Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 347 P.W.

Dated 14th December 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Punkahs; Ordered that the Govt of India be addressed as regards the proper head to which the charges incurred in the supply of punkahs in a divisional Mint, should be debited under the Code.

The Govt of India addressed.

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The question raised by the Examiner involves an interpretation of the rules in the Govt. of India Code & what Govt. will accordingly be addressed.

No. 15/1797 D.S.H. 9.12.97

To the Govt. of India.

No. 3480 W 9 14.12.97

To the Secy. to the G. of I. P.W.D.

Sir,

In a contingent bill recently submitted to the Examiner, a charge of Rs 60 was preferred for providing new punkahs in a divisional office, and the Executive Engineer was requested by the Examiner to debit the outlay to the grant for minor works, as in his opinion the charge

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Chapter VI has crept in by mistake, or that it more properly refers to tallies, which are perishable articles; & that as regard timbers the contingent charge viewed be only the hot weather expenditure incurred in working them. If the Govt. of India concurs in this view, [illegible] of repairs, timbers in newly constructed buildings or one in use, should, as [illegible] 2. chapter X. be charged to works, and that the cost of these fixtures should also be charged to works, & included in the annual repair estimate. In case of residential buildings it is especially necessary that this course should be followed, for the purpose of assessing rents, as printed only by this it seems anomalous

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go against contingencies - however as it is a matter affecting the Govt. of India code, it seems necessary to refer the point to them

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In the case of public buildings, the original cost of supplying & putting up furniture would amount to a considerable sum, & it can scarcely be the intention that such outlay should be charged to any head other than the works concerned.

3. It appears to this Govt. that the word "supplying" in para 9

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to end that Para 9. Chapter VI may be amended better in the second & thirteenth lines.

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2nd. Para 9 chapter VI of the code appears to conflict with para 2 chapter X. It could scarcely have been the intention that such heavy charges as the supply of punkahs should

go against contingencies. Nor even as it is a matter affecting the Govt. of Victoria Code, it seems necessary to refer the point to them

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GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1897. { P. W. DEPT.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 13th November 1897.

OFFICE NOTE No. 883 A/E.

To

W.

In the Contigent Bill of the Madura Division for May 1897 a charge of Rs.60 was preferred for providing new punkahs in the Divisional office, and the Executive Engineer was asked by me to debit the outlay to the Minor Works Grant of the Division as,in my opinion,it was more properly debitable to "Original (Minor) Works" "Civil Buildings".

2. The Superintending Engineer, VI Circle,however,has taken up the point and maintains that the charge is a proper debit to "Contingencies" under para 9 chapter VI. Vol.I.of the P.W.D. Code and asks me to refer the matter for the orders of Government if I adhere to my original view.

3. The Code rule quoted by the Superintending Engineer does certainly provide for the supply of punkahs being made a contingent charge,but in my experience and as far as I am aware, the universal recognized practice is to

debit

debit such charges to the building concerned under the departmental head "Original Works"; in fact in the case of residential buildings it is imperatively necessary to do so, to arrive at the Capital cost of the work for the purpose of assessing rents, and it seems anomalous that ~~why~~ the incidence of cost in the one case should differ from that in the other.

4. I cannot of course definitely ~~assign~~ assert that the word "supplying" in the India Code rule referred to crept in by a mistake, but it would seem ~~first~~ just possible that it did, for a reference to the standard form of Contingent bill No.24, will shew that the "Abstract" (under which all Contingent charges are ~~grouped~~ grouped) printed thereon provides only for "Working Punkahs and Tatties" as subhead No. 5. and that no provision is made for their supply.

5. In the case of large public buildings such as Churches or barracks the original cost of supplying and putting up punkahs amounts to a figure of considerable significance, and it can scarcely have been the intention that such cost should go against any head other than the work concerned: and, applying the same principle, I need scarcely point out that, if the cost of providing punkahs to Divisional offices were allowed to be made a Contingent Charge, the cost under the head "Establishment" of which "Contingencies" is a subhead would be abnormally increased.

6. I would accordingly ask to be favoured with the orders of Government on this question after reference to the Government of India, if thought necessary.

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To C

Is it not sufficiently clear from Code Book 2, chapter X Vol I, that the first supply of punkahs is charged to Works? Their repair also may be charged to Works when included in a general repair estimate - The

case of buildings used as residences is covered by P.W. Co. 8324 dated 27.3.93.

2. Code Item 7. Chapter VI evidently refers to charges for washing punkahs. I fancy the word 'supply' crept in by mistake

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No. 997 E. dated 26th November '97

To W.

The question was not with reference to the Supply of punkahs during the Construction of a building (or to their subsequent repair) and on which the Code rule quoted by you is clear, but to the Supply or replacement of these articles at some date Subsequent to Construction in the case of Government buildings used as P.W.D. offices, and the incidence of cost of which supply is, at present governed by the rule in P.W.D. Code I. VI. 9; and as you also incline to the opinion that a mistake has probably crept into the latter rule, it seems to me very desirable, for the reasons stated in my Office Note No 885 A/8 of the 13th instant, that the matter be referred for the orders of Government, as, in the absence of definite orders to the contrary, any challenge as to the propriety of such charges to the head "Establishment Contingencies" can always be relutted by Executive Engineers by a reference to the existing rule on the subject.

26.11.97

For C.

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The rainfall during the fortnight is generally considered sufficient for the present, but one more good shower would prove very useful for the korra crop, particularly in Bellary.

The supply for drinking and irrigation purposes is everywhere sufficient.

Agricultural Operations and Condition of the Standing Crops—Adóni Taluk.—Korra and cumbu are being harvested everywhere, outturn ranging from 12 to 16 annas. The harvest of mungari cholam has begun in Kavutalam, Kosgi and Yemmiganur firkas; outturn 12 annas. Weeding is going on in cotton and paddy fields. The condition of standing crops is everywhere good. *Alúr Taluk.*—White cholam, wheat and Bengalgram are still being sown. Weeding of cotton, korra and white cholam is in progress. Wet lands are being prepared for cultivation. The condition of the standing crops is excellent. *Bellary Division.*—White cholam, Bengalgram, kusumulu, and wheat are being sown. Hoeing and weeding also continue; standing crops, both dry and wet, are in good condition. *Hospet Division.*—Wheat, white cholam and Bengalgram are being sown in parts of Hospet and Hadagalli taluks. Harvest of cholam, cumbu, korra and castor is commencing in parts. Gingelly harvest in Harpanahalli has been completed; outturn 4 to 8 annas. The standing crops are in good condition.

Sandur.—Harvesting of cholam has just commenced. The condition of standing crops is tolerably good.

Supply of Fodder and Pasture, and Condition of Cattle—Adóni Taluk.—Pasture available everywhere. Fodder is scarce. The condition of cattle is good. *Alúr Taluk.*—Pasture is plentiful in red lands and sufficient elsewhere. Fodder scanty except with a few well-to-do ryots. The condition of cattle is improving. *Bellary Division.*—Pasture is abundant. Fodder scanty. The condition of cattle is improving. *Hospet Division.*—Pasture is abundant everywhere. There is no fodder to speak of. The condition of cattle is generally good.

Sandur.—Pasture plentiful everywhere. No fodder. The condition of cattle is good.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There is no ground for anxiety in respect of any of the matters dealt with above.

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 31st October 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Ragi.		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.	
Adóni	9·18	8·64	12·36	12·36	13·91	14·94	14·55	17·46	The price of yellow cholam has generally fallen except at Alúr and Sandur.
Alúr	8·10	8·10	14·42	13·39	17·51	14·42	17·46	17·46	
Bellary	8·64	8·64	11·33	12·36	14·42	16·48	17·46	17·46	
Rayadrug	9·72	9·72	20·60	14·42	..	..	16·01	16·49	
Hospet	7·83	7·83	12·36	13·39	13·39	14·42	17·46	20·37	
Kudligi	7·56	8·10	..	..	14·42	16·48	14·55	17·46	
Harpanahalli ..	8·10	8·10	..	..	13·39	16·48	14·55	19·40	
Hadagalli	7·56	8·64	..	..	13·91	16·48	..	..	
Sandur	9·18	8·64	..	..	14·42	13·39	16·98	16·49	
Average ..	8·43	8·49	14·21	13·18	14·42	15·38	16·13	17·82	

Activity of trade.—The private trade is not very active. There has been a net import of 7,277 maunds of food-grains during the fortnight against 5,558 maunds during the previous fortnight. I do not know what is the normal rate of import for this district, as the statistics are compiled for the Deccan as a whole, but in any case the above quantity is trifling and shows that there were large stocks in the district throughout the period of distress. Of this, indeed, we have direct proof, for grain pits have been opened in a large number of villages.

Condition of the People.

On works.—There are no relief works.

In villages.—Generally good.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera still prevails in parts of Adóni, Alúr, Bellary, Rayadrug, Hospet and Hadagalli taluks. Bellary town has suffered most.

There were during the fortnight—

	Attacks	Deaths.
Adóni	12	1
Alúr	71	21
Bellary	247	127
Rayadrug	25	7
Hospet	50	18
Hadagalli	42	25

There was one attack and one death from small-pox at Hagaranur in Harpanahalli taluk. Fever prevails in Adóni, Alúr, Bellary and Rayadrug taluks, and dysentery and measles also in the latter two taluks.

Measures of Relief.

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

	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Adóni	1,365	...
Alúr	1,321	...
Bellary	1,274	...
Hospet	490	...
Kudligi	...	...
Hadagalli	959	...
Total ...	5,409	...
Sandur	423	...
Total ...	5,832	...

All relief works were closed by the 15th October.

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Adóni	176	..	1,569	552	..	..	2,885	794
Alúr	639	..	1,232	109	..	..	2,659	..
Bellary	249	..	1,168	..	..	..	1,947	80
Rayadrug	85	..	..	..	..	..	24	..
Hospet	232	..	408	40	..	..	1,820	59
Kudligi	55	..	..	..	..	..	259	117
Hadagalli	234	..	37	..	..	..	807	264
Total ..	1,670	..	4,414	701	..	..	10,401	1,314
Sandur	..	..	..	..	..	..	107	25

Taluks.	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.
Adóni	180	8	435	362	1,772	52,744
Alúr	104	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary	149	40	714	45	181	4,794
Rayadrug	11	..	735	..	107	6,833
Hospet	57	36	..	..	..	..
Kudligi	69	69	..	..	..	..
Hadagalli	33	17	..	..	..	..
Total ..	603	160	1,884	407	2,060	64,371
Sandur	8	4	..	..	..	..

Private charity.—Liberal grants are being made from Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund to give a fresh start in life to agriculturists, weavers, and other artizans. Cattle are being given to all who have lost their bullocks or who were forced to sell them, and many of the poorer ryots will start the new year in as good a position as ever.

General remarks.—The necessity for relief has now ceased almost everywhere. There are no works in any taluk, and at the time of writing the only kitchens open are the two at Adóni. Relief to weavers has been stopped everywhere except at Adóni, but there is still a considerable number of cloths to come in. Gratuitous relief is also practically at an end, and sufficient employment is now available. The only ground for anxiety is to be found in the continued high prices. It was hoped that there would have been a rapid fall before this, but cholam is still at scarcity rates. Ragi, korra and cumbu, however, are cheaper and the wages of agricultural labourers are being paid in grain, so that a large class is independent of prices. The only section of the community about whom I am at all doubtful are the weavers of Adóni, especially the carpet weavers. The plague in Bombay has seriously affected the demand for carpets, and a number of these weavers may find some difficulty in obtaining employment at once. I propose, however, after consultation with the local officers and the Special Deputy Collector, to close relief operations by the 15th instant and to carefully watch the effect. It is probable that the sowcars will come forward as soon as the Government withdraws. Most of the special relief establishment was dispensed with at the end of the fortnight, and only the Special Deputy Tahsildar for weaving operations and a few clerks now remain. The former will revert to his ordinary duty on the 15th instant and the latter will be dispensed with as soon as the audit is completed and the statistics are compiled.

Loan Transactions.—Statement showing particulars of Loan Transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

Talaks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	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
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Adóni	15	3,310	13	2,070	..	..	168	13,465	164	13,010	..	..	173	16,775	167	16,080	..	..
Alúr	44	11,140	44	9,080	..	..	1,485	1,01,570	1,485	1,61,320	..	..	1,529	1,72,710	1,529	1,70,400	..	..
Bellary	49	7,350	49	7,350	40	15,894	947	92,310	947	92,316	81	45,764	996	99,668	996	99,668	121	61,658
Rayadrug	88	20,222	88	12,871	5	1,500	336	44,648	333	43,295	2	1,000	424	64,862	421	66,166	7	2,500
Hospet	22	4,870	22	2,985	18	4,650	62	3,976	62	3,976	13	1,650	74	8,845	74	6,960	31	6,300
Kudligi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harpanahalli	1	100	1	50	2	250	62	7,515	60	7,315	36	3,625	63	7,615	61	7,365	38	3,875
Hadagalli	18	2,875	18	1,833	2	700	128	15,560	123	15,096	6	1,960	146	18,436	141	16,933	7	2,650
Total ..	237	49,867	235	36,244	67	24,994	3,168	3,39,043	3,154	3,86,328	137	53,989	3,405	3,88,910	3,389	3,72,572	204	76,983

Talaks.	Cattle and seed grain.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
Adóni	2,272	46	2,212	4	210	1,386	40,620	1,110	33,144	360	5,690	
Alúr	8,835	434	7,299	366	5,480	5,464	1,39,527	5,402	1,39,552	6	605	
Bellary	3,500	54	3,325	2	175							
Rayadrug	37,938	2,630	37,938	6	430	3,079	97,418	3,079	97,418	318	25,377	
Hospet	18,706	..	18,706	179	3,764							
Kudligi	11,770	1,651	11,770	9	495	833	40,384	853	40,384	9	495	
Harpanahalli	3,973	195	3,975	..	..	249	8,580	249	8,580	198	9,605	
Hadagalli	1,970	199	1,970	..	..	628	14,734	628	14,734	2	70	
	538	101	538	2	70	605	21,982	605	21,982	103	9,862	
	..	42	..	..	..	603	17,391	554	15,720	..	..	
	1,220	63	1,197	..	..							
Total	17,542	295	17,307	15	880	12,807	3,80,636	12,670	3,71,314	998	61,604	
	73,191	4,510	71,623	643	11,744							

Talaks.	Number of wells.		Purchase of fodder.						Total.			
	Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.	
			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Adóni	..	14	811	29,518	633	23,633	..	..	53	* 522		
Alúr	..	44	2,788	98,089	2,788	98,089	..	..	56	*2,620		
Bellary	..	43	2,028	78,712	2,028	78,712	139	19,513		*1,051		
Rayadrug	..	86	489	24,639	489	24,639	..	..	193	* 199		
Hospet	..	21	146	6,610	148	6,610	198	9,605	..	..		
Kudligi	..	..	586	14,196	586	14,196	..	..	101	* 42		
Harpanahalli	..	1	606	21,982	606	21,982	103	9,862	..	..		
Hadagalli	..	11	538	16,162	491	14,523	..	..	..	* 65		
Total	..	220	7,993	2,89,903	7,765	2,82,384	440	38,980	304	*4,500		

About Rs. 9,000 were distributed in loans during the fortnight, the greater part (Rs. 6,722) being for loans in relief of distress. * For relief of distress.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

By the Collector.—Hospet.

Assistant Collector, Adóni.—Kupgal, Urukundi, Tungabhadra, Kotekal, Adóni and the surrounding villages and the kitchen in the last two places.

Deputy Collector, Alúr.—Alúr, Hulibedi, Manekurti, Hologundi and Hebbattam.

Divisional Officer, Bellary.—Kuditini, Yelubenchi, Patnasaragu, Guttiganur, Yemmiganur, Bommanhal and Untakal.

Head Assistant Collector.—Hospet, Chetwadigi and Hosur.

Resolution—No. 706, dated 13th November 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Further showers were wanted, but the North-East monsoon seems to hold off.

3. Prices fall but slowly; the Collector, however, has no anxiety except for the carpet-weavers of Adóni.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

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

Order—No. 994, Revenue, dated 26th November 1897.

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Miscellaneous.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Accountant-General.

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Agricultural Operations and Condition of the Standing Crops—Adóni Taluk.—Korra and cumbu are being harvested everywhere, outturn ranging from 12 to 16 annas. The harvest of mungari cholam has begun in Kavutalam, Kosgi and Yemmiganur firkas; outturn 12 annas. Weeding is going on in cotton and paddy fields. The condition of standing crops is everywhere good. *Alúr Taluk.*—White cholam, wheat and Bengalgram are still being sown. Weeding of cotton, korra and white cholam is in progress. Wet lands are being prepared for cultivation. The condition of the standing crops is excellent. *Bellary Division.*—White cholam, Bengalgram, kusumulu, and wheat are being sown. Hoeing and weeding also continue; standing crops, both dry and wet, are in good condition. *Hospet Division.*—Wheat, white cholam and Bengalgram are being sown in parts of Hospet and Hadagalli taluks. Harvest of cholam, cumbu, korra and castor is commencing in parts. Gingelly harvest in Harpanahalli has been completed; outturn 4 to 8 annas. The standing crops are in good condition.

Sandur.—Harvesting of cholam has just commenced. The condition of standing crops is tolerably good.

Supply of Fodder and Pasture, and Condition of Cattle—Adóni Taluk.—Pasture available everywhere. Fodder is scarce. The condition of cattle is good. *Alúr Taluk.*—Pasture is plentiful in red lands and sufficient elsewhere. Fodder scanty except with a few well-to-do ryots. The condition of cattle is improving. *Bellary Division.*—Pasture is abundant. Fodder scanty. The condition of cattle is improving. *Hospet Division.*—Pasture is abundant everywhere. There is no fodder to speak of. The condition of cattle is generally good.

Sandur.—Pasture plentiful everywhere. No fodder. The condition of cattle is good.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There is no ground for anxiety in respect of any of the matters dealt with above.

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 31st October 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Ragi.		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.	
Adóni	9·18	8 64	12·36	12·36	13·91	14·94	14·55	17·46	The price of yellow cholam has generally fallen except at Alúr and Sandur.
Alúr	8·10	8·10	14·42	13·39	17·51	14·42	17·46	17·46	
Bellary	8·64	8·64	11·33	12·36	14·42	16·48	17·46	17·46	
Rayadrug	9·72	9·72	20·60	14·42	..	..	16·01	16·49	
Hospet	7·83	7·83	12·36	13·39	13·39	14·42	17·46	20·37	
Kudligi	7·56	8·10	..	..	14·42	16·48	14·55	17·46	
Harpanahalli ..	8·10	8·10	..	..	13·39	16·48	14·55	19·40	
Hadagalli	7·56	8·64	..	..	13·91	16·48	.	..	
Sandur	9·18	8·64	..	..	14·42	13·39	16·98	16·49	
Average ..	8·43	8·49	14·21	13·18	14·42	15·38	16·13	17·82	

Activity of trade.—The private trade is not very active. There has been a net import of 7,277 maunds of food-grains during the fortnight against 5,558 maunds during the previous fortnight. I do not know what is the normal rate of import for this district, as the statistics are compiled for the Deccan as a whole, but in any case the above quantity is trifling and shows that there were large stocks in the district throughout the period of distress. Of this, indeed, we have direct proof, for grain pits have been opened in a large number of villages.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—There are no relief works.

In villages.—Generally good.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera still prevails in parts of Adóni, Alúr, Bellary, Rayadrug, Hospet and Hadagalli taluks. Bellary town has suffered most.

There were during the fortnight—

	Attacks	Deaths.
Adóni	12	1
Alúr	71	21
Bellary	247	127
Rayadrug	25	7
Hospet	50	18
Hadagalli	42	25

There was one attack and one death from small-pox at Hagaranur in Harpanahalli taluk. Fever prevails in Adóni, Alúr, Bellary and Rayadrug taluks, and dysentery and measles also in the latter two taluks.

Measures of Relief.

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

	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Adóni	1,365	...
Alúr	1,321	...
Bellary	1,274	...
Hospet	490	...
Kudligi	...	...
Hadagalli	959	...
Total ...	5,409	...
	423	...
Sandur		—
Total ...	5,832	...

All relief works were closed by the 15th October.

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
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Hospet	232	..	408	40	..	..	1,820	59
Kudligi	55	..	..	..	..	..	259	117
Hadagalli	234	..	37	..	..	..	807	264
Total ..	1,670	..	4,414	701	..	..	10,401	1,314
Sandur	..	..	..	..	..	..	107	25

Taluks.	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.
Adóni	180	8	435	362	1,772	52,744
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Taluks.	Other purposes.								Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.			
	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		
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Adóni	154	13,465	154	13,010	..	..	158	13,465	167	16,080	..	..		
Alúr	1,486	1,61,570	1,486	1,61,320	..	..	1,485	1,61,570	1,529	1,70,400	..	..		
Bellary	947	92,310	947	92,316	81	45,764	947	92,310	996	99,668	121	61,658		
Rayadrug	333	44,648	333	43,295	2	1,000	336	44,648	421	56,166	7	2,500		
Hospet	52	3,975	52	3,975	13	1,650	52	3,975	74	6,960	31	6,300		
Kudligi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Harpanahalli	.. 60	7,515	..	7,315	.. 36	3,625	.. 62	7,515	.. 61	7,365	.. 38	3,875		
Hadagalli	123	15,560	123	15,095	5	1,950	128	15,560	141	16,933	7	2,650		
Total ..	3,154	3,39,043	3,154	3,36,328	137	53,989	3,165	3,39,043	3,389	3,72,572	204	76,983		

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Purchase of fodder.						Total.					
	Number of wells.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		* Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Adóni	..	14	811	29,513	630	23,633	..	..	53	2,272	46	2,412	4	210	1,386	40,620	1,110	33,144	360	5,690
Alúr	..	44	2,788	98,089	2,788	98,089	..	..	* 522	8,855	454	7,299	356	5,480	5,464	1,39,527	5,462	1,89,352	8	605
Bellary	..	43	2,028	78,712	2,028	78,712	139	19,518	*2,620	37,938	54	3,325	6	430	3,079	97,418	3,079	97,418	318	25,277
Rayadrug	..	86	489	24,639	489	24,639	..	..	*1,051	18,706	195	18,706	179	5,764	833	40,384	883	40,384	9	495
Hospet	..	21	148	6,610	148	6,610	198	9,605	* 199	3,973	199	3,975	..	..	249	8,580	249	8,580	198	9,605
Kudligi	..	..	586	14,196	686	14,196	..	..	* 101	1,970	101	1,970	..	..	628	14,734	628	14,734	2	70
Harpanahalli	..	1	605	21,982	605	21,982	103	9,862	* 42	538	42	538	2	70	605	21,982	605	21,983	103	9,862
Hadagalli	..	11	538	16,162	491	14,523	..	..	* 65	1,229	63	1,197	..	..	603	17,391	554	16,720	..	..
Total ..	..	220	7,993	2,89,903	7,765	2,82,384	440	38,980	304	17,542	295	17,307	15	880	12,897	3,80,636	12,670	3,71,314	998	61,664
									*1,600	73,191	4,610	71,623	543	11,744						

About Rs. 9,000 were distributed in loans during the fortnight, the greater part (Rs. 6,722) being for loans in relief of distress. * For relief of distress.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.

By the Collector.—Hospet.

Assistant Collector, Adóni.—Kupgal, Urukundi, Tungabhadra, Kotekal, Adóni and the surrounding villages and the kitchen in the last two places.

Deputy Collector, Alúr.—Alúr, Hulibedi, Manekurti, Hologundi and Hebbattam.

Divisional Officer, Bellary.—Kuditini, Yelubenchi, Patnasaragu, Guttiganur, Yemmiganur, Bommanhal and Untakal.

Head Assistant Collector.—Hospet, Chetwadigi and Hosur.

Resolution—No. 706, dated 13th November 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Further showers were wanted, but the North-East monsoon seems to hold off.

3. Prices fall but slowly; the Collector, however, has no anxiety except for the carpet-weavers of Adóni.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Bellary.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 994, Revenue, dated 26th November 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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To the Famine Commissioner.
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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with ren , — of the Bellary district for the period ending 31st October 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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(Famine Commissioner).

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State of the Country.

Rainfall and Water-supply—

Station.	During the fortnight.	Up to the fortnight.	Average of 25 years.
	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.
Yemmiganur	1·44	24·92	21·17
Adóni	1·02	27·34	25·68
Alúr	0·71	28·60	20·96
Siruguppa	2·14	24·75	20·84
Kampli	1·07	34·30	17·65
Bellary	..	22·37	16·81
Rayadrug	1·34	28·91	16·38
Hospet	0·15	40·62	24·72
Kudligi	0·09	45·03	22·61
Harpanahalli	0·50	25·02	20·78
Hadagalli	0·45	23·57	18·88
Sandur	2·96	39·29	..

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		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Adóni	15	3,310	13	2,070	..	..	158	13,465	154	13,010	..	..	173	16,775	167	15,080	..	..
Alúr	44	11,140	44	9,080	..	..	1,485	1,61,570	1,485	1,61,320	..	..	1,529	1,72,710	1,529	1,70,400	..	..
Bellary	49	7,350	49	7,350	40	15,894	947	92,310	947	92,316	81	45,764	996	99,668	996	99,668	121	61,658
Rayadrug	88	20,222	88	12,871	5	1,500	336	44,648	333	43,295	2	1,000	424	64,862	421	56,166	7	2,500
Hospet	22	4,870	22	2,985	18	4,650	52	3,975	52	3,975	13	1,650	74	8,845	74	6,960	31	6,300
Kudligi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harpanahalli	1	100	1	50	2	250	62	7,515	60	7,315	36	3,625	63	7,615	61	7,365	38	3,875
Hadagalli	18	2,875	18	1,838	2	700	128	15,560	123	15,095	5	1,950	146	18,435	141	16,933	7	2,650
Total ..	237	49,867	235	36,244	67	22,994	3,168	3,39,043	3,154	3,36,328	137	53,989	3,405	3,88,910	3,389	3,72,572	204	76,983

Taluks.	Number of wells.		Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed grain.						Total.					
	Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Adóni	..	14	811	29,513	630	23,633	..	..	53	2,272	46	2,212	4	210	1,386	40,620	1,110	33,144	360	5,690
									* 522	8,835	434	7,299	356	5,480						
Alúr	..	44	2,788	98,089	2,788	98,089	..	..	56	3,500	54	3,325	2	175	5,464	1,39,527	5,462	1,39,352	8	605
									*2,620	37,938	2,620	37,938	6	430						
Bellary	..	43	2,028	78,712	2,028	78,712	139	19,513	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,079	97,418	3,079	97,418	318	25,277
									*1,051	18,706	1,051	18,706	179	5,764						
Rayadrug	..	86	489	24,639	489	24,639	..	..	195	11,770	195	11,770	9	495	833	40,384	833	40,384	9	495
									* 199	3,973	199	3,975	..	..						
Hospet	..	21	148	6,610	148	6,610	198	9,605	..	..	..	..	..	..	249	8,580	249	8,580	198	9,605
									* 101	1,970	101	1,970	..	..						
Kudligi	..	..	586	14,196	586	14,196	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	628	14,784	628	14,784	2	70
									* 42	538	42	538	2	70						
Harpanahalli	..	1	605	21,982	605	21,982	103	9,862	..	..	..	..	..	..	605	21,982	605	21,982	103	9,862
Hadagalli	..	11	538	16,162	491	14,523	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	603	17,391	554	15,720	..	..
									* 65	1,229	63	1,197	..	..						
Total ..	..	220	7,993	2,89,903	7,765	2,82,384	440	38,980	304	17,542	295	17,307	15	880	12,897	3,80,636	12,570	3,71,314	998	51,604
									*4,600	73,191	4,510	71,623	543	11,744						

About Rs. 9,000 were distributed in loans during the fortnight, the greater part (Rs. 6,722) being for loans in relief of distress.

* For relief of distress.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

By the Collector.—Hospet.

Assistant Collector, Adóni.—Kuppgal, Urukundi, Tungabhadra, Kotekal, Adóni and the surrounding villages and the kitchen in the last two places.

Deputy Collector, Alúr.—Alúr, Hulibedi, Manekurti, Hologundi and Hebbattam.

Divisional Officer, Bellary.—Kuditini, Yelubenchi, Patnasaragu, Guttiganur, Yemmiganur, Bommanhal and Untakal.

Head Assistant Collector.—Hospet, Chetwadigi and Hosur.

Resolution—No. 706, dated 13th November 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Further showers were wanted, but the North-East monsoon seems to hold off.

3. Prices fall but slowly; the Collector, however, has no anxiety except for the carpet-weavers of Adóni.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

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

Order—No. 994, Revenue, dated 26th November 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Accountant-General.

Ord. P. Seetharam.

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