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4. Nandyal	1·69
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Remarks.—Nil.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
1. Pattikonda	18,428	9,941	
2. Ramallakot	23,768	15,867	
3. Nandyal	* 6,783	8,443	
4. Koilkuntla	26,770	19,830	* Many workers were marked absent for late attendance on the last day of the last fortnight.
5. Sirvel	6,157	3,407	
Total ..	81,906	57,488	

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.
1. Pattikonda	1,657	535	1,049	637	..	..	†1,147	† 829
2. Rámallakóta							3,161	1,242
3. Nandikotkur	1,281	2,138	8	10	..	..	1,221	1,402
4. Nandyal	..	..	..	..	..	..	‡12,198	‡2,090
5. Koilkuntla	252	238	14	13	..	..	275	258
6. Sirvel	1,247	966	83	65	..	..	814	808
	338	181	13	27	..	..	2,000	835
							2,336	1,848
							1,874	928
							1,407	1,008
							957	651
Total ..	4,775	4,458	1,167	752	..	..	7,200	6,153
							20,190	5,746

† The first set of figures represents the number of persons fed in village kitchens and the second set those in receipt of grain doles.
‡ Includes figures for Kurnool town.

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.
1. Pattikonda	109	95	6,222	3,202	6,764	87,286
2. Rámallakóta	101	56	4,072	4,047	9,529	79,085
3. Nandikotkur	1	1	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal	122	103	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	103	97	1,368	809	2,630	13,387
6. Sirvel	83	83	1,019	550	2,018	11,983
Total ..	519	435	12,681	8,608	20,941	191,691

Private Charity.—Nil.

General Remarks.

The works in progress near Marella, Rudravaram and Komarole were closed, and certain other works were ordered to be amalgamated during the period.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.								Other purposes.								Total.				Number of wells	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		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.	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			
		Rs.		Rs.			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.			
1. Pattikonda	158	43,080	158	26,478	..	..	..	..	1,127	1,21,140	1,21,140	..	..	1,285	1,64,220	1,285	1,47,618	..	..	..	158	
2. Ramallakot	30	6,850	28	6,560	..	..	14,750	..	28	2,210	2,210	32	..	58	9,360	64	8,760	80	23,660	..	26	
3. Nandikotkur	2	400	2	400	48	..	..	..	4	550	550	2	..	6	950	6	950	2	200	..	3	
4. Nandyal	11	3,900	11	1,600	..	5	1,000	..	36	4,995	4,375	44	3,925	47	8,895	42	5,975	49	4,925	..	11	
5. Koilkuntla	24	4,700	24	4,700	10	5,000	3,510	2	3,175	12	1,510	56	8,210	53	2,875	22	6,510	24	
6. Sirvel	65	10,700	59	10,300	18	7,620	16	1,950	3	380	81	12,650	75	12,260	21	8,000	66	
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	290	69,630	282	50,038	81	28,370	1,243	1,34,656	1,32,349	704	85,714	708	64,672	4,453	2,29,129	4,258	2,19,600	1,610	1,59,366	287	..

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.				Cattle and seed-grain.				Total.			
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
	Rs.				Rs.				Rs.				Rs.				Rs.	
1. Pattikonda	2,439	1,17,425	2,439	1,17,425	..	..	..	..	514	17,019	514	17,019	222	10,885	2,953	1,34,444	222	10,885
2. Ramallakot	108	7,319	100	6,044	292	..	..	..	65	5,050	65	5,050	390	33,397	173	12,349	682	61,739
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	40	..	..	1	40
4. Nandyal	139	8,599	129	7,379	382	42,603	..	..	..	..	..	..	81	18,212	226	15,489	463	60,505
5. Koilkuntla	915	56,798	790	50,649	200	22,581	..	..	138	7,355	14	2,138	..	..	915	66,798	200	22,631
6. Sirvel	37	1,929	36	1,889	28	1,122	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	183	9,999	42	3,260
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	80	2	80	..	..	3	110	..	..
Total ..	3,638	1,91,780	3,494	1,83,886	902	94,688	815	37,349	704	35,714	708	64,672	4,453	2,29,129	4,258	2,19,600	1,610	1,59,366

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

I was on tour for fourteen days and inspected the following:—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Koilkuntla, Bhimunipad, Mukkumalla, Akumalla, Singanapalli, Owk, Gullasingavaram, Ramapuram, Kolimigundla, Kalavatala, Nandipad, Timmanayunipeta, Ankireddipalli, Tummalapenta, Itikala, Patnikota, Zimutula and Uppalapad.

Pattikonda taluk.—Racherla and Jaladurgam.

Ramallakot taluk.—Kocheruvu, Dhone and Veldurthi.

Works.—Koilkuntla section of the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road work, Koilkuntla-Mudugode road work, three Owk works, Itikala work, Narravulagundam work and Kocheruvu—Pyapalli road.

The Head Assistant Collector was in camp for seven days and visited the following villages:—

Nandyal taluk.—Gaggatur, Kothur, Gonavaram, Alamur and Panyam.

Sirvel taluk.—Rayapad.

Koilkuntla taluk.—Bhimunipad, Koilkuntla, Velagatur, Bijanavemula, Chinna Kopperla and Vallampad.

Works.—Koilkuntla section of the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road, Koilkuntla-Mudigode work and Panyam-Banganapalli frontier road.

The Deputy Collector, Pyapalli, was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited the following:—

Ramallakot taluk.—Kurnool, Peddapad, Salkapurrm, Panchikalapad and Nagalápuram.

Pattikonda taluk.—Kodumur, Varukur, Vamugode, Hendrikhairavadi, Gonegandla, Alavala, Belagal, Iyrainbunda, Ternikal, Palakurthi and Karivemula.

Works.—Bellary road work near Kurnool, Kodumur section of the Kodumur-Yemmiganur road, Belagal section of the Panchikalapad-Belagal road, Karivemula section of the Karivemula-Moolagundam road work.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was in camp for five days and inspected the following places:—

Nandikkur taluk.—Atmakuru, Velgode, Nandikotkur and Veepanagundla.

The Cumbum Deputy Collector inspected the following villages:—

Markapur taluk.—Dhupad, Gollapalli, Vallampalli, Rajupalayam, Tirupurantakam, Ganapuram, Marivemula, Sethakodu, Pullalacheruvu, Chapalamadugu, Visvanadhapuram, Tokapalli, Gobbur and Darimadugu.

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2. The rainfall during the period was more than sufficient, and a spell of fine weather was desired, as the crops were likely to suffer from excessive rain. There is a curious similarity between the season of 1897 and 1877. In both seasons the south-west monsoon was late, and in both it was copious. In 1877, the two monsoons ran into each other, as seems to be the case this year, and in both years the crop suffered from excess of rain and insect pest or blight. In the present year, these have been reported from Ganjám, Kurnool and Anantapur. It was the damage caused by excessive rain, insects and blight which caused the distress of 1877 to be prolonged into the following year. The causes are not at work to the same extent in the present year, and there is no reason to apprehend danger, but the coincidence is worth noticing.

3. Food-grains, on the whole, were cheaper. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13·2	..	30·0	28·0
Warning	10·6	..	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	7·9	..	15·0	14·0
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September 1892	10·1	17·4	19·2	14·7
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5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is shown by the subjoined figures:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed. Rs.
September 11th	3,72,298
„ 18th	3,80,638
„ 25th	3,84,749
October 2nd	4,00,934

Excluding applications for purchase of fodder, applications for about a lakh remain to be disposed of.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	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	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.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
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4. Nandyal	11	3,900	11	1,600	..	..	36	4,995	36	4,995	382	42,693	159	8,599	129	7,379	382	42,693							204	13,579	463	60,905	1	40	11	
5. Koilkuntla	24	4,700	24	4,700	10	6,000	32	3,510	32	3,510	200	22,581	915	56,798	790	50,649	200	22,581							790	50,619	200	22,631	87	7,385	24	
6. Sirvel	65	10,700	59	10,300	18	7,620	16	1,950	16	1,950	28	1,122	87	1,929	36	1,389	28	1,122							1,747	9,274	42	3,260	14	2,138	2	
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							..	80	..	..	..	..	..	
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	110	3	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							2	80	..	..	80	1,610	2	80
Total ..	290	69,630	282	50,028	81	28,370	1,243	1,34,665	1,243	1,34,665	902	94,688	815	3,91,730	3,494	1,83,886	902	94,688							4,288	2,19,600	4,288	2,19,600	1,610	1,59,360	287	287

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The Head Assistant Collector was in camp for seven days and visited the following villages:—

Nandyal taluk.—Gaggatur, Kothur, Gonavaram, Alamur and Panyam.

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The Deputy Collector, Pyapalli, was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited the following:—

Ramallakot taluk.—Kurnool, Peddapad, Salkapurrm, Panchikalapad and Nagalápuram.

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Works.—Bellary road work near Kurnool, Kodumur section of the Kodumur-Yemmiganur road, Belagal section of the Panchikalapad-Belagal road, Karivemula section of the Karivemula-Moolagundam road work.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was in camp for five days and inspected the following places:—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Atmakuru, Velgode, Nandikotkur and Veepanagundla.

The Cumbum Deputy Collector inspected the following villages:—

Markapur taluk.—Dhupad, Gollapalli, Vallampalli, Rajupalayam, Tirupurantakam, Ganapuram, Marivemula, Sethakodu, Pullalacheruvu, Chapalamadugu, Visvanadhapuram, Tokapalli, Gobbur and Darimadugu.

Cumbum taluk.—Cumbum, Bestwarpet, Ravipad and Kandulapuram.

Resolution—No. 670, dated 15th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the period was more than sufficient, and a spell of fine weather was desired, as the crops were likely to suffer from excessive rain. There is a curious similarity between the season of 1897 and 1877. In both seasons the south-west monsoon was late, and in both it was copious. In 1877, the two monsoons ran into each other, as seems to be the case this year, and in both years the crop suffered from excess of rain and insect pest or blight. In the present year, these have been reported from Ganjám, Kurnool and Anantapur. It was the damage caused by excessive rain, insects and blight which caused the distress of 1877 to be prolonged into the following year. The causes are not at work to the same extent in the present year, and there is no reason to apprehend danger, but the coincidence is worth noticing.

3. Food-grains, on the whole, were cheaper. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13·2	..	30·0	28·0
Warning	10·6	..	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	7·9	..	15·0	14·0
Current	8·1	14·1	10·8	11·0
September 1892	10·1	17·4	19·2	14·7
„ 1877	5·4	6·6	6·4	5·3

4. The condition of the people was generally fair, but cholera was prevalent. The number of relief-workers fell by 30 per cent., and of those on gratuitous relief by 54 per cent. Three works were closed, and others were amalgamated.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is shown by the subjoined figures:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	Rs.
September 11th	3,72,298
„ 18th	3,80,638
„ 25th	3,84,749
October 2nd	4,00,934

Excluding applications for purchase of fodder, applications for about a lakh remain to be disposed of.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 898, Revenue, dated 28th October 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

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Fortnightly Narrative.

Board's Proceedings submitting the — of the Kurnool district for the period ending 30th September 1897, recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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W. J. H. LeFanu, Esq., I.C.S.
(Famine Commissioner.)

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Kurnool district for the period ending 30th September 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

	Inches.
Rainfall during the period	
Rainfall up to the period, from 1st April 1897	2·64
Average rainfall expected during the period	20·51
Do. do. up to the period	2·86
	19·78

Rain fell at all the registering stations of the district, as is shown below :—

Stations.	Fall in inches.
Affected tracts.	
1. Kalwa	5·12
2. Pyápalli	2·66
3. Owk	1·82
4. Nandyal	1 69
5. Pattikonda	1·13
6. Koilkuntla	1·52
7. Kurnool town	1·40
8. Allagadda	0 31
Unaffected tracts.	
1. Markapur	4·20
2. Nandikotkur	4·17
3. Atmakúru	3·97
4. Giddalur	3·18

There has been more than sufficient rain throughout the affected area.

The supply was still slightly deficient for irrigation in the Markapur taluk, but elsewhere ample for all purposes.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Eastern section.—In the Cumbum taluk, cumbu was being harvested with a fair outturn, and the harvesting of korra and indigo was commenced. In the Markapur taluk, sowings still continued in the early part of the fortnight, but were interrupted later on by rain. The standing crops are generally in good condition.

North-Central section.—The preparation of the ground for the sowing of white cholam was in progress; weeding was the chief agricultural operation. Korra and paddy have been attacked by caterpillars in parts—the result of excessive rain. The standing crops are, however, on the whole, in fair condition.

South-Central section.—In parts of the Sirvel taluk, korra, indigo and cumbu were harvested, with an outturn of from 12 to 16 annas. In all black soil villages of the section, land was being prepared for the sowing of white cholam, and cotton and

yellow cholam were largely sown. The condition of the standing crops is mostly good, though a break for a week or more in the rain, which has been retarding their growth, would be of great benefit.

Western section.—Sowing continued on black soils and weeding was being carried on everywhere. The harvesting of korra and cumbu was commenced, the outturn being from 4 to 12 annas. Castor plants are being devoured by caterpillars. The condition of the other standing crops is very fair.

Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.—Fodder was scarce all over the district, but not quite so difficult to procure in the affected taluks as before. Pasture was abundant throughout. The condition of cattle may be said to have been on the whole fair, though rinderpest unfortunately continued to prevail and caused some 270 deaths.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There is a good deal of anxiety amongst the ryots, lest their crops may be spoiled by the incessant rain that we have been getting of late. But for this superabundance of moisture, prospects would be extremely favourable: as it is, they are fairly so.

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 30th of September 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	
1. Pattikonda ..	7·28	9·72	17·46	16·49	9·53	13·39	..	15·04	Prices are falling everywhere except at Pattikonda, Pyápalli and Markapur in ragi and at Atmakúru in cholam.
2. Pyápalli ..	7·49	7·56	17·46	13·58	9·53	12·36	..	9·40	
3. Kurnool town.	7·50	7·86	12·90	12·90	10·96	12·67	..	..	
4. Nandikotkur.	7·86	8·58	..	..	11·64	13·01	..	..	
5. Atmakúru ..	8·21	8·58	..	..	13·35	12·33	..	..	
6. Nandyal ..	8·94	9·29	12·90	16·77	11·30	13·70	..	10·00	
7. Kalwa ..	7·15	7·86	11·61	14·19	11·64	12·33	..	8·75	
8. Koilkuntla ..	8·30	8·71	12·75	12·75	10·27	11·06	..	..	
9. Owk	7·47	8·71	12·00	12·75	9·48	11·06	..	..	
10. Allagadda ..	7·15	8·58	12·25	12·90	10·27	12·33	..	..	
11. Giddalur ..	8·30	8·30	12·75	13·50	11·06	11·85	10·15	11·60	
12. Markapur ..	8·30	8·30	15·75	15·37	..	..	11·28	10·87	
Average for affected tract.	7·66	8·54	13·67	14·04	10·37	12·36	..	10·79	
Average for the district ..	7·83	8·50	13·78	14·12	10·82	12·37	10·70	10·94	

Activity of trade.—Trade was dull in the greater part of the central section, and moderately active elsewhere. The markets were well supplied, and there was a distinctly downward tendency in prices at the chief centres of trade.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

Works.—The condition of the labourers on the works that I inspected during the fortnight was very fair. The District Medical and Sanitary officer visited the Gooty road work outside Kurnool and the Laddagiri, Narravulagundam, Rungapuram works, and appears to have found on the average about 86 per cent. of the workers in good health. There was a somewhat severe outbreak of cholera at Hósúr, the centre of the Pattikonda-Molagavalli road work, which caused all the workers to disperse at once.

In villages.—The condition of the people in villages was generally fair, except that cholera continued to prevail causing 320 deaths.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera, fever and dysentery were the principal complaints. There were no deaths from starvation.

Remarks.—Nil.

Measures of Relief.

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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
	2	3	4	5	6	7			8	9	10	11	12	13			14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	290	69,630	282	50,028	81	28,370			1,243	1,34,656	1,233	1,34,655	..	..			1,533	2,04,285	1,515	1,83,428	174	43,295	..	287

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.								Cattle and seed-grain.								Total.							
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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
	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.		
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7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			3	110	2	80	..	..		
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Total ..	3,688	1,91,750	3,494	1,83,886	902	94,688			815	37,349	794	35,714	708	64,672			4,563	2,29,129	4,288	2,19,600	1,610	1,59,360		

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8. Koilkuntla ..	8·30	8·71	12·75	12·75	10·27	11·06	..	..	
9. Owk	7·47	8·71	12·00	12·75	9·48	11·06	..	..	
10. Allagadda ..	7·15	8·58	12·25	12·90	10·27	12·33	..	..	
11. Giddalur ..	8·30	8·30	12·75	13·50	11·06	11·85	10·15	11·60	
12. Markapur ..	8·30	8·30	15·75	15·37	..	..	11·28	10·87	
Average for affected tract.	7·66	8·54	13·67	14·04	10·37	12·36	..	10·79	
Average for the district ..	7·83	8·50	13·78	14·12	10·82	12·37	10·70	10·94	

Activity of trade.—Trade was dull in the greater part of the central section, and moderately active elsewhere. The markets were well supplied, and there was a distinctly downward tendency in prices at the chief centres of trade.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

Works.—The condition of the labourers on the works that I inspected during the fortnight was very fair. The District Medical and Sanitary officer visited the Gooty road work outside Kurnool and the Laddagiri, Narravulagundam, Rungapuram works, and appears to have found on the average about 86 per cent. of the workers in good health. There was a somewhat severe outbreak of cholera at Hósúr, the centre of the Pattikonda-Molagavalli road work, which caused all the workers to disperse at once.

In villages.—The condition of the people in villages was generally fair, except that cholera continued to prevail causing 320 deaths.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera, fever and dysentery were the principal complaints. There were no deaths from starvation.

Remarks.—Nil.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
1. Pattikonda	18,428	9,941	
2. Ramallakot	23,768	15,867	
3. Nandyal	* 6,783	8,443	* Many workers were marked absent for late attendance on the last day of the last fortnight.
4. Koilkuntla	26,770	19,830	
5. Sirvel	6,157	3,407	
Total ..	81,906	57,488	

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.
1. Pattikonda	1,657	935	1,049	637	..	..	†1,147	† 829
							3,161	1,242
2. Rámallakóta	1,281	2,138	8	10	..	..	1,221	1,402
							‡12,198	‡2,090
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	275	258
4. Nandyal	252	238	14	13	..	..	814	808
							2,000	835
5. Koilkuntla	1,247	966	83	65	..	..	2,336	1,848
							1,874	928
6. Sirvel	338	181	13	27	..	..	1,407	1,008
							957	651
Total ..	4,775	4,458	1,167	752	..	..	7,200	6,153
							20,190	5,746

† The first set of figures represents the number of persons fed in village kitchens and the second set those in receipt of grain doles.
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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.
1. Pattikonda	109	95	6,222	3,202	6,764	87,286
2. Rámallakóta	101	56	4,072	4,047	9,529	79,085
3. Nandikotkur	1	1	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal	122	103	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	103	97	1,368	809	2,630	13,387
6. Sirvel	83	83	1,019	550	2,018	11,933
Total ..	519	435	12,681	8,608	20,941	191,691

Private Charity.—Nil.

General Remarks.

The works in progress near Marella, Rudravaram and Komarole were closed, and certain other works were ordered to be amalgamated during the period.

Loan Transactions.—*Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.*

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.								Purchase of fodder.								Cattle and seed-grain.								Other purposes.								Total.								Number of wells	
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39													20	21
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2. Ramallakot	30	6,850	28	6,550	..	..	28	2,510	108	7,319	100	6,544	..	..	65	6,030	65	6,030	890	33,397	173	12,849	173	12,849	890	33,397														
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5. Atmakúru ..	8·21	8·58	..	..	13·35	12·33	..	..	
6. Nandyal ..	8·94	9·29	12·90	16·77	11·30	13·70	..	10·00	
7. Kalwa ..	7·15	7·86	11·61	14·19	11·64	12·33	..	8·75	
8. Koilkuntla ..	8·30	8·71	12·75	12·75	10·27	11·06	..	..	
9. Owk	7·47	8·71	12·00	12·75	9·48	11·06	..	..	
10. Allagadda ..	7·15	8·58	12·25	12·90	10·27	12·33	..	..	
11. Giddalur ..	8·30	8·30	12·75	13·50	11·06	11·85	10·15	11·60	
12. Markapur ..	8·30	8·30	15·75	15·37	..	..	11·28	10·87	
Average for affected tract.	7·66	8·54	13·67	14·04	10·37	12·36	..	10·79	
Average for the district ..	7·83	8·50	13·78	14·12	10·82	12·37	10·70	10·94	

Activity of trade.—Trade was dull in the greater part of the central section, and moderately active elsewhere. The markets were well supplied, and there was a distinctly downward tendency in prices at the chief centres of trade.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

Works.—The condition of the labourers on the works that I inspected during the fortnight was very fair. The District Medical and Sanitary officer visited the Gooty road work outside Kurnool and the Laddagiri, Narravulagundam, Rungapuram works, and appears to have found on the average about 86 per cent. of the workers in good health. There was a somewhat severe outbreak of cholera at Hósúr, the centre of the Pattikonda-Molagavalli road work, which caused all the workers to disperse at once.

In villages.—The condition of the people in villages was generally fair, except that cholera continued to prevail causing 320 deaths.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera, fever and dysentery were the principal complaints. There were no deaths from starvation.

Remarks.—Nil.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
1. Pattikonda	18,428	9,941	
2. Ramallakot	23,768	15,867	
3. Nandyal	* 6,783	8,443	* Many workers were marked absent for late attendance on the last day of the last fortnight.
4. Koilkuntla	26,770	19,830	
5. Sirvel	6,157	3,407	
Total ..	81,906	57,488	

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.
1. Pattikonda	1,657	935	1,049	637	..	..	†1,147	† 829
2. Rámallakóta	1,281	2,138	8	10	..	..	3,161	1,242
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,221	1,402
4. Nandyal	252	238	14	13	..	..	‡12,198	‡2,090
5. Koilkuntla	1,247	966	83	65	..	..	275	258
6. Sirvel	338	181	13	27	..	..	814	808
							2,000	835
							2,336	1,848
							1,874	928
							1,407	1,008
							957	651
Total ..	4,775	4,458	1,167	752	..	..	7,200	6,153
							20,190	5,746

† The first set of figures represents the number of persons fed in village kitchens and the second set those in receipt of grain doles.

‡ Includes figures for Kurnool town.

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.
1. Pattikonda	109	95	6,222	3,202	6,764	87,286
2. Rámallakóta	101	56	4,072	4,047	9,529	79,085
3. Nandikotkur	1	1	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal	122	103	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	103	97	1,368	809	2,630	13,387
6. Sirvel	83	83	1,019	550	2,018	11,933
Total ..	519	435	12,681	8,608	20,941	191,691

Private Charity.—Nil.

General Remarks.

The works in progress near Marella, Rudravaram and Komarole were closed, and certain other works were ordered to be amalgamated during the period.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.								Purchase of fodder.								Other purposes.								Total.								Number of wells	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				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.			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		22	23	24	25	26	27	28		29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	20	21						
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.			Rs.		Rs.			Rs.			Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.					Rs.				
1. Pattikonda	158	43,080	158	26,478	..	..	..		2,439	1,17,425	2,439	1,17,425	..	..	..		514	17,019	514	17,019	222	10,885	2,953	1,34,444	2,953	1,34,444	222	10,885	158	26				
2. Ramallakot	30	6,850	28	6,550	..	..	..		108	7,319	100	6,544	..	..	..		65	5,030	65	5,030	390	33,397	173	12,349	165	11,574	682	61,739	3					
3. Nandikotkur	2	400	2	400	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	1	40	11					
4. Nandyal	11	3,500	11	1,600	5	1,000	..		139	8,300	129	7,379	382	60,705	87	7,180	75	6,200	81	18,212	226	15,489	204	13,579	463	60,705	24					
5. Koilkuntla	24	4,700	24	4,700	10	5,000	..		915	56,798	790	50,649	200	22,631	..	..	..	..	..	..	915	66,798	790	50,649	200	22,631	65					
6. Sirvel	65	10,700	59	10,300	18	7,020	..		97	1,929	96	1,889	28	1,122	146	8,010	138	7,385	..	..	183	9,939	1,747	9,274	42	3,260	..					
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
Total ..	290	69,630	282	50,028	81	28,370	1,243		3,698	1,91,780	3,494	1,83,886	902	94,688	815	37,349	794	35,714	708	64,672	4,453	2,29,129	4,285	2,19,600	1,610	1,59,360	287					

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

I was on tour for fourteen days and inspected the following :—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Koilkuntla, Bhimunipad, Mukkumalla, Akumalla, Singanapalli, Owk, Gullasingavaram, Ramapuram, Kolimigundla, Kalavatala, Nandipad, Timmanayunipeta, Ankireddipalli, Tummalapenta, Itikala, Patnikota, Zimutula and Uppalapad.

Pattikonda taluk.—Racherla and Jaladurgam.

Ramallakot taluk.—Kocheruvu, Dhone and Veldurthi.

Works.—Koilkuntla section of the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road work, Koilkuntla-Mudugode road work, three Owk works, Itikala work, Narravulagundam work and Kocheruvu—Pyapalli road.

The Head Assistant Collector was in camp for seven days and visited the following villages :—

Nandyal taluk.—Gaggatur, Kothur, Gonavaram, Alamur and Panyam.

Sirvel taluk.—Rayapad.

Koilkuntla taluk.—Bhimunipad, Koilkuntla, Velagatur, Bijanavemula, Chinna Kopperla and Vallampad.

Works.—Koilkuntla section of the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road, Koilkuntla-Mudigode work and Panyam-Banganapalli frontier road.

The Deputy Collector, Pyapalli, was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited the following :—

Ramallakot taluk.—Kurnool, Peddapad, Salkapurrm, Panchikalapad and Nagalápuram.

Pattikonda taluk.—Kodumur, Varukur, Vamugode, Hendrikhairavadi, Gonegandla, Alavala, Belagal, Iyrainbunda, Ternikal, Palakurthi and Karivemula.

Works.—Bellary road work near Kurnool, Kodumur section of the Kodumur-Yemmiganur road, Belagal section of the Panchikalapad-Belagal road, Karivemula section of the Karivemula-Moolagundam road work.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was in camp for five days and inspected the following places :—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Atmakuru, Velgode, Nandikotkur and Veepanagundla.

The Cumbum Deputy Collector inspected the following villages :—

Markapur taluk.—Dhupad, Gollapalli, Vallampalli, Rajupalayam, Tirupurantakam, Ganapuram, Marivemula, Sethakodu, Pullalacheruvu, Chapalamadugu, Visvanadhapuram, Tokapalli, Gobbur and Darimadugu.

Cumbum taluk.—Cumbum, Bestwarpet, Ravipad and Kandulapuram.

Resolution—No. 670, dated 15th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the period was more than sufficient, and a spell of fine weather was desired, as the crops were likely to suffer from excessive rain. There is a curious similarity between the season of 1897 and 1877. In both seasons the south-west monsoon was late, and in both it was copious. In 1877, the two monsoons ran into each other, as seems to be the case this year, and in both years the crop suffered from excess of rain and insect pest or blight. In the present year, these have been reported from Ganjám, Kurnool and Anantapur. It was the damage caused by excessive rain, insects and blight which caused the distress of 1877 to be prolonged into the following year. The causes are not at work to the same extent in the present year, and there is no reason to apprehend danger, but the coincidence is worth noticing.

3. Food-grains, on the whole, were cheaper. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures :—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13·2	..	30·0	28·0
Warning	10·6	..	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	7·9	..	15·0	14·0
Current	8·1	14·1	10·8	11·0
September 1892	10·1	17·4	19·2	14·7
„ 1877	5·4	6·6	6·4	5·3

4. The condition of the people was generally fair, but cholera was prevalent. The number of relief-workers fell by 30 per cent., and of those on gratuitous relief by 54 per cent. Three works were closed, and others were amalgamated.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is shown by the subjoined figures :—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed. Rs.
September 11th	3,72,298
„ 18th	3,80,638
„ 25th	3,84,749
October 2nd	4,00,934

Excluding applications for purchase of fodder, applications for about a lakh remain to be disposed of.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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Famine Secretary.

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

Order—No. 898, Revenue, dated 28th October 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

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

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