

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 704 W

DATED 6. March 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Famine Relief Works : Govt. Financial
Dept. ~~Letter~~ directing that a telegram be
sent to the Collector of Raipur sanctioning
Rs. 12000 for the Surada Works, & that the
amount be met from Savings under S. Salt
and debited to '33. Famine Relief', Comd.
to the Officers concerned.

Telegraphing to the Collector of Ganjam that Rs. 12,000 have been sanctioned for Suradā works, and directing that the amount be met from savings under 5. Salt, and debited to 33. Famine Relief, subject to eventual adjustment.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Read—the following papers:—

G.O., No. 679, Revenue, dated 5th February 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Approving, with remarks, the proposals of the Collector of Ganjam to carry out certain works in connection with Rushikulya project as famine relief, and debiting the cost to "33. Famine Relief."

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G.O., Mis. No. 1008, Revenue, dated 19th February 1897.

Read—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture,) dated 16th February 1897, Mis. No. 1225.

Read—the following telegram from the Collector of Ganjam, dated 15th February 1897:—

"Executive Engineer wires funds on Suradā dam exhausted; 1,500 coolies, 550 carts employed. Number increasing daily. Requests further funds—vide G.O., No. 679, 5th instant."

Resolution—dated 16th February 1897, Mis. No. 1225.

Submitted to Government with reference to the order quoted.

2. The following telegram will be despatched to the Collector:—

"Continue Suradā dam work in anticipation of sanction for funds, but apply conditions chapter seven of Famine Code"

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

R. V. SRINIVASIAH,

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
Collector of Ganjam.

Order—Mis. No. 1008, Revenue, dated 19th February 1897.

Transferred to the Financial Department for early provision of funds.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

LIONEL DAVIDSON,

Under Secy. to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

Financial Department.

Copy to the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).

Reference, dated 1st March 1897.

The following telegram will be despatched to the Collector of Ganjam:—

127. "Board's Proceedings 1225. State amount required Suradā works."

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

A. R. KNAPP,

Ag. Assistant Secretary.

G.O., Mis. No. 1123, Revenue, dated 25th February 1897.

Read—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 22nd February 1897, Mis. No. 1367.

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Ganjam, dated 16th February 1897, R. C. No. 402-F:—

Referring to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 933, dated 9th February 1897, communicating G.O., Mis. No. 679, Revenue, dated 5th February 1897, I have the honour to enclose a copy of telegram from the Executive Engineer, Ganjam Division, stating that the allotment under "35. Protective" for Rushikulya project is exhausted. I need hardly point out the necessity of continuing the work on Suradā dam. It is situated in that portion of the Goomsur taluk which is badly affected, and this is the only work in that part on which a large number of coolies can be advantageously concentrated.

2. The work is not particularly suited for a famine-relief work under grant 33, as it involves a certain amount of masonry work and a large number of carts are also employed. At present, however, it is giving employment to a large and increasing number of labourers at ordinary rates.

3. If the work is abandoned, these labourers will be sent wandering to other parts in search of other and less remunerative employment, and it will be necessary for road works to be opened as famine-relief works. The Executive Engineer informs me that, if no further funds are allotted forthwith, he must close the work and the result will be that when coolies are again required after 1st April next, they will not be in a condition to turn out the work required of them; for they will not, and of this I feel convinced, take up employment on relief work at famine rates until actually compelled thereto by starvation. From statement No. I, submitted with Mr. Weir's letter, No. 165-F., dated 29th January 1897, it will be seen that this is by far the most important and useful of the works selected for Goomsur division. I therefore strongly recommend that arrangements may be made for placing additional funds at the disposal of the Executive Engineer for expenditure in the ordinary course. I gather from a demi-official letter received this morning from the Executive Engineer that an additional allotment of Rs. 10,000 will be required if the work is to be kept on full swing till 1st April next. I have communicated to Government by wire the contents of the Executive Engineer's telegram.

ENCLOSURE.

Telegram from the Executive Engineer, Ganjam Division, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Aska, 1897.

Allotment "35. Protective" exhausted. India addressed further grant, very little chance success; unless funds granted must stop Suradā work, would be disastrous. Coolies 1,500, carts 550, increasing daily; labour ordinary rates eagerly sought. Please represent strongly further grant 35. If refused arrange place funds disposal famine, other sources enable carry on end March, anything rather stop work if Commissioner you urge strongly keeping Suradā works progress, necessity opening relief this part district probably avoided.

Resolution—dated 22nd February 1897, Mis No. 1367.

Submitted for the orders of Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 16th February 1897, Mis. No. 1225.

2. The Collector has been asked to report the probable effects of the recent rainfall in Goomsur.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Ganjam.

Order—Mis. No. 1123, Revenue, dated 25th February 1897.

Transferred to the Financial Department in continuation of G.O., No. 1008, dated 19th February 1897.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department (with enclosure).

Copy to the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).

Telegram from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chatrapur, 1st March 1897.

Number 127. Surada works as famine work *nil*, as ordinary work Rs. 12,000.

ORDER—No. 193, Financial, dated 2nd March 1897.

The following telegram will be despatched to the Collector of Ganjam :—

Number 136. “Rs. 12,000 sanctioned, Surada works.”

2. The amount will be met from savings under 5. Salt, and debited to 33. Famine Relief, subject to eventual adjustment.

(True Extract.)

M. K. S. S.
for Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Ganjam.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Public Works Department.

„ Accountant-General.

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