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Government of Madras.

Public works. **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 362. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 1st September 1871, Nos. 1,608—13 R:—

Delay in the submission of audited Weekly Returns of Railway Traffic.

READ again—

Public Works Department Resolution, Nos. 1,325—30 R, dated 28th July 1870.

Read also—

Financial Department Memorandum, No. 3,001, dated 21st August 1871.

RESOLUTION.—In July 1870 the attention of the several Governments and Administrations charged with the control of railways was drawn to the needless time that intervened between the dates of the weeks for which audited railway weekly traffic returns were prepared and the dates of receipt by the Government of India, and the desirability of a prompter submission of these returns was urged.

The following statement shows the improvement or otherwise that has since resulted:—

Railways.	1869 (Average interval).	Last received Returns.
	Days.	Days.
East Indian (Main and Jubbulpore lines)	72	44
Eastern Bengal	41	47
Calcutta and South-Eastern...	49	17
Oudh and Rohilkhund	19	23
Punjab and Delhi — Punjab	40	53
Punjab and Delhi — Delhi — Beas Section	40	53
Punjab and Delhi — Delhi — Umballa „	87	53
Great Indian Peninsula	31	37
K. and O. Railways		37
Bombay, Baroda and Central India...	21	26
Sindh	42	25
Madras	52	58
Great Southern of India	42	23
Carnatic	64	37

2. It is observed that, although there has been a retrogression on some railways, there has been a considerable improvement in others.

3. It is absolutely essential for financial purposes that these audited returns should be submitted punctually and with as little delay as possible. The Government of India are of opinion that, under a proper system, the audited returns might be prepared with sufficient despatch to enable them to be laid before the Governor-General in Council within four weeks of the period to which they relate, and every endeavour should be made to achieve this result.

4. The Consulting Engineers should be instructed to impress this on the agencies of the several railway companies, and to move them to take all steps that may seem desirable to effect the object in view.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st September 1871.

Madras.
Bombay.
Bengal.
Punjab.
Chief Commissioner, Oudh.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governments and Administrations noted in the margin for information and guidance.

Also that a copy be forwarded to the Financial Department for information, with reference to its No. 3,001, dated 21st August 1871.

(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 363. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1871, No. 2,415.

RAILWAY, No. 38.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY.

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Weekly Return of Railway Traffic

Letter from the Govt. of India
relative to the delay in the
submission of audited
Weekly Returns of Railway
Traffic, Comd to that Govt for
Rly. ~~purposes~~ with instruc-
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21. Sept. 1871.

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Engineer for Railways
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