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[Despatch Abstract.]

Indian News Agency telegrams.

stating that the Government are unable to reconsider
their orders regarding the cessation of the supply of the _____
to certain Collectors.

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[Including the Associated Press of India, and the
Indian News Agency.]
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Calcutta, 27th September 1917

From

E. Cotes, Esq.,

Managing Director, The Eastern News Agency Ltd.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Miscellaneous) Department,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your G.O. ~~333~~ *1026*

dated the 30th August 1917, notifying the cessation of

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Collector of North Arcot,	X	Indian News Agency telegrams to the
Collector of South Arcot,	X	
" Godavari,	X	Collectors of eleven districts, as
" Kistna,	X	
" Madura,	X	marginally noted, from October 1st
" Malabar,	X	
" Salem,	X	1917.
" Tanjore,	X	
" Tinnevelly,	X	<i>2</i> I have the honour, further, to
" Trichinopoly,	X	
" Vizagapatam,	X	request a consideration of that order.

in view of the development of the political situation in India since the date on which it was passed. The period of tranquillity which had then lasted for some months has passed and we are, apparently, entering upon a period of some tension in which it will be of value if the authorities in each district ~~is~~ *are* in constant contact with the rest of India. The Indian News Agency has its connexions over the

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the whole of the country and is paying especial attention to those topics which it will be of advantage that officials should be immediately well posted. A system of informal inter-communication by private telegrams now exists among many non-official circles which are taking interest in the political situation. It would appear, therefore, to be inadvisable that Collectors, situated twenty four or forty eight hours distant by postal service from Madras, should be unaware of important happenings for one or two days, during which time non-official members of various organisations in his Sadr headquarters are informed of them by telegraphic messages from their headquarters. So long as the District Officer is in receipt of the Indian News Agency telegrams he will feel confident of receiving early information which will enable him to deal decisively with various reports and statements which may be brought to him for his confirmation. With the Indian News Agency service at his disposal, he will have the earliest information of happenings and can decide upon his course of action in event of ^{occurrences} ~~happenings~~ which may be likely to affect public feeling in his district. There will be no body of people in his territory who can count on receiving news in advance of himself.

3 The other directions in which our service is of value were touched upon in our letter of Sept 30th 1916 and they remain virtually unaltered today. The Russian

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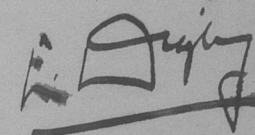
Russian situation is still unfortunately ill-defined and may develop in ways of which district officers would desire early intimation. The opening of a fresh offensive in Mesopotamia in the cold weather - either by ourselves or Turkish forces from the north - will require watching and instances may arise in which the immediate dissemination of communiques from the Army Department will be of great importance. The Secretary of State's authoritative telegrams are published twice weekly, but in event of any event likely to influence India cablegram will be despatched more frequently and will be amplified by the quotations from Pioneer and Civil & Military Gazette cables which appear in the Indian News Agency service.

4 In view of these circumstances, some of which have developed their main importance since your G.O. of August 30th, we would suggest that our service may be continued to Collectors in the Madras Presidency for an experimental period of six months.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



for Managing Director,
The Eastern News Agency Ltd.

Home (mis) Dept.

Indian News Agency Telegrams

from the managing Director, E.N.A. Ltd. 27.9.17

Regr.

For the reasons which necessitated the Cessation of the Supply of the Indian News Agency Telegrams to the Collector of this Presidency, please see —

- N Board's Refree of 30.1.17 on p 1 of Lgo 153, of 16.2.17
- J Mr. Galletti's letter on p 2 of Lgo 1026 of 30.8.17
- J H.M.'s note on p 6 of notes to Lgo 1026 of 30.8.17

These telegrams were stated to be of very little use at present though of considerable value at the Commencement of the war.

3. The Public (war) section may be requested to state whether in view of the ~~present~~ present development of the political situation in India and of the war in Europe, a revival of the supply of these telegrams to the Colbr is essential. (Please see in this connection portions B and C on p 4 of notes to Lgo 1026 of 30.8.17). ~~if the reply is~~

on the affirmative it may be necessary
 at 3.10.17 Pdel J. 1017
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NOTES.

169 notes at J

It was only on the 25 + 29 and the Hms
passed orders. It is too early for the
political situation to be change as to
necessitate reconsideration

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reconsidered

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unable to re-consider the orders
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