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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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27TH SEPTEMBER 1882, No. 1032, REVENUE.)

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th August 1882, Mis. No. 5868:—

Read—Statements showing progress in disposal of claims to compensation for lands required for Public Works from the Collector of Kistna, dated 10th and 19th May 1882, Nos. 952 and 1045.

Read—also the following letter from J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th July 1882, No. 1586:—

I have the honor to forward a statement * showing the progress made in the disposal of claims for compensation for lands required for Public Works, &c., in this District for the half-year ending 30th June 1881.

* Already sent (19th May 1882).

2. The number of cases remaining on 1st January was 475. Seventeen cases were received for disposal during the half-year. The total number of cases on 30th June 1881 was therefore 492. None were disposed of during the period in question, but all those cases marked in red ink have been subsequently disposed of (*vide* Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1956, March 6, 1882), as also the four cases sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3860, May 30, and Mis. No. 3930, May 31, of 1882. The number of cases now on hand is 360. The delay in their disposal is in the majority of cases due to Inamdars' failure to appear according to summonses and to select fresh lands. Where selection is made, it frequently happens to be open to some objection. Strict orders have been issued for the speedy adjustment of all the outstanding claims.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement showing progress in disposal of applications for lands required for Public Works including Railways, &c., in the District of Kistna for the half-year ending 30th June 1881, No. 952.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Statement showing progress in disposal of claims to compensation for lands required for Public Works including Railways, &c., in the District of Kistna for the half-year ending 30th June 1881, No. 1045.

Resolution—dated 4th August 1882, Mis. No. 5868.

The above statements relating to the half-year ending 30th June 1881 are submitted long after date without any explanation as to the cause of the delay. The statements for the half-year ending 30th June 1882 are now due and the Collector is requested to expedite their submission.

2. In the Collector's letter, the number of cases pending on the 1st January 1881 is stated to be 475; but the number of owners which should be taken as the number of cases was 1,016. This number differs from the number shown as pending in the return for the previous half-year (889) by 127, and the difference is due to the inclusion in the present return of cases omitted from the previous returns.

3. The total number of cases pending disposal was 1,122, and many of these are of long standing. None were disposed of during the half-year under report, but in 278 cases orders have been lately issued for granting the compensation settled, and the delay in many of the remaining cases is ascribed to the non-appearance of Inamdars, whose lands have been taken up, to select fresh lands, &c., in accordance with the summonses issued. In such cases the Tahsildars should be requested to submit their own proposals.

4. The special attention of the Collector was directed to this matter in paragraph 3 of G.O., dated 15th March 1882, No. 306, and he was requested to submit proposals for a temporary establishment if the permanent staff is unable to cope with the work; but the Collector has not touched upon this subject in his letter.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Kistna.

Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with two compensation statements, in original, in Statement Register Nos. 3453 and 3749 of 1882, to be returned.

ORDER—dated 27th September 1882, No. 1032, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

From this exceedingly unsatisfactory report, the Government learn that their often repeated * orders have been entirely disregarded.

* G.O., Public Works Department, 5th August 1879, No. 2050-W.
G.O., Revenue Department, 24th August 1880, No. 1007.
G.O., Revenue Department, 11th February 1881, No. 265, paragraph 2.
G.O., Revenue Department, 15th March 1882, No. 306, paragraph 3.

(submitted in January 1882), elicited the remark (G.O., dated 15th March 1882, No. 306,) that it was "very unsatisfactory" and that "the explanations given were throughout insufficient." The return for the half-year ending 30th June 1881, (the one now before the Government) shows that the number of cases remaining undisposed of, which, at the end of the preceding half-year, was 1,016, rose, by supplying omissions in the previous return, to 1,122, and that not one of these cases was disposed of during that period. Returns are now due for two half-years (ending 31st December 1881 and 30th June 1882), but it is stated that during this period only 278 cases have been disposed of.

3. In the order of March last, Government directed that if the regular establishment were unable to cope with the work, proposals should be submitted for temporary additional agency; but this direction is not noticed in the Collector's report.

4. The Government desire it to be distinctly understood that they will not permit their positive orders to be ignored year after year, and that the Collector, his Divisional Officers and Tahsildars, will be held personally responsible for the orders being promptly carried into effect.

5. To enable the Government to form an opinion as to the efforts hereafter to be made by the officers of the District to clear off these arrears, which are most discreditable to the local administration, progress statements from each Division will,

until further orders, be furnished monthly to the Board of Revenue. The remarks explanatory of delay in each case undisposed of, will be entered in the handwriting of the Divisional Officer, and when the explanation does not appear satisfactory, the Board will report the case for the orders of Government, who will seriously notice any default on the part of those officers. The Board will also arrange for the monthly statement being submitted so as to reach their office by the 10th of the month following that for which it is due, when it will be carefully scrutinized and orders passed without unnecessary delay.

6. The Government anticipate that, if a strict supervision is exercised, all outstanding claims may be adjusted within twelve months, and if the rule that no land (save in exceptional cases) is to be taken possession of before compensation has been paid is strictly adhered to, such arrears cannot accrue in future.

7. In cases of Inam lands in which the settlement of compensation is delayed by the non-appearance of the claimants to select fresh lands for assignment instead, the Tahsildars should, as pointed out by the Board, be called upon to submit their own proposals. Where an assignment of other land of equivalent value is not practicable, the compensation should be fixed in money. When the compensation has been settled in either way and notice has been given to the claimant to take possession or receive payment, the case may be entered as disposed of, so far as the Government are concerned, and there is no need for its being retained any longer on the arrear list.

8. The Board will communicate this order to all Collectors, in order that they may realise the importance which the Government attach to the subject.

(True Extract.)

E. Gibson
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with two enclosures.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. C. Howarth.

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