

Marine (1898) Department.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Collector of Kurnool, R.C. No. 1274, dated 4th May 1898, submitting a rough estimate of probable charges to be incurred in connection with plague operations during the current official year and requesting that it may be sanctioned.

From the Collector of Bellary, Dis. No. 319, dated 7th May 1898, submitting statements of expenditure on account of bubonic plague under Provincial and Local funds up to April 1898.

ORDER—No. 514 P., dated 25th May 1898.

The suggestion of the Collector of Kurnool that all expenditure in connection with the plague should be defrayed in the first instance from Provincial funds subject to final adjustment at the close of the operations cannot be accepted. G.O., No. 720, Financial, dated 4th September 1897, lays down the incidence of plague charges, and the Government sees no reason why it should be deviated from. If any district board or municipality finds its funds unequal to the burden of plague charges, it should remodel its budget by omitting all avoidable expenditure and in the last resort may apply for an advance from Provincial funds.

2. The Collector being the officer who should initiate and control all plague measures in his district, is primarily responsible for making provision for the necessary expenditure, and it will be his duty to see that municipal and district board budgets are so framed as to provide sufficient funds for carrying out those measures, and in cases where the expenditure has to be met by Government to obtain grants in ample time. As most of the Provincial expenditure will fall under 24. Medical, Collectors will be requested to forward their applications for grants through the Surgeon-General, who will, after checking the estimates under the heads controlled by him, consolidate them in his office and submit them in print to Government. Except in circumstances of very great urgency, no Collector should work without a duly sanctioned grant. Where unforeseen expenditure for which there is no grant has to be incurred, immediate report of the fact should be made to Government.

3. To enable Government to exercise a proper check over plague expenditure and to see that the provision of funds is adequate, the Collector of each district where plague preventive measures are being taken should, in addition to the annual estimate referred to in paragraph 2, submit, through the Surgeon-General by the 5th of each month in the forms adopted in the civil budget estimates and under the proper service heads, a *detailed* statement of the actual expenditure in the previous month and an estimate of the probable requirements for the current month and the remainder of the official year. In these estimates the grants already sanctioned from Provincial and the sums which have been made available from Local and Municipal funds should be shown. The Accountant-General is requested to get the necessary forms printed and supplied to the Collectors concerned and to the Surgeon-General as soon as possible. The Superintendent, Government Press, will see that these forms and estimates are printed as quickly as possible.

4. The estimate submitted by the Collector of Kurnool should be recast with reference to the above instructions, and a revised estimate for six months' expenditure should be prepared and submitted at once. It should show separately both direct and indirect charges, whether Local or Provincial. Item No. 15 should be omitted as the improvement of the drinking-water supply is not a plague charge and item No. 16 seems excessive. Full details should be furnished in the case of items Nos. 11, 12 and 13. Provision should be made in the estimate for the pay and allowances of the additional District Medical Officer.

5. The Collector of Bellary should also submit without delay a similar estimate for six months' charges. He is requested to explain the extraordinary expenditure of Rs. 540 in April last on account of postage. The salary of the additional Medical Officer, of the Special Sub-Magistrate and of the Medical Officers in charge of the Railway Inspection Stations should be included in the estimate, and the establishment and their pay and allowances given in detail.

(True Extract.)

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for Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Kurnool.
„ the Collector of Bellary.
„ all other Collectors.
„ the Surgeon-General.
„ the Sanitary Commissioner.
„ the Inspector-General of Police.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Revenue Department.
„ the Marine Department.
„ the Superintendent, Government Press.
„ the Accountant-General.

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