

Public Works (1896.) Department.

Anantapur 1896-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Famine Relief Works in the Anantapur
Dist. Pro: Revenue Dept: re: the programme
of — during 1896-97, communicated
to the S.E. III Circle.

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Famine-relief works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1896-97 submitted by the Collector of the Anantapur district.

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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 4TH JUNE 1896, No. 118.

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

READ—the following letter from C. H. MOUNSEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Anantapur, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 21st April 1896, Dis. No. 1506:—

I have the honour to submit, herewith, the programme of famine-relief works for 1896-97 in forms A, B and C prescribed in Board's Proceedings, No. 411, dated 7th June 1892, and Mis. No. 2180, dated 29th April 1895.

2. The President, District Board, the Executive Engineer, Bellary Division, and the Chairman, Municipal Council, and some of the Divisional Officers concerned will once more be requested to get estimates prepared for many of the large works and to get them sanctioned as soon as possible, so that more estimates may be included in the programme under the head of "sanctioned works."

RESOLUTION—dated 4th June 1896, No. 118.

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

2. The programme provides for the construction of a new irrigation work * estimated to cost 41 lakh and repairs to the

* The Pinnapalle tank in the Tadpatri taluk. existing irrigation works 2.57 lakhs; for the construction of 128 miles of new roads

and repairs of old roads to cost 2.03 and 7.34 lakhs, respectively; and for other miscellaneous works to cost .98 lakh. This last item includes a sum of Rs. 10,632 for the improvement of 17 works intended to supply drinking-water and of Rs. 68,558 likely to be advanced as loans under the Land Improvement Loans Act. The total provision amounts to Rs. 13,33,434 and the works are estimated to provide employment for a period of three months to 25 per cent. of the population of the district. The provision made is generally adequate, though in the taluks of Dharmavaram and Penukonda, it falls a little short of the prescribed minimum. In these and other taluks, there appear to be several irrigation works under the Public Works Department which are out of order and for which no provision has been made in the programme, the reason assigned being that either the estimates have not been prepared, or the works have not been inspected. The Public Works Department should be requested to complete the inspection of, and the preparation of estimates for, a greater number of irrigation works in their charge. Pending the preparation of regular estimates, approximate sums based on the inspections made can be included in the programme. It is also observed that out of 43 Revenue Department works in the Gooty taluk shown as out of order, provision is made for the repair of only 23. As irrigation works should receive first attention in the provision for famine relief, the Collector is requested to see that a sufficient sum is provided for all works on which money could be usefully spent as relief work.

3. Detailed estimates are shown to be ready for works to cost Rs. 8,59,217 or 63 per cent. of the total provision, excluding the amount provided for land improvements, for which no estimates are necessary. It is, however, observed that the proportion of

large works sanctioned to those not sanctioned is as 1 to 10. This is unsatisfactory in view of the instructions contained in the Government of India letter printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 360, dated 6th September 1894; and the information called for therein, viz., the progress made in bringing more large works under sanction, should, at an early date, be submitted after consultation with the Public Works Department and the District Board.

4. The total number of Government irrigation sources is shown as 1,556 in statement B while the number appears as 2,178 in the jamabandi statement No. 15 for fasli 1304. Particulars for statement B should, in future, be adopted from the latter return.

5. The following clerical errors are noticed in the detailed programme A :—

- The amount of the detailed estimate for the new road No. 5 in the Gooty taluk entered as Rs. 600 appears to be a mistake for Rs. 6,000.
- The detailed estimate for breaking and stacking metal, &c., along road No. 6 in the same taluk to cost Rs. 20,477 appears to be not ready but the sum is erroneously entered under the column for amount of the detailed estimate.
- The cost of No. 6 road work in the Kalyandrug taluk entered as Rupees 22,230 is apparently a mistake for Rs. 23,230.

The necessary corrections have been made in this office.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

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

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

Taluka.	Population by last census.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works daily 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.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.
						Number.	Number.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Anantapur	104	208	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements Total	20,449 3,569 788 24,801	24	..	Rs. 1,370 26,769	..	..	..	..	1	Fulga. 5½	6,000
Gooty	142	284	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements Total	30,183 6,194 4,116 39,498	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	60	87,120
Tadpetri	113	226	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements Total	28,691 2,716 147 31,554	28	1	41,100	..	21,325 9,312	..	..	5	61½	1,02,300
Dharmavaram	60	120	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements Total	390 8,474 2,129 532 11,525	19	..	..	..	2,931 965 15,965	..	..	5	51½	1,02,300
Kalyandrug	60	120	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements Total	260 19,315 2,017 400 21,992	37	..	..	..	1,960 16,126	..	..	..	..	..
			Total	21,992	37	..	..	..	17,076	..	..	..	..	..

* In thousands.

