

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1709 W

DATED 28 June 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Relief Workers: Letter from S.E. III Circle
on the subject of the alleged harsh severity
of P.W.D. Officers to — at Guntakal, Compt.
to the Revenue Dept.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

CURRENT No. 5923

Order

Communicated to
the Revenue Dept: with reference
to para 5 of the Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue (Revenue
Settlement, Land Records and
Agriculture) No. 335 dated 3rd
May 1897 recorded in
G.O. No. 355 Revenue, dated
19th May 1897.

From

W. B. de Winton Esq
Supt. Engineer III Circle,
Bellary

No. 1265W

Dated 5th June 1897.

Received 7.6.92

Registered 17.6.97

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Undermanning of the Department
in Anantapur &c. — Stating that
it has already been reported regarding

The Revenue Dept.

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BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

Supt. of Engineers Office,
III Circle, Bellamy.
5th June 1897.

No. 1465W.

From

W. B. de Winton Esq.,

Supt-dg Engineer,
III Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,

Parlour Works Department,
Göttingen.

Sch,

With reference to G. O. No 3506
dated the 27 May 1897 and the remarks
made by the Board of Revenue upon
the undermanning of this Department
in Anantapur and the alleged harsh-
ness to relief workers at Guntakal,
I have the honour to state that I
have already reported about the
former in my No. 1379^d dated 1st June/97.

2. With regard to C class wages at Guntakal, I objected to them as long ago as February last and on several occasions since, and have always been informed that the reason

was

Sent to H.S.
on the 5-6-97

was that, owing to the proximity of the work to the Railway station and Cotton mills, all the able-bodied people found ample employment at good wages, and it was only the old and young, infirm and weakly, who resorted to our works, and they did not care to exert themselves sufficiently to earn more than C class wages because they were already so well provided for. I considered this an excellent reason, and, as an exceptional case, allowed C class wages to continue. The arrangement has, as usual, been upset by the Revenue Department for no adequate reason.

3. With reference to the Board's remark that officers of the Public Works Department have been inclined to be somewhat too severe with the coolies and to demand a task beyond their powers, I beg to state that it is not in accordance with facts. The history of the present relief operations is somewhat instructive. When this

Department

I read these remarks, they
told in bad condition;
and notwithstanding what
is said here, I believe
their work was insufficient

A.S.H.
14.6.87

There is considerable
inaccuracy in this para.

A.S.H.
14.6.87

Department first took over charge of relief works, we soon discovered that the tasks prescribed by the Code were too severe, and we recommended fairer tasks and some leniency. But the Board of Revenue and Collectors, for the most part, insisted on tasks, fines &c. being rigorously enforced. Then came His Excellency the Governor's tour of inspection, and reports from the Sanitary Commissioner and the Famine Commissioner, and letters in the Madras Mail from irresponsible correspondents, who have often been guilty of great exaggeration, and while this Department has maintained exactly the same attitude from the first, viz, that a fair day's task should be exacted for a fair day's wage, the tasks have been so reduced by successive orders of Government and the Board of Revenue, and fining has been so entirely abolished, that the exaction of a fair task by this Department has become a practical impossibility, relief workers have learnt that they may

do

do as little as they please without suffering for it, and in ^{fact on} some works they do nothing more than walk to and from their villages, while the authority over them of our subordinates has been reduced to vanishing point.

4. I respectfully venture to say that if tasks and all connected with them has been left entirely to this Deptt, the result would have been far more satisfactory than it is at present, and the health of the workers would not have suffered in the smallest degree.

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

L. Ch. hintu
Supt-dg Engineer, III circle.

Letter from S. E. III D. 1379^W
of 1.6.98.

Relief Works Explaining
the reasons for the Complaint
by the Rev. Deptt in regard
to delay in opening -

Sent to H. E. the Governor
on the 5.6.97

S. E. III D. 1465^W
5.6.97

The following are the demands
for Upper Subordinates for relief works
in the III circle: -

- (a) 5 for Mantapur, as ordered by W
- (b) 1 for Cuddalore - vide
Telegram, Kaggid 'A'
- (c) $\frac{2}{8}$ for Bellary - vide
Telegram, flagged 'B'

The existing establishment
(Assistant Engineers and Upper Subordi-
nates) in the several Circles com-
pares with the sanctioned strength
as under: -

Circle	Sanctd	Existing	Percentage
1 st	61	43	70.4
2 nd	35	22	62.8
3 rd	38	26	68.4
4 th	44	28	63.6
5 th	31	19	61.2

Of the men warned for famine
duty, the following are still available:

- 2nd circle
1. V. S. Rangaswami ains, temp. officer (Mantapur)
 2. S. Manicka Mudaliar - do (Mantapur)
 3. M. Radhakrishnaiah - do (Mantapur)
 4. M. S. Singara ains - do (Bellary)
 5. K. Narasimma Chetty - do (Bellary)
 6. S. Kothandaramiah Naidu - do (Bellary)
- 4th circle
1. M. Saldanha, temp. officer (Cuddalore)
 2. G. S. Krishnaiah - do (Cuddalore)

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H.L.

Action having been taken with regard to the strengthening of S. W. Staff in Anantapur, it seems desirable

to record the fortnightly narrative

separately. I

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Under the Rev. G.O. the staff in Ganjam also has been increased. Is no action being taken about this.

Rur
26/5/57

H.L.

It is apparently does not consider that the staff in Ganjam requires strengthening.

In any case, orders on the subject will, I think, be passed on the needs reply

G.W.

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- 6. S. Kothandaramiah Naidu, do

4th Circle

- 1. M. Saldanha, Cuddalore
- 2. G. S. Krishnaiah, Bellary

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Please say what
action is being taken with
reference to para 2 of Res. 80
355 of 19.5.97.

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20.5.97

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(b) / for Cuddapah - vide
Telegram, Kaggad 'A'

(C) $\frac{2}{8}$ for Bellary - $\frac{\text{bide}}{\text{telegram flagged}}$ B

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as under: —————

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2. S. Manika Mudalia ^(Anandapuram) — do —
3. M. Radhakrishnaiah ^(Anandapuram) — do —
4. M. S. Singara aiy. ^(M. S. Singara) — do —
5. K. Narasimma Chetty — do —
6. S. Kothandaramiah Naidu — do —

4th circle

197. ^(Cuddalore dist.)
In Saldanha, Tenbury. orange
^{very}
198. G.S. Krishna ^{very} aurifer - do —
(Kannadapur)
3(P.T.O)

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D.W.

The following are the demands for Upper Subordinates for relief works in the III Circle: —

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Of the men wanted for famine duty, the following are still available:

2nd Circle

1. V.S. Rangaswami a/c, Tenky. overs.
2. S. Manicka Mudalia, do
3. M. Radhakrishnaiah, do
4. M.S. Singara Aiyar, do
5. K. Narasimmaiah, do
6. S. Kothandaramiah Naidu, do

4th Circle

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3 (P.T.O)

To reduce the percentage of existing strength to sanctioned strength of each of the following circles to 61.2, the percentage of 2nd 6 circle, the numbers may be diminished as under.

2 nd circle	43	6	37	as by 5 to reach integer
3 rd "	22	"	22	" " 0 "
4 th "	26	"	23	" " 3 "
5 th "	27	"	27	" " 1 "

Total 9 against

which are now wanted

Perhaps 4 might be sent from II
3 " " " " IV
and one from V.
 $\frac{8}{8}$

Proposed: —

From 2nd Circle 3 to Anantapur, 1 to Bellary
From 4th Circle 2 to Anantapur, 1 Cuddapah
From 5th Circle 1 to Bellary
To be taken in the order wanted
21/5/97

4th Circle (Contd.)

3. P. Seshachari, ^(Muzungu) Temp. officer
4. L. Venkata Ram, overseer

5th Circle

1. V. K. Kuppuswamy aiyar, overseer (Bellary)
2. S. Pancharada aiyar - do -
3. M. V. Krishnaswamy aiyar, Temp. overseer

6th Circle

1. K. S. Narayanaswamy aiyar, overseer
2. L. S. Pancharakasa Sarma, - do -
3. R. Narayanaswamy aiyar, Temp. overseer
4. A. Srinivasa Sastri, overseer
5. P. Subrahmani aiyar, - do -
6. K. Viswanatha aiyar, Supervisor
7. M. K. Subrahmani aiyar, overseer
8. C. Tirumalachari, Temp. overseer
9. Sgt E. Price, Supervisor

20-5-97