

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 134 W

DATED 16 January

[Despatch Abstract.]

Compensation for dearthness of provisions: Comdgr
with remarks to officers of the P. W. D. for guidance
the Pres: of the Board of Revenue on the subject
of the grant of — to certain classes of Govt
servants.

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Communicating, with remarks, to officers of the Public Works Department, for guidance, the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the subject of the grant of — to certain classes of Government servants.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers :—

From the peons of the Public Works Secretariat, dated 14th November 1896.

From the Consulting Architect to Government, dated 18th November 1896,
No. 4217.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting applications from peons for the grant of the famine allowance owing to the reported dearness of food-grains.

From the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated 19th November 1896, No. 124 W./C.

From the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, dated 21st November 1896,
No. 2637 W.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting to grant compensation owing to dearness of food-grains to certain classes of Government servants.

G.O., Mis. No. 5304, Revenue, dated 22nd December 1896.

Read—Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 7th December 1896,
No. 4651 C.

ABSTRACT.—Transferring to the Revenue Department applications from certain peons of the Public Works Department for the grant of the famine allowance owing to the reported dearness of food-grains.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 10th December 1896, Mis. No. 6428 :—

Read—G.O., No. 4912, Revenue, dated 2nd December 1896.

Resolution—dated 10th December 1896, Mis. No. 6428.

A copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd October 1896, No. 312, dealing with a similar reference from the Collector of Bellary, will be submitted for the information of Government, with the remark that the Board does not consider that compensation for the dearness of provisions need be given unless the average price of the staple food-grain stands for at least a month at rates dearer than those prescribed in this connection, and that officers of all departments should be directed to refer to the Collector these questions, that officer being required to make the necessary reference for sanction when this occurs.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 3rd November 1896, No. 312.

Read—the following letter from R. H. CAMPBELL, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 31st October 1896, Ref. on C. Pet. No. 1197 :—

I have the honour to request the sanction of the Board and Government for granting famine batta to Government servants in this district, in accordance with the Government of India Resolutions printed in Board's Proceedings, dated 14th June 1888, No. 535, and dated 20th September 1893, No. 546. The price of white cholum in Bellary taluk has now risen to 11 seers per rupee and that of yellow cholum to 12½ seers. It is the former variety that is consumed by all the Government servants, and even taking the average of both the kinds, the price is below 12 seers per rupee, which is the limit prescribed by the Government of India. My report on the state of the season, dated 29th October 1896, No. 3909, will show that there is a general scarcity or pressure in the district sufficiently serious to justify the grant of famine batta. For the present it will be confined to the Bellary taluk and will be extended to other taluks as necessity arises.

Resolution—dated 3rd November 1896, No. 312.

The Board is not prepared to consider this application, for it has yet to be seen whether the recent rise in prices is maintained. Should, however, "the selling price of the cheapest grain of any kind commonly used by the people" of the Bellary district average dearer than the rates specified by the Government of India in its Resolution, dated 28th March 1888, No. 1648, for any considerable period, the Board will be prepared to recommend the concessions permitted thereby for favourable consideration.

2. The average price of cholum on 31st October was 14.9 seers per rupee in Bellary, that for yellow cholum not being separately reported.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

Order—Mis. No. 5304, Revenue, dated 22nd December 1896.

The suggestions made by the Board of Revenue in its Proceedings, Mis. No. 6428, dated 10th instant, are approved and the papers are transferred to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

ORDER—No. 134 W., dated 16th January 1897.

The Proceedings of the Board of Revenue above recorded will be communicated to all officers of the Public Works Department for information and guidance. It will be seen that applications for the grant of compensation for dearness of provisions should be made through the Collector of the district.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Superintending Engineers.
" the Superintending Engineer on Special Duty.
" the Consulting Architect to Government.
" the Executive Engineer, Light-house Division.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" the Examiner, Railway Accounts.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

Handwritten: No 134 W of 16th Jan 1897

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From ^{SP} *the* *peons of the P. W. Settlement dated 14th Nov 1896.*
From ^{2 SP} *the C.A. to Govt No 4217 of 18th Nov 1896.*
4th SP *S.S. I circle - 124th of 19th -*
5th SP *S.S. III circle - 2637th of 21st -*
Proc. of the Mr. S. S. (R.S., L.R. & Co.) No 6428th of 10th Dec 1896.

Printed above

Printed with 1st circle

Rev. Dept. No 5304th of 22nd Dec 1896.
Abstract - Requesting to grant compensation owing to dearness of food grains to certain classes of servants.

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+ Submission Applications from peons for the grant of the famine allowance owing to the reported dearth of food grains.

17 P.
Print & Rev. above as cord it will be communicated to all officers of the P. W. Dept. for information & guidance. It will be seen that applications for the grant of compensation for dearth of provisions should be made through the Collector of the District.

Cl. S. for I.
C. S. for II.
Sup. Secy.
P. S. Secy.
C.A. to Govt.
S. S. Secy.
Secy. P. W. Dept.

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Go., Mis. No. 5304, Revenue, dated
22nd Dec. 1896

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Endorsement of the Public

Works Department, dated 7th December 1896, No. 4651 C, transferring to the Revenue Department, applications from certain persons of the Public Works Department for the grant of the Famine allowance owing to the reported dearth of food grain.

Read also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture) dated 10th December 1896, No. 6428 Mis.

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Order thereon, No. 5304 Mis, dated 22nd December 1896.

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(True Extract)

G. S. S. S.

Ag: Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, &c)
To the Public Works Department with enclosures returned.

Compensation for Dearness of Provisions.

72. Compensation for dearness of food may be given, when necessary, at the discretion and under the special orders of Local Governments and Heads of Imperial Departments in accordance with the following rules:—

When grain, the Common Staple food of the district, is dearer than Rs 1 for ten seers, all servants of Government or civil establishments, whose pay does not exceed Rs 16 per mensem, or in the case of men required to keep a ~~horse~~^{horse} or camel, Rs 25 per mensem, may receive an extra allowance of Rs 1-8-0 per mensem, provided that the aggregate pay shall in no case be less than Rs 6-8-0 per mensem.

If the pay of the Officer is less than Rs 5 per mensem, the extra allowance may be increased, at the discretion of the sanctioning authority so as to bring up the aggregate pay and allowances ^{to} Rs 6-8-0 per mensem.

When such grain is not dearer than Rs 1 for ten seers, but is dearer than Rs 1 for twelve seers, the said servants may receive an extra allowance of Rs 1 per mensem.

The orders in each case should be strictly temporary, and unless specially renewed should in no case be held to continue in force beyond the end of the financial year in which they were issued.

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Heads of Imperial Departments should not grant Compensation save after reference to the Local Government of the province in which the Officials, to whom it is proposed to grant compensation, are serving.

(Copy) *GH*

14.11.96.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 10th December 1896.

No. 6428 Mis.

READ

Proceedings of the Madras Govern-
ment, ^{Alumina} dated 2nd December 1896 No. 4512

Resolution.

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this connection, and that officers
of all Departments should be
directed to refer to the collector
on these questions; that officers
being required to make the
necessary reference for sanction
when this occurs.

(True extract)

R. V. Srinivasian

Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

with app No 312 of 3-10-96 & one original copy retained

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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 3RD NOV. 1896, No. 312.

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

READ—the following letter from R. H. CAMPBELL, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the
Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the
Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 31st October 1896,
Ref. on C. Pet. No. 1197:—

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RESOLUTION—dated 3rd November 1896, No. 312.

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Bellary; that for yellow cholum not being separately reported.

(True Copy and Extract).

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAN,
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) I. SARABHALINGAM NAIDU,
First Assistant.

To the Collector of Bellary.

Copy to all other Collectors.

" to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. Md. Pahlavan.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records
and Agriculture),

MADRAS.

Printed November 5th.

Proceedings, 3rd Nov. 1896, No. 312.

Famine Batta.—Informing the Collector of
Bellary that the Board will not now discuss the
question of —.

Public Works (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 356

From The Revenue Department

Order

No. 5304. Misc.

Dated 22nd Dec. 1896

Received 11.1.97

Registered 11.1.97

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SUBJECT.

Approving of the suggestions made
by the Board of Revenue regarding
compensation for dearness of provi-
sions to certain classes of Govern-
ment Servants and transferring
the papers to the Public Works Dep

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No. 2637 *u* Superintending Engineers office
3rd floor.

Bellary 21st November 1896

From

W. B. de Winter Esq

Superintending Engineer
III Circle

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The Chief Engineer,

Public Works Department-
Madras.

Li,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that Cholum, the staple food of this Circle, was sold at 12 Seers the rupee up to the 27th October 1896, between 12 and 10 Seers up to the 7th November and below 10 Seers from the 8th Instant in the Bellary Town and at still higher prices at Kurnool and Madanapalle.

2. I request, therefore, you will be good enough to obtain the necessary sanction of Government with reference

to Section 72, Chapter 5 of the Civil Account Code, to granting compensation for dearth of provisions to the following classes of Government servants, whose pay does not exceed Rs 16 per mensem, at Rs 1-8-0 per mensem when the staple food is dearer than Rs 1 for 10 Seers and at Rs 1 per mensem when it is dearer than Rs 1 per 12 Seers, but not dearer than Rs 1 per 10 Seers.

(1) All permanent members of the office and petty establishments

(2) All temporary — do —

(3) All watchmen, Canal bankers charged to works but employed on monthly salaries.

3. The favouring of granting the authorized indulgence in the case of persons drawing less than Rs 5 is also requested.

4. The extra allowances that may be

be sanctioned will be charged to the same heads as the Salaries of the individuals are now being charged.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. M. Chhittani

Superintending Engineer,

19.11

Circle.

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Madras

14th November 18

To,
The Superintending Engineer,
V Circle.

Honoured Sir,

We the peons of the V Circle
Office beg to bring to your honour's kind
consideration the following few lines.

We beg to submit that the
prices of food grains have risen abnormally
high (e.g) rice which was selling @ 8 measures
the rupee last month, has gone down to 5½ Rupees
this month. There is regular famine apprehended
everywhere.

We poor paid peons, can with
great difficulty procure for ourselves and our
families but one meal for the day with the pay
we get. We therefore humbly beg to request
that your honour will graciously be pleased
to obtain sanction to the grant of famine batta
in consequence of the prevailing scarcity of
food grains & the impending famine, under Article
72 of the Civil Account Code Volume I.

We beg to remain
Honoured Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant

(Sd) M. N. Govil.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 1244

V CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Camp. 19 Nov. 1896.

From

Lieut. Colonel C. C. Rawson R. E.,
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department.

SIR,

Enclosure

I have the honour to forward for disposal an application from the peons of my office for the grant of famine allowance owing to the reported dearth of food grains.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant

C. C. Rawson
19.11.96
Lt. Col. R.
Supg. Engineer, V Circle

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GROUP No. 3
No. 9038



From THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

To THE

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The Consulting Architect,
to the Government of Madras.

Honored Sir,

We the persons of the Consulting
Architect's office most humbly and respectfully
beg to bring to your honors favorable consideration
the following few lines.

We beg to state that the persons of this
office are paid very low (i.e.) Rupees 6 per month
except one person on Rupees 7. The price of food
grains have enormously risen high in the market.
(eg) rice selling at 5 measures per Rupee and
that is nearly half the quantity what we could
get at other times. There is a regular famine
prevailing here and the articles of food grains
being very dear. A portion of our poor pay has to
be paid in the shape of house rent, which has of
late risen nearly double. we find it very
difficult and even impossible to maintain our
selves and our families and consequently have
to starve at times during nights.

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Under these miserable circumstances we
humbly beg that your honor will kindly consider
our pitiable condition and recommend us for
pennine allowance.

[illegible]

We beg to remain

Howard S. S.

Your honor's most Obedient-Servant.
Givvy w^{at}

No 1217 POOR MEN

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer Prov.D
for favor of orders.

for favor of orders. 2. The application is for Compensation for dearthness of provisions and would require special sanction of Government.

his hand—

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18 Nov/96

Consulting Architect to Govt.
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Public Works (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 10304

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Order Endh.

Transferred to the
Revenue Dept as regards
the claim to compensation
for dearth of food.

From

The Deans of the
Public Works Secth.

No. -

Dated -

Received 14.11.96

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SUBJECT.

Praying that their salaries
may be increased & that
they may be granted
scarcity allowance.

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The claim for dearth of
food seems admissible -
The request for increase of
pay has been negatived
Several times - vide file with
no 3937C of 11 Dec 95.

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The Chief Assistant Public Works Secretariat
Chennai Madras

We the persons of the Public works Secre-
-tariat beg to bring to your hono^rs kind Considera-
-tion the following few lines:-

We have been serving Governments
for the last 10 years and more on the low pay
of Rs 6. 7 and 8 without proper promotions.
In all ^{the} other Secretariats peons get promotions &
rise in salary almost every year and surely at
least once in five years. The least pay that
peons get there is Rs 7/- per mensem. The peon
Establishment there, is graded from Rs 7 to Rs 10
with differences of 8 annas

We beg to submit that the prices of food grains have risen abnormally high, e-g- rice which was selling 8 measures the rupee last week, has gone to down to $5\frac{1}{2}$ measures this week. There is regular famine apprehended every where. we hope paid persons can with great

great difficulty procure for ourselves & our families but one meal for the day with the pay we get. We therefore beg that your honour will be pleased to get an increase to our pay sanctioned on the rates of pay of the Chief Secretariat.

We also beg humbly to request that Government will graciously be pleased to sanction a scarcity allowance of Rs 1 per mensem to each of us, in consequence of the prevailing scarcity of food grains & the impending famine, under art 72 of the civil account Code Vol I

We beg to remain

Honoured Sir
your most obedient servant

سید محمد رفیع
دائرہ شریف

محمد رفیق
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