

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 33236

DATED 29 Nov 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Examine Expenditure; Pros; Financial
Dept adopting with remarks the estimate
of 100 lakhs for — before the accounts
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

Again G.O. N° 917, Financial, of 10th November 1897.
 " N° 920-21, " " 11th November 1897.
 " N° 931, " " 13th November 1897.
 Read also the following
 From the Accountant-General, Madras
 N° 2 Famine Expenditure, dated 10th November 1897.

From the Examiner, P.W. Accounts,
 Madras, N° 877 A/B, dated 11th November 1897.

Telephonic message to the Examiner,
 Public Works Accounts, dated 13th November 1897.

Telephonic message from the Examiner,
 Public Works Accounts, dated 13th November 1897.

Telephonic message to the Accountant-
 General, of 15th November 1897.

Order

Order: No 952, dated 17 November 1897.

From the information furnished by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, in the papers laid above it appears that the expenditure in October under 33 Famine Relief - Public Works Officers, amounted to 6.72 lakhs, and that this amount does not include the adjustment of the 2.96 lakhs transferred from the Civil to the Public Works department or a further sum of 12 lakh which has yet to be booked. The total famine relief expenditure up to the end of October stands as follows:-

Civil Officers (29.99 - 3.96) = 26.03

Public Works Dept. (63.23 + 5.08) = 68.31
94.34

or 1.34 lakhs in excess of the enhanced grant for which application has already been made to the Government of India.

2. The expenditure in the Civil Department for October and the remaining months of the year as estimated by the Revenue Department in its proceedings No 5620, dated 3rd November 1897 (vide appendix to G.O. No 720, Financial, dated 3rd November 1897) was 4.49 lakhs. Deducting the actual Civil expenditure in October (1.53 lakhs), a sum of 2.96 lakhs remains to be provided and the revised estimate under this head will stand at 29 lakhs. It is understood that

the estimate of Public Works department expenditure for the remaining months is 2.60 lakhs. The total estimate under this head will accordingly stand at 71 lakhs. In other words the expenditure on famine relief in this Presidency is likely to reach 100 lakhs before the accounts are closed.

3. The facts now brought to light emphasize the remarks already made in paragraph 4 of G.O. No 720, Financial, dated 11 November 1897 as well as the necessity for immediate enquiry into the method of the Public Works expenditure. The special attention of the Revenue and Public Works Departments will again be drawn to the matter.

4. The following telegram will be despatched to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department:-

831x My letter 721, 11th instant. Public Works actuals in October 6.72 lakhs and estimates for remainder year 3.72. In uncertainty of Public Works system of accounting this Government forced reluctantly adopt estimate of one hundred lakhs. Letter follows.

(True Extract)

To the Accountant General
Revenue Dept
Public Works Dept
Famine Commissioner.

M. S. M. S.
Chief Secretary.

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