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[Despatch Abstract.]

Village Sanitary Inspection took
Oro Local & Municipal Department
regarding the maintenance of the
Communicated to officers of the P.W.D.

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No. 827 L., 6TH MAY 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper :—

G.O., Mis. No. 330 L., dated 17th February 1896.

Read—again G.O., No. 25 L., dated 7th January 1896.

Read—also the following paper :—

From HERBERT BRADLEY, Esq., President, District Board, Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 2nd February 1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 85-D.B.

With reference to G.O., Nos. 25, 25A L., dated 7th January 1896, I have the honour to request that the village sanitary inspection book prescribed may be printed in diglott at the Government Press and 25 copies supplied to me at an early date.

Order—Mis. No. 330 L., dated 17th February 1896.

In order to ensure uniformity in the preparation of the " Village Sanitary Inspection book " prescribed in the above Government Order, it is advisable to prepare a form for the guidance of district boards. The Sanitary Commissioner has been directed to notice in his annual reports the progress made in the preparation and maintenance of this register and he will therefore be requested to draw up such a form, which, while embodying the chief points noticed by the Government of India in the enclosure to its order No. 4 Sanitary-83, dated 8th March 1895, should be concise, easily intelligible and not too elaborate. It should be submitted at the Sanitary Commissioner's early convenience.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.

READ—also the following paper :—

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 21st March 1896, No. 652-S.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 330 L., dated 17th February 1896, I have the honour to forward herewith the forms required. It will be observed that, instead of arranging for the maintenance of a single form, I submit two. The necessity for this seems to me to arise from the fact that if the idea of a permanent local record is to be carried out efficiently, it would demand that only matter bearing upon changing sanitary conditions should find a place in it; but, as various lay officers will be expected to give their opinions, it is quite possible that much matter may find its way into the record that can be of no utility and thus, when the time came to search back in reference to fluctuating health conditions as to what was the state in such

and such an anterior period, it would be necessary to wade through much that had no bearing on the points at issue. Hence my suggestion to provide a form for receiving the remarks of inspecting officers, and a second that shall be the permanent record desired by the Government of India. The latter would be edited by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, who, at the same time, should be held responsible for the first description of the locality, upon the accuracy of which the value of subsequent remarks must depend.

ENCLOSURES.

FORM I.

RULES as to maintenance of Village Sanitary Inspection Books.

The village sanitary inspection documents shall consist of two forms. One shall be known as the "Village Inspecting Officer's Sanitary Report book," the other as the "Village Standing Sanitary Report book." The former shall be arranged with a counterfoil to permit of its ready detachment.

2. Inspecting officers will sign their names in the place left for that purpose on the report form, as well as on the counterfoil.

3. At the end of each quarter the head of the village will forward the detached inspecting officer's report together with the village standing sanitary report book to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

4. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer will then abstract such parts of the reports as he may think requisite and subsequently advise local authorities, or act, thereon. He will then change that has occurred. The detached report form will then be destroyed by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer and the village standing sanitary report book be sent back to the head of the village.

5. The village standing sanitary report will be prepared in the first instance by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, and he will arrange to inspect personally villages selected for this purpose as early as feasible after receipt of instructions on this subject.

6. The object of the report is to secure at the outset a full and accurate account of the sanitary state of the village and should therefore be as complete as possible. It should be specially drawn up with the knowledge that conditions described may so change in course of time that for succeeding generations to understand them, descriptions should be aided by reference to buildings or physical features not likely to undergo rapid change. Having once entered a careful description, it would be necessary for the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to make a summary of changes brought to his notice by the various officers inspecting the village, as exhibited in the village inspecting officer's sanitary report form. This process of maintaining a record will of course be strengthened by personal inspection of the village by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer from time to time and the noting in the permanent record changes found by him.

7. The following are the subjects which should be entered into:—

Section I. General information.

- Name of village, taluk, and district in which situated.
- Population according to last census: number of males, number of females.
- Average birth-rate and death-rate during last quinquennium.
- Number of houses: inhabited, not inhabited.
- Total area of village; inhabited area, density per acre and per house.
- Caste and chief occupations; local trades.
- Area of irrigated lands and of dry lands; relative positions in regard to inhabited area.
- Configuration of surrounding country, as affecting prevailing winds, and surface and subsoil drainage of village-site and neighbourhood.
- Nature of the soil of the surroundings and within the village-site.
- Condition of surface and subsoil water removal within the inhabited area.
- Special diseases to which men and cattle are liable.
- Date of last appearance of epidemic diseases, and the result, as to mortality.
- What festivals and fairs occur in the village and elsewhere to which inhabitants are accustomed to resort?
- Is the village on the route of pilgrim traffic? If so, state in journeying to what special locality they proceed.
- What means of communication are available to the inhabitants in the matter of roads, railways and navigable canals?

Section II. Special information.

Select two wells, give their names and indicate their locality, cause them to be marked in distinct letters S.W.L. No. 1, S.W.L. No. 2 (subsoil water level). Instruct the village head how to measure the subsoil water level with an iron rod, chain, or rope and float to be maintained specially for this purpose. Care must be taken to see that the village head understands that the measurement is not to include the parapet wall of a well, but is to be from the surface of the ground. He should be further instructed always to cause to be shown to inspecting officers the selected wells, so that a continuous record of fluctuations may be maintained.

Describe carefully and concisely the condition of each water-supply, using language that can be readily understood by inspecting officers who may not have much time at disposal.

Describe the present condition of rubbish and night-soil conservancy.

Describe existing methods of surface drainage and of sewerage.

Describe precautions adopted in the case of offensive and dangerous trades.

Means for segregation of infectious diseases.

No.

Village Inspecting
Officer's Sanitary Report.Name of village and
Taluk in which
situated.

Survey No. of village.

Name of Inspecting
officer.

Designation.

Date of inspection.

Signature of Inspect-
ing officer.

I certify that the
report by the above-
named officer was
detached from the
counterfoil, and sent
in original to the Dis-
trict Medical and Sani-
tary Officer of the
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(Signature)

Village Head.

Date

(Month and date.)

Sanitary Report of _____ Village (_____ Taluk) by _____ (name) _____ (designation).

Are birth and death registers maintained with care?	State errors found on verification of the registers.	From the time of the last Inspecting officer signed the register, (a) state the number of births, (b) state the number of deaths, giving the age and cause in each case, (c) state you have signed the birth and death registers and the counterfoil of this report legibly, and have put your designation and date of inspection.	Are "Unprotected" and "Vaccination" registers duly main- tained?	When did a Vaccinator last visit the village? How many cases did he perform?	What Vaccination Inspecting officer last visited the village, and when?	Having read the District Medical and Sanitary officer's description of the condition of all sources of water-supply for man and beast, as recorded in his last quarter's notes and the "Standing statement," describe any change for the better or worse in State in feet and inches the distance of the water in the two wells selected in this village (see Standing statement) for record of the subsoil water level from the surface of the ground.	What steps are taken as to rubbish collection, removal from the town site and ultimate disposal?	Are dung-heaps stored in localities sanitarily safe for man and beast?	Condition of latrines and state of cleanliness.	Is night-soil efficiently removed from the town site?	Are unauthorized places used for latrines?	Is the outflow of surface water from the village-site or its surround- ings obstructed?	Is there any special cause for the dampness of the soil or subsoil?	Soil damp- ness.	Is sewage removed efficiently from the site?	Sewage.	Have there been any fairs or festivals since last Inspecting officer's visit?	Fairs and festi- vals.	Have there been any epidemics or epizootics since the last Inspect- ing officer's report? State details.	Epi- demics.	Remark generally on sanitary administration and care as to efficiency of expenditure on sanitary works, and note if any effort is being made to encourage ryots and others to utilize night- soil, rubbish, and sewage for agricultural purposes.	Sanitary adminis- tration.	Is disposal of the dead conducted decently and safely?	Disposal of the dead.	General remarks and recommend- ations.
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Signature and Designation of Inspecting Officer.

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The form and rules proposed by the Sanitary Commissioner are approved and
will be circulated to all local boards for guidance in continuation of G.O., No. 25 L.,
dated 7th January 1896.

2. As the maintenance of the sanitary inspection book has at present been
prescribed for unions only, the local medical officer, if any, or otherwise the chairman
of the union panchayat, has been entrusted with the maintenance of the registers,
and he should accordingly perform the duties assigned to the village head in the
above rules.

3. The "Village Inspecting Officer's Sanitary Report book" should consist of
twelve forms, bound with a paper cover, and the heading should be printed on each
form. Presidents of district boards should make their own arrangements for printing
the form and rules referred to in paragraph 1.

(True Extract.)

W. W. Shillif
Under Secy., P.W.D.,
for Chief Secretary.

To all Presidents of District Boards.
" the Sanitary Commissioner.
" the Sanitary Engineer.
" the Surgeon General.
" the Revenue Department.
" the Judicial Department.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Henricus.

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Village Sanitary Inspection Book.

Approving with remarks, the form and rules proposed by the Sanitary Commissioner regarding the maintenance of the—, and circulating the same to all local boards for guidance in continuation of G.O., No. 25 L., dated 7th January 1896.