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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

FORESTS.

RESOLUTION.

Nos. 111-113 F.
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Dated Calcutta, the 2nd February 1898.

SUBJECT.

BUDGET Estimate of the Forest Department in the Madras Presidency for
1898-99.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 1047 R. & A.—3-2-98.—60.—S. J. D'S.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Forests) : dated Calcutta, the 2nd February 1898.

READ the following Resolutions containing the orders of the Government of India on the Budget Estimate of the Forest Department in the Madras Presidency for 1897-98 :—

Nos. 190 to 192 F., dated 18th February 1897.
No. 1402 A. (Financial), dated 26th March 1897.

Read also—

Proceedings of the Government of Madras, No. 1050, dated 15th December 1897, regarding the Budget Estimate for 1898-99.

RESOLUTION.

The Actuals of 1896-97, compared with the Estimates, were as follows :—

	Budget Estimate.	Revised Estimate.	Actuals.
	R	R	R
Receipts	20,16,000	23,42,000	23,03,328
Charges {	A.—Conservancy and Works	...	7,82,504
	B.—Establishments	...	7,51,791
	Total	16,70,000	15,34,295
Surplus	3,46,000	7,92,000	7,69,033

2. The decrease in the Receipts, compared with the Revised Estimate, was due to a heavy falling off in the sales of timber and other produce collected by Government agency, caused chiefly by a slack demand in consequence of the prevalence of famine. The outbreak of plague in Bombay, which is the chief sandalwood market, also lessened the demand for that wood in several districts. There was also a decrease of R16,000 in the Charges, due to the Survey of India operations having been carried out at a smaller cost than was estimated. Rupees 82,638 were spent on forest surveys executed by the Survey of India Department, and R31,669 on exchange compensation allowance. The Surplus realized was nearly $4\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs more than that originally estimated.

3. The Estimates for 1897-98 are :—

	Budget Estimate.	Revised Estimate.
	R	R
Receipts	23,73,000	22,49,000
Charges {	A.—Conservancy and Works	8,70,500
	B.—Establishments	8,14,500
	Total	16,85,000
Surplus	6,48,000	5,64,000

4. The Revised Estimate shows that a decrease of R1,24,000 is expected in the Receipts. This is mainly attributable to the unfavourable character of the season, free-grazing and other privileges being conceded to the cultivators in the districts affected by the famine. Large decreases are expected in the

Receipts from timber removed by purchasers in the Northern Circle, from fire-wood removed by Government agency in all three circles, from grazing, and from minor produce.

The decrease of R40,000 in the Charges results almost wholly from the economy effected in the expenditure on forest survey work by the amalgamation of the two Survey parties employed in the Madras Presidency, the cost of such work being now calculated by the Surveyor General at R1,09,000, instead of R1,54,000 as originally estimated. Rupees 25,800 are included for exchange compensation allowance. The Government of India are of opinion, in view of the actuals of past years, that the total estimate of Charges may be reduced by R85,000.

The figures of the Revised Estimate are accepted as follows, subject to such modifications as may hereafter be communicated by telegram:—

	R
Receipts	22,50,000
Charges	16,00,000
Surplus	6,50,000

5. The Budget Estimate proposed for 1898-99 is —

	R
Receipts	23,52,000
Charges { A.—Conservancy and Works	8,98,000
B.—Establishments	8,72,000
Total	17,70,000
Surplus	5,82,000

6. The Receipts have been entered at nearly half a lakh over the Actuals of 1896-97 and at more than a lakh above the Revised Estimate for 1897-98, as there is now a more hopeful outlook. Rupees 4,83,000 are estimated from timber, R4,96,000 from fuel, R2,03,000 from bamboos, R10,44,000 from grass and other minor produce, and R13,000 from sandalwood.

7. The Charges under 'A.—Conservancy and Works,' while R34,500 less than those sanctioned for 1897-98, are R27,500 more than the Revised Estimate for 1897-98 and R1,16,000 more than the Actuals of 1896-97. This increase follows on the corresponding increase in the Receipts, and is also due to the circumstance that, by the recent reorganization of the Subordinate Forest Service, a larger establishment is now available for the carrying out of works that have yearly been deferred for lack of the necessary staff. Rupees 81,000 are provided for the supply of timber by departmental agency; R94,000 for the similar supply of fuel; R1,04,000 on account of the removal of timber and other produce by private agency; R1,33,000 under 'communications and buildings'; R61,000 in connection with the demarcation and settlement of the forests; R1,34,000 to meet the cost of surveys (including R1,11,600 for those by the Survey of India, as estimated by the Surveyor General); R59,600 on account of sowing and planting; and R44,000 for fire-protection. A total sum of R2,12,561 is included under the various heads of "A.—Conservancy and Works" for the entertainment of *temporary* establishments. This amount has increased from year to year, and some explanation of this fact seems necessary, especially as the Subordinate Forest Establishment has been considerably augmented under the recent reorganization.

8. The amount shown against "B.—Establishments" is composed of the following items:—

	R
Pay of Conservators	48,600
" Superior Forest Officers	2,56,200
" Forest Settlement Officers	30,000
Deputation and special allowances	13,500
Exchange compensation allowance	23,900
	3,72,200
Deduct—Probable savings	20,800
	3,51,400
Pay of Subordinate Forest Establishments	2,50,680
" Office Establishments	*1,02,816
	3,53,496
Deduct—Probable savings	14,696
	3,38,800
	6,90,200
Travelling allowances	1,34,400
Contingencies	47,400
Total	8,72,000

The entire provision for salaries is certified by the Accountant General, Madras, to be in accordance with the sanctioned scale. It is noticed, however, that it is proposed to retain during 1898-99 the services of the five special Forest Settlement Officers whose employment was sanctioned by the Secretary of State only until the 31st March 1898. No application for their continued retention has yet reached the Government of India.

9. Travelling allowances and Contingencies during the last three years for which actual figures are available have been as follows, compared with the Estimates for 1897-98 and 1898-99:—

		Travelling allowances.	Contingencies.
		R	R
Actuals {	1894-95	1,16,433	36,313
	1895-96	1,22,202	40,868
	1896-97	1,15,794	44,470
Estimates {	1897-98	1,24,700	46,100
	1898-99	1,34,400	47,400

The increase under both Travelling allowances and Contingencies is due to fewer officers being expected to be on leave in Europe and to the introduction of the full sanctioned scale of Subordinate Establishment as lately reorganized.

* Includes R18,768 under "temporary".

10. The following is a comparison of the Actuals of 1896-97 with the Revised Estimate for 1897-98 and the Budget Estimate for 1898-99 (as received from the Madras Government), arranged under the main heads of Receipts and Charges:—

	Actuals, 1896-97. R	Revised Estimate, 1897-98. R	Budget Estimate, 1898-99. R
<i>Receipts.</i>			
I.—Timber and other produce removed and sold on Government account . . .	3,98,417	5,75,100	4,66,100
II to V.—Other revenue . . .	19,04,911	16,73,900	18,85,900
Total . . .	23,03,328	22,49,000	23,52,000
<i>Charges.</i>			
A. I.—Timber and other produce removed on Government account . . .	2,01,953	1,95,830	2,01,790
A. II, III, and IV.—Other revenue . . .	1,00,047	99,840	1,05,450
A. V, VII, and VIII.—Formation, protection, and improvement of forests . . .	4,20,647	4,90,520	5,29,100
A. VI and IX.—Live and dead-stock and miscellaneous charges . . .	59,857	84,310	61,660
B.—Establishments . . .	7,51,791	8,14,500	8,72,000
Total . . .	15,34,295	16,85,000	17,70,000
Surplus . . .	7,69,033	5,64,000	5,82,000

11. The Government of India consider that the proposed Charges for 1898-99 should be reduced by Rs. 70,000, and the following figures are therefore provisionally sanctioned as the Budget Estimate for 1898-99:—

	R
Receipts	23,52,000
Charges	17,00,000
Surplus	6,52,000

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of [this Resolution be forwarded, for information and guidance, to the Government of Madras; and for information to the Finance Department and the Comptroller and Auditor General.

(True Extract.)

J. B. FULLER,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.



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ORDER thereon, No. 870 Mis., dated 19th Febry. 1898.

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Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Financial Dept.
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" Accountant General.

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