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Board's Proceedings submitting — of the Ganjam district for the period ending 15th September 1897, recorded.

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	Jalmur.	Ichchhápura taluk.	East Coast Railway quarry.
	Tilaru.		
Purushottapur taluk	Sorasingi.		
	Haripur.		
	Talatampara.		
Sómpéta taluk ...	Baruva.		
	Jarada.		
	Siripur.		
	Nowpada.		
Tekkali taluk ...	Kaviti.		
	Narayanapur.		
Berhampur taluk ...	Guntubanda.		

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluk.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
1. Guntubanda (B Branch), Berhampur taluk.	748	..	Closed.
2. Ankoli, Berhampur taluk ..	664	831	Do.
3. East Coast Railway quarry, Ichchhápura taluk.	423	203	Do.
4. Rothini Hill quarry, Ichchhápura taluk.	530	625	Do.
5. Kanchili quarry, Sómpéta taluk ..	246	495	Do.
6. Johomi, Ganjám taluk ..	553	..	Do.
7. Santhoshapur, Ganjám taluk ..	98	2,471	Do.
8. Hill quarry, Ganjám taluk ..	1,781	740	Do.
9. Sorasingi, Purushottapur taluk ..	734	696	Do.
10. Mukundapur, Purushottapur taluk ..	632	876	Do.
11. Boirani, Purushottapur taluk ..	837	..	Do.
12. Bhatkumarada, Purushottapur taluk.	433	..	Do.
13. Hingli, Purushottapur taluk ..	1,569	1,135	Do.
14. Motosorasingi, Purushottapur taluk ..	344	464	Do.
15. Rajapur, Peddakimedi taluk ..	..	373	Do.
Total ..	9,592	8,809	

This was temporarily, but not formally, closed owing to the illness and resignation of the overseer.

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluk.	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.
Russellkonda ..	..	..	66	50	..	..	1,662	705
Suradá ..	..	..	33	13	..	..	98	70
Aska ..	..	..	61	54	..	..	1,917	1,136
Bodogodo ..	..	..	81	30	..	..	334	156
Pedda Kimedi ..	..	..	281	219	..	..	859	782
Berhampur ..	..	..	275	173	..	..	4,468	2,902
Sómpéta ..	..	..	210	78	..	..	833	904
Ichchhápura ..	..	..	95	32	..	..	1,846	1,432
Ganjám ..	..	..	18	..	..	..	1,815	1,603
Purushottapur ..	..	..	160	110	..	..	1,712	1,044
Tekkali ..	..	..	369	286	..	..	407	215
Narasannapéta ..	..	..	381	..	..	..	56	..
Parlakimedi ..	..	..	793	741	..	..	571	1,007
Chicacole ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	..
Total ..	65	..	2,773	1,786	..	..	16,650	11,956

Taluk.	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.
Russellkonda ..	257	207	689	610	163	1,592
Suradá ..	24	22	..	..	..	..
Aska ..	207	190	1,680	1,481	1,424	10,185
Bodogodo ..	74	51	..	..	..	..
Pedda Kimedi ..	133	141	152	42	650	1,649
Berhampur ..	446	191	691	1,143	9,022	13,305
Sómpéta ..	245	228	1,909	1,048	3,399	34,058
Ichchhápura ..	191	146	609	881	1,356	2,117
Ganjám ..	218	240	214	214	921	6,052
Purushottapur ..	206	168	1,784	1,146	1,895	10,418
Tekkali ..	60	39	2,005	1,688	16,085	18,078
Narasannapéta ..	17	..	2,492	426	1,740	5,182
Parlakimedi ..	137	95	42	787	..	..
Chicacole ..	12	..	767	360	649	2,789
Total ..	2,227	1,718	13,034	9,826	37,304	105,425

Private charity.—There is no organized private charity at work. The Zemindar of Kallikóta and Atagada continues to feed about 82 persons at his kitchen at Haradamali. He has also opened a relief work at Maridi. Some gentlemen at Aska are still feeding between 20 and 40 helpless people a day. The Zemindar of Chinnakimedi is also granting relief in the shape of cooked food in some of his mutts and temples.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Berhampur	..	..	..	..	1	200	196	19,845	161	15,605	478	54,013	196	19,845	161	15,605	479	54,213	..	..	
Goomsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	720	..	720	..	125	..	720	..	720	..	125	..	..	
Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total	..	..	..	..	1	200	200	20,565	165	16,325	479	54,138	200	20,565	165	16,325	480	54,338	..	..	
Total.																					
Taluk.	Cattle and seed-grain.										Total.		Number of wells.								
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Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluk and places visited.—The Principal Assistant Collector has visited twenty-four villages, the Senior Assistant Collector nine villages, the General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, forty villages and the Head-Quarter Deputy Collector twenty villages in their respective divisions.

I was detained at head-quarters by civil suits, and treasury examinations for the first half of the fortnight, and have subsequently visited the following places:—

Chatrapur. †
Hinjili. * †
Aska. * †
Shergada.

* Kitchen.

† Relief work.

Pattapur.
Digupudi. * †
Chikati. * †

† Weavers' depôt.

My tour has been interrupted by having to return to meet the Famine Commissioner.

There has been no material change in prices, though a slight tendency to fall was exhibited; there has since been a re-action consequent upon the failure of the ragi crop. Until recently ragi everywhere looked promising, and in excellent condition, but it now almost generally declines to ear and has run into stalk and leaf. Many of the heads that do appear are merely chaff, and contain no grain. The yield is estimated at from As. 2 to 4 in the sub-division, and it is not much better anywhere along the coast, except perhaps near Ichchhapuram. From Goomsur, details are not yet to hand, as the ragi is only just beginning to come into ear. I attribute this to too much surface water on a dry sub-soil, accompanied by want of sufficient sunshine. Old inhabitants report that the same phenomenon occurred after the famine of 1866, and this was also observed with the Gódávri imported seed-grain after 1889.

I fear that this will retard the anticipated fall in prices for another month, until the success of the paddy crop, which is everywhere most promising, is assured. Field work still continues to be greatly restricted. Weeding operations should now be in progress, but I have observed very few engaged in that occupation. I fear that many ryots have not sufficient resources for the employment of the necessary labour. In spite of high prices, and the restricted demand for field labour, the condition of the people is improving, except in the Kallikóta circle, where there has been an increase in the number on gratuitous relief. There has, however, been no increase in the number of relief workers as anticipated by me, and several additional works have been closed, only ten remaining. Of these, one is in Ichchhapuram taluk, one in Pedda Kimedi estate, one in Berhampur, two in Ganjam, and five in Purushottapur taluks, respectively. All works south of Ichchhapuram are finally closed.

The existing distress is now confined to the Samantias of the coast tracts in Ganjam and Ichchhapuram taluks, and to the Kapu Savaras of Tekkali and Parlakimedi. The former are an idle and improvident set of people. They decline to work or to accept cooked food, and their condition is, at the best of times, poor. The condition of the Kapu Savaras is reported by Mr. Parsons to be improving. Of the rest, those on relief consist mainly of professional beggars, cripples, lepers and the like, who may, as in ordinary years, be left to the charity of their fellow villagers after the close of the current month.

The disposal of loans applications is not proceeding as rapidly as I could wish, but as the term of the Special Loans Tahsildar expired at the end of July, the Tahsildars have to work with their ordinary staff. It is, however, but little use now granting applications for advances for cattle and seed-grain, as ploughing is practically over, and the land all under cultivation. Some further advance may be required in dry tracts, where the ragi has failed, for a second crop of grain. There has been a serious outbreak of cholera at Patrapur in Sompéta taluk, and a Special Hospital Assistant has been sent to deal with it. Small-pox is bad in parts of Pedda Kimedi, Chinnakimedi and Shergada zemindaris. Otherwise the health of the people is fair.

Resolution—No. 645, dated 2nd October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall in the fortnight was very good, and the general outlook is favourable, but for the fact that the ragi harvest is likely to be a failure.

3. Prices fell slightly, and the Collector anticipates no considerable fall till the paddy is harvested, owing to the poor condition of ragi. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

								Measures for a rupee.	
								Rice.	Ragi.
Normal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17.0	30.0
Warning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.6	22.5
Scarcity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.2	15.0
Current	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.9	11.0
September 1889	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.2	24.7
" 1878	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.1	13.0

4. The condition of the people is improving, and distress is confined to the Kapu Savaras, the idle Samantias, and the class that ordinarily depends upon private charity for its existence. All relief works south of Ichchhāpuram have been closed, and only ten now remain. The numbers on works fell by 8 per cent. and on gratuitous relief by 29 per cent. The Famine Commissioner presumes that work No. 8, on which an increase of numbers is shown is the quarry near Chatrapur, where many of the workers are in bad condition. These are not the same persons who were on the work before and left it in good condition, but people who held off from relief too long and have come to it in a low physical state.

5. Loans have been disbursed as follows:—

								Amount disbursed. RS.
Up to end of week ending—								
August 28th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68,854
September 4th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70,349
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" 18th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88,273

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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
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Goomsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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								Measures for a rupee.	
								Rice.	Ragi.
Normal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17.0	30.0
Warning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.6	22.5
Scarcity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.2	15.0
Current	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.9	11.0
September 1889	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.2	24.7
" 1878	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.1	13.0

4. The condition of the people is improving, and distress is confined to the Kapu Savaras, the idle Samantias, and the class that ordinarily depends upon private charity for its existence. All relief works south of Ichchhāpuram have been closed, and only ten now remain. The numbers on works fell by 8 per cent. and on gratuitous relief by 29 per cent. The Famine Commissioner presumes that work No. 8, on which an increase of numbers is shown is the quarry near Chatrapur, where many of the workers are in bad condition. These are not the same persons who were on the work before and left it in good condition, but people who held off from relief too long and have come to it in a low physical state.

5. Loans have been disbursed as follows:—

								Amount disbursed.
								RS.
Up to end of week ending—								68,854
August 28th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70,349
September 4th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77,446
" 11th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88,273
" 18th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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OCTOBER.

Fortnightly Narrative.

Board's Proceedings submitting — of the Ganjam district for the period ending 15th September 1897, recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 645, dated 2nd October 1897 :—

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

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Ganjam district for the period ending 15th September 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.	
Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight	7.19 3.98
Up to the fortnight from April	28.31 26.57

There has been a copious rainfall during the fortnight. Water-supply is ample both for irrigation and drinking purposes. Tanks and wells have received good supply. There have been good freshes in rivers and nalas. Water in Russellkonda reservoir rose 54 inches since 4th instant.

Agricultural operations, and condition of the standing crops.—Transplantation of paddy is almost completed, except in a few backward tracts, where it is being briskly carried on. The standing crops are paddy, ragi, gingelly, sugarcane, cotton, redgram and blackgram. All these are thriving well, except ragi and gingelly, the condition of which is reported to be poor. Early ragi, gingelly and chamalu were harvested. Outturn of the first two crops is bad to middling; that of last is fair.

Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.—Fodder is scarce and dear, but chamalu straw is available in many places. Pasture is abundant. Condition of cattle is generally good.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The state of the country at present looks favourable. Early paddy looks promising, and, in places, it is earing. The anxiety for food among the ryot classes is decreasing gradually. Prices show a tendency to fall; but no marked falling in the prices of food-grains can be anticipated, until the ordinary ragi crop is harvested. The ryots are hopeful of their crops, notwithstanding the fact that ragi is blighted in some parts.

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 11th of September 1897.

per acre for 1889.									
Stations.	Rice.				Ragi.		Corresponding prices of 1889.		Remarks.
	End of last period.		End of current period.		End of last period.	End of current period.	Rice	Ragi.	
	Raw.	Boiled.	Raw.	Boiled.					
Russellkonda ..	7.50	9.00	7.00	8.00	10.31	11.25	10.50	17.50	Rice is rising in two stations, falling in three stations, and stationary elsewhere. Ragi is rising in two stations, falling in four stations and stationary elsewhere. The rise and fall are due to the condition of the local markets.
Surad	7.40	8.75	7.86	9.19	9.75	12.19	11.00	28.00	
Aska	7.22	7.95	7.22	7.95	8.90	8.90	10.00	19.20	
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Chatrapur	7.00	7.75	7.50	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	19.00	
Berhampur	7.00	8.00	7.00	8.00	11.05	10.62	11.00	20.00	
Ichchhāpuram ..	7.50	8.00	7.50	8.00	10.80	10.80	10.50	22.00	
Sompēta	8.25	..	8.25	9.83	11.31	11.81	11.20	23.00	
Parlakimedi ..	6.81	6.75	6.75	..	12.00	10.40	12.00	24.00	
Tekkali	7.10	..	7.10	..	11.42	11.42	10.50	21.00	
Narsannapet ..	7.50	..	7.50	..	10.62	10.62	12.00	27.00	
Chicacole	7.17	..	7.17	..	11.97	11.97	11.00	27.00	
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Exports and imports of food-grains by rail and by sea are as follows :—

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CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—The condition of people on works is generally good.

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The following remittances are reported from emigrants to Burma through the Post offices noted below :—

	RS.
Jalmur	80
Kasibugga	4,983
Tekkali	266
Kotabommali	757
Total	6,086

Sickness and mortality.—Fever and small-pox are generally prevalent. Cholera has been subsiding.

	Cholera deaths.
Goomsur division	38
Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division	35
Berhampur division	30
Chicacole division	47
Total	150

Remarks.—The following kitchens and relief works are closed during the fortnight:—

Kitchens.		Relief works.	
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Ichchhápúram taluk ...	Khojiria.	Purushottapur taluk ...	Bhatkumarada.
Narsannapet taluk ...	Narsannapet.	Sómpéta taluk ...	Kanchili.
Purushottapur taluk	Jalmur.	Berhampur taluk ...	Guntubanda.
	Tilaru.	Ichchhápúram taluk.	Ichchhápúram East Coast Railway quarry.
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	Haripur.		
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	Baruva.		
	Jarada.		
	Siripur.		
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Fortnightly Narrative.

Board's Proceedings submitting — of the Ganjam district for the period ending 15th September 1897, recorded.

Remarks.—The following kitchens and relief works are closed during the fortnight:—

Kitchens.		Relief works.	
Ganjám taluk ...	Sabulia.	Ganjám taluk ...	Santhoshapur.
Ichchhápúram taluk ...	Khojiria.	Purushottapur taluk ...	Bhatkumarada.
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	Jalmur.	Ichchhápúram taluk.	East Coast Railway quarry.
	Tilaru.		
	Sorasingi.		
	Haripur.		
	Talatampara.		
Sómpéta taluk ...	Baruva.		
	Jarada.		
	Siripur.		
Tekkali taluk ...	Nowpada.		
	Kaviti.		
Berhampur taluk ...	Narayanapur.		
	Guntubanda.		

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
1. Guntubanda (B Branch), Berhampur taluk.	748	..	Closed.
2. Ankoli, Berhampur taluk ..	664	831	Do.
3. East Coast Railway quarry, Ichchhápúram taluk.	423	203	Do.
4. Rothini Hill quarry, Ichchhápúram taluk.	530	625	Do.
5. Kanchili quarry, Sómpéta taluk ..	246	..	Do.
6. Johomi, Ganjám taluk ..	553	495	Do.
7. Santhoshapur, Ganjám taluk ..	98	..	Do.
8. Hill quarry, Ganjám taluk ..	1,781	2,471	Do.
9. Sorasingi, Purushottapur taluk ..	734	740	Do.
10. Mukundapur, Purushottapur taluk ..	632	596	Do.
11. Boirani, Purushottapur taluk ..	837	876	Do.
12. Bhatkumarada, Purushottapur taluk.	433	..	Do.
13. Hingili, Purushottapur taluk ..	1,569	1,135	Do.
14. Mottosorasingi, Purushottapur taluk ..	344	464	Do.
15. Rajapur, Peddakimedi taluk ..	..	373	Do.
Total ..	9,592	8,809	This was temporarily, but not formally, closed owing to the illness and resignation of the overseer.

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.
Russellkonda ..	..	..	66	50	..	..	1,662	705
Soradá ..	..	..	33	13	..	..	98	70
Aska ..	..	..	61	54	..	..	1,917	1,136
Bodogodo ..	..	..	31	30	..	..	334	166
Pedda Kimedi ..	..	..	281	219	..	..	859	782
Berhampur ..	..	..	275	173	..	..	4,468	2,902
Sómpéta ..	..	..	210	78	..	..	833	904
Ichchhápúram ..	..	..	95	32	..	..	1,846	1,432
Ganjám ..	..	..	18	..	..	..	1,815	1,603
Purushottapur ..	..	..	160	110	..	..	1,712	1,044
Tekkali ..	..	..	369	286	..	..	407	215
Narasannapéta ..	..	..	381	..	..	..	56	..
Parlakimedi ..	..	..	793	741	..	..	571	1,007
Chicacole ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	..
Total ..	65	..	2,773	1,786	..	..	16,650	11,956

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.
Russellkonda ..	257	207	689	610	163	1,592
Soradá ..	24	22	..	..	..	..
Aska ..	207	190	1,680	1,481	1,424	10,185
Bodogodo ..	74	51	..	..	650	1,649
Pedda Kimedi ..	133	141	152	42	9,022	13,305
Berhampur ..	446	191	691	1,143	3,399	34,058
Sómpéta ..	245	228	1,909	1,048	1,356	2,117
Ichchhápúram ..	191	146	669	881	921	6,052
Ganjám ..	218	240	214	214	1,895	10,418
Purushottapur ..	206	168	1,784	1,146	16,085	18,078
Tekkali ..	60	39	2,005	1,688	1,740	5,182
Narasannapéta ..	17	..	2,492	426	..	..
Parlakimedi ..	137	95	42	787	649	2,789
Chicacole ..	12	..	767	360	..	..
Total ..	2,227	1,718	13,034	9,826	37,304	105,425

Private charity.—There is no organized private charity at work. The Zemindar of Kallikóta and Atagada continues to feed about 82 persons at his kitchen at Haradamali. He has also opened a relief work at Maridi. Some gentlemen at Aska are still feeding between 20 and 40 helpless people a day. The Zemindar of Chinnakimedi is also granting relief in the shape of cooked food in some of his mutts and temples.

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Taluks and places visited.—The Principal Assistant Collector has visited twenty-four villages, the Senior Assistant Collector nine villages, the General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, forty villages and the Head-Quarter Deputy Collector twenty villages in their respective divisions.

Chatrapur. †
Hinjili. * †
Aska. * ‡
Shergada.

* Kitchen.

Pattupur.
Digupudi. * † ‡
Chikati. * †

‡ Weavers' dépôt.

† Relief work.

My tour has been interrupted by having to return to meet the Famine Commissioner.

There has been no material change in prices, though a slight tendency to fall was exhibited; there has since been a re-action consequent upon the failure of the ragi crop. Until recently ragi everywhere looked promising, and in excellent condition, but it now almost generally declines to ear and has run into stalk and leaf. Many of the heads that do appear are merely chaff, and contain no grain. The yield is estimated at from As. 2 to 4 in the sub-division, and it is not much better anywhere along the coast, except perhaps near Ichchhápúram. From Goomsur, details are not yet to hand, as the ragi is only just beginning to come into ear. I attribute this to too much surface water on a dry sub-soil, accompanied by want of sufficient sunshine. Old inhabitants report that the same phenomenon occurred after the famine of 1866, and this was also observed with the Gódávári imported seed-grain after 1889.

I fear that this will retard the anticipated fall in prices for another month, until the success of the paddy crop, which is everywhere most promising, is assured. Field work still continues to be greatly restricted. Weeding operations should now be in progress, but I have observed very few engaged in that occupation. I fear that many ryots have not sufficient resources for the employment of the necessary labour. In spite of high prices, and the restricted demand for field labour, the condition of the people is improving, except in the Kallikóta circle, where there has been an increase in the number on gratuitous relief. There has, however, been no increase in the number of relief workers as anticipated by me, and several additional works have been closed, only ten remaining. Of these, one is in Ichchhápúram taluk, one in Pedda Kimedi estate, one in Berhampur, two in Ganjám, and five in Purushottapur taluks, respectively. All works south of Ichchhápúram are finally closed.

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The disposal of loans applications is not proceeding as rapidly as I could wish, but as the term of the Special Loans Tahsildar expired at the end of July, the Tahsildars have to work with their ordinary staff. It is, however, but little use now granting applications for advances for cattle and seed-grain, as ploughing is practically over, and the land all under cultivation. Some further advance may be required in dry tracts, where the ragi has failed, for a second crop of grain. There has been a serious outbreak of cholera at Patrapur in Sompéta taluk, and a Special Hospital Assistant has been sent to deal with it. Small-pox is bad in parts of Pedda Kimedi, Chinnakimedi and Shergada zemindaris. Otherwise the health of the people is fair.

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