Judicial (1895.) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 2394-2395.

Dated 20th Nov 1895.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

USE OF BOILED-WATER IN JAILS.

Ordering that the Government of India be addressed with reference to their request to be furnished with certain information regarding the--.

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Urgent.

No. 461

From

C. H. A. Hill, Esq.,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.

CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 28 OCT. 1895

Home Department.
(Jails)

Simla, the 23rd October 1895.

Sir,

I am directed to request that with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Government of India may at an early date be furnished with information on the following points:-

(1) Whether boiled water is issued for drinking purposes to prisoners in any of the jails in the Madras Presidency? If so, the jails in which it has been issued and since when- Whether it has been issued regularly or only on particular occasions-

(2) The effect of drinking boiled water on the health of the prisoners.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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From

Govt of India
Home
(Jails)

No 461

Dated 23-10-95
Recd 28-10-95
Reply 29-10-95

Subject.

Regd information as to whether boiled water is issued for drink to prisoners in any of the Jails & the effect of it on the health of prisoners if so issued

Endorsement No 2592

Referred to the Insps.-Genl of Prisons for early report.

(By order)
Lionel Davidson
30-X
Asst Under Secretary

Fort St George
31st Oct. 1895.

Dft
29/10/95
To the Insps.-Genl of Prisons

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS MADRAS

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Encl- 2592 - 2, 0 9s.
on C.P.- 5066.

JUDICIAL.

JAIL (1895) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF ~~JAILS~~ Prisons

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Dated 13th
Despatched } November 1895.
Received 15th
Repd 16th

No. C. 1478

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
15 NOV. 1895
GOVT. OF MADRAS

Enclosures ~~Nos~~ No 5066
Rtd

Subject.

States that in no Jail of the Madras Presidency the practice of boiling the drinking has been in force regularly for lengthy periods and that in the Rajahmundry and Parvatipur Jails the drinking water has been boiled for 2 or 3 months in consequence of sickness in the Jail and Expresses his opinion that the use of boiled water has not had any appreciable effect on the health of the Prisoners.

C.P. 1. Nos 5066 & 5418

Note
This
The S. of S. will be addressed.
W. Rouse
15.11.95

Letter (copy this & Nos 5418)
To Secy to the S. of S.
H. D.

Sir,

With reference to H. D. letter (Jails) No 461 of 23. Oct. 95 requesting to be furnished with certain information regarding the use of boiled water in Jails. I am directed to forward, for favour of submission to H. E. the S. of S. in C., the accompanying copy of a letter from the Insps.-Genl of Prisons of the . . . supplying the information required

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
W. Rouse
17/11/95.

Then in continuation of the order of the Govt of India, I am directed to request that the Inspector-General of Prisons may be informed that the Government of India have been addressed in the matter.

No. C-1678

Camp Bellary Prisons
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF ~~JAILS,~~

Dated 13th November 1895.

From

A. G. CARDEW, ESQ., M.A.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF ~~JAILS,~~ Prisons.

To

THE Hon'ble Mr. J. F. Price C.S.I.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

SIR,

One Enclosure.

I have the honour to return Home Department Letter (Jails) 461 dated 23rd October 1895, which was referred to me for report by Mr. Davidson's Endorsement No. 2592 dated 31st October 1895 and to state that in no Jail in this Presidency has the practice of boiling the drinking water been in force regularly for lengthy periods. In no Jail has boiled water been issued regularly to all prisoners for a year or more

2. In many Jails the drinking water has been boiled for short periods during the presence of cholera in the neighbourhood

3. In the Rajahmundry and Parvatipur Jails during the current year, the drinking water has been boiled for periods of from 2 to 3 months in consequence of the presence of bowel complaints in the Jail. The use of boiled water has not, in my opinion, had any appreciable effect on the health of the prisoners.

4. It must be remembered that as the object of boiling is to destroy the germs of water-borne diseases

is worked

disease, the boiling process must be sufficiently prolonged to kill all such germs thoroughly. It is exceedingly difficult, even when the drinking water is nominally boiled, to ensure that the process is sufficient to produce this effect. In all respects other than being free from living disease-organisms, boiled water is less useful than unboiled water, being less refreshing and difficult to cool in the hot weather. Hence Prisoners, who are given only boiled water, are specially liable to have recourse to other supplies. For these reasons, Viz:- (1) the difficulty of ensuring efficient boiling (2) the unrefreshing quality of boiled water (3) the fact that the use of boiled water leads prisoners to drink from unauthorized sources, — the practice of boiling the drinking water appears to me to be of doubtful utility. The provision of reliable filters would be preferable

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your Most obt. Servant

A G Cardew
Insp. Genl. of Prisons.

[G. 204 5-10-95.]

Jud. DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

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Current No. 5086 of 1895, dated 23rd, from The S. of S.

" " 5418 " 1895, " 13 Nov " H.E. the Governor

" " " 189 , " , "

ORDER. d/ 20 November 1895 No 2394

Govt

The S. of S. will be addressed

Bills No. 2395 collected 29/11

To Medical Dept. H.D. Dispd 27/11/95

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mrs Bills letter of 23. ult. No. 461. requesting to be furnished with certain information regarding the use of boiled water in gaols, and in reply ~~I am directed~~ to say that in no gaol in this Presy. has boiled water been issued regularly to all prisoners for any considerable ~~length~~ periods. In many instances the drinking water has been boiled for short

in Jails

More
difficult to cook in the hot
weather. Hence prisoners
who are given only boiled
water frequently found to have recourse
to it secretly.
For these reasons, viz- (1)
the difficulty of ensuring
efficient boiling, (2) the un-
refreshing quality of boiled
water, & (3) the fact that the
use of boiled water leads
prisoners to obtain spirits from the D.H.S. Prisons
unauthorized sources. The
practice of boiling the drinking
water appears to be of
benefit to the health of prisoners.
Doubtful ~~action~~.
Of good filters would seem
to be preferable.

W. Higgins

H.
19/11/15

I.S.O

Re the use of boiled waters in Gaols

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H. Gr.?

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