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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 2862, dated 12th June 1899:—

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 2041, dated 20th April 1899, on the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., I.M.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 30th March 1899, No. 1063-S.:—

I have the honour to state that, as required by Board's Proceedings, No. 5258, dated 11th August 1870, I have been hitherto furnished with monthly returns of cholera prepared talukwar and villagewar. The Collectors of South Arcot and Trichinopoly now complain of their inability to continue the submission of these returns, as the revised form of the village abstract return of births and deaths prescribed in Board's Proceedings, No. 447 (Settlement), dated 8th December 1898, does not provide a column for the exhibition of dates of occurrences. I would request, therefore, that early steps be taken to rectify the defect brought to notice, and to instruct Collectors to continue submitting these returns to me.

Resolution—No. 2041, dated 20th April 1899.

The statement now asked for by the Sanitary Commissioner was prescribed in 1870 under instructions from the Secretary of State in which it was required that the dates of the first and last cases in outbreaks of cholera in each district and in Municipal towns or towns of 5,000 inhabitants and above should be given. The form adopted, however, shows the daily occurrence of cholera in each month in each village. On a reference to the last report of the Sanitary Commissioner, it is observed that the dates of first and last cases occurring in each taluk or municipal town has alone been made use of from the statements showing the daily number of cases furnished to him. Under these circumstances it would appear sufficient if, in the monthly returns of human mortality furnished by the Collectors, a note be made against each taluk and each municipal town of the date of the first and last cases of cholera during the month, in future, and that the special statements called for in 1870 are unnecessary. The date of the first and last death from cholera can be easily obtained from columns 2 and 8 of the village register No. 19-II and village officers may be instructed to note them in the monthly abstract No. 19-B sent by them to the Tahsildars. The Sanitary Commissioner is requested to state his views on the point.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. BENSON,
Deputy Director,
for Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Read—also the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., I.M.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 2nd May 1899, No. 1397-S.:—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Mis. No. 2041, dated 20th April 1899, I have the honour to state that this office has frequently to watch the progress and ascertain the past history of cholera epidemics in rural areas. This can only be effected with the aid of the villagewar and talukwar statements, which it is proposed to supplant.

Resolution—Mis. No. 2862, dated 12th June 1899.

The correspondence read above, will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In Board's Proceedings, No. 5258, dated 11th August 1870, Collectors were requested to furnish the Sanitary Commissioner with a special statement showing the number of deaths from cholera, on each day, both talukwar and villagewar, along with the monthly returns of births and deaths. The information was asked for by the Sanitary Commissioner in order to enable him to trace the progress of the disease from place to place. Since the introduction of the revised forms of birth and death registers and monthly abstracts circulated with Board's Proceedings, No. 447, dated 8th December 1898, some Collectors have expressed their inability to submit this statement as the statements now submitted monthly from each village do not show the dates of the occurrence of deaths. The Sanitary Commissioner, however, urges that this information is required to enable him to watch the progress of cholera epidemics in rural tracts and to ascertain their history.

3. The Board considers that if the Sanitary Commissioner desires to go into villagewar details, he should either make the investigation himself in the district offices where the statistics are compiled from the village returns or should get this made by the District Sanitary officers when necessary. The form of 1870 is a very elaborate one and the labour involved in its preparation must often be very great. It is hardly possible that any real use can be made of the statement and the Board, therefore, considers it unnecessary and recommends its discontinuance. In order that it may not be necessary to go to the original registers, whenever it is desired to investigate an outbreak in detail, the Board suggests that in the monthly return of human mortality furnished from each village, a note may be made of the date of the first and last death from cholera reported therein and similarly in the returns prepared by the Collectors a note may be made against each taluk and each municipal town of the dates of first and last deaths from cholera during the month. This will furnish sufficient information for use in the annual report submitted to Government by the Sanitary Commissioner. If the Board's proposal be accepted it will save a considerable amount of apparently purposeless tabulation without, in the Board's opinion, any detriment to administrative requirements. If the form of 1870 is to be reverted to, it will be necessary to direct the village officers to attach to their monthly returns a statement showing the number of deaths in their village on each day during the continuance of any outbreak, and this will mean a considerable increase in the work, which the arrangements sanctioned in G.Os., Mis. No. 3899, Revenue, dated 30th September 1896, and No. 510, Revenue, dated 2nd September 1898, were designed to lessen.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. BENSON,
Deputy Director,
for Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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No. 435, REVENUE, 7TH JULY 1899.

ORDER—No. 435, Revenue, dated 7th July 1899.

Miscellaneous.

The Government endorses the Board's remarks in paragraph 3 of the above Proceedings and accepts the suggestions therein made.

(True Extract.)

J. H. M.
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).
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