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Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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No. 255. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Telegraph,) dated Simla, 20th August, 1870, No. 41 A—T :—

Schedule of Public Works required by the Telegraph Department during 1870-71.

Read again the following papers :—

Public Works Department Circular No. 48 of 1869.
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Endorsement from Foreign Department, No. 652, dated 20th Sept. 1869.
Public Works Department Office Memorandum, " 42A—B, " 23rd Oct. "
" " " " " " 58A—B, " 24th Nov. "

Read also—

Office Memorandum from Foreign Department, No. 322 I, dated 9th April 1870.

RESOLUTION.—The schedule of the wants of the Telegraph Department for Public Works during 1870-71 shows that the following works are required :—

	Required by Telegraph Department for 1870-71.	Amount provided in Public Works Budget.
	RS.	RS.
Madras—		
1. Telegraph Office at Madras...	90,000	...
Bombay—		
2. Telegraph Office, Bombay	60,000	...
3. " " Coompta	4,178	4,180
Bengal—		
4. Telegraph Office, Calcutta	2,25,000	...
5. " " Saugor Island	10,935	...
6. " " Atcheepoor	5,000	...
7. Shed over Cable-making machine, Alipoor	.....	1,494
Hyderabad—		
8. Telegraph Office, Chudderghaut	.....	7,000
Berars—		
9. Telegraph Office, Khamgaon	.....	4,000
10. " " Akote	.....	4,000
11. " " Oomraotee	.....	6,000
Central India—		
12. Telegraph piers, Chumbul river	.....	5,000
Total...	3,95,113	31,674
13. *Minor Works*	39,511	...
Grand Total...	4,34,624	31,674

Item 1.—*Telegraph Office at Madras, Rupees* 90,000.—It is understood that the accommodation for the Telegraph Department at Madras is very insufficient for the Government Office, and that accommodation will also be required shortly for the Sub-Marine Extension Company. The Government of Madras should, therefore, be asked to report what steps are being taken for the preparation of designs and estimates for the work, and whether funds can be provided for its construction by a re-appropriation of Budget credits.

Item 2.—*Telegraph Office at Bombay, Rupees* 60,000.—This is one of the most pressing wants, and its construction will save a large sum now paid as rent. But as yet the designs and estimates, called for in Public Works Department letter, No. 8 A-T, dated 23rd May 1870, have not been received, and the Government of Bombay should be requested to expedite their submission, and to furnish proposals for a re-appropriation of Budget credits for the current year, so as to admit of the building being commenced upon during 1870-71, in case the estimate for it is sanctioned by the Government of India.

Item 4.—*Telegraph Office at Calcutta, Rs.* 2,25,000.—An expenditure of Rs. 93,408, exclusive of cost of land, has been incurred on this work up to end of 1869-70, but its construction has been postponed so as to admit of funds being concentrated on the completion of the High Court, Museum, and University, all of which have been a long time in hand.

Item 5.—*Telegraph Office at Saugor Island, Rupees* 10,935.—The Government of Bengal, in their Secretary's letter, No. 2,739, dated 7th June 1870, have reported that an expenditure of Rupees 8,105 has been incurred up to end of 1869-70 in collection of materials for this building; but in Public Works Department Resolution, No. 459-60B-C, dated 24th June 1870, it has been ordered that an experiment shall be made for one year of the amalgamation of the duties of the Telegraph Office and Lighthouse-keeper at Saugor Island. If this experiment be found to answer, the new building will not be required, and its construction should, therefore, be postponed until a final decision on the point above-mentioned is arrived at. Consequently no funds will be required for the work during the current year.

Item 6.—*Telegraph Office at Atcheepoor, Rupees* 5,000.—It is understood that the construction of this work has been given up. Should this not be the case the necessary provision should be made for the work. The Government of Bengal and the Director-General of Telegraphs should be asked for information on this point.

Item 9.—*Khamgaon Office.*—Amount provided in Public Works Budget of Berars, Rupees 4,000. This work will probably not be wanted, as it has been proposed to amalgamate the Government and Railway Offices at Khamgaon, both being in the Railway Station.

Item 13.—*Minor Works, Rupees* 39,511.—The several Local Governments and Administrations should be requested to make the necessary application from the Minor Works grant for minor telegraph buildings.

2. The Director-General of Telegraphs, in submitting the schedule of works required for 1870-71, has inquired whether it is necessary that estimates for works beyond his powers of sanction should be submitted to the Government of India. This is only required in cases where the estimate cannot be sanctioned by a Local Government or Administration. In other cases the annual schedule of telegraph works, which should be submitted to the Government of India by the 20th September of each year, should give full particulars as to the necessity for each new work entered therein, so as to satisfy the Government of India as to the necessity of the work. In addition to any other information that may be necessary, the schedules should show probable cost of work, extent of accommodation required, existing arrangements for accommodating the Telegraph Department at the place in which

a building is required, and details as to whether the office concerned pays its expenses or not. If the Government of India is satisfied, on review of the schedule, with the reasons given for the construction of any new work, the necessary steps may then be taken by the Telegraph Department, in accordance with the rules laid down in Chapter VII., Section 2, paragraph 11 of the Code, for the preparation of designs and estimates for the works, which may then be sanctioned by the Local Government or Administration to the extent of their powers of sanction. By this arrangement it is possible that estimates for the several new works required may not be ready in time to fulfil the conditions prescribed in Chapter XVI., Section I, paragraph 10 of Code, under which no funds can be provided for a work unless the estimate for it is sanctioned by competent authority. But since the funds for telegraph works are determined by the Government of India, the portion unappropriated of the telegraph grant for the reasons above given must be considered as at the disposal of that Government, so that the rule in question will not restrict the funds available for the construction of telegraph works.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the several Local Governments and Administrations and to the Director-General of Telegraphs for information and guidance.

(Signed) J. McLEOD INNES,
Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras.

No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1870, No. 2,219.

ACCOUNT, No. 25.

G. O., No. 446, dated 11th Feb. 1869.
,, ,, 1,520, ,, 10th May ,,
,, ,, 1,812, ,, 2nd June ,,

COMMUNICATED to Mr. Chisholm who will, with reference to the Orders marginally noted, report what progress has been made with the preparation of plans and estimates for a Telegraph Office at Madras, and when the Government may expect to receive them.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To R. F. Chisholm, Esq.
To the Public Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Public Works Department

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15 Sept. 2219

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Telegraph Office at Madras.

Ltr. of the Govt. of India forwarding copy of a Resolution on the Telegraph dept. requesting to be informed of the steps taken for the preparation of designs & estimates for a Telegraph Office at Madras & whether funds can be provided for its construction by a re-appropriation of Budget