

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 586

DATED 7 January

[Despatch Abstract.]

Budget Estimates: Pro: Financial Dept passing
over on the - for 1897-98 under XXX irrigation,
minor works & navigation, Provincial 43, minor
works & navigation and 45. At Civil Works
Committee, with remarks to officers concerned

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Proceedings of Govt: in the Financial Dept. No 890 of 17th December 1876.

Communicated to the
officers concerned.

2. The assignment under 45-
Civil Works is not susceptible
of any reduction, as the amount
is insufficient even to meet
the demands for works in progress
and repairs

3. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will report at once whether any reduction can be made in the grant for Minor Works and Navigation and on receipt of this report, the Financial Department will be informed whether any redistribution of the assignments is practicable.

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The Chief Engineer for Oregon
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Public works (1896) Department.

Current Number: 11693

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G.O., No. 890, 17th December 1896.

DECEMBER.

Budget Estimates.

Passing orders on the — for 1897-98 under XXX. Irrigation—Minor Works and Navigation—Provincial, 43. Minor Works and Navigation and 45. Civil Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 5055, Revenue, dated 10th December 1896.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 3rd December 1896, Mis. No. 6161:—

Read—the following paper:—

Official Memorandum from the Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 18th November 1896, No. 185.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 258, dated 5th October 1896, the undersigned has the honour to inquire whether the amount required in 1897-98 for expenditure by the Public Works Department on minor irrigation works in charge of the Revenue Department can be met from the lump sum of Rs. 3,78,000 provided in the budget estimate of that year. It is understood that no provision on this account will be made in the budget estimates of the Public Works Department.

Resolution—dated 3rd December 1896, Mis. No. 6161.

The Board considers that the amount required in 1897-98 for expenditure by the Public Works Department on minor irrigation works in charge of the Revenue Department cannot be met from the lumps sum of Rs. 3,78,000 provided in the budget estimate of that year. No provision was made in the budget on account of the item in question, as it was thought that the necessary provision would be made by the Public Works Department. As it is now understood that no provision will be made by that department, the Board requests that the following addition may be made to the estimates submitted with its Proceedings No. 258, dated 5th October 1896:—

	Budget estimate, 1897-98.	Revised estimate, 1896-97.	Budget estimate, 1896-97.	Accounts, 1895-96.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Expenditure by the Public Works Department on Minor Irrigation works in charge of the Revenue Department	35,000	35,000	30,000	26,198

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—Mis. No. 5055, Revenue, dated 10th December 1896.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.

RECEIPTS.

XXX. IRRIGATION—MINOR WORKS AND NAVIGATION—In charge of Public Works Officers.

	Budget estimate, 1897-98.	Revised estimate, 1896-97.	Budget estimate, 1896-97.	Accounts, 1895-96.
PROVINCIAL.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Irrigation works	1,35,000	1,35,000	1,40,000	1,31,601
Agricultural works	25,000	25,000	30,000	24,239
Total ..	1,60,000	1,60,000	1,70,000	1,55,840
DETAILS.				
<i>Irrigation Works.</i>				
Water rates				11
Owners' rates				..
Sale of water				..
Water-supply of towns				..
Plantation				10,079
Other canal produce	1,35,000	1,35,000	1,40,000	1,743
Water power				10,052
Navigation receipts				..
Rent of buildings				1,08,425
Fines				360
Miscellaneous				..
Total ..	1,35,000	1,35,000	1,40,000	931
<i>Agricultural Works.</i>				
Plantations				11,110
Other canal produce	25,000	25,000	30,000	12,032
Miscellaneous				1,097
Total ..	25,000	25,000	30,000	24,239
Grand Total ..	1,60,000	1,60,000	1,70,000	1,55,840

EXPENDITURE.

43. IRRIGATION—MINOR WORKS AND NAVIGATION—In charge of Public Works Officers.

PROVINCIAL.				
(i) Works for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept.				
Capital—				
Buckingham Canal	1,02,400	2,50,529	1,50,140	1,97,537
Other works	6,47,600	5,10,609	9,72,470	4,18,454
Revenue—				
Buckingham Canal	83,640	85,614	85,110	92,546
Other works	1,96,360	1,96,209	1,71,452	1,88,146
	10,30,000	10,42,961	13,79,172	8,96,683
(ii) Works for which neither Capital nor Revenue Accounts are kept.				
Old maintenance charges	4,21,282	4,21,282	4,21,282	4,34,909
Carried over ..	14,51,282	14,64,243	18,00,454	13,31,592

Years.	First six months.	Last six months.	Total.
Abstract.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Actuals { 1893-94	1,27,326	52,968	1,80,294
1894-95	1,16,946	48,938	1,65,884
1895-96	1,06,607	49,233	1,55,840
Budget, 1896-97	..	..	1,70,000
Revised, 1896-97	* 1,64,582	55,418	1,60,000
Budget, 1897-98	..	..	1,60,000

* Up to 31st August 1896 accounts for September 1896 have not yet been completely booked.

The revised estimate for 1896-97 and the budget estimate for 1897-98 are based on the actuals of 1895-96.

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Under *Capital* the revised estimate for the current year for the Buckingham canal is more, and for other works less, than the budget estimate for the year. The increase in the former case is due to the necessity for providing additional funds to admit of the completion of works before the 31st March 1897, when the construction estimate of the canal will be closed. The decrease in the latter case is due to the surrender of Rs. 1,46,000 of the grant provided for the Coom Improvements scheme owing to non-sanction of the estimate for the work on modified lines and to the diversion of funds from the grant for this work for repairing damages caused by floods in the Kistna, Cauvery and Coleroon rivers.

The details of the demands for next year for other works are shown below :—

	RS.
Sangam anicut system	2,23,000
Kurnool-Cuddapah canal	2,000
Ganjām minor rivers system	10,000
Munneyru project	81,000
Sagilēru do.	40,000
Cumbum tank system	10,000
Pālār anicut system	16,000
Cheyāru do.	8,000
Pelandorai do.	43,000
Lower Coleroon anicut system	90,000
Maradur anicut system	5,000
	5,28,000
Establishment	1,19,105
Tools and Plant	495
Total ..	6,47,600

The large amount proposed for the Sangam anicut system is required for the works sanctioned by the Government of India in its letters marginally noted, under which the outlay on them has at present to be charged to "Provincial."

Under *Revenue* the increase in the revised estimate for the current year for other works, as compared with the budget estimate, is partly due to the grant for the Maradur anicut system having been increased for closing breaches and repairing masonry works due to floods of December 1895 and partly to the grants for the Ganjām minor rivers and Pelandorai anicut systems having been augmented owing to the amounts originally provided having been found inadequate.

EXPENDITURE.

43. IRRIGATION—MINOR WORKS AND NAVIGATION—In charge of Public Works Officers.

Details.	Budget estimate, 1897-98.	Revised estimate, 1896-97.	Budget estimate, 1896-97.	Accounts, 1895-96.
Brought forward ..	rs. 14,51,282	rs. 14,64,243	rs. 18,00,454	rs. 13,31,592
(iii) Ordinary Works.				
Major	1,91,950	1,26,209	1,09,000	} 2,15,397
Minor	1,33,005	1,48,770	1,79,380	
Repairs	3,70,000	3,66,460	3,47,000	3,73,710
Establishment	1,60,339	1,47,495	1,46,103	1,33,064
Tools and plant	10,424	9,554	9,463	8,929
Refunds	..	..	..	101
	8,65,718	7,98,488	7,90,946	7,31,201
(iv) Tank Restoration Works.				
Investigation—				
Works	..	..	..	..
Establishment	..	..	..	30,973
Tools and plant	..	..	..	686
Execution—				
Works	..	..	..	— 1,23,941
Repairs	3,91,968	4,50,536	5,44,201	5,53,097
Establishment	90,153	1,03,624	1,25,166	98,108
Tools and plant	5,879	6,758	8,163	6,351
	4,88,000	5,60,918	6,77,530	5,65,274
(v) Minor Works.				
Revenue Department	(a) 35,000	35,000	30,000	32,334
(vi) Agricultural Works.				
Works	1,91,265	1,78,146	1,06,400	1,11,292
Repairs	3,67,125	5,43,023	3,74,389	3,13,998
Establishment	1,28,400	1,63,696	1,08,407	90,819
Tools and plant	8,210	10,481	6,874	6,108
Refunds	..	..	..	336
	6,95,000	8,95,351	5,96,070	5,22,553
Total ..	35,35,000	37,54,000	38,95,000	31,82,954
ABSTRACT.				
Works	12,00,785	11,10,815	13,74,774	7,44,411
Repairs	14,55,495	17,09,032	15,80,649	15,86,803
Establishment	8,44,769	8,84,002	8,87,239	8,06,019
Tools and plant	33,951	50,151	52,338	46,543
Refunds	..	..	..	570
Less Receipts on Capital Account	..	..	..	— 1,392
Total, 43. Minor Works and Navigation, Provincial ..	35,35,000	37,54,000	38,95,000	31,82,954

Remarks.

The increase for 1897-98 is due to provision for a larger number of works than in the current year.

(a) Added with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 5055, Revenue, dated 10th December 1896, on Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6161 (Settlement), dated 3rd December 1896.

The increase in the revised estimate for the current year over the budget estimate is due to additional funds having been provided for restoring works damaged by floods in the Kistna, Cauvery, Coleroon and Tambraparni rivers.

The increase in the amount proposed under *works* for 1897-98, as compared with the current year's revised and budget estimates, is due to provision for raising the flood banks of the Kistna river above and below the anicut.

EXPENDITURE.

45. CIVIL WORKS—In charge of the Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads Branch).

Details.	Budget estimate, 1897-98.	Revised estimate, 1896-97.	Budget estimate, 1896-97.	Accounts, 1895-96.
<i>PROVINCIAL.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Civil Buildings—	16,27,882	15,66,957	16,72,086	14,40,435
Original works	2,50,163	2,43,593	2,13,843	2,51,447
Repairs	49,903	99,800	60,293	77,474
Communications—	98,000	1,01,400	86,000	1,56,188
Original works	13,000	97,000	97,000	7,750
Repairs	16,052	16,552	14,800	21,525
Miscellaneous Public Improvements—	7,50,000	5,12,465	5,62,465	5,59,160
Original works	65,000	1,38,418	93,513	75,513
Repairs	..	..	..	58,133
Establishment	..	..	..	..
Tools and Plant	..	..	..	..
Stock and Suspense	28,70,000	27,76,185	28,00,000	25,31,359
Total ..				

The budget estimate of expenditure for 1897-98 represents the total of the demands brought forward by the Heads of Departments and Superintending Engineers in their budget estimates for that year.
The revised estimate for 1896-97 represents the existing grant for the year.

ORDER—No. 890, Financial, dated 17th December 1896.

The estimates under XXX. *Irrigation—Minor Works and Navigation—Provincial* are accepted.

2. In view of the large reduction proposed by the Government of India in the contract assignment for the next quinquennium (viz., from 32.54 to 8.43 lakhs) and the prospect of heavy losses under the principal heads of revenue accompanied by extensive outlay on famine relief, His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets that the preliminary estimates of the Public Works Department cannot be framed for larger amounts than the following which should provide for the works mentioned in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6161, dated 3rd December 1896, viz. :—

						Lakhs.
43. Minor Works and Navigation	..	..	..	..	..	26.06
45. Civil Works	..	..	..	..	..	16.91
Total ..						42.97

3. The Public Works Department will be at liberty to redistribute the amount according to the urgency of the demands in the General and Irrigation branches. The distribution made should be reported to the Financial Department in the first week of January 1897.

(True Extract.)

C. F. Harvey
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.
Editors' Table.