

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 183/W

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Famine Relief Works in the Taluk
of. Ors Revenue Dept regarding
the programme of — for 1896-97
Communication to the official Commissions

Famine Relief Works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1896-97 received from the Salem district.

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 To
 The S. E. IV Circle
 " Soc. for Immigration

BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 6TH MAY 1896, No. 88.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from W. J. H. LE FANU, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 9th April 1896, No. 1716:—

I have the honour to submit, herewith, the programme of famine relief works for 1896-97, prepared in the forms prescribed in Board's Proceedings, No. 411, dated 7th June 1892, as modified in Board's Proceedings, Nos. 502 and 360, dated 16th July 1892 and 6th September 1894, respectively.

2. Provision is made in the programme as follows:—

	Rs.
1. Irrigation works	3,01,410
2. Forest fencing works	28,880
3. Road works—	
(a) Breaking and stacking metal and storing gravel along the sides of the existing roads	23,18,750
(b) New roads	6,75,750
4. Miscellaneous works (improvements of water-supply, village site (&c.))	44,990
5. Works to be carried out by the aid of State loans	65,000
Total approximate estimated cost	34,34,780

3. The works are calculated to afford employment for a period of three months to 457,969 persons, or 23 per cent. of the total population of the district according to the census of 1891. The proportion of the population for whom provision is made in each taluk for three months is more than 20 per cent.

4. It is necessary to have estimates ready to provide labour for 5 per cent. (98,100) for three months. This amounts, at the rate of Rs. 7-8-0 for three months per cooly, to Rs. 7,35,750. Estimates are ready for Rs. 7,20,432, leaving a deficiency in the several taluks of the district of Rs. 3,80,008 as under:—

Taluks.	Amount of estimates that ought to be ready in order to provide employment for 5 per cent. of the population for three months.	Amount of estimates ready.	Amount for which estimates have yet to be got ready.	Remarks.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Salem	1,56,375	3,50,345	..	1,98,970 } In excess of minimum requirements. 1,70,720 }
Atur	68,625	2,39,345	..	
Namakal	1,12,500	3,887	1,08,613	
Tiruchengodu	93,375	450	92,925	
Hosur	58,500	27,945	30,555	
Dharmapuri	66,750	..	66,750	
Krishnagiri	57,000	53,597	3,403	
Tiruppattur	70,875	12,142	58,733	
Uttangarai	51,750	32,721	19,029	
Total	7,35,750	7,20,432	3,80,008	

In regard to the simple irrigation works in the Salem and Dharmapuri taluks, no estimates have yet been prepared. These and other Tahsildars have been directed to have estimates prepared, as early as possible, for all the irrigation works, as well as the drinking-water wells and other works mentioned in their programmes.

5. The irrigation works entered in the statement received from the Executive Engineer and the road works entered in the list received from the Local Fund Engineer, through the President, District Board, are classed under "Professional agency" works in the statement A, herewith submitted.

6. In this programme, ample provision is made for minor irrigation works in all the taluks.

7. The District Forest-Officer, who submitted the list of forest fencing works, says that the works have been sanctioned by the Conservator of Forests.

8. Out of the five irrigation projects shown at the end of statement A for 1895-96, three have been removed with reference to paragraph 3 of Board's Proceedings, No. 265 (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 2nd July 1894, and the other two—the Krishnagiri reservoir (Rs. 30,00,000) and the Gudimalai project (Rs. 3,50,000)—are included in the statement for this year.

RESOLUTION—dated 6th May 1896, No. 88.

The abstract of the programme of famine relief works for 1896-97 received from the Collector of Salem will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The provision made in the programme under each of the main heads is indicated in paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter read above; and it is adequate in all taluks. In addition to this, the Collector mentions in paragraph 8 of the letter two projects to cost roughly 33.5 lakhs, which are now under investigation and which may be utilized for famine relief in case of necessity.

3. It is observed that, whilst a very large provision is made under road works, regarding the maintenance of which by the District Board after a period of distress, no information is given, provision is made for the repair of only 80, 31 and 167 irrigation works in the Námakkal, Tiruchengódu and Dharmapuri taluks, respectively, against 86, 40 and 221 such works stated to be out of repair, as shown in statement B. But the Collector mentions in paragraph 6 of his letter that ample provision is made for Minor Irrigation works in all taluks.

4. Detailed estimates are reported to be ready for Rs. 7,20,432, or 21 per cent. of the total provision, exclusive of land improvement works to be executed with the aid of State loans. The proportion of large works "sanctioned" to those "unsanctioned" is as 1 to 8. This is not satisfactory. A greater number of large works should be brought under sanction in compliance with the instructions conveyed in the Government of India Circular letter communicated in Board's Proceedings, No. 360, dated 6th September 1894. The information called for therein should also be furnished in consultation with the Public Works Department and the District Board.

5. The irrigation works entered in the present programme have been classified in statement A as Professional Agency and Civil Agency works. The Collector's attention will be invited to the remarks of the Government of India in their letter quoted above, in which the use of the above terms has been prohibited.

6. The figure "392,400" entered against the district total in column 3 of form C is a mistake for "392,300". This has been corrected in this office.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Salem.

Exd. C. M. Thumbarawmy.

APPENDIX.
FORM C.—Abstract of programme of famine relief works in the Salem district for 1896-97.

FORM C.—Abstract of programme of famine relief works in the Salem district for 1890-91.

Taluka.	Population by census of 1891.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works for three months.					Irrigation works.			Forest fencing works.		Road works.			
			Class of work.	Number provided for on.	Total percentage of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.		
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
1. Salem ..	417	83.3	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	431 88,700 6,782 3,600 99,613					Rs. 3,230 7,760 15,340 .. 26,320	1 10 51 .. 62	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. 3 .. 3	Rs. .. 5,115 .. 5,115	.. 1 2 .. 3	.. 12 12	Rs. 3,32,000 4,000 .. 3,36,000
2. Atur ..	183	36.6	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	31,616 9,153 1,727 533 43,029	24				9,820 21,950 12,050 .. 43,320	3 11 35 .. 49	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. 3 3	.. .. .. .. ..	.. 25 25	.. 46,700 46,700
3. Námakkal ..	300	60.0	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	60,383 2,917 533 63,833	21				2,875 16,157 .. 19,032	2 80 .. 82	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. 4 .. 4	.. .. .. .. ..	.. 45 .. 45	.. 1,35,500 1,35,500
4. Tiruchengódu ..	249	49.8	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	50,441 2,687 2,000 55,128	22				5,210 10,375 .. 15,585	8 31 .. 39	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. 2 .. 2	.. 18 .. 18	.. 56,500 56,500	
5. Hoódr ..	166	31.2	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	2,373 31,361 4,630 38,764	25				17,795 1,200 28,104 .. 47,099	30 2 181 .. 213	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. 3 .. 3	.. 6,270 .. 6,270	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..

* In thousands.

Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine relief works in the Salem district for 1896-97—cont.

Taluka.	Road works—cont.				Miscellaneous works.						Grand total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.		Drinking-water supply.		Others.		Total.		Grand total.		Works for which estimates are ready.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1. Salem	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	26	27
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	45	3,37,900	48	5,850	26	35,160	74	41,010	187	7,46,345	8	3,50,345	187	7,46,345
2. Atur	11	2,27,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	2,37,120	14	2,37,120	14	2,37,120
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	2,37,120	..	..	14	2,37,120
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	2,37,120	..	..	14	2,37,120
Total ..	11	2,27,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	2,37,120	..	..	14	2,37,120
3. Namakkal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Tiruchengodu	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Hosur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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			Class of work.		Number provided for on.		New.		Repairs.		Forest fencing works.		New.		Road works.	
			Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small .. Land improvements	Small .. Land improvements	Number provided for on.	Total percentage of population.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Number.	Amount.
6. Dharmapuri	178	35.6	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small .. Land improvements	Small .. Land improvements	36,440 4,270 933	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	Total ..	41,643	23	..	..	172	28,970	..	..	1	18	1	61,550
7. Krishnagiri	152	30.4	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small .. Land improvements	Small .. Land improvements	6,387 30,360 5,800 267	..	..	..	120	47,907	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	Total ..	42,314	23	..	..	237	86,786	2	325	..	..	..	..
8. Tirupattūr	189	37.8	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small .. Land improvements	Small .. Land improvements	1,244 38,200 1,118 1,267	..	..	..	45	9,829	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	Total ..	40,829	22	..	..	78	4,143	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Uttangurai	138	27.6	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small .. Land improvements	Small .. Land improvements	1,602 27,759 3,422 133	..	..	..	49	12,013	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	Total ..	32,916	24	..	..	104	17,826	9	16,830	..	..	..	..
District total	1,962	392.2	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small .. Land improvements	Small .. Land improvements	43,653 3,72,797 52,853 8,666	..	..	..	248	199,594	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	Total ..	4,57,969	23	..	..	1,083	3,01,410	21	28,889	15	133	138	6,71,750
			Grand total ..	Grand total ..	4,57,969	23	..	..	1,083	3,01,410	21	28,889	15	133	138	6,71,750

• In thousands.

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Taluk.	Road works—cont.			Drinking-water supply.			Miscellaneous works.			Total.		Grand total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Others.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.
	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.							
6. Dharmapuri	16	17	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Krishnagiri	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Tirupattūr	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Uttangarai	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
District total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Grand total ..															

MEMORANDUM.

For C. No. 5306/96

Communication to officers of the Board of Revenue
 REQUESTED for reference the undermentioned papers:—

2. spare copies of Proceedings of Board of Revenue (Rev. sett. L. Rds. + Agri.) No. 88
 of 6-5-96.

Second Assistant
 for Under Secy: to Govt: P.W.D.

P. W. SECRETARIAT,
 Chepak, 13-6-1896.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
 (Rev. sett. L. Rds. + Agri.)