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To

The Secretary to the
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Sir,

With reference to para 10 of G. O. Nos 1173 & 1174 L. dated 25-6-96, I have the honour to report the measures I propose to adopt to improve registration of vital statistics.

2 The proposals of my Divisional Officers are as follow:

Sub Collector. As neither the village officer nor the vetti has the time or inclination to collect or to impart the required information, the registration of Vital Statistics must be

incorrect and valueless. He would therefore do away with the present System entirely. The only means of obtaining reliable information is to make a house to house visitation once or at most twice a year by some Superior Officer such as a Revenue Inspector or even a Tahsildar. In Indians the work would be done by the Chairman. The System would cause some trouble, but it would relieve the village Officer from performing impossibilities, and the results as the Sub Collector knows from personal experience would be far more Satisfactory than they are at present.

The Head Quarters Deputy Collector. He found in the Beddapur Taluk that the registration was done very in-

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indifferently and the (Check/~~Clerk~~) exercised over the work by the Revenue Inspector or Tahsildar was only nominal. He therefore ordered that in Government villages the village Munsiffs should verify the entries in the Accounts and initial or put their mark against each day. He believes that this System will in a measure improve matters. One or two village Servants should also be made responsible for reporting daily all births and deaths and punished if they omit to report any Cases. Strict instructions should also be issued to the village Officers to fill up the entries of each day on that very day on pain of Severe punishment.

punishment for default. It would be a good thing to create a legal obligation on each housecowner in rural villages also to report deaths and births. He is however afraid that the country is not yet ripe for legislation in that direction. The present system may therefore Continue, but the munsiff and the Kurnam should make a house to house visitation and verify the entries before the submission of each months' returns. Where the munsiffs are literate, the registration should be done by them, but where they are illiterate the Kurnams may do it. In Unions the work should be entrusted to the Union Establishment.

The Special Assistant Agent. He cannot

suggest any new method of registering Vital Statistics in the agency. All the ~~Available~~ methods are already utilised. Nothing more can be done than to enforce increased Superintendence and check on the part of the Tahsildar and the Dy Tahsildar and Revenue Inspectors.

The Ellore Deputy Collector. The Tahsildars suggest that the registeration be transferred to village munsiffs, but he considers the proposal is not quite practicable as there are many villages in which the munsiffs are illiterate. The Kurnam who is now responsible for the work pleads that (~~the work~~) on account of his absence at the Taluk Head Quarters for about 2 months in the year, he is not able to do the work correctly. The Deputy

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Collector therefore suggests that both the Munsiff and the Kurnam be made responsible. He is not in favour of entrusting the work to Union Panchayats as the Chairmen being unpaid take but little interest even in their ordinary duties. In villages where there are assistant Kurnams and monigars, the Deputy Collector suggests that they should also be made ~~to~~ to share in the responsibility by signing the register and the monthly accounts. If the Tahsildars and the Revenue Inspectors take out the Register and check it with the babies and Children they happen to see in the villages and also with the independent information given by other villagers, washermen and

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and midwives and show by personal interest how much importance is attached to this work, the Deputy Collector is sure to have more correct statistics.

The Narsapur Deputy Collector. In Union villages, the work may be entrusted to the chairmen. In other villages where there are assistant Kurnams the work may be transferred to the Assistant Kurnams. In villages where there are no assistant Kurnams the work may be done by the munsiffs if literate or by the Kurnams if otherwise. Tahsildars and Revenue Inspectors should make it a rule to check the registries in their frequent tours. The best course would be to employ a Special

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paid agency.

3. The great difficulty in the way of ensuring correct registration is the absence of any means of compulsion. However willing village officers may be, it is impossible for them to be acquainted with the affairs of every household, especially in the case of outlying hamlets which are often situated at a distance of several miles from the main village; ~~which~~ while at the same time the persons concerned are frequently reluctant to inform any one of their domestic affairs, especially in the case of pariahs who have a belief, to some extent founded on truth, that every interview with a village officer involves a

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a payment of some kind. The best plan would I think be to make a superior officer such as a Revenue Inspector or one of the newly created Local Fund Inspectors make a house to house inspection of each village once or twice a year, and then obtain information of every birth or death since the previous inspection. Although some births and deaths would under this plan escape registration, the results would be far more accurate than they are at present and they could easily be checked by the Tahsildar and ~~the~~ Divisional officer.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
(sd) G. W. Elphinstone
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