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READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter—from E. A. DAVIS, Esq., I.C.S., District Magistrate of Guntūr.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—the 13th August 1917.
No.—D. Dis. 1462-Magl.

I have the honour to state that there were no operations in this district under the Assam Labour and Emigration Act (VI of 1901), as amended by Act VIII of 1915, for the year ending 30th June 1917.

II

Letter—from C. B. COTTERELL, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., District Magistrate, Ganjām.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
Dated—Camp Berhampur, the 28th August 1917.
No.—Dis. 997-Magl.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act (VI of 1901), for the year ending 30th June 1917.

2. *Chapter IV of the Act—Recruitme t by garden sardars and local agents.*—Three associations worked during the year in this district with six local agents.

The Tea Districts Labour Supply Association.—Messrs. Leslie S. Driver and N. Narayana Rao were the local agents for the association throughout the year. Their licences were renewed on 5th November 1916 up to 31st October 1917. These two agents worked under the special concession granted to the association and with the aid of 1,086 sardars recruited 1,142 labourers and 1,095 dependants.

On the recommendation of the Assam Labour Board, Mr. A. D. Ambler was granted on 18th August 1916 a special local agent's licence for one year for recruitment from the portion of the agency tracts from which recruitment under the Act is not prohibited. As recommended by the Board his licence was renewed on 5th November 1916, up to 31st October 1917 so that all the licences of the association may run for the same period. With 151 sardars he recruited 111 persons, of whom 68 were labourers and 43 dependants.

Messrs. Barry & Co.—On the application of the firm, the licence of their local agent Mr. Mahendranath Dutt was renewed on 22nd November 1916 for one year from 1st November 1916. The local agent having died in the first week of February 1917, the head clerk of the depot, Mr. Nakuleswara Dass Gupta, was permitted to carry on the work of the association pending the issue of a formal licence. The firm, however, closed their depot on 28th April 1917. With the aid of 112 sardars the local agent recruited 179 labourers and 91 dependants.

Madras Labour Supply Association.—As stated in the report for the last year the licences of Messrs. T. H. Casey and G. Suryanarayana, their local agents, were renewed up to 31st August 1916. The depot was closed from 1st September 1916. The two local agents recruited 71 labourers and 41 dependants with the aid of 120 sardars.

3. All the three associations had their depots at Berhampur. The special local agent, Mr. Ambler, has a rest-house at Parlākimedi for the use of persons recruited by him on their way to the Berhampur depot. Lately, he applied for the conversion of the rest-house into a depot and the subject is under correspondence with the District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

4. All the persons recruited by the three associations were carried by rail to Assam.

5. The total receipts and charges under the Act for the year were Rs. 90 and Rs. 240, respectively. The receipts represent the licence fees from the local agents and the charges the pay of the emigration clerk.

6. Owing to the breaking out of cholera in the depot of the Tea Districts Labour Supply Association the depot was closed for a fortnight and the local agent was instructed not to resume operations until the District Medical and Sanitary Officer considered it safe. There were six attacks and three deaths.

7. No cases of illegal recruitment have come to notice during the year.

8. *Convictions under the Act.*—There were no convictions under the Act during the year. There was a case against two sardars for an offence of selling and purchasing coolies. One of the accused absconded and the other was acquitted.

9. A copy of the Medical Inspector's report is enclosed.

10. The total number of persons recruited during the year was 2,730 (1,460 labourers and 1,270 dependants) against a total of 4,982 (2,459 labourers and 2,525 dependants) in the previous year. The decrease was the natural result of a favourable season in 1916–17 and is also partly due to the fact that two associations worked for only a portion of the year.

Enclosure

Report of Medical Inspector on the sanitary arrangements in the contractor's depots at Berhampur for the year ending 30th June 1917.

Questions.	Answers.
1. Sleeping sheds—	
(*a*) Whether kept clean and in proper repair?	Yes.
(*b*) Whether satisfactorily fitted and furnished?	No fittings, etc.
(*c*) Is separation of the sexes among the unmarried provided for?	Yes.
2. Cooking sheds—	
(*a*) Whether in proper repair and satisfactorily fitted and furnished?	Yes.
(*b*) Whether any complaints were preferred as to the quality and quantity of food issued?	No.
(*c*) Whether the food was inspected in its raw and cooked state?	Yes; raw state.
3. Water-supply—	
(*a*) Whether a sufficiency of clean water is provided for drinking and cooking purposes?	Yes.
(*b*) Whether sufficient water is available for bathing and cooking?	Yes.
(*c*) Whether a sufficiency of portable water is provided from a sanitarily safe source for bathing and cooking?	Yes.
4. Latrines—	
(*a*) Whether condition of building and ablution arrangements are satisfactory?	Yes.
(*b*) Whether cleanliness is secured and maintained?	Yes.
(*c*) Are separate latrines for males and for females provided?	Yes.
5. Hospital—	
(*a*) Whether hospital for ordinary diseases is kept in thorough repair and properly fitted and furnished to receive patients?	Yes.
(*b*) Whether segregation shed is clean and fitted and furnished for immediate use?	Yes.
(*c*) What number of patients were treated in hospital during the month and what number remained under treatment at its close?	Nil.
(*d*) Whether the arrangements for nursing and affording aid to the sick are reasonably satisfactory?	None.
(*e*) Whether any patients suffering from contagious diseases were sent to any authorized hospital, and if so what number and to what hospital?	None from this depot. One case of cholera from Messrs. Barry & Co. was sent to the Jubilee Hospital, Berhampur.
6. Depot compound and drains—	
Whether kept clean and in proper order?	Yes.

S. Ranga Achari, M.B. & C.M.,
Acting District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Ganjām.

III

Letter—from V. P. Rao, Esq., B.A., Bar.-at-Law, I.C.S., Additional District Magistrate of Kistna.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
Dated—Masulipatam, the 29th August 1917.
No.—D. Dis. 1658-Magl.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act (VI of 1901), in this district for the year ending 30th June 1917.

2. The enclosed statement contains the details under various heads in connexion with the working of the Act during the year. It will be noticed from this table (columns 8 and 9) that there was a great boom in recruiting during the year under report. The number of garden sardars who actually worked in the district during the year under report is 25 as against 10 in 1915–16 and 15 in 1914–15.

3. *Local agents.*—There is only one labour association, the Tea Districts Labour Supply Association, working in this district with its local agent at Bezwada. One G. Gajapati Rao continued to be the local agent down to 5th October 1916 when his licence expired. He was succeeded by B. S. Narayana Rao on 6th October 1916, who continued as agent till the end of June 1917. The Tea Districts Labour Supply Association have recently intimated to me their intention to abolish their only agency in this district at Bezwada.

4. *Place of accommodation.*—There was only one place of accommodation belonging to the Tea Districts Labour Supply Association at Bezwada. Copies of the Medical officers' reports of inspection of this depot are enclosed.

5. No deaths are reported to have occurred in the Emigration depot at Bezwada.

6. No case of illegal recruitment was brought to my notice during the year.

Enclosures

(1)

Statement showing particulars connected with the working of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act (VI of 1901) in the district of Kistna during the year ending 30th June 1917.

Name of employer. (1)	Name of the local agent. (2)	Place of business. (3)	Number of companies on whose behalf the agent worked. (4)	Number of garden sardars who worked under the agent. (5)	Number recruited. Labourers. (6)	Number recruited. Dependants. (7)	Total of columns 6 and 7. (8)	Total number of labourers and dependants recruited during the year 1915-16. (9)	Receipts. (10)	Receipts during 1915-16. (11)	Charges. (12)
									Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.
The Tea Districts Labour Supply Association.	G. Gajapati Rao from 1st July to 5th October 1916; B. S. Narayana Rao from 6th October 1916 to 30th June 1917.	Bezwada.	49	25	118	12	130	64	25	70 12 0	15 (*)

(*) This amount was paid in excess for the renewal of the local agent's licence and was subsequently refunded.

(2)

12th July 1916.—Visited. Three sardars. No coolies.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

30th July 1916.—Visited. Two male coolies. Premises clean. The grass in the compound must be cut short.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

21st August 1916.—Visited. Premises clean. Two male and one female coolies.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

18th September 1916.—Visited. Premises kept clean. One female cooly.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

8th October 1916.—Inspected. No coolies. Premises kept clean.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

29th October 1916.—Inspected. No coolies. Premises clean.

P. Venkatasubbayya.
Assistant Surgeon.

28th November 1916.—Visited. No coolies. Premises clean.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

23rd December 1916.—Visited. No coolies. Premises clean.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

11th January 1917.—Inspected. No coolies. Premises clean.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

8th February 1917.—Inspected. No coolies (11 a.m.). Four coolies are said to have left this morning by mail. Premises clean.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

8th March 1917.—Visited. There are eight coolies in all. Premises clean.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

9th March 1917, Bezwada.—Inspected the place of accommodation of the Tea Districts Labour Supply Association this morning. The building is in good repairs and has plenty of accommodation. There are eight inmates including one woman and two girls. They all look healthy. No complaints. In two rooms I noticed the lower parts of the walls very dirty, being covered with different coloured dried spits. The agent tells me that they were in that condition when he took over charge some six months ago, but he has asked the landlord to have the walls first scraped and then whitewashed. I have directed him to report to me when this is satisfactorily done.

M. E. Reporter, Lieu t.-Col., I.M.S.,
Acting District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Kistna.

26th March 1917.—Inspected the depot. There are six coolies (a family of four and two single males). The buildings are being whitewashed. Premises clean and tidy.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

9th April 1917.—Inspected the depot. There are four coolies (forming one family). Premises clean.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

15th May 1917.—Inspected the depot. Three male coolies. No females. Premises clean.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

17th June 1917.—Visited the depot. There are two coolies, both males. Premises kept clean.

P. Venkatasubbayya,
Assistant Surgeon.

IV

Letter—from H. H. Burkitt, Esq., I.C.S., Acting District Magistrate of Gōdāvari.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
Dated—Cocanada, the 7th September 1917.
No.—D. Dis. 1337-Magl.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act (VI of 1901) for the year ending 30th June 1917.

2. Only one company, the Tea Districts Labour Supply Association, has been at work in this district during the year under report. One local agent with headquarters at Pithāpuram was employed. There were at the end of the year 76 garden sardars working under this agency.

3. The number of labourers recruited by the association is given in the appended list.

4. The inspection by the Medical Officer, Pithāpuram, of the place of accommodation shows its condition to be satisfactory. Copy of his report is enclosed.

5. No complaints of illegal recruitment have been reported during the year under review.

6. The receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 10, being the fee levied for the renewal of licence granted to the local agent.

Enclosures

(1)

Report of Medical Officer on the sanitary arrangements in the place of accommodation maintained at Pithāpuram for the year ending 30th June 1917.

Questions.	Answers.
Name of owner.—K. N. Mallikarjuna Rao, local agent, Tea Districts Labour Supply Association.	
1. Sleeping sheds—	
(*a*) Whether clean and in proper order?	Yes.
(*b*) Whether satisfactorily fitted and furnished?	Yes.
(*c*) Is separation of the sexes among the unmarried provided for?	Yes.
2. Cooking sheds—	
(*a*) Whether in proper repair and satisfactorily fitted and furnished?	Yes.
(*b*) Whether any complaints were preferred as to the quality and quantity of food issued?	No complaints.
(*c*) Whether the food was inspected in its raw or cooked state?	No inspection.
3. Water-supply—	
(*a*) Whether a sufficiency of clean water is provided for drinking and cooking purposes?	Yes.
(*b*) Whether sufficient water is available for bathing and cooking?	Yes.
(*c*) Whether sufficiency of potable water is provided from a sanitarily safe source for bathing and cooking?	Yes.
4. Latrines—	
(*a*) Whether the condition of building and ablution arrangements are satisfactory?	Satisfactory.
(*b*) Whether cleanliness is secured and maintained?	Yes.
(*c*) Are separate latrines for males and for females provided?	Yes.
5. Hospital—	
(*a*) Whether hospital for ordinary diseases is kept in thorough repairs and properly fitted and furnished to receive patients?	No separate hospital.
(*b*) Whether segregation shed is cleanly fitted and furnished for medical use?	No segregation shed.
(*c*) Whether any number of patients were treated in hospital during the month and what number remained under treatment at its close?	Nil.
(*d*) Whether the arrangements for nursing and affording aid to the sick are reasonably satisfactory?	Nil.
(*e*) Whether any patients suffering from contagious diseases were sent to any authorised hospital and if so of what number and what hospital?	Nil.
6. Depot compound and drains—	
(*a*) Whether kept clean and in proper order?	Yes.

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Pithapuram,
6th August 1917.

Sub-Assistant Surgeon, L.F. Hospital.

(2)

Name of the company	Tea Districts Labour Supply Association.
Name of the local agent	K. N. Mallikarjuna Rao.
Number of sardars	76
Number recruited and despatched—	
Men	97
Women	18
Children	7
Total ...	122

V

Letter—from C. A. Souter, Esq., I.C.S., Acting District Magistrate of Nellore
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
Dated—the 10th September 1917.
No.—1139-D./Magl.

I have the honour to state that the report on the working of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act (VI of 1901) for the year ending 30th June 1917 is nil.

VI

Letter—from H. A. B. Vernon, Esq., I.C.S., District Magistrate of Vizagapatam.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—the 18th October 1917.
No.—D. Dis. 528.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act (VI of 1901), as amended by Act VIII of 1915, for the year ending 30th June 1917.

2. *Chapter IV of the Act—Sardary system—Privileged association.*—During the year under report Mr. O. Wynne Cole worked at Waltair as local agent of the Tea Districts Labour Supply Association, while G. Gajapathi Rao worked as sub-agent at Parvatipuram under the control of the local agent for the Tea Districts Labour Supply Association agency at Ganjām. I do not think that this is at all a desirable arrangement and consider that there should be only one local agent for the district, controlled from Waltair or Vizianagram. The present system does not appear to be satisfactory and a case of illegal recruitment is at present under investigation which appears to be the direct result of divided control and want of supervision at Parvatipuram. Five hundred and eighty-four sardars under the Act and 21 free sardars worked under these agents against 450 of the last year. Two hundred and forty-two emigrants were recruited, of whom 180 were labourers and 62 dependants. Three free labourers and one dependant were also recruited for Chittagong but these do not come under the Act.

3. *Non-privileged association.*—No local agents were licensed to work on behalf of non-privileged associations during the year. Hence there was no recruitment for such association.

4. *Depot—Accommodation.*—Mr. O. Wynne Cole had his depot at Waltair which was inspected by me on 4th July 1917. It affords good and adequate accommodation. G. Gajapathi Rao, sub-agent, had his depot at Parvatipuram. I inspected it and do not consider it adequate.

5. *Free emigration.*—A considerable number of coolies were recruited from Kalahandi State and statements relating to them were checked in this district, while they proceeded through the tracts where the Act was in force. The majority of these recruits were Dombs, but there were a few Porjas also.

6. *Receipts.*—The total receipts during the year is Rs. 110 against Rs. 27-12-0 of the last year. This amount represents the licence fees collected from local agents. No fees were collected last year for registration of coolies since the contract system was abolished.

7. *Charges.*—The charges incurred during the year was Rs. 228, being the pay of the clerk which was sanctioned in G.O. No. 1548, Public, dated 15th December 1913.

8. There were no casualties among emigrants in either of the depots referred to in paragraph 4 supra.

9. One case of illegal recruitment was brought to my notice in the year under report. It is under enquiry by the Special Assistant Agent, Parvatipuram. It has also come to my notice that some Porjas, a class prohibited from recruitment under G.O. No. 261, Public, dated 12th February 1916, were also recruited during the year. The local agent at Waltair has since reported that most of these are relations of sardars and labourers whose expatriation was sanctioned in G.O. No. 338, Public, dated 25th February 1916. The matter is, however, under investigation and if necessary a further report will be made on the subject.

10. *General remarks.*—No cases of evading the provisions of the Act by recruiting under false disguise for Chittagong and other tracts were noticed in the year.

As already noticed in paragraph 2 supra, two different agents have been working in the district, one a local agent at Waltair and the other sub-agent at Parvatipuram controlled by the Superintendent, Tea Districts Labour Supply Association, from Ganjām. I do not approve of this system of dual management in the same district and think that there is a distinct chance that the system may lead to abuses, such as the recruitment of coolies by one agent who have been rejected by the other. The case now under enquiry seems to be of this nature. I also do not consider it possible that effective supervision in recruiting in Parvatipuram can be exercised from Berhampur without frequent visits from the local agent.

Another noticeable feature is the recruitment of a few Porjas whose recruitment is prohibited altogether except where they happen to be members of the family of sardars and labourers recruited in previous years who now wish to join them.

The present proposal of the association to put a subordinate agent at Waltair to work under the supervision of the agent at Berhampur seems to me to be open to grave objection and the proposals are now under correspondence.

Order—No. 1222, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 3rd December 1917.

Recorded.

2. The District Magistrate of Vizagapatam is informed that no intermediary between a local agent and a garden sardar is recognized by the Assam Labour and Emigration Act, 1901, as amended by the Assam Labour and Emigration (Amendment) Act, 1915, and that it is open to him to prohibit the sub-agent at Parvatipuram from working in the district by taking action under section 164 of the Act or by adopting other suitable measures.

The attention of the District Magistrate is invited to the omission in forwarding the Medical Inspector's inspection report of depots. He is requested to forward it now.

(True extract)

R. Ramachandra Rao,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Magistrate, Ganjam.
,, ,, Vizagapatam.
,, ,, Godavari.
,, ,, Kistna.
,, ,, Guntur.
,, ,, Nellore.
,, Protector of Emigrants, Madras.
,, Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
,, Director-General of Commercial Intelligence.

Copy to the Government of Bengal (with C.L.).
,, ,, Superintendent of Emigration, Calcutta.
,, ,, Government of Bihar and Orissa (C.L.).
,, ,, Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Assam (C.L.).
,, ,, Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry (C.L.).
,, ,, Chairman, Assam Labour Board, Calcutta (C.L.).
,, ,, Superintendent, Tea Districts Labour Supply Association } Order only.
,, ,, Agents to the Longai Valley Recruiting Association }

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1222, HOME (MISCELLANEOUS), DATED 3RD DECEMBER 1917

[SUBJECT.—*Assam Labour and Emigration Act.*]

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HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

File of reports from District Magistrates on the working of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act for the year ending the 30*th June* 1917.

The reports on the working of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act, 1901, as amended by the Assam Labour Emigration (Amendment) Act, 1915, for the year ending 30th June 1917, are submitted in print as in previous years. The year under report is the second after the Amending Act of 1917 was introduced. Recruitment of labour for Assam under the Act is in force in the six northern districts (Ganjām, Vizagapatam, Gōdāvari, Kistna, Guntūr, and Nellore) including the agency tracts of Ganjām and Vizagapatam.

The following statements compare the recruiting agency employed and the recruiting operations during the year under report with those of the previous year:—

Recruiting agency.

—	Ganjām.		Vizagapatam.		Gōdāvari.		Kistna.	
	Local agents.	Garden Sardars.	Local agents.	Garden sardars.	Local agents.	Garden sardars.	Local agents.	Garden sardars.
1916	5	1,194	3	645	1	85	1	10
1917	6	1,469	2	584	1	76	1	25

—	Guntūr.		Nellore.	
	Local agents.	Garden sardars.	Local agents.	Garden sardars.
1916	1	2	1	18
1917	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Number recruited.

—	Ganjām.			Vizagapatam.			Gōdāvari.		
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.
1916	2,459	2,523	4,982	405	128	533	74	20	94
1917	1,460	1,270	2,730	180	62	242	97	25	122

—	Kistna.			Guntūr.			Nellore.		
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.
1916	61	3	64	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	6	Nil.	6
1917	118	12	130	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

It will be noticed from the above statements that there has been a set back in recruiting activities in all the districts concerned except Kistna and Gōdāvari where there has been some increase in the number of labourers recruited. In Nellore and Guntūr there were no operations at all during the year. The District Magistrate, Ganjām, states that the decrease in the number recruited during the year is the result of a favourable season in 1916–17.

3. The only recruiter now recognized is the garden sardar working either under a local agent or independently ; the local agent is appointed by the Superintendent of Emigration concerned (generally the District Magistrate of the district) on the recommendation of the Assam Labour Board to whom applications should be made. No intermediary between a local agent and a garden sardar is recognized by the Act. The District Magistrate of Vizagapatam brings to notice that one G. Gajapati Rao worked as a sub-agent at Parvatipuram under the control of a local agent and states that this is not at all a desirable arrangement. He says he does not at all approve of the system of dual management in the same district. It is open to the District Magistrate to prohibit the sub-agent from having any concern with recruiting by taking action under section 164 of the Act. For orders whether the District Magistrate may be informed accordingly.

K

C.H.B.—28-11-17.

4. *Illegal recruitment.*— There was only one case of illegal recruitment in Vizagapatam which is stated to be under inquiry by the Special Assistant Agent, Parvatipuram. The District Magistrate of Vizagapatam also brings to notice that some Porjas, a class who are not permitted to be recruited, were recruited during the year. The matter is reported to be under investigation and the District Magistrate states that a further report will be sent if found necessary. In other districts no cases of illegal recruitment were brought to notice.

5. *Prosecutions under the Act.*—The only prosecution secured under the Act was against two sardars in Ganjām for an offence of selling and purchasing coolies. One of the accused absconded and the other was acquitted.

6. *Depot accommodation.*—The inspection reports of medical officers show that the condition of the depots is satisfactory. The District Magistrate of Ganjām reports that the depot of the Tea Districts Labour Supply Association had to be closed for a fortnight owing to the breaking out of cholera and that there were six attacks and three deaths. The District Magistrate of Vizagapatam has not forwarded the medical Inspector's inspection report. He may be asked to forward it.

7. *Receipts and charges.*—The following statement compares the receipts and charges for the year under report and the previous year :—

—	Ganjām.		Vizagapatam.		Kistna.		Gōdāvari.	
	Receipts.	Charges.	Receipts.	Charges.	Receipts.	Charges.	Receipts.	Charges.
	Rs. A.	Rs.	Rs. A.	Rs.	Rs. A.	Rs.	Rs.	
1915-16	150 8	240	27 12	238	70 12	25	50	..
1916-17	90 0	240	110 0	228	70 12	15	10	..

8. A draft order recording the reports and informing the District Magistrate of Vizagapatam as at **K** above and asking him to forward the medical inspector's inspection report is submitted for approval.

T.C.N.—16-11-17.

P.DER.—19-11-17.

C. H. BROWN—28-11-17.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—29-11-17.

H. F. W. G[ILLMAN]—1-12-17.

Issue.

R.R.—3-12-17.

[G.O. No. 1222, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 3rd December 1917.]

Sectt. II—10 (*a*)—7-2-16.

8 Home DEPARTMENT.
(Mis).

Emigration - Assam.

Recording the reports of the D.Ms of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Godavari, Kistna, Guntur and Nellore on the working of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act, 1901, as amended by the Assam Labour and Emigration (Amendment) Act, 1915 for the year ending the 30th June 1917.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. ..... dated 191

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ORDER.

No. 1222, dated 3. 12. 1917.

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Recorded.

2 The D.M of Vizagapatam is informed that no intermediary between a local-agent and a garden sardar is recognized by the Assam Labour and Emigration Act, 1901, as amended by the Assam Labour and Emigration (Amendment) Act, 1915, and that it is open to him to prohibit the sub-agent at Parvatipuram from working in the district by taking action under section 164 of the Act or by adopting other suitable measures.

The attention of the D.M

(P.T.O

the District Magistrate, Ganjam.
" " Vizagapatam.
" " Godavari.
" " Kistna.
" " Guntur.
" " Nellore.
" Protector of Emigrants, Madras.
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" " Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry (C.L.).
" " Chairman, Assam Labour Board, Calcutta (C.L.).
" " Superintendent, Tea Districts Labour Supply Association } [redacted]y.
" " Agents to the Longai Valley Recruiting Association }

Not for E.T.

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is invited to the omission in forwarding the Medical Inspector's Inspection report of depots. ~~which he~~ is ~~now~~ requested to forward it now.

28/11/17

16.11.17.

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Reporting that the Assam Emigration depots at Parvatipur and Waltair were not inspected by the Inspectors during 1915-1916.

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Station, Vizagapatam , *Dated the* 19th July 1918.

From (Name) H.A.B. VERNON ESQ.; I.C.S.,

(Designation) District Magistrate, Vizagapatam.

To The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Home (Misc., Department,
Ootacamund.

Sir,

(D) Adverting to para; 2 of Government Order No. 1222 Home (Misc.,) dated 3rd December 1917, I have the honor to report that the Assam Imigration depots of the Tea Districts Labour supply association at Parvatipur and Waltair, were kept up only during a portion of the year 1916-1917 and the Medical Inspectors concerned did not inspect the depots during that period. A copy of Col., Illington's remarks on the Waltair depot prior to its opening is enclosed. Necessary instructions have been issued to the Medical Inspector to inspect the depot at Waltair regularly. The depot at Parvatipur was closed long ago.

Ref.

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

23.7.18
For District Magistrate.

Ider 23/7 P.V.R/23.7.18

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Waltair,

November 30th, 1916.

Dear Mr. Wynne Cole,

With reference to my inspection of the three houses seen by me at your request I am of opinion that from the point of view of accommodation and general sanitary conditions the house in Waltair is the best suited for your purpose.

I am,
Yours Sincerely,

Sd/- F.M. Illington,

L Col., I.M.S.

District Medical & Sanitary Officer, Vizagapatam.

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Por Dt. Magistrate.

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HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1222, HOME (MISCELLANEOUS), DATED 3RD DECEMBER 1917

[SUBJECT.—*Assam Labour and Emigration Act.*]

Previous papers:

G.O.	485,	*Public,*	12*th July*	1909	G.O. 1311,	*Public,*	8*th Sep.* 1915
,,	1000	,,	22*nd Oct.*	1910	,, 1748	,,	6*th Dec.* ,,
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,,	1431	,,	23*rd* ,,	1912	,, 261	,,	12*th Feb.* ,,
,,	1548	,,	15*th Dec.*	1913	,, 338	,,	25*th* ,, ,,
,,	396	,,	17*th Mar.*	1915	,, 404	,,	4*th Mar.* ,,
,,	466	,,	29*th* ,,	,,	,, 743	,,	18*th Apr.* ,,
,,	809	,,	25*th May*	,,	,, 975	,,	19*th May* ,,
,,	848	,,	1*st June*	,,	,, 1153	,,	14*th June* ,,
,,	1237	,,	19*th Aug.*	,,	,, 368, *Home* (*Mis.*),		29*th Sep.* ,,
,,	1264	,,	27*th* ,,	,,	,, 41	,,	28*th Jan.* 1917
,,	1266	,,	27*th* ,,	,,			

File of reports from District Magistrates on the working of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act for the year ending the 30th June 1917.

The reports on the working of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act, 1901, as amended by the Assam Labour Emigration (Amendment) Act, 1915, for the year ending 30th June 1917, are submitted in print as in previous years. The year under report is the second after the Amending Act of 1917 was introduced. Recruitment of labour for Assam under the Act is in force in the six northern districts (Ganjām, Vizagapatam, Gōdāvari, Kistna, Guntūr, and Nellore) including the agency tracts of Ganjām and Vizagapatam.

The following statements compare the recruiting agency employed and the recruiting operations during the year under report with those of the previous year:—

Recruiting agency.

—	Ganjām.		Vizagapatam.		Gōdāvari.		Kistna.	
	Local agents.	Garden Sardars.	Local agents.	Garden sardars.	Local agents.	Garden sardars.	Local agents.	Garden sardars.
1916	5	[redacted]	3	645	1	85	1	10
1917	6	1,469	2	584	1	76	1	25

—	Guntūr.		Nellore.	
	Local agents.	Garden sardars.	Local agents.	Garden sardars.
1916	1	2	1	18
1917	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Number recruited.

—	Ganjām.			Vizagapatam.			Gōdāvari.		
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.
1916	2,459	2,523	4,982	405	128	533	74	20	94
1917	1,460	1,270	2,730	180	62	242	97	25	122

—	Kistna.			Guntūr.			Nellore.		
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.
1916	61	3	64	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	6	Nil-	6
1917	118	12	130	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil	Nil.

It will be noticed from the above statements that there has been a set back in recruiting activities in all the districts concerned except Kistna and Gōdāvari where there has been some increase in the number of labourers recruited. In Nellore and Guntūr there were no operations at all during the year. The District Magistrate, Ganjām, states that the decrease in the number recruited during the year is the result of a favourable season in 1916–17.

3. The only recruiter now recognized is the garden sardar working either under a local agent or independently; the local agent is appointed by the Superintendent of Emigration concerned (generally the District Magistrate of the district) on the recommendation of the Assam Labour Board to whom applications should be made. No intermediary between a local agent and a garden sardar is recognized by the Act. The District Magistrate of Vizagapatam brings to notice that one G. Gajapati Rao worked as a sub-agent at Parvatipuram under the control of a local agent and states that this is not at all a desirable arrangement. He says he does not at all approve of the system of dual management in the same district. It is open to the District Magistrate to prohibit the sub-agent from having any concern with recruiting by taking action under section 164 of the Act. For orders whether the District Magistrate may be informed accordingly.

C.H.B.—28-11-17.

4. *Illegal recruitment.*—There was only one case of illegal recruitment in Vizagapatam which is stated to be under inquiry by the Special Assistant Agent, Parvatipuram. The District Magistrate of Vizagapatam also brings to notice that some Porajas, a class who are not permitted to be recruited, were recruited during the year. The matter is reported to be under investigation and the District Magistrate states that a further report will be sent if found necessary. In other districts no cases of illegal recruitment were brought to notice.

5. *Prosecutions under the Act.*—The only prosecution secured under the Act was against two sardars in Ganjām for an offence of selling and purchasing coolies. One of the accused absconded and the other was acquitted.

6. *Depot accommodation.*—The inspection reports of medical officers show that the condition of the depots is satisfactory. The District Magistrate of Ganjām reports that the depot of the Tea Districts Labour Supply Association had to be closed for a fortnight owing to the breaking out of cholera and that there were six attacks and three deaths. The District Magistrate of Vizagapatam has not forwarded the medical Inspector's inspection report. He may be asked to forward it.

7. *Receipts and charges.*—The following statement compares the receipts and charges for the year under report and the previous year :—

—	Ganjām.		Vizagapatam.		Kistna.		Gōdāvari.	
	Receipts.	Charges.	Receipts	Charges.	Receipts.	Charges.	Receipts.	Charges.
	Rs. A.	Rs.	Rs. A.	Rs.	Rs. A.	Rs	Rs.	
1915-16	150 8	240	27 12	238	70 12	25	50	..
1916-17	90 0	240	110 0	228	70 12	15	10	..

8. A draft order recording the reports and informing the District Magistrate of Vizagapatam as at **K** above and asking him to forward the medical inspector's inspection report is submitted for approval.

T.C.N.—16-11-17.

P.DE.R.—19-11-17.

C. H. BROWN—28-11-17.
R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—29-11-17.
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