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This ORDER. No. 1572 Muis of 25/18/38

G.O.No.180/M/30-10-95.
G.O.No.1275 M/30-7-96.
G.O.No.1718 M/4-8-97.

Notwithstanding the remarks of Government in its orders noted in the margin, the revision of the house and land tax registers has been delayed for the last four years, without any reasonable excuse. The registers are now nine years old, while under section 66(2) of the Act, they should be revised once in every five years. His Excellency the Governor in Council therefore resolves, under section 57(1) of the District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, to fix a period of three months from the date of receipt of this order, within which the registers of the said taxes should be completely revised. At the end of this period the Collector will submit a report to Government in the matter and, if the report does not show that the ^{work} has been ^{done} satisfactorily, the Government will appoint its own officers to carry out the revision. In this connection, the Chairman's attention is drawn to the Collector's remarks in para. 2 of his endorsement, in which the Government fully concurs. As ~~is~~ under section 66 (2) of the Act, the Chairman is responsible for the revision of the assessments, he should himself go through the revised registers of each ward carefully and correct inequalities in the assessments if any.

2. The Government approves the proposal of the Municipal Council to postpone the consideration of the question of enhancing

enhancing the rate of the taxes

on buildings and lands until the result of the revision of the tax registers, ordered in para.1 supra, is known.

3. The reasons assigned by the Municipal Council for deferring the consideration of the Sanitary Commissioner's suggestion regarding the entertainment of an additional trained Sanitary Inspector on Rs.20+15 and four maistries on Rs.10 each, in lieu of the existing eight sub-Inspectors, viz, that the the Sub-Inspectors are now assisting in the revision of the house and land tax registers and that they have multifarious duties to perform, cannot be accepted as at all satisfactory. The ordinary collection staff must be able to render the necessary assistance for the revision of the taxes and the employment of the Sub-Inspectors on duties unconnected with sanitation is highly objectionable, as it will afford opportunities for them to neglect their legitimate work. Moreover, as the revision of the staff of Sub-Inspectors suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner will result in a ^{monthly} ~~monthly~~ saving of Rs.26 to the Council, there is apparently no reason why it should not be adopted. The Municipal Council is therefore requested to reconsider its resolution and report the result to Government without delay. *within one month.*

To

The Chairman, M.C. Managalore.

„ Collector of Malabar.

„ Sanitary Commissioner.

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For Orders.

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authorities to increase the provision for medicines and supplies and diet of patients and to entertain a Purveyor for the hospital and a separate registrar and peon for the registration of births and deaths.

2. In submitting his remarks on this budget, the Surgeon-General suggested that it would be well if the Municipality could see its way to raise a loan to carry out the recommendations of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer regarding the appointment of a Purveyor and the construction of an operation room, an out-patients dispensary and an isolated caste ward. The Sanitary Commissioner also remarked on this budget that the eight sanitary Sub-Inspectors employed in the Municipality on an aggregate salary of Rs.101 might be replaced by one certificated sanitary Inspector on Rs.20 Rs.15 and four conservancy maistries on Rs.10 each, and that ^{as} there were only 41 scavengers & 26 sweepers in the town, against 82 scavengers and 41 sweepers required for the efficient performance of the work, early steps should be taken to place this staff on a satisfactory footing.

3. The Government in its order No.317M dated 3rd February 1898, reviewing this budget, directed that the result of the house and land tax registers should be reported to Government as soon as it was completed, and drew the attention of the Municipal Council to the suggestions of the Surgeon-General and the Sanitary Commissioner, and in view of the small balance with which the budget ~~closed the year~~, viz, Rs.1,400 or 3.1 per cent of the estimated receipts, and of the fact that the several important works referred to in the Council's resolution had to be post-poned for want of funds

vide S.G.'s letter in p. 317 M. 3.2.98 D.

vide Sanitary Commissioner's remarks D. on page 5. p. 317 M. 3.2.98

Para 2 of S.G. 317 M. Rep E 3.2.98

Para. 4. (3).

Para 5 of the

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Council's Resolution passed F.

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requested the Municipal Council to consider the desirability of raising the rate of the tax on buildings & lands, which was levied at only 6 1/4 per cent of the annual value, and to report the result to Government at an early date.

4. With his letter read above, the Chairman submits, through the Collector, a copy of the resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the remarks of Government in the order above referred to. From this ^{it} ~~appears~~ ^{clear} that the revision of the house and land tax registers has not yet been completed & that the Councillors entrusted with the work in three of the wards having expressed their inability to do it, the Municipal Council had to appoint ^{others} in their stead. The Chairman, however, states that the revision will be completed as soon as possible and that the revised assessments will be adopted for the current year. The Council has resolved to defer the consideration of the Surgeon-General's suggestion to raise a loan for carrying out the improvements to the municipal hospital, on the ground that the present occasion is too inopportune to raise any loan, owing to the tightness of the money market. With reference to the Sanitary Commissioner's suggestions regarding the revision of the conservancy establishment, the Council states that the Sanitary Sub-Inspectors are just now assisting in the revision of the house and land tax registers in their respective wards, and that, when this important work is finished and the necessary arrangements for the disposal of the multifarious duties hitherto entrusted to the Sub-Inspectors are made, the

the Council will consider the advisability ~~or otherwise~~ of disturbing the present establishment. As regards the suggestion of Government regarding the enhancement of the rate of the tax on buildings & lands, the Council states that it will be considered when the financial result of the present general revision of the house and land registers is known.

5. In forwarding this letter, the Collector observes that, in spite of the remarks of Government in G.O.No.1718 M, dated 4th August 1897, on the dilatoriness of the Municipal Council in revising the house and land tax registers, and of the fact that credit has been taken for increased receipts on this account to the extent of Rs.1000 in the budget for 1898-99, scarcely any progress has been made in the work, that the Chairman's statement that the revised assessments will be adopted for the current year had apparently been made in forgetfulness of the provisions of section 66(3) of the Act, under which they can have effect only from the beginning of the financial year following that in which the revision is made, that the method adopted of practically entrusting the work of revision to a different councillor for each ward cannot produce a uniform result and that, considering the delay which has already occurred in the matter it is impossible to feel any confidence as to when the revision will be completed. He points out that the resolution passed by the Council at its budget meeting shows in the clearest light the urgent necessity for augmenting the resources of this

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this municipality, that the delay in the house tax revision will leave the Council poorer by Rs.1000 than was expected in the budget, and that the only alternative by which the finances may be improved is an enhancement of the rate of the tax on buildings and lands; but, as the Council has also declined to consider this question until the present revision is completed, he submits for the consideration of Government whether the time has not come to take action under section 37(1) of the District Municipalities Act.

6. The last ^{revision} of the house and land tax registers was made in 1888-89 i.e nine years ago. In its administration report for the year 1894-95, the Council stated that arrangements had been made for revising the registers in 1895-96. In reviewing this report, the Government directed that the result of the revision should be reported to it. The revision was, however, not begun in that year as some preliminary arrangements necessary for the purpose had not been completed, and the Government, in reviewing the report for 1895-96, remarked that there had already been considerable delay in the revision of the registers & ordered that ^{every} endeavour should be made to finish it as soon as possible. In its administration report for 1896-97, the Council stated that the ward Committees of Councillors who had been entrusted with the revision had not yet completed the task & the Government thereupon observed that the dilatoriness of the Council in this matter was not creditable and ordered that steps should be taken to complete the revision

Vide para 13 of this report for 1894-95 H.

Para 3 of 1894-95 H.

Para 3 of 1275 M. 1896-97 K.

Para 8 of this report 1896-97

Para 3 of 1718 M. 4-8-97 L.

as soon as possible, so that the revised assessments might be brought into force from the beginning of 1898-99. This revision not having yet been completed, the revised assessments cannot have effect from 1898-99, nor can they ^{be made to take effect} have effect from the next year unless the work is finished before the end of the current year. This point has again been noted in the review of the administration report for 1897-98. From the above, it will be seen that the council has been delaying the revision for the last four years, without any reasonable excuse, and that it has not taken the matter seriously. It is therefore submitted that the Council should be warned under section 37(1) of the Act that, if the work be not done within three months from the date of receipt of this order, the Government will appoint its own officers for its performance. As observed by the Collector, the practice of entrusting the work of revision to ward councillors is not likely to produce a uniform result. This might also be pointed out to the Chairman, who ^{Section} under 66(2) of the Act is the person responsible for the revision, and he might be asked to go through the registers of each ward carefully in view to correct inequalities in the assessments, if any.

7. As regards the Council's resolution to postpone the consideration of the question of raising the rate of the tax on buildings and lands, it has to be observed, that the actual opening balance of 1898-99 being Rs. 4,184 against Rs. 1,160 anticipated in the budget, the closing balance of the year will now rise from Rs. 1,400 to Rs. 4,420.

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in round figures. Deducting from this sum, Rs. 1,000, by which the receipts from the tax on buildings and lands will fall short of the budget estimate owing to non-completion of the revision of the tax registers, the balance available for allotment in the year is Rs. 3,420 or about 8 per cent of the estimated receipts. There is therefore no immediate necessity now to raise the rate of the tax on buildings and lands, and it is submitted that the consideration of this question may, as decided by the Council, be postponed until the result of the revision of the registers of these taxes is known.

8. The reason assigned by the Council for not raising a loan in the open market for carrying out the improvements to the Wenlock hospital ~~and~~ may be accepted.

9. The Council's resolution on the suggestions of the Sanitary Commissioner for revising the conservancy establishment is not satisfactory, it does not appear from it that the council is at all inclined ^{to} alter the existing arrangements at any time. The conservancy supervising staff in this municipality consists of a trained sanitary Inspector on Rs. 50 + 15 (horse allowance) and eight untrained sub-Inspectors on salaries ranging from Rs. 10 to Rs. 18. The population of Bangalore being 40,922, the entertainment of an additional trained Sanitary Inspector on Rs. 20 + 15 as suggested by ~~him~~ Dr. King seems to be very necessary. The plea of the council that the sub-Inspectors cannot now be disturbed, as they are assisting in the revision of the taxes and have also multifarious duties to perform, cannot be considered valid, as the ordinary collection

Vide para 4. Para 9.

Para 4. above

Vide page 23. Statement in the
budget for 1898-99 up to 31/7/98
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collection staff must be able to render the necessary assistance for ^{the} revision of the tax registers, and the employment of sub-Inspectors on duties unconnected with sanitation is highly objectionable, in that it will afford an excuse for them to shirk their legitimate work and render it impossible for the Sanitary Inspector to exercise any efficient check over their work. Further as the entertainment of an additional trained Sanitary Inspector on Rs. 20+15 and four sanitary maistries on Rs. 10, as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner, will result in a saving of Rs. 26 over the existing arrangements, there seems to be no valid reason why the Sanitary Commissioner's proposal in this respect should not be adopted. The Municipal Council may therefore be requested to reconsider its resolution in the matter and report the result to Government. The revision of the staff of scavengers and sweepers on the lines suggested by Dr. King will, however, cost much and may therefore be left to be considered by the Council, when its finances improve. The accompanying draft order is submitted for approval.

The present staff is paid Rs 101 anna
& the S. Commr. proposed Estab costs Rs 75
Rs. 26.

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AT
23.8.98

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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From The Acting Collector of South Canara

Order

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Dated 30th May 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Municipal Budget

Forwarding with remarks the Mangalore Municipal Chairman's letter G. N. 5 dated 11th May 1898 1898-99 Submitting with reference to G. O. N. 317 M Copy of the Municipal Council's resolutions on certain points connected with the Mayor for 1898-99.

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2. In spite of the remarks on the dilatoriness of the Municipal Council contained in para 3 of G.O. No. 1718 dated 4th August 1897 and of the fact that credit has been taken for increased receipts to the extent of Rs. 1000 in the budget for 1898-99, scarcely any progress has been made in the work of revising the tax on houses and buildings. The Chairman's statement that "the revised assessments will be adopted for the current year" is apparently made in forgetfulness of the provisions of Section 66 (3) of the District Municipalities Act. The method adopted, of practically entrusting the work to a different Councillor for each Ward, cannot produce a uniform result, and is not likely to produce one satisfactory in any way; and in view of the delay which has

already occurred, it is impossible to feel any confidence as to when the revision will be completed.

3. The last four paras of the Budget Resolution dated 28th December 1897 show in the clearest light the urgent necessity for augmenting the Municipality's resources; and as shown above, the delay in the House Tax revision will leave the Council poorer by Rs 1000 than was then expected. The only alternative, an enhancement of the ^{rate of} ~~tax~~ ²⁰⁰³, the Council has declined to consider until this revision is completed. The urgency of the latter is therefore obvious, and the impossibility of countenancing further delay. It is respectfully submitted for the consideration of Government whether the time has not come to take action under Section 37(1) of the

Local Municipalities Act.

with Canara Collector's office, 30th May 1898.

W. B. Booty
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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.
N. Dis on C. No. 634/98

Returned for re-submission thro' the Dist. Officer.
2. It should be stated whether revised figures for any of the wards have been furnished to the Chairman by the various Councillors within the last official year, or whether any have since been furnished, also whether revision notices have been issued by the Chairman in any of the wards up to the present time.

W. B. Booty
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Resubmitted through the Revenue Divisional Officer, Mangalore.
2. Revised figures were not received from any of the Councillors within the last financial year. The figures for only one ward completely have since been received, and for some others only in part. No revision notices have yet been issued pending receipt of the figures for all the wards fully so that a general notice may be given all at once. The Councillors concerned have finally been reminded to furnish their figures completely by the end of this month without fail.
As there are productive backyards or gardens attached to every house and their rental value has to be fixed, the revision could not be completed as early as the Council expected, within the last official year, though it was begun in January last.

17th May, 1898. G. N. in, M. B.
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From
The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Mangalore.

G. No. 5 of 1898-99.

Dated 11th May, 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Municipal Budget.

Submitting with reference to G. O. No. 317 M. copy of the Municipal Council's resolutions on certain points connected with the Mangalore for 1898-99.

Forwarded.

W. B. Booty
at N. H. Collector's
in charge

23rd May 1898

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MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
MANGALORE, 11th May, 1898.

From

M. R. Ry. D. Ananthaya Avargal,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
MANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras.
(Through the Collector of South Canara.)

Sir,

Enclosures.-
One.

With reference to G.O. No. 317 N.,
dated 3rd February, 1898, reviewing the
Mangalore Municipal Budget for 1898-99,
I have the honour to submit herewith
copy of the Municipal Council's resolution,
dated the 23rd ultimo, as regards para-
-graphs 2, 4(3) and 5 of the Government
Order.

2. Steps have been taken to complete
the revision of the house and land tax
registers as soon as possible and the
revised assessments will be adopted for
the current year. The result of the revision
will be reported to Government as soon

Mangalore, 30th May 1898

F. L. Collector.

as the assessments are finally adopted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

D. Anantha

Chairman,



(3). The suggestions of the Sanitary Commissioner regarding the revision

Deferred for future consideration, as the sub-inspectors who have experience of their wards

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No.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Mangalore Municipal Council, dated 23rd April, 1898.

PRESENT:-

M. P. Ry. D. Ananthaya Aravagal, Chairman.

" I. M. Rama Rao "

Rao Bahadur N. Shiva Rao "

B. S. Saldanha, Esq.

D. Vaz, Esq.

J. I. Albuquerque, Esq.

M. P. Ry. Rao Sahib S. S. Brito Aravagal,

J. J. Mascarenhas, Esq.

M. P. Ry. U. Krishnappa Aravagal, B.A.,

" H. Krishna Rao " B.A.,

and
N. Pankappa Purja "

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2. Read G.O. No. 317 M., dated 3rd February 1898, reviewing the Mangalore Municipal Budget for 1898-99 the following points from which require to be particularly considered by the Municipal Council:-

(1). Speedy completion Councillor Rao

the revision of the Mangalore Municipal Budget

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as the assessments are finally adopted.

I have the honour to be,

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may be adopted for
current financial
year only;

Jeppu wards, having
now expressed his
inability to do the work
owing to his absence
from Mangalore,

Mr. D. Vay kindly
consents to take up
the Cantonment
ward, and M. R. R.

A. Sankappa Punja,
the Jeppu Ward.

M. R. R. K. Rama
Rao being unable to
do the revision of the
Market Ward allotted
to him, Mr. J. Mascarenhas
has kindly undertaken to
do the needful and also
to assist Mr. Vay in
the completion of the
Codialboil Ward
revision.

(2). The Surgeon-General's
suggestion that a loan
should be raised for
the construction of an
operation room, an
Deferred for future
consideration, as the
Council considers the
present occasion to be
too inopportune to raise
a loan, owing to the

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(3). The suggestions of the
Sanitary Commissioner
regarding the revision
of the Conservancy
establishment, and

Deferred for future
consideration, as the
sub-inspectors who have
experience of their wards
are just now assisting
in the revision of the
house and land tax
registers, in their respective
wards, and when this
important work is
finished and necessary
arrangements for the
disposal of the
multifarious duties
hitherto entrusted to the
sub-inspectors, are made,
the Council will
consider the advisability
or otherwise of disturbing
the present establishment.

(4). The suggestion of Govern-
ment that in view of the
small balance and of
the fact that several
important works have
to be postponed for want
of funds, the desirability
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which is now levied
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Will be considered
when the financial
result of the general
revision of the
house and land
tax registers, which
is being done, is
known.

an early date.

True Extract.

Chairman, M. C.

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Secretary

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of Cuddalore to nominate some person
other than Subba Rao to the post of
the Secretary of the Council.