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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

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G.O., No. 97 L

DATED 17th January 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Outstanding Debt of the Ganjam District Board.

Communicating to the District Board, Ganjam G.O.,
Financial Department, directing the recovery of Rs. 10,000 from the
Ganjam District Board in the current year and waiving the remainder
of the outstanding *debts*.

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Govt. of {1895} Madras.

FINANCIAL.



Order No. 97 dated 2-17-1-96

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G.O., No. 1021, 17th December 1895.

Note
The 18th Dec. 1895. The District Board, Ganjam, is directed to recover the balance of Rs. 10,000 from the Ganjam District Board in the current year and waiving the remainder of the outstanding debt.

DECEMBER.

Outstanding Debt of the Ganjam District Board.

Directing the recovery of Rs. 10,000 from the Ganjam District Board in the current year and waiving the remainder of the outstanding debt.

To The Dist. Bd. Hd. Ganjam
on 18/1/96

(With order)

FOR ORDERS.

The final state of the district does not seem to me so bad as is made out. In the first place, there is scope for savings - an ad-
penditure of Rs 250 per mile on the maintenance of district roads is excessive, & there can be no real reason for undertaking scavenging operations in a few villages, other than unions, at a cost of Rs 4887 - If every village could be provided with scavenging work carried on (that is, the removal of faecal matter) it would not be a good thing, but that is not possible & what the use is of employing 500, which probably is little or no real scavenging, in 24 or more union villages (v. para 50(c)) out of hundreds of thousands, it is more than I can see.

In the 2nd place, if the H.D. loses toll revenue on the road parallel to the Railway, it ought to make it up B on the road leading to the Railway.

The H.D. opened 93-94 with a debit balance of 21740; 94-95 with a debit balance of 11683. In 1893-94 therefore there was an improvement of Rs 10000 - 1894-95 opening with a debit balance of 11683 & closed with a credit balance (including the repayment of Rs 30350 & lat.) of Rs 37695 - There was

In para 5 of G.O. No. 2057 L., d./ 24th Oct. 1895, it was decided that the ~~report~~ representation of the President of the Dt. Board of Ganjam in regard to the payment of the provincial advance made to it in 1889-90 (paras 64 & 68 of his letter on page 14 of that order) should be considered in the Financial dept. From G.O. No. 182, d./ 15th Feb. 1892, it will be seen that the Dt. Board of Ganjam was indebted in that year to provincial funds to the extent of Rs. 62,727. Since then it has paid only Rs. 172 and a balance of Rs. 62,555 remains to be adjusted. In the early part of this year the Board was reminded of this outstanding debt when the grant was made on account of the Berhampur-Govindapur road (G.O. No. 259, d./ 20th March 1895). The President's representation is an appeal against this order.

It must be remembered that the entire cost of the Berhampur-Govindapur road will be met from provincial funds in one shape or another. For the Ganjam Railway

Railway feeder roads, a loan to the Board of .20 lakh has been provided for the current year and .10 lakh for next year, (G.O.No.1107, d./ 15th Decr. 1894.)

The Board has no reason therefore to grumble at its treatment. Ganjam however suffered most ~~most~~ from the distress of 1890 and as the provincial balances are high at present, the recovery of this outstanding from the Dt. Board may perhaps be waived.

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Ganjam is in a poor way financially and is for some years to come likely to remain so. Govt has little if any chance of recovering the money from it without most serious injury to the funds of the local boards. It seems as well therefore as an act of grace to waive the claim altogether
H.D.
29/11/95.

Therefore an improvement in the year of Rs 42033, of which Rs 32000 was due to the Govt. grant for the Berhampur-Joindapur Road. The true improvement was therefore Rs 10033. I don't think that a Bd. which sums to receiving Rs 10000 a year more than it spends can be held to be doing so very badly, especially as there is some economy in some respects.

I really can't see under the circumstances why we should let the Bd. off the whole debt of Rs 62,555. It is unwilling to give some assistance and

Recovery of the outstanding from the District Board of Ganjam.

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE.

If the Bd. has actually repaid Rs 30350, as stated, & remit the remainder - If the Bd. has not actually repaid this sum, let it pay Rs 15000 this year & Rs 15000 next year & let Rs 32555 be written off - Show it in the accounts as a contribution. We may as well get what credit we can for liberality
H.D.
2/12/95

C.M. 3024

Final Dept

Note for the Honorable Member.

Of the sum of Rs.30350 shown in the Local fund accounts as repaid to Provincial, it appears from the ~~Final~~ ^{Final} accounts (vide proof A) that the Accountant General has adjusted Rs.20,000 only to the credit of Government in the Provincial accounts of 1894-95.

With reference to the last ~~two~~ sentences of the Honorable Member's note the fact is that ~~the Rs.62555~~ the Rs.62555 represents the balance of a ~~much~~ much larger sum (Rs.1,61,623) which was charged off to Provincial as a final debit in the accounts of 1888-91 (para.1 of G.O.182 Finl.d/ 13th February 1892). It is only a question of the recovery of contributions which have already been made and, if the H.M. wishes, the remainder of the recovery, which will simply swell the Provincial balances, may be waived.

The earlier part of the H.M.'s note will be transferred to the Local & Municipal Department.

Then they may pay Rs 10000 now in 95-96
H.D.

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Can't be shown as a contribution
H.D.
14/12/95

and finally charged off to the Provincial Accounts

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Contribution to the
Ganjam District
Board.

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No. 1021, FINANCIAL, 17TH DECEMBER 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 182, Financial, dated 13th February 1892.

ABSTRACT.—Directing that all local surpluses be credited to Provincial funds until the unadjusted balance of Rs. 62,727 due in connection with contributions made for relief works in Ganjam is paid off.

G.O., No. 259, Financial, dated 20th March 1895.

Read—Telegram from the President, District Board, Ganjam, dated 10th Dec. 1895.

Order—No. 259, Financial, dated 20th March 1895.

2. The district board will, however, be reminded of the outstanding debt of 62 lakh due to Provincial revenues from 1892-93, out of which only Rs. 172 appears to have been adjusted up to date. The Accountant-General will arrange to recover the amount from future surpluses as they occur.

G.O., No. 2037 L., dated 24th October 1895.

Read—the following extracts from a letter from C. J. WEIR, Esq., President, District Board, Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chatrapur, 10th August 1895, No. 2338:—

64. *Re-payment of Loans.*—Out of Rs. 30,819 due to Government on account of loan as stated by the Accountant-General in his letter to Government, dated 2nd March 1895, No. 681-L.F.D., embodied in G.O., Mis. No. 585 L., dated 27th March 1895, Rs. 30,350 are to be repaid, being the available surplus at the close of the year.

68. *General Remarks.*—The report is largely a record of a struggle to provide for pressing wants of the district with insufficient means. I do not see any immediate prospects of improvement in our finances. We may, it is true, anticipate an increased revenue from land-cess, but to counterbalance this, a large and no doubt permanent decrease in our receipts from tolls owing to the advent of the railway has to be faced. On many of our roads large sums for special repairs, renewal of bridges and the like are urgently needed and we have been called upon to construct long feeder roads to the new railway stations in the district. This expenditure has had to be provided for as the necessity was urgent. Notwithstanding our necessities Government has insisted on the repayment to Provincial of sums advanced for local fund works during the late famine out of our unexpended balances. As every rupee of our assets was urgently needed for local fund wants there should have been no unexpended balances and it was merely owing to the unsatisfactory administration of the Local Fund Public Works Department that these balances existed.

Order—No. 2037 L., dated 24th October 1895.

5. . . . The remarks in paragraphs 64 and 68 of the President's letter upon the subject of the repayment of the loan from Provincial funds will be considered in the Financial Department. It is observed that the amount due to Government is Rs. 62,555, and not Rs. 30,819 as stated in paragraph 64, as the district board has taken credit for the contribution of Rs. 32,000 sanctioned for the Berhampur-Govindapur road in paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 259, Financial, dated 20th March 1895, communicated with G.O., No. 585 L., dated 27th March 1895.

ORDER—No. 1021, Financial, dated 17th December 1895.

It appears from the final accounts that the Accountant-General has adjusted Rs. 20,000 only to the credit of Provincial revenues during 1894-95 on account of the outstanding debt of the Ganjam District Board. A further sum of Rs. 10,000 will be recovered in the current year and the claim for the remainder of the debt will be waived.

(True Extract.)

Hedrick
Chief Secretary.

To the Local and Municipal Department.
" Accountant-General.

with H. G. S. L. in copy

Exd A. Raff.

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