

Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

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DATED 29th Feb. 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Vaccination Report.

Communicating to the Sanitary Commissioner Govt. of India
remark on the ----, and directing his attention to paras. 2 & 3
thereof.

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Local & Municipal Dept.

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CURRENT No.

To

The Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.

Home Department.

(Sanitary.)

Simla, the 5th October 1895.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No. 1389 L, dated 8th August 1895, giving cover to the Report on Vaccination in the Madras Presidency for the year 1894-95, together with the Resolution recorded thereon by His Excellency the Governor in Council.

2. I am to invite the attention of the Governor in Council to the fact that the Report is crowded with an accumulation of statistics extending over 17½ pages which are merely a reproduction of the figures incorporated in the prescribed statements appended to it, while the commentaries on the year's operations are limited to about 1½ pages. The compilation of these additional tables appears to the Governor General in Council to be an unprofitable expenditure of time and labour as the information afforded in them is already available in the authorised statements accompanying the report. What is required in such cases, is a clear narrative of the facts connected with the work of the department with explanations of the results disclosed in the authorised statements.

3. It would appear from the materials at present before the Government of India that the only connection of the Sanitary Commissioner of Madras with the Department is the formal submission of the report of the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner to the Government of Madras, and the Governor General in Council has been unable to detect any indication of his taking any but the most formal interest in the practical working of vaccination. I am directed to invite your attention

attention to paragraph 7 of Home Department Notification No. 150, dated 15th March 1880, wherein it is laid down that "the supervision of the Vaccination Department will form an important part of the duties of the Sanitary Commissioner in each Province". The results of the year's operations as they appear in the report prepared by the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner seem to indicate that such supervision is as necessary in Madras as elsewhere.

4. The establishment consisted of ⁶⁹¹806 vaccinators, 155 probationers and 70 peons. The work of the vaccinators was supervised by 58 Inspectors, by Civil Surgeons and by the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner. The percentage of inspection to the total number vaccinated appears to have been, in the case of the two latter, only 3.9.

5. In paragraph 3 of the Resolution recorded by the Government of Madras it is remarked that the reports of verifications made by the Deputy Inspectors of the Malabar District "were in many cases absolutely untrustworthy". The Government of India observe with satisfaction from paragraph 9 of the Resolution recorded on the Report that the Governor in Council contemplates an immediate and thorough inquiry into the causes of the neglect of the work, and the unsatisfactory results in this District.

6. The unreliability of the figures showing the ratio of successful vaccinations is instanced by the fact that whereas the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner and the Civil Surgeons found that 76.7 of the cases which they inspected were successful, the percentages similarly returned by Natives Inspectors and Vaccinators were 91.5 and 93.4 respectively.

7. From page 4 of the report it is observed that there was a decrease in the number of operations in nine districts during the year, in seven of which the reasons assigned for the decrease can only be attributed to de-

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defects in the working of the department.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. N. Bennett

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

*vide para 3 of the report
and Cols 7 and 8 of table II
on page 34 - 806 represents
the average number of vac-
cinated employed throughout
the season - vide para
col 6 of table I on page 28*

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From

The Govt of India

Home Department

No. 285.

Dated 5/10

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Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Acknowledging in the
 remarks. the receipt of
 the J.O. on the report of
 the Dy San & Commr
 on the working of the Vacc.
 Dept during 1894-95.

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Para 2. The statements marked
 (x) in the margin of the copy of the
 report are required for the J.O. upon
 it, ~~also~~ but some of them (see notes
 in margin please) could be compiled
 from the authorized returns at the
 end of the report.

The statements marked x need not
 be repeated, as the figures are already
 given in the appendices in other forms.

Submitted that San. Commr. may be
 told this.

Para 3.

This is a little hard on the San.

Commr. perhaps. He inspects vac.
 in Municipalities, but he does not
 apparently do much else, probably for the reason
 that his Caroline-vaccine scheme has
 been knocked on the head, & that no
 orders have yet been passed on his

Scheme for the reorganization of the Dept. India's remark must be communicated to him. Should Govt. make any ^{observation} remark thereon then doing so?

Para 4. Govt. of India is apparently unaware that D.M. & S. Officers here, unlike those in N.W.P. are not required to inspect minimum quantity of vaccination work, & moreover have recently been told to stop more in H.P. & Q. &.

Para 6. This Govt. did not assume that the reported ratios of success were trustworthy. On the contrary, it was rather pleased than otherwise to see that the ratio had declined as it considered this was evidence of closer inspection & less typing. (vide paras 2 & 6. of the G.O.)

Para 7. Notice has already been taken of these districts in para. 2. of the review. A hyper-censorious Babu

Warrington appears to have dealt with

the reports. The major

portion of the attempt to find

fault is based on misapprehension &

in some cases, was incorrect

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India's remarks
on Review of
Vacc. Report.

direct in alluding to the
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To

The Sanitary Comm.

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