

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 13256

DATED 19 May 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Relief Works. Provs. Revenue Dept. Re-
questing the issue of orders in the Financial
Dept. regarding the provision of funds
for - in the Ranjambh and stating
that all relief works in the Dth, will be car-
ried out by the P.W.D. Comd^r with re-
marks to S.E. T. Lush.

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 4880

Order

From
The Revenue Dept

Press No. 320

Dated 12th May '97.

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SUBJECT.

Sanctioning funds
for relief charges in Gau-
jam.

A.S.L.

FURTHER PAPERS.

Revenue Department.

of Revenue, Rev. Sett. No. 324 Press, dated 28th April 1897.

Order whereon, Preas No. 320 dated 12th May 1897.

Order thereon, No. 320, dated 14th May 1927.

The recommendations of the Board of Revenue are approved. Orders will issue in the Financial Department for placing at the Collector's disposal a sum of Rs. 1,12,000 as particularized below for expenditure on famine relief in 1927-28:-

Rs. 1,12,000

Gratuitous relief	25,000
Weavers' relief	25,000
Establishments	10,000
Expenditure on works prior to being taken over by the P.W.D.	21,000
Seed grain advances	1,12,000
Total	1,12,000

2. An allotment of Rs. 38,500 will also be sanctioned in the Financial Department for the four works mentioned in para. 3 of the B.P. All relief works in the district will be carried out by the P.W.D. for the expenditure of Rs. 2558-1-1

3. Sanction is accorded for the expenditure of Rs. 1000/- incurred in 1896-97 and detailed in statement No.1 appended to the Collector's letter of the 16th April 1897. The adjustments of the accounts between Local and Provincial suggested in para.5 of this letter will be considered later on.

To the Board of Revenue, Rev. Sett.
 Civil Department.

Financial Department
P.W.D.
Accountant-General.
L & M Department.

I shall have telephones
to the Superintendent
Govt Press to expedite
the printing of the G.O.

V. Parthasarathy
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G.O., No. 320, 12th May 1897.

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MAY.

Famine.

Passing orders on Board's Proceedings recommending that funds may be placed at the disposal of the Collector of Ganjam for expenditure in 1897-98 on gratuitous and other relief operations, and according sanction for the expenditure of Rs. 2,558-1-1 incurred in 1896-97.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 28th April 1897, No. 324:—

Read—the following telegram from the Collector of Ganjám, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatrapur, 19th April 1897:—

Please obtain Government sanction Rs. 6,000, Rushikulya surplus channel, number five, page twelve, district programme—*vide* my letter No. 320, Famine, dated 18th.

Read—also the following telegram from the Collector of Ganjám, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatrapur, 26th April 1897:—

Please renew sanction Rs. 20,000 for weavers' advances.

Read—also the following letter from H. D. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjám, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatrapur, 16th April 1897, Dis. No. 320-F:—

I have the honour to forward herewith a statement showing the expenditure actually incurred up to the end of March on account of famine and request sanction for the same.

2. The total expenditure is as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) Gratuitous relief in Government institution	427	6	5
(ii) Gratuitous relief given at the houses of the people (grain doles)	1,378	11	5
(iii) Given in other ways	157	7	4
(iv) Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works (sample cloths for weavers)	104	0	3
(v) Miscellaneous (construction of kitchens)	490	7	8
Total	2,558	1	1

3. There was no expenditure on account of establishment during the last official year. Two Circle Inspectors were entertained in February in the Tekkali taluk, but their pay was not drawn within the year. The figures quoted above are taken from the treasury account. The large expenditure incurred under (ii) as compared with (i) is due to the fact that grain doles had to be given pending the construction of kitchens to which a large portion of this expenditure is now being transferred.

4. The sum of Rs. 20,000 was placed at my disposal for relief to weavers in the last official year under G.O., No. 159, Financial, dated 17th February 1897, communicated with B.P., dated 27th February 1897, Mis. No. 1536. Owing, however, to the weavers refusing the C wage offered no direct expenditure under this head was incurred. The expenditure shown relates to cost of specimen thread and sample cloths which were necessary for the compilation of a task table.

Note for the 2nd Assistant
P.W.D.

In the typed copy of
G.O. No. 320 d. 12.5.97,
which was issued from
this office, there is but
one mistake & that is
in regard to the amount
entered against the item
"Seed grain advances".
This should clearly be
Rs 2000 & not Rs 21000.
But the G.O. was drafted
by the Famine Assist-
ant atooty & the fair
copy ~~also~~ issued from the
ooty office. As the original
of the G.O. also is atooty
I am afraid I cannot
make the correction you
suggest. But as there
seems to be no doubt
on the point, you may
make the correction
yourself in your office.
I shall write toooty
today & see that the
correct figure is entered
in the printed copies.

5. In addition to the above I have the honour to request sanction for the following expenditure incurred on test works being the excess cost of the work over the value of the material turned out at ordinary rates. The expenditure has been incurred from Local funds and a refund of the excess to the District Board is now solicited under the terms of clause 1, paragraph 5 of Government of India resolution in B.P., dated 25th January 1897, No. 57 (Settlement). The total cost incurred on test works was Rs. 2,486-5-1, while work to the value of Rs. 1,680 was actually turned out leaving a net amount of Rs. 806-4-7 debitable to Famine.

6. I enclose a statement giving talukwar details of the estimated amount required for famine expenditure in April under each head and request that the funds may be placed at my disposal. Expenditure is going on in anticipation of sanction.

7. I propose to take in hand at a very early date the extension of the channel beyond the Chatrapur road. This is marked No. 5 on page 12 of the District Famine Programme. The estimate is now prepared and amounts to Rs. 6,000. It can, however, only be sanctioned as a famine work under 33.

The clearing of silt from the Ganjam-Chilka canal is a useful work and is just where work is wanted, but it is not suited for a relief work. I shall also start operations at metal-beating for the East Coast Railway. I request that Rs. 15,000 may be placed at my disposal for this work for expenditure in April and May.

ENCLOSURE.

TALUKWAR statement showing famine expenditure up to 31st March 1897.

Taluka.	Salaries and establishment.	Relief works in charge of relief officers.	Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works.	Gratuitous relief.			Miscellaneous.		Total.
				Given in Government institutions.	Given at houses of the people.	Given in other ways.	Irrecoverable items written off.	Other items.	
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Chatrapur (Ganjām)	..	..	12 12 6	9 10 1	48 0 9	105 13 2	..	50 0 0	213 8 0
Behampur	..	..	12 3 6	2 12 6	..	81 10 5	..	50 4 0	87 7 5
Sompeta	..	..	9 2 0	221 2 6	652 0 0	11 1 4	..	..	896 7 4
Ichchhapuram	..	..	10 8 0	..	64 10 5	..	..	50 0 0	9 2 0
Purushottapur	..	..	14 2 11	..	25 0 0	..	..	..	125 2 5
Chicacole	..	..	..	193 13 4	670 12 6	1 6 0	..	27 0 0	25 0 0
Parlakimedi	..	..	..	..	18 3 9	6 8 5	..	173 3 8	41 2 11
Tektali	..	..	45 3 4	..	..	1 0 0	..	70 0 0	939 3 6
Goonsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70 0 0	6 8 5
Surada	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	133 7 1
Bodagada	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71 0 0
Total	..	..	104 0 3	427 6 5	1,378 11 5	157 7 4	..	* 490 7 8	2,558 1 1

* Cost of sample cloths.

Read—also the following letter from H. D. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjām, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatrapur, 20th April 1897, C. No. 719-F:—

I have the honour to request that funds may be placed at my disposal for the marginally-noted works which will have to be taken up as relief works in this district.

1. Extending surplus channel beyond Chatrapur road ...	RS. 6,000
2. Ganjām Chilka canal silt ...	5,500
3. Kallikóta-Boirani road ...	12,000
4. Metal-breaking ballast for East Coast Railway ...	15,000
Total ...	38,500

2. *Item No. 1.*—Sanction has been already applied for by wire. It will be a remunerative work and is No. 5 of page 12 in the famine programme of the district.

Item No. 2.—This is item No. 2 in page 24 of the famine programme. It is not very suitable for a relief work, but the work is required and can only be sanctioned under famine. It will provide labour in a badly affected tract.

Item No. 3.—The sanctioned allotment for the current year is Rs. 15,000 only out of Rs. 71,200 in the estimate. I understand from the Executive Engineer that a large proportion has been already expended. This is item No. 1 in page 18 of the programme. I have asked the Executive Engineer to let me know what his probable additional requirement will be in consequence of relief works and have meantime provided for 2,000 coolies for six weeks with their dependants.

Item No. 4.—Provided for metal-breaking for ballast along the East Coast Railway. The railway has Rs. 17,500 provided in its budget for the current year, but require 40 lakhs of cubic feet of ballast at Rs. 20 per 1,000 cubic feet.

3. I request that very early sanction by wire may be accorded.

Resolution—dated 28th April 1897, No. 324.

Submitted to Government.

2. In the papers read above, the Collector of Ganjām submits proposals for starting relief works in the district, and requests sanction for the same and allotment of funds therefor. He also applies for funds for gratuitous and other relief purposes, and requests further that sanction may be accorded for the expenditure actually incurred on account of "famine relief" in 1896-97.

3. The relief works proposed to be started and the funds required for them are—

	Amount of estimate.	Funds now applied for.
	RS.	RS.
(a) Surplus channel from Rushikulya canal below Chatrapur road ...	6,000	6,000
(b) Silt clearing in Chilka lake canal ...	5,500	5,500
(c) Construction of Kallikóta and Boirani road ...	71,200	12,000
(d) Breaking ballast for East Coast Railway ...	80,000	15,000
		38,500

The first three are Public Works Department works, and of these estimates for (a) and (b) have not yet been sanctioned. Item (b) is stated to be not very suitable for relief work, but is apparently the only work available in a badly affected tract. Item (c) is a sanctioned work, for which a sum of Rs. 15,000 has been allotted for the current year, part of which has already been spent, and the Collector estimates that Rs. 12,000 more will be required. It is requested that the Public Works Department may be directed to start these works as relief works and that the necessary funds may be allotted.

4. The fourth work mentioned above is the one referred to in the correspondence ending with G.O., No. 210, Revenue, dated 26th March 1897. The East Coast Railway seems to have provided Rs. 17,500 for the work in its budget for the current year. The requirements of the railway in this and future years embrace, however, work costing Rs. 80,000 at ordinary rates, and the Collector requests an allotment of Rs. 15,000 for expenditure in April and May, which may be sanctioned. The Board considers that this, as well as other relief works in the district should be placed under the control of the Public Works Department, the staff of that department being strengthened for the purpose as early as possible. Meanwhile, the Collector will require an allotment of, say, Rs. 10,000, to cover the cost of works which will be carried out by other agency until the Public Works Department takes over charge. Any unspent balance will be transferred to the Public Works Department with the charge of the works.

5. As regards the funds required for gratuitous and other relief operations, the Collector's application covers only the requirements for the month of April. Considering, however, the amount of expenditure estimated under these heads in the Board's Proceedings, printed in G.O., No. 147, Revenue, dated 9th March 1897, the Board thinks that the following sums may be placed at the disposal of the Collector at once:—

	RS.
Gratuitous relief	50,000
Weavers' do.	25,000
Establishments	25,000
Total	1,00,000

The sum of Rs. 2,000 required for loans for purchase of seed grain may also be sanctioned.

6. The actual expenditure in 1896-97 under "Famine relief" is reported to be only Rs. 3,364-5-8 as against an estimate of Rs. 22,000 (*vide* Board's Proceedings printed in G.O., No. 147, Revenue, dated 9th March 1897). The short expenditure was due to the fact that hardly any relief works were found necessary during the year, that relief to weavers was not started till after the close of the year and that gratuitous relief was administered on a limited scale. The actuals quoted include a sum of Rs. 806-4-7, which, the Collector states, is the excess over the normal cost of the Local Fund works undertaken as a test work by the Local Fund staff and which is therefore, under paragraph 5-I of the Government of India's Resolution, communicated with G.O., No. 750, dated 26th December 1896, debitable to famine relief; but it seems, however, doubtful whether, under the terms of G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897, the refund to the Local Fund proposed by the Collector is necessary.

7. It is requested that the orders of Government on these Proceedings may be communicated to the Collector by wire.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

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

ORDER—No. 320, Revenue, dated 12th May 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Local and Municipal Department.

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