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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—also the following paper:—

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4. As regards the question whether it is customary to require patients to provide their own diets when all the beds for which there are free diets are occupied, it will be seen that the practice varies in different parts of the Presidency. It is, however, desirable in my opinion that—

(*a*) Patients who are able to diet themselves should continue to be permitted to do so.

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ENCLOSURE.

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District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Anantapur.	One complete set.	33·58	Self-dieting patients are admitted, but the full complement of beds for which diets are allotted is seldom occupied.
Do. Arcot, North ..	One complete set. Fairly in good order.	65·20	No patients are required to provide for their own diets, provided they do not object to have the hospital diet.
Do. „ South ..	One complete set.	67·48	The custom is to provide diets to the extent of the annual provision allotted. No restriction for the admission of self-dieting patients.
Do. Bellary ..	Do. ..	100·00	No patients are required to provide diets when all the beds for which there are free diets are occupied.
Do. Canara, South .	Do. ..	70·00	Those who can afford to have their own diets are allowed to do so.
Do. Chingleput ..	No complete set .	100·00	All patients are dieted free except they elect to be self-dieted. No compulsion.
Do. Coimbatore ..	One complete set.	38·00	No special beds are reserved for free diets. Those who can afford to have their own diets are allowed to do so.
Do. Cuddapah ..	Do. ..	62·50	Some patients are allowed to diet themselves, but it never occurred where patients were compelled to diet themselves for want of funds.
Do. Ganjám ..	No complete set, but only small cases at Berhampur, Chicacole, Chatrapur and Parlákimedi.	36·67	The system of providing a fixed number of diets was not in force. Those who can afford to have their own diet were allowed to do so.
Do. Gódávari ..	No, but an old and complete set was obtained from the Ellore hospital.	59·62	All patients are allowed free diets unless self-dieting is preferred by them.
Do. Kistna ..	One complete set.	100·00	No patients are required to provide their own diet when all the beds are occupied; but care is taken that the total number of diets for a month does not exceed the fixed allotment.
Do. Kurnool ..	Do. ..	34·72	No patients are required to provide their own diets when all the beds for which there are free diets are occupied.
Do. Madura ..	Do. ..	77·26	If more patients are admitted than the number of beds available free diets are given, but this rarely occurs.
Do. Malabar ..	Do. ..	36·48	In the majority of hospitals when beds for free diets are all occupied, patients are not admitted except when urgency of case demands it. Budget provision is not made for all beds and its amount cannot be exceeded.
Do. Nellore ..	One old repairable set.	40·00	No patients are required to provide their own diet when all the beds are occupied, but well-to-do patients when they become in-patients generally diet at their own cost.
Do. Nilgiris ..	One complete set.	100·00	Every patient is dieted at the expense of hospitals, so are also extra patients.
Do. Salem	Do. ..	54·20	No patients are required to provide for their own diets, provided they do not object to have the hospital diet.
Do. Tanjore ..	Do. ..	75·00	Very rarely happens that all the beds for which free diets are provided are occupied.
Do. Tinnevelly ..	Do. ..	63·00	Well-to-do persons are always required to provide their own diets. No fixed rules for the number of beds or for the provision for dieting the in-patients; the managers admit or refuse to admit the patients seeking relief in-doors according to the funds at their disposal.
Do. Trichinopoly.	An old and inefficient set.	40·67	Those who are able are asked to be self-dieted at their own expense. There is no custom to provide their own diets when all the beds for which free diets are provided are occupied.
Do. Vizagapatam ..	Old and complete set.	100·00	All patients are allowed free diets unless self-dieting is preferred by them.
Civil Surgeon, Cannanore	One complete set.	57·00	Patients wishing to diet themselves are permitted to do so.
Do. Chittoor	Two old cases of cataract eye instruments.	82·00	It is customary to allow well-to-do patients to have their own diet.
Do. Cocanada	One complete set.	41·00	All the available beds are seldom occupied. Free allowance is given to those who seek admission unless they wish to diet at their own cost.

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Civil Surgeon, Cochin	One complete set.	46·07	The Municipal Council provide funds for 11 diets daily, and it always has been the custom to require any extra patients to provide their own diets, except when the patient is very bad and the case is a serious one.
Do. Coonoor	Do. ..	88·24	A few caste patients diet at their own cost. The better class of European and Eurasian patients are charged from 8 annas to 3 rupees per day for diet.
Do. Guntúr	Do. ..	88·92	Patients are dieted free even when all free diet cots are occupied. If any patient likes to have his own diet he is allowed to do so.
Do. Negapatam	Do. ..	45·74	It is customary to require patients who have sufficient means, or who from caste prejudices cannot take food prepared in the hospital, to have their own diets.
Do. Tellicherry	Do. ..	100·00	Patients wishing to diet themselves are permitted to do so.
	Total average ..	65·63	

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Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department.

(Signed) W. W. PHILLIPS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

11*th April* 1896.

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(2) Local Boards and Municipal Councils should see that patients who can afford it are not dieted at the public expense in the hospitals under their management.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary, P.W.D.,
for *Chief Secretary.*

To all Presidents of District Boards.
„ all Chairmen of Municipal Councils.
„ the Surgeon-General.
„ the Public Department.

Exd. J. Henricus.

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Principal Surgeon with the Govt of Madras
Madras 21st March 96

Surgeon-Major-General
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with the Govt. of Madras,

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

No. 238

Mdras, 21st March 1896.

From

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SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

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

C. Stevenson

Surgeon-Major-General
Surgeon-General
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W. D. Phillips
Ag Assistant Secretary

Local ... Municipal Dept.

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Reporting upon the availability of Eye-instruments-complete, incomplete and repairable sets- at Headquarters hospitals the number of beds for dieted patients also how patients are dieted when the available number of dieted beds are exceeded

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FOR ORDERS.

In para 3 of G.O. No. 527 Public dt 25th June 95 the Surgn Genl was requested to state (1) whether there is a complete set of eye instruments at each district head-quarters, (2) to report what percentage of available beds were provided with diets, (3) whether it is customary in any hospitals to require patients to provide their own diets when all the beds for which there are free diets are occupied.

Current 1064 gives the information called for. It will be seen that the Dist. Medl. & Sanry Officer at (1) Chingleput has no complete set of eye instruments

(2) Ganjam has no complete set but only small cases at Berhampore Chicacole, Chatrapur & Russelkonda

(3) Trichinopoly has an old and inefficient set and the

(4) Civil Surgeon at Chittoor has

two old cases of Cataract Eye-instruments, while three are old but complete sets at (5) Godavari (6) Vizagapatam & (7) an old & repairable set at Nellore.

The Surgeon General sums up thus "23 out of 29 officers have available a complete set, four have incomplete sets & two repairable ones". He suggests that such Hd Quarter Hospls shd be supplied by the local authorities concerned with at least two complete sets, to allow of one being sent for repairs when necessary, the instruments being very delicate.

It is submitted that as the great majority of these hospls are Municipal or Local Fund Hospls, the remarks of the Surgeon General shd be brought to the notice of the L & M Dept for such action as may be deemed necessary.

With reference to the 2nd ~~point~~ point it is shown that the number of available beds

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available beds averaged 65·63 p.c. varying from 33·58 p.c. in Anantapur to 100 p.c. in Bellary & other districts. The full complement of 33·58 p.c. of beds available in the Anantapur district is reported to be seldom occupied. So with Tanjore (75 p.c.) & Cocanada (41 p.c.)

The Surgeon General advocates fuller budget provision for diets as there are numbers of the sick poor who would be greatly benefited by treatment in hospital. At the same time he points out that care should be taken to prevent these institutions being turned into poor houses or Asylums for incurables.

Thus although in

in some cases there seem to be more beds available than are necessary, in order that Govt may steer clear between Scylla & Charybdis, it is submitted that no hard & fast rule should be made but that it should be left to the discretion of the authorities to decide what number of beds shall be allotted for free diets.

Lastly as regards the question whether it is customary to require patients to provide their own diets Dr Sibthorpe reports that the practice varies in different parts of the Presidency.

It would appear that there is no such restriction except in Malabar, Tinevelly, Cochin, Coonoor & Negapatam but

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Attention is invited to Go. 923 of 1889 above quoted & to the notes thereunder

Eye Instruments & Dietaries

In the concluding para this letter No 252 d/8 Oct 89 from G.O. 923 Pub d/14.11.89. Surgeon Gen Bidie remarks "As the management of these institutions lies in the hands of Local Boards & Municipalities which are mostly composed of caste natives there should be no difficulty in getting these bodies to interest themselves in providing suitable arrangements for the accommodation treatment & dieting of their own people."

Considering the prevalence of eye diseases it is subd: that early steps shd be taken for the provision of two complete sets of instruments at each headquarter station. As to free diets &c. there is no doubt that heaps of in patients are about not only to provide the proper diet for themselves but to pay for their medical treatment. In some districts the number of beds seem unnecessarily large & their upkeep unproductive of no good. This file is really for disposal in the L. Govt. dept.

C.W. 26.3.96

The first thing is for 2 Bds. Notes. to provide one set at Head Quarter Hospitals & supply a 2d set as funds permit. provide

They will remain unused where they have been provided in excess. The Bds must be instructed up to see that patients who can afford it are not dicted at the public expense.

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(*b*) All hospitals should make provision for caste patients under G.O., No. 923, Public, dated 14th November 1889, and when the local authorities consider it desirable these wards might be as a rule reserved for patients who would pay for the dieting and treatment at rates to be fixed by the local authorities.

ENCLOSURE.

Reporting Officer.	Information as to whether eye instruments are provided at the head-quarters.	What percentage of available beds were provided with diets in 1893.	What custom prevails as to patients being required to provide their own diets when all the beds for which there are free diets are occupied.
District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Anantapur.	One complete set.	33·58	Self-dieting patients are admitted, but the full complement of beds for which diets are allotted is seldom occupied.
Do. Arcot, North ..	One complete set. Fairly in good order.	65·20	No patients are required to provide for their own diets, provided they do not object to have the hospital diet.
Do. „ South ..	One complete set.	67·48	The custom is to provide diets to the extent of the annual provision allotted. No restriction for the admission of self-dieting patients.
Do. Bellary ..	Do. ..	100·00	No patients are required to provide diets when all the beds for which there are free diets are occupied.
Do. Canara, South .	Do. ..	70·00	Those who can afford to have their own diets are allowed to do so.
Do. Chingleput ..	No complete set.	100·00	All patients are dieted free except they elect to be self-dieted. No compulsion.
Do. Coimbatore ..	One complete set.	38·00	No special beds are reserved for free diets. Those who can afford to have their own diets are allowed to do so.
Do. Cuddapah ..	Do. ..	62·50	Some patients are allowed to diet themselves, but it never occurred where patients were compelled to diet themselves for want of funds.
Do. Ganjám ..	No complete set, but only small cases at Berhampur, Chicacole, Chatrapur and Parlákimedi.	36·67	The system of providing a fixed number of diets was not in force. Those who can afford to have their own diet were allowed to do so.
Do. Gódávari ..	No, but an old and complete set was obtained from the Ellore hospital.	59·62	All patients are allowed free diets unless self-dieting is preferred by them.
Do. Kistna ..	One complete set.	100·00	No patients are required to provide their own diet when all the beds are occupied; but care is taken that the total number of diets for a month does not exceed the fixed allotment.
Do. Kurnool ..	Do. ..	34·72	No patients are required to provide their own diets when all the beds for which there are free diets are occupied.
Do. Madura ..	Do. ..	77·26	If more patients are admitted than the number of beds available free diets are given, but this rarely occurs.
Do. Malabar ..	Do. ..	36·48	In the majority of hospitals when beds for free diets are all occupied, patients are not admitted except when urgency of case demands it. Budget provision is not made for all beds and its amount cannot be exceeded.
Do. Nellore ..	One old repairable set.	40·00	No patients are required to provide their own diet when all the beds are occupied, but well-to-do patients when they become in-patients generally diet at their own cost.
Do. Nilgiris ..	One complete set.	100·00	Every patient is dieted at the expense of hospitals, so are also extra patients.
Do. Salem	Do. ..	54·20	No patients are required to provide for their own diets, provided they do not object to have the hospital diet.
Do. Tanjore ..	Do. ..	75·00	Very rarely happens that all the beds for which free diets are provided are occupied.
Do. Tinnevelly ..	Do. ..	63·00	Well-to-do persons are always required to provide their own diets. No fixed rules for the number of beds or for the provision for dieting the in-patients; the managers admit or refuse to admit the patients seeking relief in-doors according to the funds at their disposal.
Do. Trichinopoly.	An old and inefficient set.	40·67	Those who are able are asked to be self-dieted at their own expense. There is no custom to provide their own diets when all the beds for which free diets are provided are occupied.
Do. Vizagapatam ..	Old and complete set.	100·00	All patients are allowed free diets unless self-dieting is preferred by them.
Civil Surgeon, Cannanore	One complete set.	57·00	Patients wishing to diet themselves are permitted to do so.
Do. Chittoor	Two old cases of cataract eye instruments.	82·00	It is customary to allow well-to-do patients to have their own diet.
Do. Cocanada	One complete set.	41·00	All the available beds are seldom occupied. Free allowance is given to those who seek admission unless they wish to diet at their own cost.
Civil Surgeon, Cochin	One complete set.	46·07	The Municipal Council provide funds for 11 diets daily, and it always has been the custom to require any extra patients to provide their own diets, except when the patient is very bad and the case is a serious one.
Do. Coonoor	Do. ..	88·24	A few caste patients diet at their own cost. The better class of European and Eurasian patients are charged from 8 annas to 3 rupees per day for diet.
Do. Guntúr	Do. ..	88·92	Patients are dieted free even when all free diet cots are occupied. If any patient likes to have his own diet he is allowed to do so.
Do. Negapatam	Do. ..	45·74	It is customary to require patients who have sufficient means, or who from caste prejudices cannot take food prepared in the hospital, to have their own diets.
Do. Tellicherry	Do. ..	100·00	Patients wishing to diet themselves are permitted to do so.
	Total average ..	65·63	

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(Signed) W. W. PHILLIPS,
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The Government approves generally of the Surgeon-General's proposals, which will accordingly be communicated to all Local Boards and Municipal Councils, with the following remarks:—

(1) Steps should be taken by the Local Boards and Municipal Councils concerned to provide at once a complete set of eye instruments for each head-quarter hospital and to supply a second set as soon as funds permit.

(2) Local Boards and Municipal Councils should see that patients who can afford it are not dieted at the public expense in the hospitals under their management.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

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