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the fortnightly - narrative of the Kurnool
Dist for the period ending 31st May 1897,
Comptroller S.E. Dy. Commr.

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In villages.—In the eastern and north central sections the condition of the people was still good, and in the south central and western sections still fair, on the whole. A new relief-work at Rungapuram in the Nandyal taluk was started by the Head Assistant Collector and promptly taken over by the Public Works Department. There are now 35 relief-works in all, and I trust that we shall require very few more. The increase in the number of persons in receipt of gratuitous relief will, I hope, be considered fairly satisfactory. The Head Assistant Collector and the Pyápal Deputy Collector are both working hard to extend the system of relief by grain-doles and good progress may be looked for during the current fortnight; the latter officer has not yet been relieved of his ordinary duties.

Sickness and mortality.—No special remarks are called for. Every effort to prevent the outbreak of cholera with the advent of the monsoon is being made by insisting on the guarding against pollution of the drinking-water sources on the different relief-works.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluka.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda	...	...
Rámallakót	...	...
Nandyal	...	...
Koilkuntla	...	...
Sirvel	...	...
Total	73,608	87,525

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluka.	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.
Pattikonda	1,104	1,658	56	449	..	..	111	402
Rámallakót	270	463	6	20	..	..	112	471
Nandikótkur	..	..	320	..	..	..	..	580
Nandyal	398	393	34	51	..	..	137	1,246
Koilkuntla	1,029	1,035	211	207	..	..	..	1,133
Sirvel	535	1,019	170	30	..	..	..	159
Total	3,336	4,568	797	757	..	..	360	3,991

Taluka.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers' relief.			
			Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
					In the period.	Up to date.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.		
Pattikonda	7	27	2,478	3,182	5,101	14,738
Rámallakót	2	21	1,074	1,675	916	1,803
Nandikótkur	..	3	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	8	37	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	..	20	101	1,106	445	454
Sirvel	..	22	67	479	281	248
Total	17	180	3,720	6,442	6,693	17,243

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

Taluka.	Other purposes.										Cattle and seed-grain.										Purchase of fodder.									
	Repair and construction of wells.					Applications pending.					Applications accepted.					Applications pending.					Applications accepted.					Applications pending.				
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Number of wells.	Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Number of wells.	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Number of wells.	Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Number of wells.	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Number of wells.	Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Number of wells.
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Pattikonda	76	16,618	76	10,280	196	55,550	196	14,570	196	76	354	36,040	354	36,040	76	354	36,040	354	36,040	76	354	36,040	354	36,040	76	354	36,040	354	36,040	76
Rámallakót	14	2,980	12	2,650	60	14,570	60	14,570	12	14	354	4,540	354	4,540	14	354	4,540	354	4,540	14	354	4,540	354	4,540	14	354	4,540	354	4,540	14
Nandikótkur	8	3,000	1	250	17	5,200	17	5,200	1	8	354	4,540	354	4,540	8	354	4,540	354	4,540	8	354	4,540	354	4,540	8	354	4,540	354	4,540	8
Nandyal	32	6,040	25	4,040	39	12,820	39	12,820	25	32	354	4,540	354	4,540	32	354	4,540	354	4,540	32	354	4,540	354	4,540	32	354	4,540	354	4,540	32
Koilkuntla	31	4,860	22	4,100	1	250	1	250	22	31	354	4,540	354	4,540	31	354	4,540	354	4,540	31	354	4,540	354	4,540	31	354	4,540	354	4,540	31
Sirvel	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	162	33,738	143	22,778	306	88,530	306	88,530	143	162	354	4,540	354	4,540	162	354	4,540	354	4,540	162	354	4,540	354	4,540	162	354	4,540	354	4,540	162

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.

Collector.—I was on tour for 14 out of the 16 days. Inspected the following:—

Nandyal taluk ... Alamur-Betamcherla work.

Marella work.
Yeddaladoddi Kanaka.

Mutukur.
Khairupalla.
Karumanchi.

Pattikonda taluk	Agraharam. Bailupala.
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	Ganjehal.
	Pattikonda.
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Mulagundum.
Gonegaudla.
Podameraxidi.

Alavala.
Belagae.

Rámallakót taluk Gudur, Panchikalapad and Nagalapuram.

Head Assistant Collector.—The Head Assistant Collector was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following:—

Alamur.	Ambapuram.	Komorole.
Betamicherla.	Kothapalli.	Setoramap.
Kolumulapalli.	Bukkapuram.	Venkatapu.
Muddakarlum.	Guntapalli.	Somayazul.
Buggampalli.	Nagamalakunta.	Palkolam.
Hanumantharayalakota.	Ranamanapuram.	Ramapuram.
Rungapuram.	Godimanikonda.	

The Deputy Collector was on tour throughout the fortnight except one day and inspected the following :—

Jaladurgam.
Racherla.
Yengamarri Katarkonda.
Pattikonda.

Pattikonda taluk	...	...	...	...	} Muttukur. Moolagundum.

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Rāmallakót taluk	...	...	...	...	Gudur.
					Penchikalapad.
					Kodumr.

Varukur.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was on tour for 12 days during the fortnight and inspected the following villages:—

Atmakur.	Guvvalakunta.	Pratakota.
Kristnapuram.	Kothapalli.	Pagudala.
Pimiapuram.	Sivapuram.	Gadidemadugu.
Bairluti.	Singarajupalli.	Nandikotkur.
Indreswaram.	Gummadapuram.	Nandikunta.
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Kuonkunda.	Erramatam.	Chelimalla.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum division made no inspection being engaged at Markapur in jamabandi work.

Resolution—dated 14th June 1897, No. 434.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was above the average ; it was exceptionally heavy in Pattikonda, but *nil* in Koilkuntla and Nandyal and virtually *nil* in Owk. Drinking-water supplies have been replenished by the rains to a considerable extent, but where the supplies are still short, efforts are being made to improve them. Ryots were being tempted by the rains to prepare their fields for the early crops.

3. Pasture was poor, and fodder generally very scarce except in the eastern and north central sections. The Collector has been called upon to report more fully upon the importation of straw from Kistna. The sales do not appear to go off so well as in the other Deccan districts.

4. Prices rose during the fortnight, though trade was moderately active. The position of prices is shown in the subjoined table:—

Rate.						Measures per rupee.		
						Rice.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	..	..	..	..	..	13·2	30·0	28·0
Warning	..	..	..	..	..	10·6	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	..	..	..	..	..	7·9	15·0	14·0
Current	..	..	..	..	..	8·8	12·7	12·6
May 1892	..	..	..	..	..	9·1	14·9	12·8
May 1877	..	..	..	..	..	6·6	7·3	7·0

5. The Collector reports that relief-workers continued to be, on the whole, in fair health. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, however, inspected five works, and in four of them found 15 to 25 per cent. of the workers in poor condition. The Collector is requested to report what is meant by the intemperance of the famine coolies at Ramapuram. The whole famine wage would not pay for drink enough to lead to real intemperance. The numbers on works increased during the fortnight by 19 per cent., while the numbers relieved gratuitously more than doubled. The administration of relief in villages is being satisfactorily attended to.

6. The following figures give the progress of loans work according to the weekly telegrams :—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
May 1st	34,900
May 8th	35,400
May 15th	57,582
May 22nd	72,017
May 29th	91,009

These figures do not agree with those entered in the fortnightly narrative; the discrepancy should be explained. The progress, which averages only Rs. 14,047 per week, can hardly be said to be satisfactory, and much has to be done to overtake arrears. Against 69 persons who had got advances under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, there were 996 applications undisposed of. Now is the time when money for fodder, cattle and seed-grain should be granted freely.

7. Inspection, by all officers, during the fortnight, was satisfactory.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Collector of Kurnool.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 515, Revenue, dated 1st July 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
Pattikonda	76	16,618	76	16,618	76	196	55,550	354	36,040	715	96,233	430	52,658	430	52,658	430	52,658	430	52,658	430
Rámallakót	14	2,980	14	2,980	14	50	14,510	4	540	113	13,100	18	3,520	16	3,190	163	27,700	163	27,700	163
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Nandyal	32	3,000	32	3,000	32	39	12,320	18	2,470	28	4,650	27	5,470	25	3,058	45	9,850	45	9,850	45
Koilkuntla	31	4,850	31	4,850	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	6,040	29	4,800	..	..	..	..	..
Sirvel	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	162	33,738	162	33,738	162	306	88,530	386	39,900	882	1,16,363	550	74,188	529	62,679	1,138	2,04,893	1,138	2,04,893	1,138

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					Pedamaravidi.
					Alavala.
					Belagae.
Rámallakót taluk	...	...	...	...	Gudur, Panchikalapad and Nagalapuram.

Head Assistant Collector.—The Head Assistant Collector was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following:—

Alamur.	Ambapuram.	Komorole.
Betamcherla.	Kothapalli.	Setorapuram.
Kolumulapalli.	Bukkapuram.	Venkatapuram.
Muddakarlum.	Guntapalli.	Somayazulapalli.
Buggampalli.	Nagamalakunta.	Palkolam.
Hanumantharoyalakota.	Rahemanpuram.	Ramapuram.
Rungapuram.	Gadimanikonda.	

The Deputy Collector was on tour throughout the fortnight except one day and inspected the following:—

	Jaladurgam.
	Racherla.
	Yemgamarri Katarkonda.
	Pattikonda.
	Muttukur.
Pattikonda taluk	...
	Moolagundum.
	Gangehalli.
	Gonegandla.
	Peddamaravedi.
	Balagal.
Rámallakót taluk	...
	Gudur.
	Penchikalapad.
	Kodumur.
	Varukur.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was on tour for 12 days during the fortnight and inspected the following villages:—

Atmakur.	Guvvalakunta.	Pratakota.
Kristnapuram.	Kothapalli.	Pagudala.
Pimiapuram.	Sivapuram.	Gadidemadugu.
Bairluti.	Singaraupalli.	Nandikotkur.
Indreswaram.	Gummadapuram.	Nandikunta.
Ramapuram.	Musalimadugu.	Venkatapuram.
Kuonkunda.	Erramatam.	Chelimalla.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum division made no inspection being engaged at Markapur in jamabandi work.

Resolution—dated 14th June 1897, No. 434.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was above the average; it was exceptionally heavy in Pattikonda, but *nil* in Koilkuntla and Nandyal and virtually *nil* in Owk. Drinking-water supplies have been replenished by the rains to a considerable extent, but where the supplies are still short, efforts are being made to improve them. Ryots were being tempted by the rains to prepare their fields for the early crops.

3. Pasture was poor, and fodder generally very scarce except in the eastern and north central sections. The Collector has been called upon to report more fully upon the importation of straw from Kistna. The sales do not appear to go off so well as in the other Deccan districts.

4. Prices rose during the fortnight, though trade was moderately active. The position of prices is shown in the subjoined table:—

Rate.	Measures per rupee.		
	Rice.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13.2	30.0	28.0
Warning	10.6	22.5	21.0
Scarcity	7.9	15.0	14.0
Current	8.8	12.7	12.6
May 1892	9.1	14.9	12.8
May 1877	6.6	7.3	7.0

5. The Collector reports that relief-workers continued to be, on the whole, in fair health. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, however, inspected five works, and in four of them found 15 to 25 per cent. of the workers in poor condition. The Collector is requested to report what is meant by the intemperancy of the famine coolies at Ramapuram. The whole famine wage would not pay for drink enough to lead to real intemperance. The numbers on works increased during the fortnight by 19 per cent., while the numbers relieved gratuitously more than doubled. The administration of relief in villages is being satisfactorily attended to.

6. The following figures give the progress of loans work according to the weekly telegrams:—

Up to end of week ending								Amount disbursed.
RS.								
May 1st	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34,900
May 8th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35,400
May 15th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57,582
May 22nd	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72,047
May 29th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	91,009

These figures do not agree with those entered in the fortnightly narrative; the discrepancy should be explained. The progress, which averages only Rs. 14,047 per week, can hardly be said to be satisfactory, and much has to be done to overtake arrears. Against 69 persons who had got advances under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, there were 996 applications undisposed of. Now is the time when money for fodder, cattle and seed-grain should be granted freely.

7. Inspection, by all officers, during the fortnight, was satisfactory.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—

	INCHES..
Rainfall during the period	.78
Rainfall up to the period from 1st April 1897	2.01
Average rainfall expected during the period	.60
Average rainfall expected up to the period from 1st April 1897	1.64

Except at Owk, where the quantity registered was only 3 cents, and at Koilkuntla and Nandyal, where there was none whatever, rain fell during the period to the extent of about half an inch and upwards at all the registering stations of the district. The fall was heavy—3 inches 3 cents at Pattikonda, and exceeded one inch at each of the stations of Giddalore, Kalwa and Nandikotkur. There were also good showers in various villages of the Pattikonda and Ramallakot taluks, and in the Betameherla range of the Nandyal taluk.

Water-supply, Eastern Section.—Some of the tanks received a month's supply, and there was sufficient water for drinking throughout the section.

North Central Section.—The only part in which there was any difficulty in procuring drinking-water was the country lying along the foot of the Nallamalais.

South Central Section.—There was great scarcity of water in the Owk range of the Koilkuntla taluk. In parts of the section, however, there was considerable improvement in the supply, notably in some of the villages forming the Kalwa Deputy Tahsildar's charge, where the Head Assistant Collector speaks of finding wells, that had previously run quite dry, full to the brim.

Western Section.—The supply, which was becoming terribly short, was improving rapidly towards the close of the period owing to the excellent rain that fell on 28th and 29th instant, and my fear that there would be a veritable water famine has, for the present, been removed.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—The preparation of the ground for cultivation was going on briskly in parts, and seeds were sown to some extent in the Nandyal, Pattikonda and Ramallakot taluks. Two hundred labourers are reported to have left the relief work at Karivemula on 23rd ultimo in view to sowing early cholam. Standing crops consist chiefly of the scattered patches of cultivation under wells, which were referred to in my last narrative as being in good condition.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Fodder continued to be sufficient in the eastern and north central sections and to be generally very scarce elsewhere. Pasture was slowly reviving in many places, but was still practically nil in the Koilkuntla taluk. There was no improvement in the condition of the cattle. Rinderpest was still prevalent in the south central section.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There has been a most welcome fall in the temperature since 28th ultimo, on the night of which three-fourths of the district was visited by rain. The people are much more hopeful than they were and are eagerly looking forward for the bursting of the monsoon. Steps were being taken to sink temporary wells and to deepen existing wells by the removal of silt in several villages, especially in the Owk range. The Special Assistant Collector found it impossible to sell more than two bales of the first consignment of pressed straw received at Kurnool road from Guntur. Another consignment of pressed straw, which will, it is presumed,

make up the full quantity originally ordered by the Provincial Committee of the Famine Fund, and a wagon load of straw in twists are daily expected, and I am anxiously awaiting the report of the Special Deputy Tahsildar, whom I have placed in charge of the depôt, as to whether the twists are more appreciated than the bales. I regret that I am not in a position to state the number of the cattle that have up to date been driven into the forest reserves. Since the receipt of the order permitting free grazing, the privilege will no doubt be availed of largely during the current fortnight.

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.

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.	
Pattikonda	7.56	7.56	16.48	15.59	12.85	12.36	16.48	15.00	Prices of cholam and ragi slightly fallen at Allagadda and Owk respectively. Those of cumbu rising in Giddalore, Pattikonda and Pyapali. Those of cholam rising in Atmakuru, Pattikonda, Kalwa, Koilkuntla, Pyapali and Kurnool. Those of ragi rising in Pattikonda, Allagadda and Pyapali. Those of rice rising in Pyapali, Pattikonda, Kalwa and Allagadda.
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Kurnool	8.58	8.58	12.00	15.48	13.35	12.33	11.25	11.25	
Nandikotkur	9.29	9.29	..	..	13.70	13.70	..	..	
Atmakuru	10.01	9.29	..	..	14.38	13.01	..	..	
Nandyal	9.28	9.28	16.77	..	13.01	13.01	..	..	
Kalwa	9.28	8.58	..	..	13.01	12.33	..	..	
Koilkuntla	9.96	9.96	13.50	13.50	12.50	12.00	..	..	
Owk	9.96	5.96	15.75	15.00	11.85	11.85	..	..	
Allagadda	8.58	8.21	14.19	13.54	11.64	12.67	..	..	
Giddalore	8.72	8.72	15.00	15.00	14.22	14.22	13.05	11.60	
Markapur	8.30	8.30	16.50	16.50	..	..	12.32	12.32	
Average	9.00	8.77	15.03	14.98	13.03	12.71	13.29	12.59	

Activity of trade.—Trade was moderately active. Food-grains were being freely sold and transported locally from one village to another.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—The District Medical and Sanitary Officer inspected various works just before the beginning of the period and his opinion of the state of the workers is shown below:—

Work.	State of health.
Kodumur section of the Kodumur-Yemmiganur road (Varukur).	Fair on the whole. 15.8 per cent. of the people were in poor condition.
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Koilkuntla	39	12,320	22	4,100	39	12,320	..	..	25	2,190	32	6,940	25	4,640	25	4,640	..	14,510	25	4,640	16	..
Sirvel	1	250	..	..	1	250	..	..	..	..	39	5,800	29	4,800	..	..	64	14,510	29	4,800	21	..
Cumbum	2	500	..	..	2	500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	500	..	..	..	21	..
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Pattikonda	667	49,301	26	3,280	667	49,301	..	..	31	..	27	1,850	34	..	69	..	694	51,151	34	..	39	..
Rámallakót	53	3,280	..	..	53	3,280	..	..	..	..	28	1,415	..	..	..	..	81	4,695	..	..	..	..
Nandikótkur	83	4,814	..	..	83	4,814	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	850	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	34	1,095	..	..	34	1,095	..	..	..	..	..	95	5,190	..	..	..	83	4,814	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	1,262	..	..	138	6,657	..	..	..	..
Sirvel	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	837	58,490	62	3,670	837	58,490	490	490	360	159	8,827	7,302	4,030	69	7,302	936	67,317	936	67,317	67,317	..	..

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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, — on the Kurnool district for the period ending 31st May 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—

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Rainfall up to the period from 1st April 1897	2.01
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Except at Owk, where the quantity registered was only 3 cents, and at Koilkuntla and Nandyal, where there was none whatever, rain fell during the period to the extent of about half an inch and upwards at all the registering stations of the district. The fall was heavy—3 inches 3 cents at Pattikonda, and exceeded one inch at each of the stations of Giddalore, Kalwa and Nandikotkur. There were also good showers in various villages of the Pattikonda and Ramallakot taluks, and in the Betamecherla range of the Nandyal taluk.

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South Central Section.—There was great scarcity of water in the Owk range of the Koilkuntla taluk. In parts of the section, however, there was considerable improvement in the supply, notably in some of the villages forming the Kalwa Deputy Tahsildar's charge, where the Head Assistant Collector speaks of finding wells, that had previously run quite dry, full to the brim.

Western Section.—The supply, which was becoming terribly short, was improving rapidly towards the close of the period owing to the excellent rain that fell on 28th and 29th instant, and my fear that there would be a veritable water famine has, for the present, been removed.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—The preparation of the ground for cultivation was going on briskly in parts, and seeds were sown to some extent in the Nandyal, Pattikonda and Ramallakot taluks. Two hundred labourers are reported to have left the relief work at Karivemula on 23rd ultimo in view to sowing early cholam. Standing crops consist chiefly of the scattered patches of cultivation under wells, which were referred to in my last narrative as being in good condition.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Fodder continued to be sufficient in the eastern and north central sections and to be generally very scarce elsewhere. Pasture was slowly reviving in many places, but was still practically nil in the Koilkuntla taluk. There was no improvement in the condition of the cattle. Rinderpest was still prevalent in the south central section.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There has been a most welcome fall in the temperature since 28th ultimo, on the night of which three-fourths of the district was visited by rain. The people are much more hopeful than they were and are eagerly looking forward for the bursting of the monsoon. Steps were being taken to sink temporary wells and to deepen existing wells by the removal of silt in several villages, especially in the Owk range. The Special Assistant Collector found it impossible to sell more than two bales of the first consignment of pressed straw received at Kurnool road from Guntur. Another consignment of pressed straw, which will, it is presumed,

make up the full quantity originally ordered by the Provincial Committee of the Famine Fund, and a wagon load of straw in twists are daily expected, and I am anxiously awaiting the report of the Special Deputy Tahsildar, whom I have placed in charge of the depôt, as to whether the twists are more appreciated than the bales. I regret that I am not in a position to state the number of the cattle that have up to date been driven into the forest reserves. Since the receipt of the order permitting free grazing, the privilege will no doubt be availed of largely during the current fortnight.

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.

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.	
Pattikonda	7.56	7.56	16.48	15.59	12.85	12.36	16.48	15.00	Prices of cholam and ragi slightly fallen at Allagadda and Owk respectively. Those of cumbu rising in Giddalore, Pattikonda and Pyápali. Those of cholam rising in Atmakúru, Pattikonda, Kalwa, Koilkuntla, Pyápali and Kurnool. Those of ragi rising in Pattikonda, Allagadda and Pyápali. Those of rice rising in Pyápali, Pattikonda, Kalwa and Allagadda.
Pyápali	8.56	7.53	15.53	15.26	12.85	12.36	13.39	12.80	
Kurnool	8.58	8.58	12.00	15.48	13.35	12.33	11.25	11.25	
Nandikotkur	9.29	9.29	..	..	13.70	13.70	..	..	
Atmakúru	10.01	9.29	..	..	14.38	13.01	..	..	
Nandyal	9.28	9.28	16.77	..	13.01	13.01	..	..	
Kalwa	9.28	8.58	..	..	13.01	12.33	..	..	
Koilkuntla	9.96	9.96	13.50	13.50	12.50	12.00	..	..	
Owk	9.96	5.96	15.75	15.00	11.85	11.85	..	..	
Allagadda	8.58	8.21	14.19	13.54	11.64	12.67	..	..	
Giddalore	8.72	8.72	15.00	15.00	14.22	14.22	13.05	11.60	
Markapur	8.30	8.30	16.50	16.50	..	..	12.32	12.32	
Average	9.00	8.77	15.08	14.98	13.03	12.71	13.29	12.59	

Activity of trade.—Trade was moderately active. Food-grains were being freely sold and transported locally from one village to another.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—The District Medical and Sanitary Officer inspected various works just before the beginning of the period and his opinion of the state of the workers is shown below :—

Work.

State of health.

Kodumur section of the Kodumur-Yemmiganur road (Varukur).	Fair on the whole. 15.8 per cent. of the people were in poor condition.
Alamur near Pangam	Very fair, none were in poor condition, except a few members of two weak gangs formed under section 92 of the code.
Gullasingavaram near Owk	Fair on the whole. 19.6 per cent. of the people were in poor condition.
Owk	Fair on the whole. 21.5 per cent. of the people were in poor condition.
Ramapuram near Owk	Indifferent on the whole. 25 per cent. of the people were in poor condition. Doctor Patch considered that the state of the health of the workers at Ramapuram was due to a great extent to their intemperate habits. The condition of the people on the three Owk works had slightly improved since the Sanitary Commissioner's visit, but considering the large reductions in tasks that have been allowed for physical disability of every kind it is surprising that a more marked improvement was not found.

The relief-workers throughout the district continued to be, on the whole, in fair health. I inspected two works in the Nandyal taluk and five works in the Pattikonda

taluk, and found nothing particular to complain of but the excessive heaviness of the new hammers that many of the women were using for breaking stones.

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Sickness and mortality.—No special remarks are called for. Every effort to prevent the outbreak of cholera with the advent of the monsoon is being made by insisting on the guarding against pollution of the drinking-water sources on the different relief-works.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda	27,394	30,787
Rámallakót	7,551	9,688
Nandyal	6,632	9,348
Koilkuntla	21,177	25,126
Sirvel	10,854	12,576
Total	73,608	87,525

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.
Pattikonda ..	..	1,104	1,658	56	449	..	..	..	..
Rámallakót ..	..	270	463	6	20	..	..	111	402
Nandikótkur ..	..	..	..	320	..	..	..	112	471
Nandyal ..	..	398	393	34	51	..	..	..	580
Koilkuntla ..	..	1,029	1,035	211	207	..	..	137	1,246
Sirvel ..	..	535	1,019	170	30	..	..	..	1,138
Total ..	..	3,336	4,568	797	757	..	..	360	3,991

Taluka.	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.	
Pattikonda	7	27					
Rámallakót	2	21	2,478	3,182	5,101		14,738
Nandikótkur	..	3	1,074	1,675	916		1,803
Nandyal	8	37	..	..	..		..
Koilkuntla	..	20	..	..	..		..
Sirvel	..	22	101	1,106	445		454
			67	479	281		248
Total ..	17	130	3,720	6,442	6,693		17,243

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

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INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.

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