

wage in this district, but the inference is somewhat discounted by the fact that, at present prices, the famine wage will not buy what the normal wage buys in ordinary times.

5. The Board notes that some ordinary works are being started by the Public Works Department in Sarvasiddhi, and probably the Collector may be able to close the Kondakerla work.

6. The Commissioner inspected the kitchen and some 2,000 coolies on the work at Pusapati Rega. The kitchen inmates were generally in fair or good condition. There were no persons, who come up to the level of emaciation, seen frequently in Ganjam, but some eight children required to be placed on special kitchen diet—section 123, Famine Code. Of the 2,000 persons on the work, the great mass were in fair or good condition. There was a weak gang; but the cause of weakness was age, &c., and not attributable to famine. The girls of 7 to 14 were in a great many cases in very poor condition, and there were some children—perhaps a dozen in all—who, both from age and bad health, ought to have been in the kitchen under treatment. It is very difficult to keep children who are about 7, or a little short of it, off the works, and the Revenue officer on the spot should do his best to get them to the kitchen.

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|                |                                                                               |                       |        |                              |                                                                 |         |       |                     |                           |
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\* Figures not available.

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The condition of cattle, especially the poorer sorts, is critical in the Deccan owing to want of pasturage and fodder. It is under consideration to import fodder into these districts from unaffected areas.

2. Nature of works.—There is no variation under this head, the work given being almost entirely road-work, viz., collecting, breaking, and stacking metal, collecting gravel, cutting side-drains, and spreading metal and gravel. Some channel excavation and tank repairs are being done on a small scale.

3. *Operations under the Loans Acts.*—In addition to the numbers employed on State relief-works about 18,000 are reported to be employed on land improvement works for which over Rs. 1,60,000 were disbursed during the month as shown in the subjoined table:—

| Districts.      | Land Improvement Loans. |         |            |         |                 |         |            |          | Number of wells. |                     | Estimated number of labourers employed. |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|------------|---------|-----------------|---------|------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                 | For wells.              |         |            |         | Other purposes. |         |            |          |                  |                     |                                         |
|                 | Accepted.               |         | Disbursed. |         | Accepted.       |         | Disbursed. |          | Completed.       | Under construction. |                                         |
|                 | Number.                 | Amount. | Number.    | Amount. | Number.         | Amount. | Number.    | Amount.  |                  |                     |                                         |
| <i>Circars.</i> |                         | RS.     |            | RS.     |                 | RS.     |            | RS.      |                  |                     |                                         |
| Ganjám .. ..    | 33                      | 3,440   | 35         | 3,960   | ..              | ..      | ..         | ..       | ..               | ..                  | ..                                      |
| Vizagapatam ..  | ..                      | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..              | ..      | ..         | ..       | ..               | ..                  | ..                                      |
| Total ..        | 33                      | 3,440   | 35         | 3,960   | ..              | ..      | ..         | ..       | ..               | ..                  | ..                                      |
| <i>Deccan.</i>  |                         |         |            |         |                 |         |            |          |                  |                     |                                         |
| Kurnool .. ..   | 51                      | 11,320  | 52         | 9,003   | 89              | 8,860   | 89         | 8,860    |                  |                     |                                         |
| Bellary .. ..   | 63                      | 12,815  | 55         | 6,868   | 853             | 79,020  | 858        | 85,600   | ..               | 76                  | 2,180                                   |
| Anantapur ..    | 41                      | 7,500   | 41         | 7,294   | 105             | 9,881   | 147        | 18,123   | ..               | 82                  | 9,549                                   |
| Cuddapah ..     | 10                      | 1,370   | 10         | 1,150   | 1               | 60      | 1          | 60       | 1                | 669                 | 6,639                                   |
| Total ..        | 165                     | 33,005  | 158        | 24,115  | 1,048           | 97,821  | 1,095      | 1,12,643 | ..               | 7                   | 60                                      |
| Grand Total ..  | 198                     | 36,445  | 193        | 28,075  | 1,048           | 97,821  | 1,095      | 1,12,643 | 1                | 834                 | 18,428                                  |

4. *Wages.*—Wages have been calculated on prices varying from 11½ to 16 seers to the rupee. The majority of workers have been in receipt of the B wage, though a considerable number have been kept on the C wage, owing to the orders of Government, reserving the C wage for untasked labour, not having been carried out on all works by the end of the month. B wage for a man averages about 1 anna 6 pies in the Deccan and Ganjám, and 1 anna 2 pies in Vizagapatam.

5. *Gratuitous relief.*—Except in Ganjám, where the circumstances are peculiar, the majority of those on gratuitous relief were fed in kitchens, but, towards the close of the month, the administration of gratuitous relief was organised in accordance with the orders of Government, though, owing to the want of adequate establishments, progress was slow in Anantapur and Kurnool, and bad in Cuddapah.

6. *Prices.*—The price of rice in Ganjám and Vizagapatam was steady, but that of ragi rose slightly. In the Deccan, towards the end of the month, prices tended to fall, except in Kurnool, where there was a rise; the decrease is ascribed to heavy importations; the price of cholam, however, the staple food-grain of the area, is from 7 to 23 per cent. above the scarcity rate.

7. *Imports and exports.*—The activity of trade is shown by the subjoined figures. The large exports from Ganjám and Anantapur are noteworthy; the Board is unable to explain them satisfactorily:—

*Imports and Exports by rail.*

| Districts.  | March.   |          | April.   |          |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|             | Imports. | Exports. | Imports. | Exports. |
| Ganjám      | I. MDS.  | I. MDS.  | I. MDS.  | I. MDS.  |
| Vizagapatam | 4,000    | 10,700   | 4,300    | 21,800   |
| Kurnool     | 35,200   | 1,200    | 46,300   | 6,200    |
| Bellary     | 14,800   | 3,000    | 18,700   | 8,400    |
| Anantapur   | 40,500   | 6,100    | 65,200   | 13,600   |
| Cuddapah    | 10,065   | 10,234   | 17,520   | 41,450   |
|             | 33,281   | 11,140   | 26,595   | 13,394   |

8. *Condition of people.*—The distress in Ganjám was reported last month to have not yet reached an acute stage, but during the month it developed rapidly, owing to the repugnance, more unreasonable among the Uriyas than elsewhere, to accept State relief; their susceptibilities have since given way under the pressure of privation.

The Famine Commissioner, who was on tour in Ganjám during the month, considers the symptoms of distress to be far more strongly marked in the centre and northern tract of that district than in any other. It has been found necessary, under the peculiar circumstances of the district, to place a large number of persons on gratuitous relief. The condition of the people elsewhere was on the whole fair; exceptions were of course to be found, but these had attached to them, as a rule, an unfavourable medical history, though some cases were the result of continual employment on the C wage. Any further risk of deterioration amongst labourers is believed to have been minimised by the adoption of B class wages for all tasked labour.

9. *Mortality.*—The following table shows the deaths in March 1897 and in the period October—March 1896–97, and the average rates for the same periods. Figures for April are not yet available:—

*Mortality statement.*

| Districts.          | Number of deaths reported |          |                       |          | Remarks.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                     | During March              |          | From October to March |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                     | 1897.                     | Average. | 1897.                 | Average. |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Ganjám .. .. .      | • 3,590                   | 1,782    | 15,982                | 11,636   | * There has been a good deal of cholera and small-pox in this district, but possibly not enough to account for the whole excess mortality in this district. The cause of the increase will be ascertained. |
| Vizagapatam .. .. . | 2,582                     | 2,726    | 14,974                | 17,857   |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Kurnool .. .. .     | 1,051                     | 1,588    | 6,852                 | 8,669    |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Bellary .. .. .     | 1,386                     | 1,629    | 8,342                 | 8,411    |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Anantapur .. .. .   | 891                       | 1,099    | 6,466                 | 5,901    |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Cuddapah .. .. .    | 1,719                     | 2,485    | 12,072                | 14,275   |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

The death-rate was below the average except in Ganjám for both periods and in Anantapur during the period October—March. The decreases during March in Kurnool and Cuddapah are striking, as are also the decreases in Vizagapatam and Kurnool during the six months. The reliability of the figures, however, as before reported, is not great. It must be remembered that, in periods of drought, mortality from some forms of disease, e.g., fever, is likely to be much less than usual.

## FAMINE STATEMENT B.

For the period ending Saturday, the 1st May 1897.

| Districts.          | Maximum number for whom relief is estimated to be required in the case of serious famine. | Number for whom relief was provided in programmes of famine relief-works. |                       |                                                            | Maximum number for whom relief can be provided by works remaining in programmes on date of report. |                                                 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                     |                                                                                           | Date of programme.                                                        | On large works.       | Others.                                                    | On large works.                                                                                    | Others.                                         |
| 1                   | 2                                                                                         | 3                                                                         | 4                     | 5                                                          | 6                                                                                                  | 7                                               |
| <i>Circars.</i>     |                                                                                           |                                                                           |                       |                                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                 |
| Ganjam .. .. .      | 317,800                                                                                   | 9th July 1896                                                             | 431,961               | 84,737                                                     | 431,468                                                                                            | 84,558                                          |
| Visagapatam .. .. . | 388,200                                                                                   | 18th May 1896                                                             | 324,301               | 172,155                                                    | 324,196                                                                                            | 171,020                                         |
| Total ..            | 706,000                                                                                   | ..                                                                        | 756,262               | 256,892                                                    | 755,664                                                                                            | 255,578                                         |
| <i>Deccan.</i>      |                                                                                           |                                                                           |                       |                                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                 |
| Kurnool .. .. .     | 163,000                                                                                   | 13th April 1897                                                           | 522,795               | 93,977                                                     | 512,011                                                                                            | 93,316                                          |
| Bellary .. .. .     | 176,000                                                                                   | Do.                                                                       | 324,866               | 56,564                                                     | 308,565                                                                                            | 55,371                                          |
| Anantapur .. .. .   | 145,000                                                                                   | Do.                                                                       | 156,411               | 49,454                                                     | 153,302                                                                                            | 49,323                                          |
| Cuddapah .. .. .    | 254,000                                                                                   | Do.                                                                       | 182,174               | 94,094                                                     | 175,990                                                                                            | 93,819                                          |
| Total ..            | 738,000                                                                                   | ..                                                                        | 1,186,246             | 294,089                                                    | 1,149,868                                                                                          | 291,829                                         |
| Grand Total ..      | 1,444,000                                                                                 | ..                                                                        | 1,942,508             | 550,981                                                    | 1,905,532                                                                                          | 547,407                                         |
| Districts.          | Expenditure since 1st April up to the latest day for which figures are available.         |                                                                           |                       | Advances given—1st April up to the end of the period—under |                                                                                                    | Revenue suspended beyond current official year. |
|                     | Date up to which expenditure is known.                                                    | On relief works.                                                          | On gratuitous relief. | Land Improvement Loans Act.                                | Agriculturists' Loans Act.                                                                         |                                                 |
|                     | 8                                                                                         | 9                                                                         | 10                    | 11                                                         | 12                                                                                                 | 13                                              |
| <i>Circars.</i>     |                                                                                           |                                                                           |                       |                                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                 |
| Ganjam .. .. .      | 1st May 1897                                                                              | Rs. 2,000                                                                 | Rs. 2,000             | Rs. 4,000                                                  | Rs. 2,000                                                                                          | ..                                              |
| Visagapatam .. .. . | Do.                                                                                       | 16,000                                                                    | 2,000                 | ..                                                         | ..                                                                                                 | ..                                              |
| Total ..            | ....                                                                                      | 18,000                                                                    | 4,000                 | 4,000                                                      | 2,000                                                                                              | ..                                              |
| <i>Deccan.</i>      |                                                                                           |                                                                           |                       |                                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                 |
| Kurnool .. .. .     | 1st May 1897                                                                              | 85,000                                                                    | 4,000                 | 18,000                                                     | ..                                                                                                 | ..                                              |
| Bellary .. .. .     | Do.                                                                                       | 1,31,000                                                                  | 7,000                 | 92,000                                                     | 6,000                                                                                              | ..                                              |
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| Cuddapah .. .. .    | Do.                                                                                       | 48,000                                                                    | ..                    | 1,000                                                      | ..                                                                                                 | ..                                              |
| Total ..            | ....                                                                                      | 2,88,000                                                                  | 13,000                | 1,36,000                                                   | 9,000                                                                                              | ..                                              |
| Grand Total ..      | ....                                                                                      | 3,06,000                                                                  | 17,000                | 1,40,000                                                   | 11,000                                                                                             | ..                                              |

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| Grand Total .. .. | 1,367                                                                                 | 8,023                 | 210,029 | 21,797                       | ..                                                              | ..      | ..    | •                   | •                         |

\* Figures not available.

Area affected—Conditions and prospects thereof.—The affected area has increased from 15,988 square miles to 16,374 square miles. The increase is due partly to a correction of estimates, and partly to the gradual absorption of unaffected tracts within the area of distress.

Agricultural operations are practically at a standstill in all the affected districts. No progress is likely to be made in this direction, nor is any improvement in the prospects of these areas to be expected, unless and until the south-west monsoon is established.

The condition of cattle, especially the poorer sorts, is critical in the Deccan owing to want of pasturage and fodder. It is under consideration to import fodder into these districts from unaffected areas.

2. Nature of works.—There is no variation under this head, the work given being almost entirely road-work, viz., collecting, breaking, and stacking metal, collecting gravel, cutting side-drains, and spreading metal and gravel. Some channel excavation and tank repairs are being done on a small scale.

3. *Operations under the Loans Acts.*—In addition to the numbers employed on State relief-works about 18,000 are reported to be employed on land improvement works for which over Rs. 1,60,000 were disbursed during the month as shown in the subjoined table:—

| Districts.      | Land Improvement Loans. |         |            |         |                 |         |            |          | Number of wells. |                     | Estimated number of labourers employed. |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|------------|---------|-----------------|---------|------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                 | For wells.              |         |            |         | Other purposes. |         |            |          | Completed.       | Under construction. |                                         |
|                 | Accepted.               |         | Disbursed. |         | Accepted.       |         | Disbursed. |          |                  |                     |                                         |
|                 | Number.                 | Amount. | Number.    | Amount. | Number.         | Amount. | Number.    | Amount.  |                  |                     |                                         |
| <i>Circars.</i> |                         | RS.     |            | RS.     |                 | RS.     |            | RS.      |                  |                     |                                         |
| Ganjām ..       | 33                      | 3,440   | 35         | 3,960   | ..              | ..      | ..         | ..       | ..               | ..                  | ..                                      |
| Vizagapatam ..  | ..                      | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..              | ..      | ..         | ..       | ..               | ..                  | ..                                      |
| Total ..        | 33                      | 3,440   | 35         | 3,960   | ..              | ..      | ..         | ..       | ..               | ..                  | ..                                      |
| <i>Deccan.</i>  |                         |         |            |         |                 |         |            |          |                  |                     |                                         |
| Kurnool ..      | 51                      | 11,320  | 52         | 9,003   | 89              | 8,860   | 89         | 8,860    |                  |                     |                                         |
| Bellary ..      | 63                      | 12,815  | 55         | 6,668   | 853             | 79,020  | 858        | 85,600   | ..               | 76                  | 2,180                                   |
| Anantapur ..    | 41                      | 7,500   | 41         | 7,294   | 105             | 9,881   | 147        | 18,123   | ..               | 82                  | 9,549                                   |
| Cuddapah ..     | 10                      | 1,370   | 10         | 1,150   | 1               | 60      | 1          | 60       | 1                | 669                 | 6,639                                   |
| Total ..        | 165                     | 33,005  | 158        | 24,115  | 1,048           | 97,821  | 1,095      | 1,12,643 | ..               | 7                   | 60                                      |
| Grand Total ..  | 198                     | 36,445  | 193        | 28,075  | 1,048           | 97,821  | 1,095      | 1,12,643 | 1                | 834                 | 18,428                                  |

4. *Wages.*—Wages have been calculated on prices varying from 11½ to 16 seers to the rupee. The majority of workers have been in receipt of the B wage, though a considerable number have been kept on the C wage, owing to the orders of Government, reserving the C wage for untasked labour, not having been carried out on all works by the end of the month. B wage for a man averages about 1 anna 6 pies in the Deccan and Ganjám, and 1 anna 2 pies in Vizagapatam.

5. *Gratuitous relief.*—Except in Ganjám, where the circumstances are peculiar, the majority of those on gratuitous relief were fed in kitchens, but, towards the close of the month, the administration of gratuitous relief was organised in accordance with the orders of Government, though, owing to the want of adequate establishments, progress was slow in Anantapur and Kurnool, and bad in Cuddapah.

6. *Prices.*—The price of rice in Ganjám and Vizagapatam was steady, but that of ragi rose slightly. In the Deccan, towards the end of the month, prices tended to fall, except in Kurnool, where there was a rise; the decrease is ascribed to heavy importations; the price of cholam, however, the staple food-grain of the area, is from 7 to 23 per cent. above the scarcity rate.

7. *Imports and exports.*—The activity of trade is shown by the subjoined figures. The large exports from Ganjám and Anantapur are noteworthy; the Board is unable to explain them satisfactorily:—

Imports and Exports by rail.

| Districts.     | March.        |                | April.        |                |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|                | Imports.      | Exports.       | Imports.      | Exports.       |
| Ganjám ..      | I. MDS. 4,000 | I. MDS. 10,700 | I. MDS. 4,300 | I. MDS. 21,800 |
| Vizagapatam .. | .. .. 35,200  | .. .. 1,200    | .. .. 46,300  | .. .. 6,200    |
| Kurnool ..     | .. .. 14,800  | .. .. 3,000    | .. .. 18,700  | .. .. 8,400    |
| Bellary ..     | .. .. 40,500  | .. .. 6,100    | .. .. 65,200  | .. .. 13,600   |
| Anantapur ..   | .. .. 10,065  | .. .. 10,234   | .. .. 17,520  | .. .. 41,450   |
| Cuddapah ..    | .. .. 33,281  | .. .. 11,140   | .. .. 26,595  | .. .. 13,394   |

8. *Condition of people.*—The distress in Ganjám was reported last month to have not yet reached an acute stage, but during the month it developed rapidly, owing to the repugnance, more unreasonable among the Uriyas than elsewhere, to accept State relief; their susceptibilities have since given way under the pressure of privation.

The Famine Commissioner, who was on tour in Ganjám during the month, considers the symptoms of distress to be far more strongly marked in the centre and northern tract of that district than in any other. It has been found necessary, under the peculiar circumstances of the district, to place a large number of persons on gratuitous relief. The condition of the people elsewhere was on the whole fair; exceptions were of course to be found, but these had attached to them, as a rule, an unfavourable medical history, though some cases were the result of continual employment on the C wage. Any further risk of deterioration amongst labourers is believed to have been minimised by the adoption of B class wages for all tasked labour.

9. *Mortality.*—The following table shows the deaths in March 1897 and in the period October—March 1896–97, and the average rates for the same periods. Figures for April are not yet available:—

Mortality statement.

| Districts.          | Number of deaths reported |          |                       |          | Remarks.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                     | During March              |          | From October to March |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                     | 1897.                     | Average. | 1897.                 | Average. |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Ganjám .. .. .      | • 3,590                   | 1,782    | 15,982                | 11,636   | * There has been a good deal of cholera and small-pox in this district, but possibly not enough to account for the whole excess mortality in this district. The cause of the increase will be ascertained. |
| Vizagapatam .. .. . | 2,582                     | 2,726    | 14,974                | 17,857   |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Kurnool .. .. .     | 1,051                     | 1,588    | 6,852                 | 8,669    |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Bellary .. .. .     | 1,386                     | 1,529    | 8,342                 | 8,411    |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Anantapur .. .. .   | 891                       | 1,099    | 6,466                 | 5,901    |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Cuddapah .. .. .    | 1,719                     | 2,485    | 12,072                | 14,275   |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

The death-rate was below the average except in Ganjám for both periods and in Anantapur during the period October—March. The decreases during March in Kurnool and Cuddapah are striking, as are also the decreases in Vizagapatam and Kurnool during the six months. The reliability of the figures, however, as before reported, is not great. It must be remembered that, in periods of drought, mortality from some forms of disease, e.g., fever, is likely to be much less than usual.

## FAMINE STATEMENT B.

For the period ending Saturday, the 1st May 1897.

| Districts.          | Maximum number for whom relief is estimated to be required in the case of serious famine. | Number for whom relief was provided in programmes of famine relief-works. |                 |         | Maximum number for whom relief can be provided by works remaining in programmes on date of report. |         |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
|                     |                                                                                           | Date of programme.                                                        | On large works. | Others. | On large works.                                                                                    | Others. |
| 1                   | 2                                                                                         | 3                                                                         | 4               | 5       | 6                                                                                                  | 7       |
| <i>Circars.</i>     |                                                                                           |                                                                           |                 |         |                                                                                                    |         |
| Ganjām .. .. .      | 317,800                                                                                   | 9th July 1896                                                             | 431,961         | 84,737  | 431,468                                                                                            | 84,558  |
| Visagapatam .. .. . | 388,200                                                                                   | 18th May 1896                                                             | 324,301         | 172,155 | 324,196                                                                                            | 171,020 |
| Total .. .. .       | 706,000                                                                                   | ..                                                                        | 756,262         | 256,892 | 755,664                                                                                            | 255,578 |
| <i>Deccan.</i>      |                                                                                           |                                                                           |                 |         |                                                                                                    |         |
| Kurnool .. .. .     | 163,000                                                                                   | 13th April 1897                                                           | 522,795         | 93,977  | 512,011                                                                                            | 93,316  |
| Bellary .. .. .     | 176,000                                                                                   | Do.                                                                       | 324,866         | 56,564  | 308,565                                                                                            | 55,371  |
| Anantapur .. .. .   | 145,000                                                                                   | Do.                                                                       | 156,411         | 49,454  | 153,302                                                                                            | 49,323  |
| Cuddapah .. .. .    | 254,000                                                                                   | Do.                                                                       | 182,174         | 94,094  | 176,990                                                                                            | 93,819  |
| Total .. .. .       | 738,000                                                                                   | ..                                                                        | 1,186,246       | 294,089 | 1,149,868                                                                                          | 291,829 |
| Grand Total .. .. . | 1,444,000                                                                                 | ..                                                                        | 1,942,508       | 550,981 | 1,905,532                                                                                          | 547,407 |

  

| Districts.          | Expenditure since 1st April up to the latest day for which figures are available. |                  |                       | Advances given—1st April up to the end of the period—under |                            | Revenue suspended beyond current official year. |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                     | Date up to which expenditure is known.                                            | On relief works. | On gratuitous relief. | Land Improvement Loans Act.                                | Agriculturists' Loans Act. |                                                 |
|                     | 8                                                                                 | 9                | 10                    | 11                                                         | 12                         | 13                                              |
| <i>Circars.</i>     |                                                                                   |                  |                       |                                                            |                            |                                                 |
| Ganjām .. .. .      | 1st May 1897                                                                      | rs. 2,000        | rs. 2,000             | rs. 4,000                                                  | rs. 2,000                  | ..                                              |
| Visagapatam .. .. . | Do.                                                                               | 16,000           | 2,000                 | ..                                                         | ..                         | ..                                              |
| Total .. .. .       | ....                                                                              | 18,000           | 4,000                 | 4,000                                                      | 2,000                      | ..                                              |
| <i>Deccan.</i>      |                                                                                   |                  |                       |                                                            |                            |                                                 |
| Kurnool .. .. .     | 1st May 1897                                                                      | 85,000           | 4,000                 | 18,000                                                     | ..                         | ..                                              |
| Bellary .. .. .     | Do.                                                                               | 1,31,000         | 7,000                 | 92,000                                                     | 6,000                      | ..                                              |
| Anantapur .. .. .   | Do.                                                                               | 24,000           | 2,000                 | 25,000                                                     | 3,000                      | ..                                              |
| Cuddapah .. .. .    | Do.                                                                               | 48,000           | ..                    | 1,000                                                      | ..                         | ..                                              |
| Total .. .. .       | ....                                                                              | 2,88,000         | 13,000                | 1,36,000                                                   | 9,000                      | ..                                              |
| Grand Total .. .. . | ....                                                                              | 3,06,000         | 17,000                | 1,40,000                                                   | 11,000                     | ..                                              |

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Miscellaneous.

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