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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From M.R.Ry. A. VENKOBRA RAU, Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Revenue Divisional officer in charge of Ramallakot taluk), dated Kurnool, 28th September 1893, No. 343.

With reference to G.O., No. 1114 M., Local and Municipal, dated 24th August 1893, I have the honour to state that the municipal council have unanimously resolved to adopt the scheme with filters costing Rs. 2,05,550. They are of opinion that the construction of a reservoir with 15 days' supply will quite suffice under the present circumstances, as there never was a break in the supply of the canal water to the town for more than 5 days in any year within the last 5 or 6 years.

2. By accepting the above scheme, the municipal council will, according to the calculations made by the Sanitary Engineer, have to incur an extra expenditure of Rs. 5,282 annually in addition to Rs. 3,500 that they have now been paying to the Government as water-tax. They have, therefore, resolved to propose raising this amount by levying water-tax at the maximum rate of 4 per cent. on the annual rental value of the buildings and also by increasing the rates of some of the other taxes now being levied as shown hereunder. A copy of the resolution of the municipal council on the subject is herewith submitted.

3. At present Rs. 7,650 are collected in the shape of house-tax by levying the same at the maximum rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the annual rental value of buildings both in the town and in the suburbs adjoining. The present scheme does not, I believe, contemplate the supply of water to the suburbs, and so deducting Rs. 1,000, the tax on buildings in the town and suburbs, the balance will come to Rs. 6,650. By levying water-tax at 4 per cent, the collections will amount to Rs. 3,550 in a round figure and will therefore cover a greater portion of the cost.

4. The fees in the cow and sheep slaughter-houses are now levied at 6 annas and half-an-anna per head, and Rs. 484 and Rs. 816 are respectively collected thereby. The present rates being much lower than the maximum rates fixed, it has been resolved to raise them to As. 8 and 1 on every head of cattle and sheep slaughtered in the municipal slaughter-houses. By this, an additional sum of Rs. 975 is expected to be collected in all. Similarly, cart-stand fees are now levied at half-an-anna per cart, and Rs. 540 are being collected thereby. An increase of this to one anna will double the amount of the income, and I believe will not be much felt by the cartmen who pay it.

5. Further there is also a margin in the tolls as well. The tolls are now levied at $\frac{2}{4}$ rates, and by raising the rate to 4 annas a cart, an additional sum of Rs. 1,910 can easily be collected. Deducting a half of it for being spent on communications, the balance—namely, Rs. 955—could be utilized for the present purpose.

6. The council also hope for an increase in the house-tax, as they think that the increased water-convenience and comfort would raise the value of the houses to a certain extent.

7. As detailed above, the total increase comes to about Rs. 5,920 or much more than what is actually wanted, and the council therefore earnestly request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the above-said scheme at their earliest convenience and issue orders to start the works promptly, as it seems a provision has been made for this work in the current year's budget.

ENCLOSURE.

PROCEEDINGS of a special meeting of the Municipal Councillors, Kurnool, held on the 25th September 1893.

Read G.O., No. 1114 M., Local and Municipal, dated 24th August 1893, regarding the water-supply scheme for the town of Kurnool.

Resolution.—(1) Resolved unanimously that the Government be requested to sanction the scheme with filters, costing Rs. 2,05,550.

(2) Resolved further that if this scheme be sanctioned, the required amount of Rs. 5,282 be raised by levying a water-tax at the maximum rate of 4 per cent. on the annual rental value of the buildings, by increasing the rate of tolls to the maximum rate, by imposing fees at 8 annas and 1 anna, respectively, on cows and sheep slaughtered at the municipal slaughter-house, by increasing the rate of cart-stand fees from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 anna, and also by a revision in the house-tax.

No. 1994.

Submitted to the Collector.

PATTIKONDA,
29th September 1893.

(Signed) MUHAMMAD SUFDAR HUSSAIN,
Acting Deputy Collector.

Forwarded.

The council were wise in adopting the scheme with filters, but not equally so, I think, in the proposed modes of raising the required funds. A levy of a water-tax at 4 per cent. and a revision of the house-tax are right and proper, but I doubt the advisability of raising the rate of tolls and cart-stand fees. This would be a special tax on trade and transit for a general good. Moreover, only 50 per cent. of increased receipts from tolls would be available. Similarly, a special tax on beef and mutton seems scarcely right, as it is levied on special commodities and would affect chiefly the poor Mussulman population. I advise that the whole amount be raised by a water-tax and a revision of house-tax, chiefly in the higher classes of houses.

KURNOOL,
4th October 1893

(Signed) C. M. MULLALY,
Acting Collector.

ORDER—dated 4th November 1893, No. 1541 M., Local and Municipal.

In G.O., dated 24th August 1893, No. 1114 M., the Municipal Council, Kurnool, were asked to report which of the proposed schemes for the water-supply of the town they would be prepared to undertake, and how they would meet the annual charges in connection with it, in the event of Government contributing three-fourths of the cost and advancing the remainder at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest repayable in 30 years.

2. In his letter read above, the Chairman reports that the council have resolved to adopt the smaller scheme (B, with filters and reservoir) estimated to cost Rs. 2,05,550, and to meet the annual charges of Rs. 5,282 from the following sources:—

(1) Water-tax at the maximum rate	Rs. 3,550
(2) Increase of the rate of slaughter-house fees	975
(3) " " of cart-stand fees	540
(4) " " of tolls from three-fourths to the maximum	955
Total	6,020

3. The last item must, however, be struck out, as tolls cannot be collected for a water-supply scheme. The other proposals are approved, and in view of the fact that the incidence of the tax on buildings in 1892-93 was only Rs. 1-8-8, against a general average of Rs. 2-2-7 for municipalities in that year, the Government considers that a careful revision of the registers will enable the council to provide for the working charges of the scheme and the service of the loan without any difficulty.

4. In these circumstances, the estimate of Rs. 2,05,550 will be sanctioned, and the necessary provision for a grant of Rs. 1,54,000 and a loan of Rs. 52,000 will be made by the Financial Department in the budget for 1894-95. An application for the loan should be submitted by the municipal council in the form prescribed in the resolution of the Government of India, dated 1st January 1889, No. 15, printed in G.O., dated 8th February 1889, No. 322 L.

5. The Sanitary Engineer will be requested to take steps to commence the work early next year.

6. The levy of the water-tax should be deferred until the work is in operation, but the revision of the registers of the house and land taxes should be undertaken at once and the result duly reported to Government.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Kurnool.
" Collector of Kurnool.
" Sanitary Engineer.
" Financial Department.
" Public Works Department.
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