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[Despatch Abstract.]

Sivanatri festival at Amirala

Recording G.O (d.xm) ordering the publication of a notification prohibiting the attendance at the — in the Cuddapah D., from 5th to 10th March 99, of persons from plague-infected parts & directing the prohibition of the issue of tickets to certain places

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G.O., No. 315 P., 1st March 1899.

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Process No 66127-3-98

Sivaratri Festival at Athirala.

Ordering the publication, in the Fort St. George and certain District Gazettes, of a notification prohibiting the attendance at the ensuing — in the Cuddapah district, from the 5th to 10th instant, of persons from plague-infected parts and directing the prohibition, between the said dates, of the issue of tickets within certain districts to persons intending to attend the festival.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From H. O. D. HARDING, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Plague Commissioner (through the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras), dated Camp, Madanapalle, 17th February 1899, Ref. on Cur. No. 170 P.

I have the honour to report that the Sivaratri festival of Athirala will be celebrated on the 10th March 1899. Out of an average attendance of 2,000 persons, 200 are likely to come from North Arcot district.

2. In order to prevent the occurrence of an outbreak of plague, it is necessary to prohibit the attendance of pilgrims from that district as well as from Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool districts and the issue of railway tickets to the stations of Siddhavattam, Vontimitta, Nandaluru, Razampeta, Reddipalle and Urampadu on the Madras Railway to persons intending or believed to be intending to proceed to the festival.

3. The prescribed statement and the draft notification are enclosed.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the particulars of Athirala festival of Pullampet taluk.

Name of festival or fair.	Place where held.	Distance to the nearest railway station.	Date of commencement and termination of festival or fair.	Average attendance during the past three years.	Number of people expected from plague-infected parts.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sivaratri festival.	Athirala, Pullampet taluk.	Four miles from Razampeta railway station.	10th March 1899.	2,000	200	from North Arcot district.

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Forwarded.

2. It does not seem worthwhile requiring special attention to railway traffic when the total number of persons estimated to arrive from all infected localities does not exceed 200, and the total festival attendance is but 2,000. The prohibition to attend would probably be quite as useful if not coupled with reference to the railway, provided the usual publicity in the infected areas is given.

11th February 1899.

(Signed) W. G. KING, Lieut.-Col., I.M.S.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Ref. on C. No. 2382.

Submitted to Government with the recommendation that the draft notification as amended may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. Considering that the distance between the place where the festival is held and the nearest railway station is but four miles, it seems desirable to prohibit the sale of railway tickets as suggested by the Collector.

2. The Collector is requested to make arrangements for the proper enforcement of the prohibition.

25th February 1899.

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Plague Commissioner.

To the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.
Collector of Cuddapah.

ORDER—No. 315 P., dated 1st March 1899.

The Plague Commissioner's recommendation is approved and the following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George* and the *Cuddapah, North Arcot, Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool District Gazettes*:—

NOTIFICATION.

Whereas the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is satisfied that there is danger of an outbreak of plague at Athirala agharam of Pullampet taluk, Cuddapah district, if persons from North Arcot, Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool districts and other plague-infected parts are permitted to assemble at that place on the occasion of the ensuing Sivaratri festival.

In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act of 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council prohibits the attendance at the said festival of persons from the said plague-infected parts from the 5th to the 10th March 1899, both days inclusive. The sale of railway tickets to the stations of Siddhavattam, Vontimitta, Nandaluru, Razampeta, Reddipalle and Urampadu from 5th to 10th March 1899, within the above-mentioned districts, to persons intending or believed to be intending to proceed to the festival is likewise prohibited. All persons proceeding to the festival in contravention of this notification will be turned back.

2. The following telegrams will be despatched:—

(1) To the Collector of Cuddapah—

"Notify by issue of Gazette Extraordinary and otherwise that attendance at Sivaratri festival at Athirala, from fifth to tenth instant, of persons from plague-infected parts, has been prohibited."

(2) To the Collectors of North Arcot, Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool—

"Notify by issue of Gazette Extraordinary and otherwise that attendance at Sivaratri festival at Athirala, Pullampet taluk, Cuddapah district, from fifth to tenth instant, of persons from your district, has been prohibited under Epidemic Diseases Act."

(3) To the Agents and Managers of the South Indian and Southern Mahratta Railways—

"Please instruct stationmasters that issue, from fifth to tenth instant, of railway tickets, at any station in Anantapur, Bellary, Kurnool and North Arcot districts, to Siddhavattam, Vontimitta, Nandaluru, Razampeta, Reddipalle and Urampadu stations, to persons intending to attend Sivaratri festival at Athirala, Pullampet taluk, Cuddapah district, has been prohibited under Epidemic Diseases Act."

3. The Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway is requested to issue the necessary instructions to his subordinate staff.

(True Extract.)

A. Edgington
for Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.
"Collector of Cuddapah.
" " Anantapur.
" " Bellary.
" " Kurnool.
" " North Arcot.
" Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General.
" Public Works Department (Railway Branch).
" Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.

Gazette.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

NOTE FOR THE

Ref. on C. No. 2382 of 997²⁵²₂₉

Submitted to Government with the recommendation that the draft notification as amended may be approved & ordered to be published in the Fort St. George Gazette. Considering that the distance between the place where the festival is held & the nearest Rly. station is but 4 miles, it seems desirable to prohibit the sale of Rly. tickets, as suggested by the Collector.

2. The Collector is requested to make arrangements for the proper enforcement of the prohibition.

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The Commr. of Cuddapah (S.C.) Encl. in file

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Note.

"All persons seen... turned back"
has now been added to the notice.
2. In this case the Sanitary Commr. does not wish that the Rly. tickets should be prohibited, though in the case of the festival at Raudimallaya Palle (C. No. 2383) which is 47 miles from the nearest Rly. St., he passes no remark.

