

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1573 W

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Travelling allowance: Pro; Financial Dept
informing the Secy to General that the actual expenses
sanctioned in G.O. No. 487 of 1894 in connection with
journeys performed by Ministerial Officers and Members
by the Bezwada-Masulipatam Canal are for the
entire journey irrespective of the number of days
occupied by it, Count to S.E. & Cash.

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Informing the Accountant-General that the actual expenses sanctioned in G.O., No. 487 of 1894, in connection with journeys performed by ministerial officers and menials by the Bezvada-Masulipatam canal are for the entire journey irrespective of the number of days occupied by it; and awaiting report from the Collector of Kistna in regard to the rates for the journey by the Bezvada-Ellore canal.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 487, Financial, dated 25th June 1894.

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning a scale of travelling allowances to non-gazetted ministerial officers and menials for journeys performed by boat in the Kistna district.

G.O., No. 379, Financial, dated 16th June 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that the rules prescribed in G.O., No. 487, Financial, dated 25th June 1894, are applicable to journeys performed by boat along the Bezwada-Ellore and the Bezwada-Masulipatam canals only.

Read—also the following papers :—

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 26th November 1896, No. 3651.

With reference to G.O., No. 487, Financial, dated the 25th June 1894, sanctioning a scale of travelling allowances to non-gazetted ministerial officers and menials for journey performed by boat in the Kistna district, I have the honour to inquire whether the rates of *actual expenses* sanctioned therein are rates allowed for each day occupied by the journey by the Bezwada-Masulipatam canal, or whether they are rates fixed for the entire journey of 48 miles by that canal without taking into consideration the number of days occupied by the journey.

2. I make this inquiry as the order in question is not clear on the point. By a subsequent order (*vide* G.O., No. 379, Financial, dated 16th June 1896,) the same rates have been extended to journeys performed by the Bezwada-Ellore canal, the length of which is only 40 miles.

From the Accountant-General, Madras, dated 27th January 1897, No. 290.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 428, dated 2nd February 1897.

Read—again the following papers :—

Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, No. 2524, dated 1st December 1896, referring to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), for favour of remarks, letter from the Accountant-General, No. 3651, dated 26th November 1896; and the following reference thereon, dated 9th December 1896.—Referred to the Collector of Kistna for very early report.

Read—also the following paper :—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 9th January 1897, Dis. No. 173-Ver.

In reply to Board's Government Reference No. 2428, dated 9th December 1896 (the enclosure of which is herewith returned), I have the honour to report that the rates of travelling allowance sanctioned in G.O., No. 487, Financial, dated 25th June 1894, are for the entire journey of 48 miles which usually takes 24 hours in portions of two days. On special occasions such as rains or floods, the journey may be prolonged, but in that case *batta* may be allowed for the days the officer is detained in the way.

Resolution—Mis. No. 428, dated 2nd February 1897.

The Collector's letter read above will be submitted to Government with reference to endorsement, No. 2524, Financial, dated 1st December 1896.

2. The Accountant-General's question regarding the meaning of the phrase "actual expenses" in G.O., No. 487, Financial, dated 25th June 1894, appears to be answered partly by the Government order itself and partly by article 15 of the Civil Service Regulations. The Government order lays down that either daily allowance or actual expenses, subject to a specified maximum, shall be admissible; that is, when an officer chooses to claim actual expenses, he shall not also claim daily allowance or *batta*. As regards the meaning of "actual expenses," the context shows that the expression must mean "actual travelling expenses." For the sake of clearness, however, the Board recommends the following substitution in G.O., No. 487, Financial, dated 25th June 1894 :—

For "actual expenses" read "actual travelling expenses as defined in article 15, Civil Service Regulations."

3. The maximum rates laid down in the same Government order are obviously rates fixed for the entire journey, not for each day.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 1454, dated 21st April 1897.

Read—again the following paper :—

Memorandum of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th March 1897, No. 563.

From the letter of the Collector of Kistna read in the Board's Proceedings, it is plain that the maximum rates of actual expenses, permissible on the Bezwada-Masulipatam canal, as sanctioned in G.O., No. 487, Financial, dated 25th June 1894, represent the maximum expenses not for each day but for the whole journey of 48 miles which is usually spread over more than one day. It is obvious that a lower maximum should suffice for journeys on the Bezwada-Ellore canal, the whole length of which is only 40 miles. The Board of Revenue is requested to report what scale should be adopted in the latter case.

2. The question discussed by the Board in paragraph 2 of its proceedings as to the meaning of the phrase "actual expenses" in G.O., No. 487, Financial, dated 25th June 1894, has not been raised by the Accountant-General. The point will be considered and the addition suggested by the Board made, if necessary, when final orders are passed on the present question.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Resolution—Mis. No. 1454, dated 21st April 1897.

With reference to paragraph 1 of the Government order read above, the Board submits that the time usually taken for the journey along the Bezwada-Masulipatam canal is only 24 hours as stated by the Collector in his letter, No. 173, dated 9th January 1897, and the period of the journey should therefore be reckoned as only one day (*vide* paragraph 4 of the Government of India letter communicated in G.O., No. 423, Financial, dated 28th May 1895). An officer travelling by the canal will be entitled either to daily allowance for one day or to actual expenses up to the limits

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sanctioned in G.O., No. 487, Financial, dated 25th June 1894, for the entire journey of 48 miles. On occasions such as seasons of rain or flood, the journey by the canal is reported to take more than 24 hours.

2. As regards the question whether a lower scale of travelling allowance than that fixed in G.O., No. 487, Financial, dated 25th June 1894, may be adopted for journeys on the Bezwada-Ellore canal, the Board observes that the special rates are

	Mileage admissible under the Civil Service Regulations.			Special rates sanctioned in G.O., No. 487, Financial, dated 25th June 1894.			
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(1) Officers of the 2nd class	10	0	0	3	0	0	lower than those admissible under the Civil Service Regulations as shown in the margin. As the Government is of opinion, however, that still lower rates should suffice for the Ellore canal, the Collector is requested to report on this point. It
(2) Officers of the 3rd class whose pay is Rs. 50 and upwards	5	0	0	1	12	0	should be stated how the average charges for "radhari boats" on the Bezwada-Ellore canal compare with those reported in the Collector's letter, No. 963, dated 18th February 1894, in the case of the Bezwada-Masulipatam canal.
(3) Officers of the 3rd class whose pay is below Rs. 50	5	0	0	1	4	0	
(4) Officers of the 4th class	2	8	0	0	8	0	

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.
" Collector of Kistna.

ORDER—No. 399, Financial, dated 14th May 1897.

With reference to the inquiry in the letter from the Accountant-General, No. 3651, dated 26th November 1896, that officer will be informed that the actual expenses sanctioned in G.O., No. 487, dated 25th June 1894, are for the entire journey by the Bezwada-Masulipatam canal irrespective of the number of days occupied by it.

2. The following alteration will be made in the above order:—
For "actual expenses" read "actual travelling expenses as defined in article 15 of the Civil Service Regulations."

3. The report from the Collector of Kistna in regard to the rates for the journey by the Bezwada-Ellore canal will be awaited.

(True Extract.)

To the Accountant-General.
" Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" Ecclesiastical Department.
" Educational Department.
" Judicial Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Marine Department.
" Public Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.

for Chief Secretary.