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Agreeing with ~~Board's Pro-~~ the Board's Resn ~~ceedings~~ in considering that the Extra Assistant Conservators placed in charge of Forest districts should be classed as officers entitled to First class -- accommodation when travelling by railway and stating that the Government of India will be addressed in the Financial Department.

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Sir,

I am directed to submit for the favourable consideration of the Government of India the proposal that Extra Assistant Conservators of Forests in this Presidency placed in charge of forest districts may be classed as officers of the first class for purposes of the Civil Service Regulations when travelling by railway.

Under articles 1096 and 1105 of the Civil Service Regulations, Extra Assistant Conservators of Forests are officers of the second class, entitled when travelling by rail to second class --- accommodation only. In support of the recommendation now made, I am to say that these officers have to travel over a considerable area and often over long distances, and that it is therefore desirable in the public interests that they should travel by rail whenever possible. Under article 1106 (a) of the Civil Service Regulations Junior Post officers in this Presidency who are only officers of the second class (under article 1096), are treated as first class officers for purposes of railway accommodation. In the Resolution of the Home Department (Medical), No. 1419-31 dated the 15th October 1898, the Government of India has been pleased to rule that -- Military and Civil Assistant Surgeons who hold independent medical charge of Civil districts should be granted travelling allowance at first class rates. His Excellency the Governor-in-Council therefore considers that good reasons exist for extending a similar concession to Extra Assistant Conservators of Forests when in charge of districts and trusts that the Government of India will be

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pleased to sanction the proposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, For. No. 165 Rel. dated 31st May 1899, on letter from E.D.M. Hooper Esq., Ag. Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, R.C.No.1638, dated 15th April 1899 forwarding letter from R.Morris Esq., Collector of Kistna, Dis. No.2200/Forests of 1898-99 dated - 10th April 1899, suggesting that the Board should consider the -- advisability of moving the Government to recommend to the Government of India to increase the travelling allowances which Extra -- Assistant Conservators in charge of Districts receive while on tour

Reference.

The Collector of Kistna recommends that Extra Assistant Conservators placed in charge of forest districts should be granted

(i) a daily allowance of Rs.4-0-0 instead of Rs.3-0-0 which is the rate drawn at present;

(ii) double first-class fare when travelling by rail without camp equipment instead of double second class fare ; and

(iii) a mileage of three annas when travelling by rail with camp equipment.

The Conservator in supporting the recommendation remarks that the inadequacy of the existing rate of travelling allowance - is keenly felt by those Extra Assistant Conservators who are placed in charge of large and important forest districts traversed by --- Railways like Kistna. In such cases, he adds, the officers are --- obliged to choose the most expeditious means of travelling and in - consequence, are constantly put to much loss.

2. The question of treating Extra Assistant Conservators in ---- charge of districts as first class officers for the purposes of travelling allowance rules was raised by the Board on a previous occasion (vide Board's Proceedings Forest No. 1032 Misc. dated 10th --- August 1894 disposed of in Government Order No.772 Revenue,dated -- 6th November 1894); but the Government of India having in the mean-

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meantime prescribed in its resolution Circular No. 27 Forest dated 13th November 1894 communicated with Government Order, Miscellaneous No.4808 Revenue, dated 7th December 1894 the rates of travelling allowance to be drawn by Extra Assistant and Extra Deputy Conservators, the Board's proposals were allowed to drop. The Board is not now disposed to revive its former recommendations on the subject and press for their sanction; but it considers that in regard to travelling by rail some concession should in fairness be made to Extra Assistant Conservators, in charge of districts. Mr. Morris writes as follows on this point:-

" When travelling by rail, whether he carries camp or not, an Extra Assistant Conservator receives only double second class fare. He must therefore either at a loss to himself travel first class or must travel in the same class of carriage and possibly even in the same compartment as his own Head Clerk and his Rangers, who are likewise second class officers. The latter course is scarcely becoming in the case of one who is the District head of his department. I would point out that Junior Post officers though classed as second class officers, and formerly drawing only double second class fare are now (art. 1106 (a) C.S.R.) allowed double first class, and I understand that recently the Government of India has classed those Assistant Surgeons who are in charge of a district as first class officers. On the same grounds an Extra Assistant Conservator in charge of a district should be granted double first class fare".

3. The Board has no doubt that there is much force in Mr.Morris's arguments, and as the concession has been already granted to Junior --- Port officers and to Assistant Surgeons holding independent medical --- charge of Civil Districts (vide art. 1106(a) of the Civil Service Regulations and Government Order No.979 Financial, dated 1st November 1898) it recommends that it may be extended also to Extra Assistant Conservators in district charge. These officers are required to travel over a considerable area and very often have to perform a great deal of travelling in order to get from one forest tract to another or from and to their head-quarters; and in these cases it is desirable that they should travel by rail if possible. The Board therfore considers that they should in common with officers of similar rank and position in other departments be classed among officers entitled to first class accommodation when travelling by rail.

4. The Board is not prepared to support the other recommendations of the Collector. Extra Assistant Conservators in charge of districts draw a special mileage rate of 6 annas for journeys by road and their daily allowance is not less than that drawn by Deputy Collectors. In addition to this, they can also recover under the provisions of articles 1141 and 1093 of the Civil Service Regulations the cost of the carriage of tents when travelling by road or rail respectively. The Board, therefore, sees no reason to recommend the grant of any further concession in that direction.

The Accountant-General's endorsement thereon No.G.396/2775, dated 15th June 1899.

Forwarded.

2. Under article 283 rule 12 of the Civil Account Code, Vol.I the sanction of the Government of India is necessary to the grant of 1st class railway fare to Extra Assistant Conservators, in charge of Districts when travelling by rail.

O R D E R thereon Misc. No. 2546 dated 12th July 1899.

The Government agrees with the Board of Revenue in considering that Extra Assistant Conservators placed in charge of forest districts should be classed as officers entitled to first class accommodation when travelling by railway. The Government of India will accordingly be --- addressed in the Financial Department.

(True Extract)

K R Narayanaswamy

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department with draft letter.

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