

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 1552 W

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Affected dt: of N More in the Madras Dist.

Pro: Rev. Dept. & ending Board's Pro:
Submitting to the Supt. & dia Monthly report
on the — for April '98, Communicated
to the Supt. by the Circle

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 177A, dated 13th May 1898:—

Resolution— No. 177A, dated 13th May 1898.

The following letter will be despatched to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, Simla:—

“With reference to section 48 (vi) of the Madras Famine Code, I am directed to submit herewith the Board's monthly report on the affected district of Nellore for the month of April 1898. Two copies of the map prepared as laid down in Rule VII are appended.”

2. Copy will be submitted for the information of Government with a copy of the map.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with a copy of the map.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT A for the period ending 30th April 1898.

District.	Area.	Population in thousands.	Affected area.	Estimated population for area in column 4 in thousands.	Numbers on relief works.				
					Class A.	Class B.	Class C.	Class D.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nellore	SQ. MLS. 8,765	1,464	SQ. MLS. 3,852	533	..	..	..	..	* 1,499

District.	Number on gratuitous relief.	Prices of principal food-grains in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.				Monthly death-rate per mille.	Deaths due to starvation.
		Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.		
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nellore	64	9.0	14.6	13.5	12.2	..	..

* Under intermediate system.

Condition and prospects of area affected.—There was no change during the month in the area affected. There was a fall of 3.85 inches of rain in a portion of the affected area and slight showers elsewhere in the latter part of the month. The numbers on relief works fell considerably owing mainly to the emigration of coolies to Kistna district and elsewhere, in search of employment in connection with harvesting operations in progress there. Pasture and fodder are generally insufficient, but the recent fall of rain in parts of the affected area must tend to improve pasture.

2. Prices were slightly easier than in the previous month.

3. *Nature of works.*—The work done is mainly road work. The numbers on works fell by 57 per cent. during the month. The decrease was due, as already observed, to the progress of harvest operations in the district and elsewhere. All the works open are under the intermediate system. Besides the numbers on relief works, about 100 persons were employed on works undertaken with the aid of State loans.

4. *Gratuitous relief.*—The numbers on this form of relief fell from 162 to 64. The relief was confined to grant of cooked food to the dependents of workers.

5. The condition of the people was generally good.

6. *Mortality.*—Complete statistics for April are not yet to hand; but the figures received for March show that the number of deaths in that month was in excess of the normal by 17 per cent. owing mainly to the prevalence of cholera.

STATEMENT B for the period ending 30th April 1898.

District.	Maximum number for whom relief is estimated to be required in the case of serious famine.	Number for whom relief is provided in programme of famine relief works.			Maximum number for whom relief can be provided by works remaining in programme on date of report.	
		Date of programme.	On large works.	On others.	On large works.	On others.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nellore	292,700	10th July 1897.	167,911	151,263	154,762	148,997

District.	Expenditure from 1st April up to the latest date for which figures are available.			Advances given since 1st April up to the end of the period under		Revenue suspended beyond the current official year
	Date up to which expenditure is known.	On relief works.	On gratuitous relief.	Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	
	8	9	10	11	12	13
Nellore	30th April 1898.	4,602	Rs. 305	3,808	..	Rs. 86,197

ORDER—No. 316, Revenue, dated 26th May 1898.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

S. S. Robert
for Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture),
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Accountant-General.