

Financial (1895) Department.

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G.O., No. 803

Dated 27 September 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Telegraphing to the Govt. of India figures showing disbursements in thousand Rs. I to the end of August in affected districts and probable requirements and explaining how expenditure was permitted to exceed grants.

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Financial Educational (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2958

From

The Revenue Dept.

Order

No. 4894 mix.

Dated 17th sept. '97.

Received 20-9-97

Registered 23-9-97

Enclosures ^{and} for order on Fund No. 256

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SUBJECT.

Transferring with remarks to the Financial Dept. B. P. estimating with reference to the information called for by the Govt. of India, the amount required for advances under the Loans Acts during the official year 1897-98.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 14th September 1897.

No. 4595 Mis

Read

Government order, Revenue Department,
No. 4634 Mis dated 4th September 1897.

Resolution

With reference to para 1
of the Government order
read above, the Board
begs to state that the advance
made up to the end of
August last amount to
Rs 5.85 lakhs under the

Act and Rs 6. 51 under
the Agriculturists' Loans
Act. The expenditure remains
unadjusted pending allotment
of funds by the Government
of India. The collectors
of the affected districts
and Madras estimate the
probable requirements for
the remaining months of
the year at Rs 4. 19 lakhs
under the former, and at
Rs 3. 69 lakhs under the
latter Act. A further
half lakh is required
in non-affected districts
for the payment of second
and

and subsequent instalments
of loans to which the
collectors are pledged.

The particulars for the districts
are shown in the annexed
statement.

As the total amount
disbursed up to the end
of August under both
the Acts comes to Rs 12. 37
lakhs and the requirements
for the remaining months
of the year are estimated
at Rs 8. 37 lakhs, sanction
is required for a grant
of Rs 18. lakhs in addition
to

to be necessary to

to the original allotment
of Rs 2.50 lakhs.

It would be a matter
for profound regret if
further advances under the
act had to be summarily
discontinued.

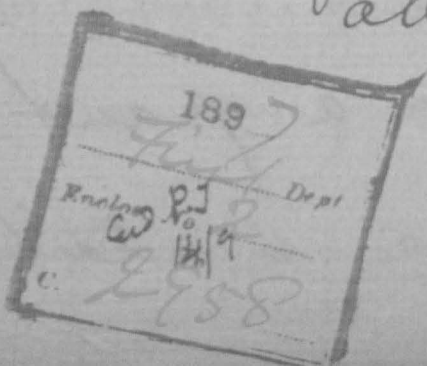
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R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary

To,

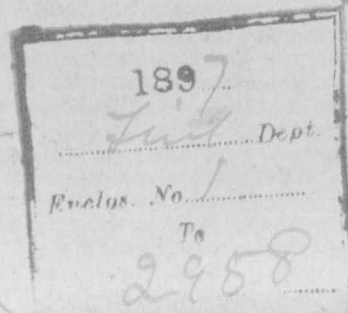
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Copy to the collectors of
all districts except
Madras.



Districts	Amounts actually ^{disbursed} during the first five months from April to August 1897.				Total	Probable requirements during the remaining seven months.				Total.			
	Under the Land Improvement Loans Act.		Under the Agricultural Loans Act.			Under the Land Improvement Loans Act.		Under the Agricultural Loans Act.					
	Rs	a p	Rs	a p		Rs	a p	Rs	a p				
1	15												
1	Ganjam	12,185		49,221	8	61,406	8	31,000		49,000		80,000	
2	Vizagap	3,700		11,435	8	117,954	8	8,515		38,921		47,436	
3	Kurnool	14,313	8	13,508	4	278,222	8	1,00,000		1,00,000		2,00,000	
4	Bellary	25,814	4	22,429	1	48,243	5	50,000		1,40,000		1,90,000	
	Anantapur	11,860	4	12,140	3	24,007		13,623		17,806		54,045	
	Cuddapah	20,459	8	677	6	27,235	8	15,000		20,000		35,000	
	Madras	18,745		200		18,945		1,78,055		2,800		1,80,855	
8	Godavari												
9	Kistna												
10	Nellore												
11	Chingleput												
12	South Arcot												
13	North Arcot											50,000	
14	Salem			10,613				10,613					
15	Coimbatore												
16	Trichinopoly												
17	Tanjore												
18	Tirunelveli												
19	Nilgiris												
20	Malabar												
21	South Canara												
	Total	5,55,589	8	6,81,334		12,36,923	8	4,18,809		3,68,527		8,37,336	
	586												
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R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

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otherwise be necessary to

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again the following:---

- (1) G.O. 4634 Mis., dated 4th Sept. 1897, requesting the Famine Commissioner and the Accountant General to furnish certain information in regard to expenditure under Provincial advances of loans under the Loans Acts.
- (2) G.O. 4792, dated 10th Sept. 1897, recording pending receipt of reply from the Famine Commissioner letter from the Accountant General furnishing information regarding receipts and expenditure under Provincial Advances and Loans up to 31st of July last.
- (3) G.O. 4822 dated 11th Sept. 1897, forwarding to the Famine Commissioner in continuation of G.O. No. 4634 dated 4th Sept. 1897 telegram from the Government of India requesting certain information as to the control under which advances of loans are made and informing the Accountant General that no further communication was received from the Government of India regarding grant of petty advances for the conversion of dry lands under Periyar into wet.

Read also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement &c., No. 7595 Mis. *, dated 14th Sept. 1897.

ORDER thereon, No. 4894 Mis., d/ 17th Sept. 1897.

Transferred to the Financial Department with the following observations.

2. The points on which explanation or information is required by the Government of India are:---

- (i) Why the disbursements under advances Class I were allowed to exceed the grant so largely and what precautions and limitations are imposed on disbursing officers.

(i) What further advances have been made since the date of the Financial Department letter No. 607 dated 3rd August 1897 and how adjusted.

(iii) What portion of the further grant applied for is for seed grain and cattle and what for land improvement with the object of employing labour which would otherwise come on relief works.

As regards (i). Disbursing officers are not allowed a free hand, but are required to submit estimates and to limit their disbursements to the sanctioned amounts. The amount originally applied for under Class I advances by this Government in the Financial Department was 5 lakhs and disbursements were being allowed in the month of April on the supposition that this amount would be sanctioned by the Government of India. The Financial Department order dated 8th April 1897 communicating the Resolution of the Government of India sanctioning only a grant of ~~XX~~ two and a half lakhs was not received by the Board of Revenue till the 10th May last, and as the disbursements made since the 1st April then exceeded 3 lakhs the Board immediately (on the 12th May) telegraphed to Government for orders regarding the further grant of loans. Again on the 20th May it telegraphed for early orders on the point, and on the 25th May reported in reply to a call from the Financial Department that a total sum of 12 lakhs was required for advances under Class I. These telegrams were transferred as received to the Financial Department which on the 4th June informed the Board that there was no necessity to stop the grant of loans in the affected districts or for the conversion of dry lands under the Periyar in Madura. It will thus be seen that the Administrative controlling authority reported in time that the grant was being exceeded and is not to blame.

In regard to (ii). It will be seen from the statement appended to Board's Proceedings 7595 dated 14th September 1897 that the total disbursement under Class I in the five months April to August amounted to 12.37 lakhs, of which 12.074 were advanced in the affected districts, in Madura and Rs. 10,600 in the other non-affected districts. The expenditure in excess of the grant remains unadjusted pending a further allotment by the Government of India.

5. In this statement the Board also estimates the probable requirements for the remaining seven months of the year at 8.37 lakhs as particularized below

	L. I. L.	AGRI. L.
Affected districts	2.408	3.66 = 6.03
Madura	1.78	0.03 = 1.81
Other nonaffected districts	0.5	

As regards the affected districts however orders have recently issued directing the discontinuance at the end of the current month of the special establishments sanctioned in connection with loans operations and it is unlikely that anything like 8 lakhs will be required. It has also been proposed to stop the grant of L.I. loans altogether, and if this proposal is accepted it will only be necessary practically to make provision for September in the case of the affected districts and for advances in connection with the Periyar project in Madura. The former may be taken at 2.4 lakhs (the monthly average during the five months April to September), and the latter at perhaps half a lakh having regard to the fact that the actuals have in the past fallen considerably short of the estimated requirements and a grant of 3 or 3 1/2 lakhs from September to the close of the year will probably suffice.

6. It may be noted in conclusion that all L.I.L. made in the affected districts should be regarded as made with the object of employing labour which would otherwise come on relief works.

(True Extract)

G. L. S. S.
Ag. Secretary to Govt.

To the Financial Department with notes under G.O. 4634 of 4th September 1897.

reput in wages to those for whom it would otherwise be necessary to

There was no delay in the office. India's letter was recd. on 22nd March. Passed to Financial on 25th. Passed to Revenue on 27th. L. I. on 1st April. 2nd April returned by 7th. Passed to Govt. on 8th.

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Financial (1697) Department.

CURRENT No. 2983



From The Accountant-General &
the Government of Madras

Order

No. 2899.

Dated 18th September 1897.

Received } 20/9/97
Registered }

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SUBJECT.

Stating that the advances made in this presidency under the Loans Acts have been debited to the head Provincial advance and that the Government of Madras Circular Letter No. 11. F. 27-1 dated 8th February 1897 has not held to affect this procedure.

required and should be spent in wages to those for whom it would otherwise be necessary to

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Treasury Account DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT NO 2983

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Accountant-General's Office,

18 September 1897.

No. 2899

From

F. C. Harrison Esq.,

Offg. ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

SIR,

With reference to Government Order No. 1717 dated the 14th of August 1897, I have the honour to state that the advances made in this Presidency under the Loans Acts have been debited by me to the head Provincial advance and Loan Account, and that the Government of India Circular letter No. 11 F. 27-1 dated 8th February 1897 Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Famine) was not held to affect the procedure in as much Government has not applied any special conditions to such loans but has merely confined them to affected districts.

No. 2713 dated 2nd Sept. 1897

I enclose copies of my letter to the Secretary to the Government of Madras. Advances such as are under consideration should be made only in tracts in which relief is required and should be spent in wages to those for whom it would otherwise be necessary to

my action in the matter to be correct.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H. Harrison

Offg. Accountant General.

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Treasury Account DEPARTMENT.

(Copy)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,
2^d September 1897.

No. 27/3

29th

From

H. C. Harrison Esquire

Offg.

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

To

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

THE

Comptroller General.

Calcutta.

SIR,

I have the honour to bring to your notice that in Circular letter No. 11 H-27.1, dated 8 February 1897, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Famine) the Government of India forwarded to the Madras Government extracts from certain correspondence with regard to the grant of advances for agricultural loans in Bengal in connection with the present scarcity, in which the following principles (among others) were laid down, for observance in dealing with proposals for such advances—

(2) that advances such as are under consideration should be made only in tracts in which relief is required and should be spent in wages to those for whom it would otherwise be necessary to

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provide relief in some other form.

3. that all such advances, even though partly recoverable and made under one or other of the Loans Acts, should in the first instance, be brought to account as "Famine Relief Expenditure".

2. In continuation of the Circular letter above quoted the Government of India forwarded to the Madras Government, a copy of certain modified rules under the Land Improvement Loans Act issued by the Government of Bengal with a view to encouraging proprietors and occupiers of land in distressed tracts to take advances for the purpose of executing works in their own villages and thus giving employment to labor. The provision in one of these rules being that no interest shall be charged except in case of misapplication of the loan.

3. In its order No. 219 Rev. dated 30 March 1897 passed on the above papers, the Madras Government preferred to continue granting loans in the affected districts under the ordinary rules, on the score that the special rules adopted in Bengal were not suited to the circumstances of this Presidency. The debt was accordingly classified in the

Account as usual under the head - "Provincial Advance and Loan Account - Advances to Cultivators".

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4. The Madras Government has now enquired whether the debit of these advances should not appear under "33. Famine Relief"; and I propose to answer that as it has not supplied any special conditions to such loans, but has merely confined them to Affected districts, the classification adopted by me appears to be correct. But before doing so, I request to be favoured with your instructions in the matter.

5. I would here mention that in this Presidency, advances for seed-grain are being debited under "Provincial Advance and loan account" on the ground that they are ordinarily made under the agriculturist Loans Act and are dealt with under special rules. Vide correspondence which ended with your letter No. 697 dated 8th July 1897. Also the Board of Revenue, has in submitting to Government an application from the Collectors of Panjam for allotment for seed-grain advances stated in its Proceedings No. 3603 Rev. S. 111

Revenue Settlement dated 21st May 1897, recorded
in an order of the Madras Government that
the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund
Committee has undertaken to distribute loans
to those who have no means of borrowing,
implying thereby, that the State advances are
restricted to a class well able to repay them.

I have to
Sd/- F. B. Harrison Esq.
Offy Accountant General

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Sd/- J. B. P. S. S. S.
Chief Superintendent.

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No. 1203

(Copy)

The Treasury,
Calcutta.

The 14th Sept 1897.

From

The Comptroller General,
To

The Accountant General,

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 2713,
dated 2nd instant, regarding the classification of
Advances to cultivators in the affected districts
in Madras, I have the honour to state that your
action, as intimated in para 4 of your letter under
reference, is correct.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours most Obedient Servant,

Free Copy. (Signed) O. T. Barrow

Offy. Comptroller General.

Sd/- J. B. P. S. S.
Chief Superintendent.

Financial
Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2999

From

The Revenue Dept.

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Press No. 801

Dated 21st Sept. 1897.

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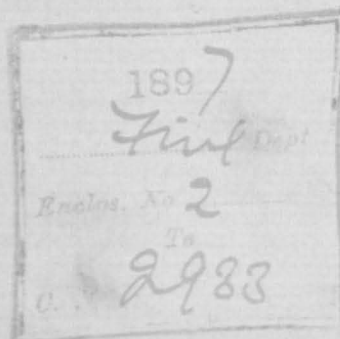
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SUBJECT.

Directing that from the
1st Oct. 97, no loans be granted
in the affected districts ex-
cept for purposes covered by
the Agriculturists' Loans
Act.

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Please attach this
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Financial Dept.

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

In its telegram of the 18th inst. in reply to letter No. 807 Finl., 30/8/97, August, 1897, applying for an Order, No. 801 dated 21st September 1897.

As with the advent of rains the season when land improvement loans can be usefully made for famine purposes has gone by, the Govt. resolves to direct that from the first of October next no loans be granted in the affected districts (except for purposes covered by the Agriculturists' Loans Act). The Collectors concerned will be informed accordingly by wire.

(True Extract.)

W. M. S. S. S.
28/8/97

For Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Rev. Sett.,
Financial Department, required by Indian Rev.
Accountant-General, 1/8/97.

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Financial Dept:

C.Nos. 2,935 & 2918

FOR ORDERS

Rev. Dept. for C.I.

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In its telegram of the 18th ultimo in reply to letter No.607 Finl., d/ 3rd Augut. 1897, applying for an additional grant under the Loans and Advance account, the Govt. of India requested (i) that an explanation might be given ^{as to} how 6.13 lakhs had been actually advanced under this head up to the 26th June against an allotment of only 2.50 lakhs, (ii) that information might be afforded as to the further advances made since that date, and how these had been adjusted; (iii) that it should be stated whether the 7¹/₂ lakhs applied for were for seed and cattle or for land improvements with the object of employing labour which otherwise would come on relief works and if for both in what proportions.

2. The explanation on the first point was afforded in this Govt's telegram No.696 of the 31st August 1897 and the Rev: Dept: was requested to furnish the remaining information required by India in para 2 of G.O.No.701 A, d/ 31st August 1897,

3. In reply to the telegram of the 31st August the Govt. of India requested (iv) a report as to the precautions and limitations imposed upon disbursing officers as it is presumed that they are not allowed a free hand and that they are required

I think the proposed letter will do provided that India will understand the word "takkairi" as meaning "loans" under the Agric. L. Act for the relief of distress - I suppose it will -

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required to submit estimates and to work on them, reference being directed to Fin: & Com: Dept: letter No. 5,409 d/ 22nd December 1896 (G.O.No.12 Rev., d/ 8th Jan'y.1897) and it being pointed out that the mere periodical report of the expenditure incurred is obviously an insufficient compliance with financial rules.

4. In G.No. 2,958 the Rev: Dept: forwards information to answer India's questions 1, 2 & 3 and in the light of this the following draft telegram to the Govt. of India is submitted for approval:—

7594 Continuation my telegram 696, 31st ultimo, and reference yours 6th instant ^{in thousands} disbursements class I to end August in affected districts Land Improvement 8,56 Takkavi 6,31, in Madura for Periyar lands 19, non-affected districts to complete contracts 11, total 12,57. Expenditure unadjusted pending further allotment. ~~Pro~~ ^{Orders have issued to stop} ~~rose stop~~ land improvement loans altogether ~~and further~~ probable requirements ~~to end of year~~ affected districts Land Improvement 110, Takkavi 130, Madura 50, other districts 60, total 350, total additional allotment required 15,57. All land improvement loans affected districts made with object employing labour which otherwise would come on relief works. Disbursing officers required submit estimates and limit disbursements to sanctioned

Order W.803 d/ 27th Sept 97

The following telegram will be despatched to the G.O. of India, Finance Dept.

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Excess over grant remains

Orders have issued to stop

From Oct. for September and the rest of the year.
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130 250 730
60 350

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U "telegram 696 and owing doubts regarding correct classification loans with reference Rev: Agri: Circular 11-F, 8th Feb., and to sudden and unexpected deepening distress in June, July disbursements were permitted in excess grants. Much regret violation ^{strict} financial rules but under circumstances trust Govt. India will see no other course possible"

It is proposed to telegraph as the matter is really urgent and India should know the probable requirements as early as possible.

5. C.No.2,958 contains the Acct. Genl's reply to the reference made to him in consequence of the discussion which took place when G.O.No.607 Finl., d/ 3rd Aug. 1897, was being passed. It will be seen that both he and the Comptroller Genl. hold that all loans in this Presy. will go against the loan and advance account. This settles the point as the Govt. of India would not overrule the Comptroller in an account matter like this

Cms 24/9/97

S.P.K. 24/9/97

H. W. H. 24/9/97

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