Public Works (1897) Department.

EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS.
28 OCT. 1897
No.

G.O., No. 2873 W

DATED 12 October 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Delaying the pension papers of late lascar Shaikh Mastan, Negapatam Dn: Passing orders punishing or censuring the officers responsible for —.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
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Current No. 9331 of 1897, dated 17 Septr 1897 , from the Pension Department.
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No 2873 W, 12-10-97

ORDER.

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In G.O. No: 242 Pension d/ 20th March 1897, communicated with G.O. No: 910 W d/31 March 1897, the Executive Engineer, Negapatam Division, was directed to submit a detailed statement showing precisely where the pension papers of Shaikh Mastan, late lascar, P.W.D. were during the period from the 31st October 1895 to the 1st August 1896, explaining who was responsible for the delay during the various stages, and reporting what punishment he would propose to inflict on the clerks at fault.

2. It is observed from the Executive Engineer's report received with the ~~L~~ endorsement from

the Supdg. Engineer V Circle No. 261 W d/20 July, 1897, that M. R. Ry. K. Kuppuswami Naidu, Head Accountant and Manager of the office, is directly responsible for the delay. He will therefore be reduced from 7th to 8th grade accountant for a period of one year.

3. The Executive Engineer is also somewhat to blame for the delay and the unsatisfactory state of his office brought to light in his report. His neglect of duty is noticed by Govt. with displeasure.

4. It is observed that the Chief Engineer has already taken the necessary steps to punish the clerks at fault and to replace them by efficient men.

5/10/97

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5-10-97.

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To
The S. E. V Circle
" Exr. P. W. Accts
" Pension Department

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Public Works (1897) Department.

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Order

From
The Pension Dept.

No. 713.

Dated 17-9-97

Received 20-9-97

Enclosures 1 file of papers.

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SUBJECT.

Approving of the suggestions contained in
office Note No. 1267 D. d/1-9-97 P.W.D.
and retransferring to that dept., for issue
of the necessary orders, the papers relating
to the delay in the submission of the pension
application of Shaikh Musthan, late
Lascar. P.W.D. - Negapatam Dvn.

Papers called for
from Madras 27/9/97

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EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS.
28 OCT. 1897
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O. No. 630.

Pension Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following papers.

From the Superintending Engr. 5th Circle dated 20th July 1897, No. 261.

Endt. from the Public works Dept. d/27th July 1897 No. 3334 C.

Office Note from -do- d/1st Sepr. 1897 No. 1267 D.

Order thereon, 17th September 1897 No. 713

The Government approves of the suggestions contained in the office note read above. The papers will be re transferred to the Public Works Department for issue of the necessary orders.

(True Extract)

for Secy. to Govt.

To

The Public Works Dept.

with notes in orgl. 2 nos:-

17/9/97

Govt. of {189 } Madras.

PENSION.

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Enclosures.

Mis., G.O., dated 189 , No.

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PENSION DEPARTMENT.

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From the P.W.D

1. The Hon Mr J. Grose }
2. H. E. the Governor }

Dated 27th July 1897, No. 3334 C.

The Hon Mr Secy
P.W.D. for communication

A note by the Chief Engineer is attached
[initials]
2/8/97

FOR ORDERS.

The present current is the reply to G.O. No 242 Pension, d/20-3-97, in para 3 of which the Govt directed the P.W.D. to submit a detailed statement showing precisely where the pension papers of Shaikh Mustan, late lascar, P.W.D., were during the period from 31-10-95 to 1-8-96, explaining who was responsible for the delay during the various stages and reporting what punishment the P.W.D. would propose to inflict upon the clerks at fault. From the Executive Engineer's letter A will be seen that everything went on regularly from 31-10-95 to 15-12-95, and that afterwards from 16-12-95 to April 1896, the papers were with his Office Manager and Accountant, Kuppusami Naidu. In May 1896, Kuppusami Naidu was transferred to Kurnool and one Jagaram Chetti took up his place.

The Executive Engineer is M.R.Ry A. Ratnasabhapathi Pillai avl of the Negapatam Divn. His letter (Flag D) is most fascinating reading.
19.8.97

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Govt. of {189 } Madras.
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From the P.W.D

Dated 27th July 1897, No. 3334 C.

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9 & 10	Civil surgeons letter No. 360 of 24.3.96 declaring Veerannan fit for duty with Ex. Engrs disposal thereon to S. Do. Mannargudy to reinstate him No. 834.S. / 27.3.96		26.3.96	26.3.96				27.3.96	27.3.96	27.3.96	27.3.96	
11	Petition from wife of Shaik Mustan of 30 April 1896 applying for gratuity with endorsement to S.D.O by E.E. No. 1179.S. / 11.5.96 *		11.5.96	11.5.96				14.5.96	not entered in distribution Register	16.5.96	17.5.96	
12	Mannargudy Sub Dl. officers No. 1387 of 8.7.96 reporting that there is no record of his service and that the man had deceased 3 months ago	9.7.96	11.7.96	11.7.96			13.7.96	11.7.96	13.7.96			7. The delay of 6 weeks in giving reply No. 1387 (exhibit No. 12) is due to sub Dn. clerk Latchmana Moorthy being new to the Dvn. having joined on 3.3.96 from South Arcot Dn.
	Pension application prepared by Head Clerk and given to accountant for completing draft &c. to accompany it & the same completed & submitted to Government		29.7.96	30.7.96	27.7.96	28.7.96				1.8.96	3.8.96	Between the 13th + 21st July the papers passed from Head clerk to accountant & vice versa.
14	Reply from Head Clerk Narayanaswamy Pillay dated 5 May 1897, 668 M. / 6-5-97 *											

(Signed) N. Ratnasabhapati
15/7/97
Executive Engineer

Dated 20th July 1897.

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Lt Colonel R.E.
Superintending Engineer 5th Circle

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The Executive Engineer went on three months' leave from 15-5-96 and just before he left, a petition from the widow of Shaikh Mustan was received by him, and on the 8th August 1896 Shaikh Mustan's pension papers were forwarded from the Executive Engineer's Office.

The Executive Engineer says that he cannot exactly trace when the papers from the Accountant Kuppusami Naidu were given over to the clerical branch, but he surmises that it must be when the Accountant was leaving for Kurnool. He points out that Kuppusami Naidu neither took the necessary action himself, nor brought the matter to the notice of the Executive Engineer when Head Clerk Narayanasami Pillay was transferred to South Arcot in Feby 1896. He accordingly considers that Kuppusami Naidu is responsible for the delay from January to April 1896, and that his inaction is most reprehensible. As, however, he was transferred to Kurnool at a time when his family circumstances would not suit him, he does not think that a further punishment is necessary, but says that if a punishment is considered necessary, "his promotion may be kept back for a year."

|| But this transfer was not for delaying these papers!

The next person responsible is, the Executive Engineer says, his Head Clerk, Lakshmana Row. In March 1896, Lakshmana Row took up the Head Clerk's post from 2nd Clerk, Madhava Pillay. In regard to this man the Executive Engineer remarks as follows:-

" It was his duty to keep the service books and he had more than one paper connected with the pension papers passing through his hands, and had he been the

the papers; but unfortunately a more incapable man I never came across. He has no memory, and what transpires today in the forenoon, he cannot remember in the afternoon. I never thought he was so bad, and I ascribed, I regret, the early delays to his being new to the Division, this having been ill of Cuddapah fever and to the bad assistance he got from his assistants. I don't consider any punishment of good to the man. His booked age is 51, and I fear he is older. His retention in service is no good either to himself or to the State. He has put in about 17 years' service". The Executive Engineer also considers that his 2nd Clerk, Madhava Pillay, who keeps the records is responsible for the delay. He says "This person acted for the Head clerk between Feby and March 1896 and although he states the papers did not come to him during the period of his incumbency as acting Head clerk, I think during the period of more than a month he had charge, he might have looked into the servicebooks and seen to their being all maintained in order. But, as a matter of fact, he thinks he has attained to the highest rank he can and of retiring soon. He is able to work well though over 51 but is not working with a heart. He declined the promotion that was offered him a yea ago and wishes to be kept on in the Tanjore Dt. only till his retirement. Now that that he is found indifferent I think he may be transfer to another place as a punishment."

The Executive Engineer does not consider any others blamable in the matter.

He regrets that in characterising the perd as short during which so many changes of hands took place, he "inadvertently conveyed the idea that he considered the delay as short". He says he has to accept his share of the blame, but submits that ever since he came to the Negapatam Division he had to work with the worst clerical staff and that "most of the staff is time expired men or men condemned from other divisions."

Flag E

In his explanation read in G.O $\frac{242}{20-3-97}$, Kuppuswami Naidu alleged that the Head Clerk was responsible for the preparation of the gratuity application and that he himself was merely on one occasion shown the papers "for his advice", and surmised that "the Head clerk might have thought that as the man was dead no further action was necessary".

Flag A

The Head clerk's explanation is now forwarded. He says that on the 20th Decr. 1895 "he handed over the file with service books to Kuppusami Naidu to see to them, or dispose of the reference, or send it to the Executive Engineer, with his note thereon, or to prepare the pension application as he did in the ~~case~~ cases of former Superintendents of Pandaniam Head Sea", and that until he left the Division in Feby. 1896 he never received back the file from Kuppusami Naidu. The Head clerk's explanation shews that the papers were with Kuppusami Naidu from 20th Decr 1895 to Feby. 1896. Again, the file of papers seems to have been with

Flag C

Kuppusami Naidu when he drew up his note to the E tive Engineer d/18.3-96, with the draft letter to the C Surgeon, Negapatam, about Veeranan, and it i not understood why the Executive Engineer did then draw the attention of his office about the pen papers of Shaikh Musthan who was reported to "a dead.

The explanations of Head clerk Lakshman Row, 2d clerk Mahadeva Pillay, and Accountant Jayaram Chetti have not been forwarded.

Flag B

When the widow's petition of 30th April 18 was received, the Executive Engineer seems to have u necessarily forwarded it to the Sub Divisional Office for submission of Shaikh Mustan's gratuity papers; the man's service book & the apothecary's certificate were in the Executive Engineer's office, and, as already stated by Narrainsami Pillai, the pension applications are prepared in the Executive Engineer's Office. The Executive Engineer's office at least ought to ha pointed this out to him.

As regards Lakshmana Row, the Executive Engineer remarks:-

"I dont consider any punishment of good to this man. His booked age is 51. & I fear he is older. His retention in service ~~x~~ is no good either to himself or to the State. He has put in about 17 years' service".

The Public Works Dept. forward the Executive Engineer's letter only with a remark about para 13 of the letter.

Lakshmana Row, cannot, it is submitt

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e granted any retiring allowance, as he has mpleted 30 years' service, nor attained the f 55 years, nor has he been declared phy-lly unfit for further service.

It seems clear that the Hd acct Kuppusami Naidu had the papers till he left for Kurnool in May. What caused the further delay to Augt the Ex Engineer does not explain. He was away on leave and an Asst Engr was acting. & this he apparently thinks a sufficient explanation!

The proposed punishment of Kuppusami Naidu vy either to treat his ransfer as sufficient unishment or to stop his romotion for a year s, it is submitted, absurd. He was not transferred for is fault & for all that ppears no promotion hay come or be likely to come to him for a year.

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The man mentioned in the statement× as new to his× F. work, & who was responsible for 6 weeks delay, was not Latchmana Row, the Ex. Engr's head clerk, but Latchmana murthy, the Sub. Divnl clerk.

CW
29-1-98

He says Latchmana Row the new HC was new to his duties & this explains 6 weeks of the delay.

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The action the Secy P.W. proposes shd be taken.

JG
5/4/97

The P.W.D. will probably suggest a more adequate punishment & may perhaps be able to ~~suspend~~ state the steps that have been taken to remedy the hopelessly incompetent state the Ex Engrs office seems to be in.

19.8.97
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28 OCT. 1897
No.........

No. 1267 D

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Ootacamund ~~Madras,~~ 13th September 1897.

OFFICE NOTE.

From

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department

To

The Secretary to Government,
Pension Department

In returning counterinitialled the accompanying note for Orders in the Pension Department, the following suggestions are offered.

2 R. Kuppusawmi Naidu, Head Accountant, who was the manager of the office is directly responsible for the delay and it is recommended that he be reduced from 7th Grade Accountant on Rs 80 to 8th Grade Accountant on Rs 60 for a period of one year.

3 The Executive Engineer is also somewhat to be blamed for the delay

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delay and the unsatisfactory state of his office. His neglect of duty may be noticed with displeasure.

AAH

4 To remedy the hopelessly incompetent state of the Executive Engineer's office, the Superintending Engineer has been directed to reduce the head clerk Lakshmana Rao who is reported to be utterly incompetent and to post him to a less responsible work, as he cannot be retired being below 55 years and as his transfer to another division will do him no good. The second clerk Mahadeva Pillai who is reported to be competent but indifferent and unwilling to leave the Division even on promotion has been ordered to be transferred to another Division as a punishment. The Suptg: Engr: has also been requested to replace the two clerks by efficient men.

AAH
12.9.97

D. McW. Campbell Colonel R.E.

Secretary to Government.

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~~Public Works~~ Pension (1897) Department.

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P. W. ACCOUNTS.
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~~C~~ No. 3334C, dated 27th July 1897.

~~Order~~ Engt.

Forwarded to the Pension Dept:, with reference to G.O. No. 242 Pension dated 2c march 1897.

2. Para 13 of the Executive Engineer's letter is not understood. It possibly refers to his supersession on the Engineer establt:

D. McW. Campbell Colonel R.E.
Secretary to Govt.

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From The Superintending Engr.
5th Circle

No. 261 E.

Dated 20th July 1897.

Received 21.7-97

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SUBJECT.

Shaik Mustan's pension papers.

Submitting Explanation of the delay in the submission of —

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Executive Engineer's office

EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS
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Statement showing the dates on

Exhibit No	Reference No and Subject
1	Mannargudy Sub Divisional officer's No 1564/6.11.95 reporting that certain cavalgars of which Shaik Mustan is one have been ordered to appear before the apothecary & declared unfit.
2	Draft to S.D.O. put up by Head Clerk vide this office No. C 71 S. dy 14.11.95 —
3	Mannargudy Sub Dl. Officers No. 1644 dy 19.11.95 forwarding statement of services of old conservancy lascars since their transfer to Work establishment
4	Draft to S.Do. put up by Head Clerk to report the dates of relief of the lascars for completing their pension papers.
5	Mannargudy SDO's No 1775/4.12.95 reporting dates of relief of lascars.
6	Petition from Kavalgar Veerannan to reinstate dy 13.3.96
7 & 8	Accountant's office note to Ex: Engineer with a draft to Civil Surgeon to reexamine Veerannan No C 27 M d/ 21.3.96

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2. A sta g the ~~heads~~ hands the papers passed through is also enclosed for reference.

3. It will be observed that the attention of my office was drawn in the first instance by myself vide remarks on Exhibit No. 1. Every thing went on regularly till Exhibit No. 5 passed

Executive Engineer's office

No. 287 S.E.

15 July 1897

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From M.R.Ry. N. Ratnasabapati Pillai avergal
Rai Sahib,
Executive Engineer, Negapatam Division

EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS
28 OCT. 1897
No.............

To
The Superintending Engineer,
5 Circle,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 86 N.G. dated 8 April 1897 bearing endorsement on G.O. No. 910-W. dated 31st March 1897; acent calling for explanation and report regarding the punishment to be inflicted on the persons responsible for the delay in submitting pension papers of one Shaik Mustan, who was one of the lascars eligible for pension under G.O. No. 961 (Pension) dated 10 October 1896, I have the honour to submit herewith the correspondence in connection prior to this office No. 472 S.E. dated 3rd December 1896, which limits the delay taken cognizance of.

Enc.
Exhibits 1 to 14
Statement 1
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2. A statement showing the ~~heads~~ hands the papers passed through is also enclosed for reference.

3. It will be observed that the attention of my office was drawn in the first instance by myself vide remarks on Exhibit No. 1. Every thing went on regularly till Exhibit No. 5

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passed my hand in 15th December 1895. The reply from the Sub Divisional officer Mannargudy, Subbaroya Pillay, not having stated that the information given therein was in connection with the pension papers of certain lascars dispensed with, I called for the papers, vide note on Exhibit No 5. The then Head Clk Narayanasawmy Pillay completed the papers and seems to have given them to Accountant Kuppusawmy Naidu, the Manager, vide Exhibit No 14. He did not take the necessary action himself nor did he bring to my notice for orders and when Head Clk Narayanasawmy Pillay was transferred to South Arcot in February 1896, the papers were still with the Manager.

4. In March 1896 Head Clk Latchmana Row joined and took charge of the clerical branch from 2d Clk Mahadeva Pillay. The papers appear to have been in the hands of Manager Kuppusawmy Naidu only all the while.

5. It was in March 1896 also, Veerannan one of the two lascars whose pension papers had to be got up, was reinstated vide Exhibit No 10. In the meantime Shaik Mustan seems to have become deceased. There was no official report received but Veerannan seems to have told the Manager Kuppusawmy Naidu that

Shaik

Shaik Mustan was dead. This was made mention of, in Manager Kuppusawmy Naidu's office note dated 18th March 1896; the necessary action should have been taken by the Manager in due course. I consider therefore Manager Kuppusawmy Naidu responsible for the delay between January and April 1896.

6. In May 1896, Kuppusawmy Naidu was transferred to Kurnool and Jayaram Chettiar joined. It was at this juncture also, I went on 3 months' leave and Assistant Engineer Mr R. A. Sreenivasa Aiyangar took charge of the Division.

7. Just before I left (May 14th) the widow's petition came to my hands and a week (8th August 1896) before I returned to duty (14th August 1896) the papers left my office.

8. I cannot trace when the papers from Accountant Kuppusawmy Naidu were given over to the clerical branch. Evidently only when he was leaving for Kurnool, the papers were left with the Service Books that were in charge of Head Clk Latchmana Row, who says he knows nothing of the same. Under these circumstances, I considered Kuppusawmy Naidu most reprehensible; and since he was transferred to Kurnool at a time

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when his family circumstances would not suit him, it was thought that further punishment may not be considered necessary. If further punishment is deemed necessary his promotion may be kept back for a year.

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9. The next person responsible is, I consider Head Clerk Lakshmana Row. It was his duty to keep the Service Books and he had more than one paper connected with the pension papers passing through his hands and had he been the eligible clerk, he ought to be, he would have traced the papers, but, unfortunately a less incapable man I never came across. He has no memory and what transpires to day in the forenoon he cannot remember in the afternoon. I never thought he was so bad and I ascribed I regret the early delays to his being new to the Division, his having been ill of Cuddapah fever and to the bad assistance he got from his assistants. I dont consider any punishment of good to this man. His booked age is 51, and I fear he is older. His retention in service is no good either to himself or to the State. He has put in about 17 years service.

10. The next person responsible, I consider is 2d Clerk Mahadeva Pillay who keeps the records; this person acted for the Head Clerk

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between February and March 1896, and although he states the papers did not come to him during the period of his incumbency as Acting Head Clerk. I think during the period of more than a month he had charge, he might have looked into the Service Books and seen to their being all maintained in order. But, as a matter of fact, he thinks he has attained to the highest rank he can and of retiring soon. He is able to work well though over 51, but is not now working with a heart. He declined the promotion that was offered him a year ago and wishes to be kept on in the Tanjore District only till his retirement. Now that he is found indifferent I think he may be transferred to another place as a punishment.

The papers were till March with Kuppusami [illegible] the Hd Acct
9.5.97

11. I do not consider any others blameable in this connection.

12. I regret to add that in characterising the period as short during which so many changes of hands took place, I had also inadvertently conveyed the idea that I considered the delay also short, I wish only to state that my remarks on the correspondence in the beginning will show that such was not my impression. As however the papers had not been called

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for again by me, I have to accept my share of the blame; but I beg to submit here that ever since I came to this division, I had to work with the worst clerical staff that was ever ~~en~~ centered in a division; they are most of them either time expired men or condemned men from other divisions. Local transfers and punishments are of no avail and the difficulty of getting on with the work has been great.

13. The delay that has occurred in making this reply is due partially also to a melancholy that brooded upon my lot; just on the eve of an aggrieved past and threatened to plunge me into despair of a hopeful future.

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Mysterious!
A.G.H

I have etc.

(Signed) N. Patmanabhapati
15.7.97
Executive Engineer

No. 2611

To the Chief Engineer P. W. department, with reference to G.O. No. 910 W. dated 31st March 1897.

20th July 1897.

2/7/95
Lt Col R.E.
Supdg Engineer 5 Circle

19.7.97