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Pro: Submitting the fortnightly - narrative
of the Ananta per D.C. for the period
ending 30th September 1897, Com to G.S.E.
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Board's Proceedings submitting the — of the Anantapur district for the period ending 30th September 1897, recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 669, dated 15th October 1897:—

W. J. H. LEFANU, Esq., I.C.S.
(Famine Commissioner.)

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Anantapur district for the period ending 30th September 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

There was heavy and general rainfall during the fortnight. The following quantities were registered at each of the stations:—

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

	INCHES.
Tadpatri ...	3.41
Yadiki ...	2.69
Gooty ...	3.94
Uravakonda ...	3.78
Anantapur ...	3.84
Kalyandrug ...	2.80
Dharmavaram ...	4.21
Penukonda ...	2.95
Hindupur ...	4.25
Madakasira ...	8.36
Total ...	40.23
Average ...	4.02

Average for the fortnight is thus 4.02 against 1.04. The aggregate fall up to the period (19.46) exceeds the average (14.13). Most tanks are full or almost full, and several are overflowing. The Penneru and the Chitravati have been in steady floods and unfordable for several days. Water-supply is abundant for both drinking and irrigation purposes.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Korra, jonna and cotton are being sown on black soil, and horsegram on red soil. Wet lands under tanks and river channels are being sown with paddy. Transplanting ragi and weeding of paddy in parts. Early sown ragi and cholam under wells and nalas are being harvested in parts of Anantapur and Penukonda taluks. Standing dry crops, such as castor, cumbu, korra, cotton and pulses, are doing on the whole fairly well. Castor is blighted by insects in parts of Dharmavaram, and ragi is diseased in Anantapur. Wet crops under tanks, paddy and sugarcane are in excellent condition, and are thriving. In the Gooty division cholam, ragi and tender korra are suffering from excess of rain and moisture.

Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.—Pasture is abundant, and fodder is moderately available, where ragi and cholam harvests have begun. Demand for the imported fodder is practically nil. I have ordered the fodder stores at Gooty and Tadpatri to be sold in auction, as the fodder is reported to be getting useless for consumption. Cattle disease exists in parts of Madakasira, and there have been 30 attacks, of which 8 proved fatal.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The rainfall is now in excess of the normal quantity, and a break in the monsoon for about a fortnight would be most welcome. Early dry crops promise a fair outturn, if further rains do not mar their prospects. All anxiety about cattle is now at an end.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 30th of September 1897.

Stations.	Ragi.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
Tadpatri ..	7.83	8.10	13.09	13.58	12.36	13.39	The fall in prices would, I think, be greater were not the rivers in flood, and transport of grain, therefore, difficult or impossible.
Yadiki ..	7.02	7.02	11.64	12.61	8.67	11.33	
Gooty ..	6.60	8.00	13.60	14.55	9.36	13.52	
Uravakonda ..	8.10	8.64	12.61	14.55	10.30	11.33	
Anantapur ..	7.56	7.56	13.58	15.52	13.39	12.36	
Kalyandrug ..	9.45	9.72	15.52	16.49	11.33	11.33	
Dharmavaram ..	7.56	8.10	14.55	15.52	10.81	11.33	
Penukonda ..	8.64	8.64	16.49	18.43	11.33	12.36	
Hindupur ..	8.64	9.72	18.43	18.43	11.33	12.36	
Madakasira ..	9.18	9.18	18.43	20.37	..	..	
Average ..	8.05	8.47	14.79	16.00	10.68	12.38	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is active in Tadpatri in rice and cholam. Rice is being imported from Guntur, Salem, Coimbatore, &c., and cholam from Nellore, Venkatagiri and other places and ragi from Bangalore. Old stocks are now being brought to the market, and this accounts for the slight falling off in prices.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Good. Some of the workers in the Gooty Division were attacked with cholera and were taken away by their friends and relatives. The paymaster on one of the works was attacked, and is now recovering.

In villages.—Generally good. Cholera has broken out in several villages in the district.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera prevails in almost all the taluks. The number of attacks is 1,815, and the number of deaths 873. Every effort is being made to stamp out the disease. Small-pox prevails in parts. Fever and cold in parts of Dharmavaram. No deaths from starvation.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

Works.—In what taluks open and comparison of numbers—

Taluku.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Tadpatri ..	10,784	7,148	Since closed.
Gooty ..	12,170	8,052	
Anantapur ..	8,724	6,402	
Kalyandrug ..	604	307	
Dharmavaram ..	11,220	9,411	
Penukonda ..	1,248	822	
Hindupur ..	..	..	
Madakasira ..	..	..	
Total ..	44,750	32,142	

Gratuitous Relief.—Number relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

and otherwise—

Taluka.	Number relieved					
	At kitchens.				In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Tadpatri	1,090	969	270	227	2,621	1,340
Gooty	816	667	181	176	717	617
Anantapur	495	317	105	86	1,597	1,264
Kalyandrug	76	50	46	51	..	1,374
Dharmavaram	549	516	44	45	2,846	..
Penakonda	152	85	36	36	..	..
Total	3,178	2,604	682	621	7,781	4,595

Taluka.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers' relief.			
			Number of persons relieved		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Tadpatri	89	89	3,348	3,376	4,167	38,402
Gooty	114	94	32	120	57	436
Anantapur	107	107	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	99	93	..	..	..	..

General Remarks.—Last week saw a further diminution in the number of recipients of relief on famine works. There was a decrease of 12,608 as compared with the attendance in the previous fortnight. The two northern taluks have contributed the greatest share towards this curtailment in numbers. Six works have been closed, and five more have since been ordered to be closed. Prices are still high enough to keep the poorer classes under the pinch of distress. The rainfall has been copious. I have again impressed on the Public Works Department the necessity for enforcing work and have ordered an increase of tasks with a view to bring them up to a full day's work for a cooly at ordinary times. But nothing but a great fall in prices will draw off the workers. I hope to be able to report that this has happened in my next fortnightly. Touring in the black cotton soil tracts is almost impracticable. I have again lamed a horse in a morass near Uravakonda, and Mr. K. Narayana Iyer was nearly engulfed with his steed in Tadpatri taluk. Mr. Barstowe and his pony were swept down a nullah near Anantapur for some little way.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.

Head Assistant Collector.	Gooty Famine Deputy Collector.	Anantapur Famine Deputy Collector.	Uravakonda Famine Deputy Collector.	Collector.
Dharmavaram taluk— Dharmavaram Narasimhar Pulitipally Chennakottapally Demagipally Kuntindi Pyadindi Penakonda Rampuram Locherla Kottachervu Bukkapatnam Janakurupally	Gooty taluk— Gooty Yengampally Turkapally Chinnaveedugur Chennepally Basinipally Jakkachervu Anantapur Kesipally Dimmagadi Chittur Virapuram Krisipad Muntinadegur Danecherla Chitrachedu Dharmapuram Midathur Petta Vedagur Nudabanda Kasapuram Avalampally Kallur Yeradinimarejuchervu Shankaniipally Konapuram Katapalyam	Tadpatri taluk— Chinnapolamedu Peddapolamedu Nandavapad Koduvalkalla Botlapally Veerapuram Kannutha Narasapuram Yellapur Medakurti Juncor Yadiki Thodralapally Boudaladimma Vanganur Jambakapad Senebagadur	Uravakonda Konakonda Chayapuram Chakula Polki Nallurani Gadikal Kadethara Donekal Vidapanakal Malapuram Karur	Anantapur. Guntakal (2). Gooty. Karur (2). Konakonda. Uravakonda. Vidapanakal.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.

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Taluka.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.						Number of wells	
	Applications accepted.			Loans disbursed.			Applications pending.			Loans disbursed.			Applications accepted.			Loans disbursed.			Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Number.	Amount.	Number.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1. Tadpatri ..	45	Rs. 7,841	42	Rs. 6,167	3	Rs. 1,473	28	Rs. 3,270	28	Rs. 3,270	19	Rs. 2,855	73	Rs. 10,911	70	Rs. 9,437	3	Rs. 1,473	9	33
2. Goity ..	84	15,015	84	13,765	85	24,715	638	79,783	638	79,783	11	1,030	450	44,000	445	93,548	104	27,570	2	82
3. Anantapur ..	440	42,695	436	37,797	64	6,395	10	1,305	10	1,030	11	1,695	233	83,540	296	88,827	64	6,395	11	350
4. Kalyandrug ..	195	30,185	259	19,617	26	4,205	28	3,355	37	2,575	8	810	223	27,335	227	23,145	37	6,900	16	186
5. Dharmavaram ..	222	26,215	220	22,335	16	3,950	10	1,120	7	810	4	500	124	15,557	116	10,203	35	5,200	28	199
6. Penakonda ..	117	15,137	109	9,883	31	4,945	7	1,225	4	1,225	1	500	225	89,525	200	32,277	33	8,860	8	111
7. Hindupur ..	221	38,300	196	31,052	32	8,360	4	1,225	4	1,225	1	500	225	89,525	200	32,277	33	8,860	8	196
8. Madakasira ..	99	17,215	68	9,887	127	22,050	..	..	..	..	..	..	99	17,215	68	9,887	127	22,050	1	61
Total ..	1,423	1,92,403	1,414	1,50,303	384	75,133	725	90,790	731	89,213	43	6,255	2,148	2,83,193	2,145	2,39,516	427	81,388	73	1,218

Resolution—No. 669, dated 15th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall of the fortnight was far above the average, and a spell of sunshine was wanted for the crops.

3. The prices of dry grains showed a marked fall. The Collector states that, but for the floods and the heaviness of the tracks, which rendered transport almost impossible, the fall would have been greater; there has been a similar experience in Bellary and Vizagapatam. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.
Normal	13-2	32-0	30-0
Warning	10-6	24-0	22-5
Scarcity	7-9	16-0	15-0
Current	8-5	16-0	12-4
September 1892	11-2	22-6	20-8
Do. 1877	5-4	7-4	6-6

The price of ragi has now fallen to the scarcity rate.

4. The condition of the people was generally good, but cholera was very prevalent. The numbers on works fell by 28 per cent. and on gratuitous relief by 33 per cent.

5. The following figures show the progress made in the disbursement of loans:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
4th September	Rs. 3,60,341
11th "	3,82,803
18th "	3,87,070
25th "	2,91,181
2nd October	2,94,331

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Anantapur.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 897, Revenue, dated 28th October 1897.

Miscellaneous.

(True Extract.)

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" the Public Works Department.
" the Financial Department.
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" the Accountant-General.

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