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District.	Name of Reporter.	Name of festival, and where held.	Date of festival.	Number assembled.	Accommodation and sanitary arrangements made.	Water-supply.	Conservancy.	Epidemics.	General health.	Recommendations.	Remarks by the Sanitary Commissioner.
Tanjore.	K. A. Arulswami Pillai.	Saptastanam festival held at Tiruvádi, Tanjore taluk, Tanjore district.	From 17th to 28th April 1896, the 5th and 12th day festivals are important, and in these days a large crowd of people assembled.	About 25,000.	No special arrangements were made by the local authorities for accommodating the pilgrims. Pilgrims lodged in chattrams and topes.	Water-supply good. Rs. 52 were spent for water-supply. Odughals were dug up specially for the pilgrims in the bed of the river Cauvery, as the river was quite dry. Kavalgars were appointed to guard the odughals and important wells in the town, to guard against fouling of drinking water. One of the union maistries and a private watchman were appointed by the Chairman. Odughals were daily cleaned under the direct supervision of the Chairman.	An additional establishment of nineteen toties, one night-soil cart and three maistries, and eight latrines were maintained, excluding the permanent establishment of seventeen toties, two maistries, six rubbish carts, one night-soil cart and two hand night-soil carts and five latrines. The latrines were sufficiently large, each being equally divided into two compartments, one for males and the other for females. Extra rubbish cart was not maintained as suggested by the Chairman in his estimate. One of the old condemned rubbish carts was used as the night-soil cart, as it was very difficult to get a better one temporarily. Latrines were cleaned daily and dry-earth substituted after removal of the excreta. Trenches were dug up and dry-earth was kept ready in stock in each latrine. Scavenging was conducted satisfactorily. The latrines and the town were daily inspected by the Medical subordinate in charge, and the defects immediately remedied. Disinfecting powder was sprinkled in the latrines. Nearly Rs. 65 were spent on conservancy.	*Nil.*	Good.	An extra rubbish cart and an extra night-soil cart in better condition should be maintained. Police constables should be appointed instead of private watchmen for guarding against the fouling of drinking water in the odughals when there is no water in the river Cauvery, as the public do not listen to the advice of the private watchmen.	Last year I pointed out that it was impossible to deal with the excreta of 25,000 human beings with less than four carts. No attention has been paid to this remark and it follows that masses of excreta could never have been removed from the site. Care as to water arrangements was insufficient. The sanitary efforts were merely nominal, and had cholera been imported in the crowd, the result would have been disastrous for the south of the Presidency. (Signed) W. G. KING, Surgn.-Lieut.-Col., *Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.*

TIRUVÁDI,
2nd May 1896.

(Signed) K. A. ARULSWAMI PILLAI,
Hospital Assistant in charge.

R.C. No. 751-Ver.

Forwarded to the Chairman, Tiruvádi Union, for remarks.

20th May 1896. (Signed) C. MURUGESAM PILLAI,
Deputy Collector.

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TIRUVÁDI,
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Chairman.

R.C. No. 751-Ver.

Submitted to the Collector.

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Cur. No. 852-Eng.

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3rd June 1896. (Signed) H. MOBERLY,
Acting Collector.

No. 1129-S.

Forwarded to Government.

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Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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2. The attention of the taluk board will be drawn to the remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, Taluk Board, Tanjore,
through the President, District Board.
„ Collector of Tanjore.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.
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District.	Tanjore.
Name of Reporter.	K. A. Arulswami Pillai.
Name of festival, and where held.	Saptastanam festival held at Tiruvádi, Tanjore taluk, Tanjore district.
Date of festival.	From 17th ~~April~~ to 28th April 1896, the 5th and 12th day festivals are important, and in these days a large crowd of people assembled.
Number assembled.	About 25,000.
Accommodation and sanitary arrangements made.	No special arrangements were made by the local authorities for accommodating the pilgrims. Pilgrims lodged in chattrams and topes.
Water-supply.	Water-supply good. Rs. 52 were spent for water-supply. Odughals were dug up specially for the pilgrims in the bed of the river Cauvery, as the river was quite dry. Kavalgars were appointed to guard the odughals and important wells in the town, to guard against fouling of drinking water. One of the union maistries and a private watchman were appointed by the Chairman. Odughals were daily cleaned under the direct supervision of the Chairman.
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Epidemics.	*Nil.*
General health.	Good.
Recommendations.	An extra rubbish cart and an extra night-soil cart in better condition should be maintained. Police constables should be appointed instead of private watchmen for guarding against the fouling of drinking water in the odughals when there is no water in the river Cauvery, as the public do not listen to the advice of the private watchmen.
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(~~True Extract.~~)

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~~Under Secy.,~~ P.W.D.,
for ~~Chief Secretary.~~

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To the President, Taluk Board, Tanjore,
through the President, District Board.
" Collector of Tanjore. √ 5
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Local and Municipal

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Tanjore Dt. Dy Collr's Office 28th May 1896

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R. Ranganasing
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Trivadi union
21-5-96

27.5.96

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Deputy Collector
20-5-96.

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TREASURY DEPUTY COLLECTOR TANJORE -4 JUN. 1896

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Ag. Collector.

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Balasundram
Manager & Asst.
for Sanitary Commissioner

Fort St. George
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FROM

The Hospital Assist
in charge of the L. F. Dispensary
at Tiruvady

To

The Collector of
TANJORE.

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REPORT on the Saptasthanam ~~Fair~~ Festival
at Tiruvady Tanjore Taluq
Tanjore District.

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Camp Trivady

Dated 2nd May 96.

K. A. Arulswami Pillai

Name of Officer reporting K. A. Arulsamy Pillai

Designation of do. Hospl Asst in charge