahandra River to the Bengal frontier ...	3,502*
Additions to a bridge over the Loharakhandy River	348
Sanitary works in the town of Ganjam	747

*Said to have been spent from Famine Funds.

14. Three hundred and thirty-nine miles of road were maintained in good order, thirty-nine completed, and thirty-nine in progress. Rupees 3,087 were spent on Special repairs rendered necessary by inundations in 1871-72.

15. The charge for Establishment according to the President, the Accountant-General, and the Controller was—

	President.	Accountant-General.	Controller.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Supervision by Public Works Department	17,370	23,490	19,332
Petty Local Fund Establishment ...	2,405	3,323	2,205
	19,775	26,813	21,537

16. The figures of the Controller show that a percentage of 32 instead of 29 on the cost of works is charged for supervision by the Public Works Department. He will be requested to explain this.

17. The President had not been warned of any expenditure for Tools and Plant, but the Accountant-General shows that Rupees 642 were spent, and the Controller reports that the expenditure was Rupees 491.

18. It is impossible to say what the expenditure under Grant I. really was, until the discrepancies already noticed in the several accounts of it are explained.

19. Grant II., Education.—There was but one Deputy Inspector for both Circles. In Chetterpore he examined pial schools and assigned Rupees 1,450 in Results Grants. The number of schools and scholars concerned should be given in future reports. He also supervised two Inspecting Schoolmasters. A more detailed account of what he did should be given.

20. Two Inspecting Schoolmasters inspected seventy schools attended by 1,555 boys.

21. As this is all that was done it cannot be said that much progress was made in Education. The total expenditure was Rupees 3,286, of which the Berhampore Municipality contributed Rupees 200.

22. Grant III.—Twenty-one Vaccinators were employed, of whom twelve were paid for by Zemindars and nine by the Local Fund Board. The total cost to the Local Fund was Rupees 1,793. The Zemindari Vaccinators vaccinated 154 subjects each, and 87 per cent. of the cases were successful. The Local Fund Vaccinators vaccinated seventy-one persons each at a cost of Rupees 2-13-1 each, and 73 per cent. of the cases were successful. These results are wretched, and particular attention should be given to the subject by the President.

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23. Rupees 582 were spent on sanitation in eight towns or villages. It should be considered whether the amount, which is available for expenditure in this way, cannot be made more widely beneficial throughout the Circle. Towns and large villages ought to give in local contributions for such objects as much as they receive from the Local Fund Board.

24. The four Travellers' Bungalows cost Rupees 167. The number of travellers who used them was 154, and the fees amounted to Rupees 237.

25. The Circle contributed Rupees 500 towards the cost of the Dispensary at Berhampore.

26. The expenditure under Grant III. was thus Rupees 3,042.

27. Grant IV.—The cost of Controlling Establishments, etc., was Rupees 1,058.

28. The President gives the total expenditure as Rupees 87,775, leaving a balance of Rupees 23,449. The Accountant-General gives the total expenditure as Rupees 1,12,934, leaving a deficit of Rupees 10,485. Where there is so great a discrepancy as this, and so large an amount of expenditure not communicated to the President until after the year is closed, it is impossible to blame the Local Fund Board for spending more than its income.

29. Local Fund Board.—The Local Fund Board contains eight official and nine non-official members. At two meetings there was not a *quorum*. At the other ten, the average attendance was three official and one non-official members.

CHICACOLE.

30. Receipts.—In this Circle also the year began with a deficit. The assets were Rs. 51,643 according to the President, and Rupees 50,971 according to the Accountant-General.

31. The deficit which arose from the same cause as that in the other Circle amounted to Rupees 10,059 according to the President, and Rs. 10,741 according to the Accountant-General.

32. Excluding the deficit, the receipts of the year were Rupees 61,712 (including Rs. 10 for Public Works Receipts noted by the Accountant-General, but not by the President). The receipts (excluding the balance) in 1871-72 were Rupees 39,474. The grant from Provincial Funds was reduced by Rupees 4,940, but the Land Cess increased by Rupees 26,741, and the Chicacole Municipality paid a two years' contribution, amounting to Rupees 1,000, for Educational Inspection.

33. Expenditure, Grant I.—The Registers kept in this office show that the allotments for works were—

			Rs.
New Works,	Communications by Public Works Department		20,657
Repairs	do.	do.	17,203
Do.	do.	Other Agency...	3,705
		Total...	41,565

34. The actual expenditure according to the President, the Accountant-General, and the Controller was—

		President.	Accountant-General.	Controller.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
New Works ...	Communications by Public Works Department...	7,502	7,502	7,502
	Sanitary and Miscellaneous Other Agency	105	...	105
Repairs ...	Communications by Public Works Department...	17,021	17,185	17,218
	Do. Other Agency ...	3,370	...	3,439
	Sanitary and Miscellaneous by Public Works Department	181	33	...
	Do. Other Agency...	69	...	...
	Total...	28,248	24,720	28,264

35. The expenditure on New Works fell short of the allotment by Rupees 13,050, but Rupees 9,000 could not be spent for want of a sanctioned estimate, and it is explained that special difficulties prevented Rupees 2,808 from being spent.

36. The New Works in progress were—

	Rs.
Road from Alikam to Hiramandalum	4,998
Nowpada to Vizagapatam frontier	2,192
Bridge on the Jaganadapore Road	312
Ferry-boat at Bhagamthipuram	105

37. The Public Works Department maintained 168 miles of road in good order, completed twenty miles and were at work on twenty miles. Three ferry-boats and a Public Bungalow were repaired.

38. The charge for establishment according to the President, the Accountant-General, and the Controller was—

	President.	Accountant-General.	Controller.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Supervision by the Public Works Department...	9,810	7,915	8,607
Local Fund Petty Establishment	1,597	1,217	899
Total...	11,407	9,132	09'69

39. According to the Controller the charge for supervision by the Public Works Department was more than 34 per cent. on the expenditure by that department. He will be requested to explain how this is.

40. The expenditure on Tools and Plant seems to have been Rupees 227, though the President states it as Rupees 200.

41. The President states that Rupees 50 was spent on Contingencies.

42. Thus it appears that the real expenditure under Grant I. was about Rupees 38,000, though the President makes it Rupees 39,905, and the Accountant-General Rupees 34,079.

43. Grant II., Education.—The Deputy Inspector assigned Rupees 1,972 as Results Grants to fifty-two Lower-class Schools in this Circle. The number of schools of this class increased from forty-one in 1871-72 to sixty-four in 1872-73, but twelve of them were not inspected.

44. The average attendance at the schools which received Results Grants was 268 Oriya and 927 Telugu boys at forty-three Telugu schools, and 247 Oriya and thirty Telugu boys at nine Oriya schools. It was affected by the prevalence of cholera and dengue. A brief account of the work done by the Deputy-Inspector should be given in future reports.

45. There was only one Inspecting Schoolmaster ; some account must be given of the work done by this class of men in future reports.

46. Rupees 40 were allotted as a Salary Grant to the Jalamur School which was a Middle-class School receiving a grant of Rupees 10 from Government. The average attendance was twenty Telugu boys.

47. The expenditure under Grant II. was Rupees 3,600.

48. Grant III., Sanitation, etc.—The Circle spent Rupees 2,544 (of which Rupees 1,000 was contributed by the Court of Wards) in keeping up the Kimedy Dispensary. There was more sickness in 1872-73 than in the previous year, and more patients attended the Dispensary. The report which is for the calendar year 1872 shows that there were 7,273 out-patients and 172 in-patients.

49. The Circle also contributes towards the cost of the Chicacole Dispensary, but the amount of the contribution was not fixed and nothing was paid in 1872-73.

50. There were three Local Fund, seven Zemindari, and six private Vaccinators at work in the Circle, and the result was that 4,661 persons were vaccinated. The cost to the Local Fund was Rupees 559, and, as far as the Local Fund Board have been able to ascertain, the three Local Fund Vaccinators vaccinated ninety-one persons each at a cost of Rupees 2-0-10 per case, and 66·91 of the cases were successful. These results are almost as bad as those in the other Circle.

51. Rupees 1,126 were spent on sweepers in eight large villages, and Rupees 56 at festivals. The remarks made on this subject in reviewing the report of the other Circle apply to this Circle also.

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52. There were three Travellers' Bungalows. The receipts amounted to Rupees 157, and the expenditure (including Rupees 33 spent in repairs) was Rupees 269. The bungalows were used by sixty-six travellers.

53. The expenditure under Grant III. was Rupees 4,521.

54. Grant IV.—Controlling and office establishments cost Rupees 913.

55. The outlay and balance were :—

	President.	Accountant-General.
	Rs.	Rs.
Expenditure...	49,227	43,402
Balance	2,416	7,569

56. The Local Fund Board contains seven official and ten non-official members. Eight meetings were held, and the average attendance of non-official members was two, that of official members was four.

57. A memorandum will be sent to the President in order that all doubts may be cleared up before the general report, which will be based on the Accountant-General's figures, is prepared.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

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Local Fund Report—of the Chetterpore and Chicacole Circles for 1872-73, submitted to Government with remarks.—Accountant General and Controller of Public Works Accounts requested to explain certain discrepancies.

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