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G.O., No. 972, 18th November 1897.

NOVEMBER.

Fortnightly Narrative.

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Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, &c. of the
Anantapur district for the period ending 15th October 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 694, dated 1st November 1897:—

W. J. H. LEFANU, Esq.
(Famine Commissioner).

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Standing wet and dry crops, viz., paddy, sugarcane, cholam, ragi, korra, &c., are in good condition. Gingelly is said to be in excellent condition. Castor is blighted by insects in parts of Anantapur, Gooty, Dharmavaram and Penukonda taluks.

Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.—Pasture is abundant. The supply of fodder is moderate and is being replenished by the ragi and cholam harvests. The imported fodder which was partially rotten and therefore ceased to attract purchasers was sold in lots by public auction at Anantapur and Tadpatri for Rs. 55–9–0 and Rs. 76 respectively. The stock at other depôts will be similarly disposed of shortly. The condition of cattle has considerably improved. Cattle disease is reported to exist in parts of Uravakonda division and in the Madakasira taluk, the number of attacks and deaths reported being 15 and 9 respectively.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There has been a decided change for the better. A further fall in the prices of food-grains is now anxiously looked for.

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 15th October 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		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.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
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Uravakonda	8.64	8.64	14.55	13.58	11.33	14.42	12.36	15.43	
Anantapur	7.56	8.10	15.52	22.31	13.39	16.48	14.42	18.54	
Kalyandrug	9.72	10.26	16.49	19.40	11.33	14.42	12.36	..	
Dharmavaram	8.10	9.18	15.52	17.46	12.36	17.51	..	..	
Hindupur	9.72	10.26	18.43	22.31	12.36	15.45	..	..	
Madakasira	9.18	10.80	20.37	27.16	..	..	..	..	
Penukonda	8.64	9.18	18.43	23.28	12.36	14.57	12.35	12.99	
Average	8.46	9.34	16.00	19.60	12.38	14.57	12.35	12.99	

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In villages.—Good, except for cholera.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera prevails in almost all the taluks. Fever, dysentery, small-pox, &c., prevail in the Head Assistant Collector's division. No deaths from starvation.

Remarks.—Nil.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Tadpatri	7,148	2,660
Gooty	8,056	2,424
Anantapur	6,402	95
Kalyandrug	307	..
Dharmavaram	9,411	5,457
Penukonda	822	..
Total	32,146	10,636

No. 972, REVENUE, 18TH NOVEMBER 1897.

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise:—

Taluku.	Number relieved							
	At Kitchens.				In Poor-houses.		In Villages.	
	Dependents.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Tadpatri ..	969	499	227	192	..	..	1,340	706
Gooty ..	667	317	176	123	..	..	617	351
Anantapur ..	317	3	86	1	..	..	1,264	683
Kalyandrug ..	50	..	51	..	..	..	1,374	1,044
Dharmavaram ..	516	286	45	34	..	..	..	..
Penukonda ..	85	..	36	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,604	1,105	621	350	..	..	4,695	2,824

Taluku.	Number of villages in which relief was given.	Weavers' Relief.					
		Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.		In the period.	Up to date.
		Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.		
Tadpatri ..	..	89	89	3,376	962	6,990	45,392
Gooty ..	..	94	94	120	..	..	..
Anantapur ..	..	107	100	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram ..	..	93	90	..	..	..	..

Private charity.—Nil.

General Remarks.—During the past fortnight, the numbers on State relief have continued to show a steady decline—the workers by about 21,000 and the recipients of gratuitous relief by nearly 50 per cent. The improvement in the weather, which set in at the beginning of the last month, has continued. I have closed fifteen works and as many kitchens during the fortnight. All the works in Anantapur, Kalyandrug and Penukonda taluks have been closed and the marginally-noted four works alone are kept open. I hope to be able to close even these by the end of the current month.

Tadpatri ..	..	..	..	2
Gooty ..	..	..	..	1
Anantapur ..	..	..	..	1
Dharmavaram ..	..	..	..	1
Total ..	..	..	..	4

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No. 972, REVISED.

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Taluka.	Other purposes.												Total.		Number of wells.					
	Repair and construction of wells.						Applications accepted.						Applications pending.		or	Under construction or repaired.				
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.							
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1. Tadpatri ..	46	7,807	46	6,600	..	..	36	3,350	36	3,350	..	..	82	11,157	82	9,950	..	..	18	33
2. Gooty ..	84	15,635	84	13,785	..	..	641	80,665	641	80,453	..	..	725	95,700	725	94,238	..	..	2	83
3. Anantapur ..	440	42,695	439	37,997	..	..	10	1,305	10	1,030	..	..	450	44,000	449	39,027	..	..	11	350
4. Kalyandrug ..	194	29,885	261	19,717	14	2,125	28	3,355	38	2,650	3	..	222	33,240	299	22,367	17	3,407.5	6	186
5. Dharmavaram ..	222	26,215	220	22,685	..	..	10	1,120	7	520	..	..	232	27,335	227	23,395	..	..	32	195
6. Penukonda ..	117	15,137	109	10,033	..	..	7	520	4	1,225	..	..	124	15,667	116	10,553	8	1,540	8	198
7. Hindupur ..	221	38,300	198	31,287	..	..	4	1,225	..	..	..	..	225	39,525	202	32,512	..	..	1	63
8. Madakasira ..	99	17,125	70	9,987	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99	17,125	70	9,987	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,423	1,92,199	1,427	1,51,991	22	3,665	736	91,540	743	90,038	3	950	2,159	2,83,739	2,170	2,42,029	25	4,615	86	1,219
Total.																				
Taluka.	Purchase of fodder.												Total.		Number of wells.					
	Applications accepted.						Applications pending.						Applications accepted.		or	Under construction or repaired.				
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.							
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.						
1. Tadpatri ..	817	25,330	817	25,330	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	817	25,330	..	..				
2. Gooty ..	2,273	97,656	2,273	97,656	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,273	97,656	..	..				
3. Anantapur ..	813	8,113	813	8,113	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	813	8,113	..	..				
4. Kalyandrug ..	194	7,635	194	7,635	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	194	7,635	..	..				
5. Dharmavaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
6. Penukonda ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
7. Hindupur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
8. Madakasira ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Total ..	3,498	1,38,809	3,498	1,38,809	83	2,295	532	26,984	514	25,659	229	20,889	4,030	1,65,793	4,012	1,64,468				

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INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluk and places visited.

Collector.	Head Assistant Collector.	Famine Deputy Collector, Gooty.	Famine Deputy Collector, Anantapur.	Urvakonda division Famine Deputy Collector.
	<i>Penukonda taluk.</i>	<i>Gooty taluk.</i>		
Rayalcheru	Engaged in jamabandi of Tadpatri taluk during the fortnight.	Bukkapatnam	Alampur	Urvakonda.
Yadiki		Kothacheru	Kandakur	Vajrakur.
Tadpatri		Murakuntapally	Hampapuram	Konakonda.
		Munimadugu	Yerrapally	Chintalapally.
		Guttur	Malyavaram	Nagasamudram.
		Penukonda	Esapadampally	Ganjikunta.
	<i>Dharmavaram taluk.</i>	<i>Tadpatri taluk.</i>	Pupoor	Tatrakal.
	Dharmavaram	Rayalcheru	Gollapally	Pandikunta.
	Pothukunta	Peddapetta	Yedlumparti	Ragulapad.
	Kanuthuru	Yadiki	Siddilampuram	
	Gotlur	Tirunampalli	Anantapuram	
	Nagalur	Penner		
	Potlamari	Narsapuram		
	Ravalcheru	Tadpatri		
	Payandi	Nandalpad		
	Nagasamudram	Vanganur		
	Demajipally	Veerasapuram		
		Amalladina		
		Kondapuram		
		Rayavenkatampally		
		Yerraguntapally		
		Kothapally		

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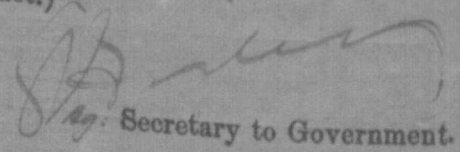
(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
for Famine Secretary.To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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" Sanitary Commissioner.

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Miscellaneous.

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Gooty	1
Anantapur	1
Dharmavaram	1
Total	4

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

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7. Hindupur	221	38,300	198	31,987	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Madakasira	99	17,125	70	9,987	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1,423	1,92,199	1,427	1,51,991	22	736	91,640	743	90,035	3	950	2,169	2,170	2,42,029	25	4,012	1,64,468	262	23,184	..

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	Dependants.		Others.					
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Tadpatri	969	499	227	192	..	..	1,340	706
Gooty	667	317	176	123	..	..	617	391
Anantapur	317	3	86	1	..	..	1,264	683
Kalyandrug	50	..	61	..	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	516	286	45	34	..	..	1,374	1,044
Penukonda	85	..	36	..	..	..	..	..
Total	2,604	1,105	621	350	..	..	4,595	2,824

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2. Gooty	84	15,035	84	13,785	5	641	1,305	10	1,305	10	641	1,305	10	1,305	10	641	1,305	10	1,305	10
3. Anantapur	440	42,696	439	37,997	14	10	3,355	38	3,355	38	10	3,355	38	3,355	38	10	3,355	38	3,355	38
4. Kalyandrug	184	29,885	261	19,717	8	28	1,120	7	1,120	7	28	1,120	7	1,120	7	28	1,120	7	1,120	7
5. Dharmavaram	222	26,215	220	22,585	8	10	1,540	4	1,540	4	10	1,540	4	1,540	4	10	1,540	4	1,540	4
6. Penukonda	117	16,137	109	10,033	22	17	1,225	4	1,225	4	17	1,225	4	1,225	4	17	1,225	4	1,225	4
7. Hindupur	221	38,300	198	31,987	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Madakasira	99	17,125	70	9,987	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1,423	1,92,199	1,427	1,51,991	22	736	91,540	743	90,038	3	950	2,159	2,88,739	2,170	2,42,029	25	4,615	86	1,219	86

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