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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

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G.O., No. 1041 M

DATED 20th June 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Budget.

Passing orders on the letter from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund, submitting explanation of points noticed in the ---- for 1896-97.

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~~No~~ 3

Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Ootacamund Municipal Council held on ~~Thurs~~Saturday the 25 April 1896.

~~Subject No.~~

Present

The Chairman
The Honorable J. D. Rees C.I.E.
Mr Rly M. Sankara Menon avl
" P. Maruthachella Moodr avl
A. M. Jones Esqre
Mr Rly C. Rajagopal Naidu Garu
G. F. Walch Esqre
Surgeon Lt: Col: H. D. Cook M.B.
L. W. Schmidt Esqre
W. E. Smith Esqre

Subject No's I + II

Read G.O. No 446 M, dated 17 March 1896 reviewing the Ootacamund Municipal Budget for 1896-97 with Chairman's note.

Also Proceedings of Government No 612 M. Mis: dated 2nd April '96 recording with reference to para 3 of the order on the budget estimate the application for a loan of Rs 23,000 from Provincial Funds, for building latrines &c.

RESOLUTION:—

Proposed by Mr A. M. Jones and seconded by Mr Rly M. Sankara Menon avl.

That the Chairman's note which has been circulated, be adopted as the text of a representation to Government with the following addition.

The Council presumes that the Kodappamund Water Supply, extension of Water Supply to Sultanpettah and Bandy-shola, Mookoorchiamman Kovil and the other works contained in the statement for a loan of Rs 12,600, are cut out, because they are to be taken up and provided for in the larger scheme for which the Government has now granted Rs 45,000 in addition to Rs 44,000 last year and for which the Government has also lent to the Municipality a loan of Rs 50,000.

The Council presumes that no steps are required from it at the present moment in connection with the larger Scheme.

But the Council would observe that the Kodappamund &c. drainage Scheme (Rs 3400) and the new latrines &c. proposed (Rs 7000) have been disallowed. The Council is of opinion that these works are of an urgent character and were therefore entered in the budget Estimate. Carried

Municipal Office,
Ootacamund, 27th April 1896.

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(True Extract)

G. W. Hannett
Chairman.

No. 332

Ootacamund Municipal Office,
27th April 1896.

Local & Municipal Dep
CURRENT No. 1328 M

From
THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
OOTACAMUND.

Enclosures one

To
The Honorable J. F. Price C.S.I.
Chief Secretary to the Government,
Fort Saint George.

Through. The Collector of Nilgiris.

Sir,

The Order of the Government No. 446-M, dated 17th March 1896, received 4th April, on the Budget Estimate of the Ootacamund Municipality for 1896-97, having been circulated and considered by the Municipal Council, I am desired, with reference to the remarks× in para 3 of the Order, to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council that the objections raised by those who were not served with water to the payment of the Water tax at one per cent, imposed from the 1st April 1892, were submitted to the Government in my letter No. 3613 dated 19th December 1892, when

× "The proposal to raise the water tax from 1 to 2 per cent, cannot be sanctioned unless and until, the Municipal Council can devise some means of exempting the houses, of which there are many, which get no benefit at all from the Water works being either higher above the line of the pipes or being in parts of the town to which the pipes have not been extended".

when the following Order was passed. (Vide G.O. 71 M. Mis. 19-1-93)

"The Government does not consider the "objections stated in the Chairman's letter valid "and, as at present advised, sees no reason "for declaring under Section 75 (2)+ of Act IV of "1884 any portion of "the Municipality to "be exempt from "the rate."

+ "The Governor in Council may from "time to time, by Notification exempt "any part of a Municipality from "the payment of the Water-tax or "any part thereof and may also "in like manner, from time to time "cancel such Exemption.

2 Under this Order as well as the previous Order No. 634, dated the 28th April 1891, the Municipal Council had no alternative but to levy the Water tax on all houses within Municipal limits to enable it to provide funds for carrying on the work of the Municipality.

3. In the event, however, of His Excellency the Governor in Council being now pleased to exempt those houses, which are not served with water, on the grounds stated in the Order above cited, the immediate loss of revenue will be about Rupees 350-"-" per annum, which in the present depressed condition of the revenue the Municipality is quite unable to bear.

vide para 1 of Chairman's letter No. 4020 dated 2nd January 1896.

4. For the same reason any reduction of the Scavenging fees is not feasible. The efforts made to extend and improve the system were explained

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in my letter No. 3860 dated the 21st December 1895.

5 The Expenditure under Communications during the last five years was:

1891-92 -- -- --	Rs 11,638 ✓
1892-93 -- -- --	" 14,996 ✓
1893-94 -- -- --	" 11,664 ✓
1894-95 -- -- --	" 13,203 ✓
1895-96 -- -- -- +	" 10,132

+ Note - Short Expenditure from want of funds.

and the Municipal Council is of opinion that, with the reduced allotment of Rs 10,000 for 1896-97, it will not be possible to maintain in efficient Order all the roads, lanes, and foot paths in this town.

6. The Municipal Council presumes that the Kodappamund Water-Supply, Extension of Water Supply to Sultanpetta and Bandyshola, Mookoorthie Amman Kovil and other roads contained in the statement for a loan of Rs 12600, are cut out, because they are to be taken up and provided for in the larger scheme for which the Government has now granted Rs 45,000 in addition to Rs 44,000 last year, and for which the Government has also lent to the Municipality a loan of Rs 50,000. The Council presumes that no steps are required from it at the present moment in connection with the larger scheme.

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would observe that the Kodappannud &c. drainage Scheme (Rs 3400) and New latrines &c. proposed (Rs 7000) have been disallowed. The Council is of opinion that these works are of an urgent character and were therefore entered in the Budget Estimate.

8. With reference to the balance of Rs 140 shown under the Budget Estimate for 1896-97 in the abstract statement embodied in the first para: of the Order of Government on the Estimate, I am to explain that the actuals for the first eight months of 1895-96 show a deficit balance of Rs 1420 for 1896-97, owing to the expenditure of Rs 1556. 5. 10 (Rs 1560.) entered in the Budget Estimate, page 52 - under grant I. New works (a) Water Supply, having been omitted in the abstract statement referred to, although sanctioned in G.O. No. 1899 M. Mis: dated 16th November 1895.

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

E. Hamnett
Chairman

Local & Municipal Dept

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From

THE CHAIRMAN,

Municipal Council,

OOTACAMUND,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT,

Local and Municipal Department,

FORT SAINT GOERGE.

Thro' the Collector of Nilgiris.

No. 332

Dated 27th
Despatched 29th } April 1896
Received 4 MAY 96

ENCLOSURE. one.

SUBJECT.

Budget Estimate for 1896-97

Stating that the proposal of the Council, to exempt, under Section 75 (2), houses not benefitted by the municipal water works, was vetoed in G.O. dated the 19th January 1893, No. 71, M. Mis, and that the reduced allotment of Rs 10,000, for roads, ~~is~~ is inadequate for their upkeep.

612 M 2-4-96
446 M 17-3-96
323 M 25-2-96
98 M 17-1-96
1899 M 16-11-95

71 M 19-1-93
634 M 28-4-91

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Submitted

J. D. Rees

Collector

Nilgiri Coll's Office

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 17th March 1896, No. 446 M.

Current No 1328 M of 1896, dated 27th April '96 from the Chairman, M. C., Ootacamund

Current No. of 189 , dated from the

Better redraft the first two & show

Order.

I did not mean that all houses should not pay something – I do not object to all houses paying 1% – but the rate shd be raised only on the houses to which water is supplied or brought near – what Note. the Mcl. has to do is make arrangements.

× – – × This is contrary to G.O.s 634 M 28-4-91 & 71 M 19-1-93, but in accordance with the budget review and this note in G.O. No 446 marked with red tape for exempting the houses which don't get water from the enhanced rate. It wd be easy enough to do so if they took the trouble. BS

The Government sees no reason to reconsider its remarks referred to in para 1 of the Chairman's letter and is of opinion that it is only fair that the owners of houses which under existing circumstances cannot derive any benefit from the waterworks should not be required to pay the water tax. Definite proposals should therefore be submitted at an early date for ~~exempting~~ the exemption of such houses. When this has been done & the rate of water tax ~~at~~ raised to 2 per cent ~~instead of as proposed~~ there will be an increase in the revenue of Rs 3300 instead of a decrease of Rs 350 as stated by the chairman.

2. While agreeing with the municipal council in considering that a larger sum than Rs 10,000 would be needed to maintain the town roads in proper order, the Government regrets that in the present state of the municipal council's finances an increased allotment is not possible, unless it can be provided from the ~~suggested~~ expected increase in ~~of~~ the receipts from ~~under~~ water tax.

Here we might point out that the Chairman has been spending money on opening out new roads & pathways instead of reserving his money for the maintenance, first, of existing roads & pathways. This is, I believe, a correct statement of the case, but the C.S. probably knows more than I do. BS

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3. With reference to para. 6 of the Chairman's letter the Government is of opinion ~~thinks~~ that as a large scheme of water supply for the town is under consideration it is not necessary to incur any expenditure in extending the existing waterworks.

4. As regards para 7, the municipal council's attention will be drawn to the remarks of the Government in para 3 of the ~~Government~~ order read above.

5. In the circumstances stated in para 8, the following alterations will be made in the abstract embodied in G.O. No 446 No dated 17th March 1896 ~~the Government order referred to above~~.

Receipts	Revised Estimate for 1895-96 Rs	Budget Estimate 1896-97. Rs
Balance brought forward.	× × ×	87.430
× × × × ×	× ×	× ×
Total		2,15.880.
Charges		
Grant I		
New works—		
× × ×		
water supply	1.560	1.37.440
× × ×	× ×	× × ×
Total	25.340	1.57.880.
× × × × ×	× ×	× × ×
Balance.	87.430	140.
Total	1.73.960	2.15.880.

Sd/ 27/5/96.

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To

The Chairman M.C. Ootacamund.

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ORDER. No 1041 Mmis Dt 20-6-96

The Council has apparently mistaken the meaning of para 3 of the other portion of the ~~above~~ G.O. The Govt. has no objection to the existing water-tax of one per cent. being levied upon all houses, but the enhanced rate of two per cent. should only be levied on those houses, which are actually supplied with water, or near which ~~to which~~ water is brought ~~near~~. The Council should therefore make arrangements, which should not be a very difficult matter, to exempt those houses, which obtain ~~get~~ no benefit from the water supply, from the enhanced rate of tax. When this has been done the revenue will be increased by about Rs 3.300, instead of decreased by Rs 350, as anticipated by the chairman

2. The Govt. agrees with the municipal Council in considering that Rs 10,000 are not sufficient to maintain the town road

3. With reference to para. 6 of the Chairman's letter the Government ~~thinks~~ is of opinion that as a large scheme of water supply for the town is under consideration it is not necessary to incur any expenditure in extending the existing waterworks.

4. As regards para 7, the municipal council's attention will be drawn to the remarks of the Government in para 3 of the ~~Government~~ order read above.

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× × × × ×	× ×	× ×
Total		2,15,880.
Charges		
Grant I		
New works—		
× × ×		
water supply	1.560	1.37.440
× × ×	× ×	× × ×
Total	25,340	1,87.880.
× × × × ×	× ×	× × ×
Balance....	87.430	140.
Total	1.73.960	2.15.880.

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To

The Chairman M. C. Ootacamund.

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2. The Govt. agrees with the Municipal Council in considering that Rs 10,000 are not sufficient to maintain the town roads.

in proper order, but hopes that the expected increase in the receipts from water-tax will permit of an ~~larger sum being allotted~~ additional allotment being subsequently made. The Govt. would, however, point out that the Council has been spending money on opening out new roads & pathways, instead of devoting the funds at its disposal, in the first place, to the proper maintenance of existing roads & streets.

3. With reference to para. 6 of the Chairman's letter the Govt. is of opinion that as a large scheme of water-supply for the town is under consideration, it is not necessary to incur any expenditure in extending the existing water-works.

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5. In the circumstances stated in para. 8, the following alterations will be made in the abstract embodied in G. O. No 446 M dy 17. 3. 96.

	Revised Estimate 95-96	Budget Estimate 96-97
Receipts		
Balance brought forward	x x	87,430
x xx x x x x	x x	x x x
	Total	2. 15. 880
Charges		
Grant I. New works		
x x x		
Water supply	1560	1. 37. 440
x x x	x x	x x
Total	25,340	1. 57. 880
x x x	x x	x x
		140
Balance	87. 430	
	1. 73. 960	2. 15. 880

Wrd. 9. 6. 96 (from orders)

Fd 15/6/96

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To
The Chairman M. C. Ootacamund
thro' the Collr. Nilgiris
Despd. 24/6/96

the Chairman M. C. Ootacamund.

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