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 (2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் 1991
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 12th May 1892, No. 1476 W., Public Works.

Read—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—General), dated Calcutta, 20th April 1892, No. 96 A.-G.

Review of the Revenue and Expenditure recorded under the head "Civil Works" in the accounts of the Government of India for 1890-91.

Read—

Note by R. G. Macdonald, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, Public Works Department, upon the accounts of revenue and expenditure recorded under the head "Civil Works" in the accounts of the Government of India for 1890-91.

Resolution—

The note* above referred to exhibits in a condensed and comprehensive form the transactions of the Public Works Department and of officers of other departments with regard to public works during the year 1890-91; and contains much useful information not readily obtainable elsewhere.

* Copy appended.

2. The chief points of interest brought forward by the Accountant-General in his note are as follows :—

- I.—The cost of, and return from, buildings occupied as residences—*vide* paragraph 3.
- II.—The relative outlay on Civil Buildings and Communications—*vide* paragraphs 27, 30 to 32, 37 and 44.
- III.—The proportion of Provincial and Local funds expended upon the different services—*vide* paragraphs 35 and 37, and 43 and 44.
- IV.—The proportion of the total outlay expended on repairs—*vide* paragraphs 38 and 45.
- V.—The percentage of establishment charges on the outlay on works and repairs—*vide* paragraphs 29, 30, 36 and 43.
- VI.—The cost of certain Civil Engineering Colleges—*vide* paragraphs 11 and 25.

3. As regards the outlay on residences, the total capital cost, *viz.*, Rs. 1,393,924, may be considered low when taking into account the vast extent of territory covered and the complete lack of suitable residences for Government officers in many parts of the country. It is noticeable that the capital cost of residences occupied rent free, *viz.*, Rs. 724,234, exceeds that of the residences for which rent is charged, *viz.*, Rs. 669,690, although the cost of residences occupied by Heads of Administrations rent free are not included in the former category.

4. The total revenue from rents, which includes miscellaneous rents of buildings besides those occupied as residences, has been steadily on the increase during the past five years, mainly owing to the more rigid enforcement of the rent rules.

5. From paragraph 27 of the Accountant-General's note it is apparent that the outlay by Public Works agency on civil buildings has during the past 5 years increased considerably; while during the same period the expenditure on communications has been falling off.

There is no doubt that the extension of railways has to a certain extent reduced the necessary expenditure on roads, and there has been a considerable transfer of roads to Local Boards, the outlay by whom appears in this account under "Officers of other departments," and is not properly classified; yet there appears to be a tendency to neglect roads in favour of buildings, and there is probably room for a considerable outlay of much practical use in providing feeder roads in connection with railways in many provinces. The Government of India desires to invite the special attention of Local Governments and Administrations to this subject.

6. As regards the percentages of establishment on works and repairs given in paragraph 29 of the Accountant-General's note, it is satisfactory to observe that the charges are on the decrease during the past five years.

Though the figures given indicate that the fixed rate of 23 per cent. now charged in all adjustments between funds is too low, the Government of India does not propose at present to make any alteration in the percentage chargeable.

7. From paragraphs 11 and 25 of the note it is observed that the net direct charge to the State during 1890-91 on account of the Thomason College at Burki was nearly Rs. 14,000, and this is exclusive of interest and depreciation upon buildings and of the outlay on apparatus and furniture. During the same year the net direct charge on account of the Royal Indian Engineering College at Coopers Hill amounted to £27 only; but there were certain other charges on account of salaries, &c., of passed students detained in England and passages to India of officers on appointment.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay
(General and Railway), Bengal, the North-
Western Provinces and Oudh and the
Punjab.

The Chief Commissioners of the Central Pro-
vinces, Burma, Assam and Coorg.

The Resident at Hyderabad.

The Agents to the Governor-General for Cen-
tral India, Rajputana and Baluchistan.

The Superintendent of Port Blair and Chief
Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar
Islands.

The Accountant-General, Public Works De-
partment.

The Director-General of Military Works.

Order—

Ordered, that the foregoing, with a
copy of the note referred to, be forwarded
to the Local Governments and Adminis-
trations noted on the margin for informa-
tion.

Ordered also, that a copy of the
resolution and note be forwarded to the
Finance Department, and that the papers
be published in the *Gazette of India*.

(Signed) J. G. FORBES, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Order—dated 12th May 1892, No. 1476 W., Public Works.

Recorded.

2. The observations of the Government of India in regard to providing feeder
roads in connexion with Railways will be considered in the Local and Municipal
Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) O. V. BODDY, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Local and Municipal Department.

„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

ORDER—dated 8th June 1892, No. 1369 L., Local and Municipal.

Communicated to all Local Boards, whose attention is called to G.O., dated 16th
October 1885, No. 894 L.F.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To all Presidents of District Boards,
with copy of G.O., dated 16th October 1885, No. 894 L.F.
the Public Works Department.

APPENDIX.

G.O., dated 16th October 1885, No. 894 L.F., Financial.

The Government regret that, at the present moment, they are unable to assist
Local Boards in the construction of railway feeder roads. The appended statement
will, however, be circulated to all District Boards, for information, and the Government
hope that, in the future, the improvement of these roads will receive all possible
attention from the various local bodies under whose control they may be.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. WILSON,
Acting Chief Secretary.

the Presidents of Local Fund Boards of Railway districts.
Public Works Department.

L. A. Raitt.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

No. 1864 Waf 24 June '92

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copy forwarded for
the information of the
Govt of India.

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Encl.

G.O., 8th June 1892, No. 1369 L.

No. 1865 Waf 24 June '92

Copy of the above
forwarded to the
Govt of India.

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Feeder Roads.

Communicating to all Local Boards Govern-
ment Order, Public Works Department, regarding
the provision of — in connection with railways,
and drawing their attention to the Government
Order quoted.