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of — for 1898-99, Submitted by the Collector
of Madras, Communicated to the officers
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Famine-relief works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1898-99 submitted by the Collector of Madura.

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(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from J. G. D. PARTRIDGE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 9th April 1898, Ref. on Cur. No. 70-Pdl. :—

I have the honour to submit the programme of famine-relief works for 1898-99 in forms prescribed in Appendix I to the Famine Code.

2. It will be seen from it that works amounting to nearly 53½ lakhs have been provided. These works are made up of the following items :—

	LAKHS.
I. Irrigation works, new and repairs	22
II. Forest works	1½
III. Road, new and repairs	26
IV. Miscellaneous works	4
Total	53½

3. The works are sufficient to provide employment for 27 per cent. of the population of the district for three months. The percentage is less than 20 in Tirumangalam, Dindigul and Sivaganga, being 17, 13 and 15 per cent., respectively. In the Dindigul and Tirumangalam taluks, all the irrigation works have already been investigated and repaired by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party. The short provision in the former of these two taluks can be made good by the provision made in the Periyakulam taluk for the Athur ghât road, as the lower portion of this ghât road will benefit the Dindigul taluk rather than the Periyakulam taluk. In the Tirumangalam taluk, the diversion of Periyâr water to the south bank of the Vaigai river, which is shown as an additional work available for famine relief, can be started in the event of distress, even though that project has not yet been investigated by the Public Works Department. If this work is taken into account, the total amount for the taluk will exceed the amount required for the employment of 20 per cent. of the population for three months. Many of the villages of the Sivaganga zamindari adjoin the Mëlûr taluk and the Ramnad zamindari; and the deficiency in the Sivaganga division can be made up by the excess provided for the other two divisions.

4. The amount of the sanctioned works has been increased from 5½ lakhs in 1897-98 to 8½ lakhs in 1898-99 and the amount of the works for which estimates are ready has also increased from 8 lakhs in 1897-98 to 27 lakhs in 1898-99. The percentage of the amount of sanctioned large works to the total amount of sanctioned and unsanctioned works has been increased from 18.4 per cent. in 1897-98 to 20.6 per cent. in 1898-99.

5. A list of all the forest works shown in the programme has been prepared and submitted for the approval of the Conservator.

RESOLUTION—No. 214, dated 18th June 1898.

The abstract of the programme of famine-relief works for 1898-99 received from the Collector of Madura will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The programme provides for several classes of works as detailed below :—

	Cost in lakhs.
Irrigation works { New (20)	13.15
Repairs	8.95
Forest fencing works	1.43
Roads { New (769 miles)	17.81
Repairs	8.13
Miscellaneous { Drinking-water supply	1.25
Land improvements	2.47
Others	0.50
Total	53.69

The total provision amounts to Rs. 53,69,198 and is calculated to provide employment for three months for 27 per cent. of the population. The provision, though adequate on the whole, falls short of the required minimum in the Tirumangalam, Dindigul and Palni taluks and the Sivaganga zamindari, wherein only 17, 13, 9 and 15 per cent. of the population, respectively, could be employed for three months on the works specified. It would seem, from paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter read

above, that he considers that the deficiency in the Tirumangalam taluk could be met by the additional work noted in the margin being availed of in the event of distress,

but it has not as yet been investigated and could not therefore be counted on. As regards the deficiency in the Dindigul taluk, relief-workers from that taluk might, he thinks, be employed on the lower portion of the Athur ghât road in the Periyakulam taluk, while the deficiency in the Sivaganga zamindari would be sufficiently met by the excess provision made in the adjoining Mëlûr taluk. He suggests no remedy for the exceedingly scanty provision made in the Palni taluk—scanty, in spite of the inclusion of the Porundalar project (Rs. 12,00,000), the correctness of entering which in the body of the programme appears doubtful, as only a rough estimate of the cost can be quoted. It is, however, observed that a number of forest fencing and road works that appeared in the last year's programme for this taluk have been omitted from the present one. No provision also is made for land improvements in the Dindigul taluk and the Sivaganga zamindari, where the programme is inadequate. Effort should be made to remedy the defects before the next programme is due.

3. Detailed estimates are stated to be ready for works to cost Rs. 27,77,079, or about 54 per cent. of the total provision made for works, excluding land improvements, for which no estimates are required. The ratio of sanctioned to unsanctioned large works is as 1 to 4.

4. The following discrepancies are noted :—

(a) Statement A.—In the Periyakulam taluk, the new road from ghât to Mettur, 12 miles long, is stated to cost approximately Rs. 6,000 in the present, but Rs. 60,000 in the last programme.

(b) Statement B.—In the Tirumangalam taluk, the 26 works provided for in columns 8 and 9 are stated to include minor irrigation works, while all of them are described as minor irrigation works in Statement A.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

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

Exd. C. M. Thambusawmy.

APPENDIX.
Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the Madura district for 1898-99.

Taluka.	Population by last census in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.			Irrigation works.				Forest-fencing works.		Road works.	
			Class of works.	Numbers provided for.	Total per cent. of population	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Madura ..	261	52,200	Large—Sanctioned ..	9,787	21	1	8,750	1	15,000	..	..	1	20
			Not sanctioned ..	15,672	..	..	16,790	92	38,130	..	21,000	3	27½
			Small Land Improvements ..	15,922	..	..	..	..	..	..	809	9	20½
			Total ..	13,373	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tirumangalam ..	265	53,000	Large—Sanctioned ..	54,754	21	8	25,540	94	68,920	8	21,809	13	74
			Not sanctioned ..	13,004	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small Land Improvements ..	22,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	6,240	..	..	..	48	31,050	..	1,874	..	..
Málar ..	149	29,800	Large—Sanctioned ..	44,711	17	..	..	48	31,050	8	1,874	6	64
			Not sanctioned ..	19,359	..	3	56,360	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small Land Improvements ..	13,483	..	1	8,120	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	22,685	..	6	22,200	293	58,782	..	14,000	52	79,000
Dindigul ..	391	78,200	Large—Sanctioned ..	68,860	47	10	86,680	293	58,782	31	47,138	5	52
			Not sanctioned ..	23,584	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small Land Improvements ..	7,440	..	..	3,000	30	5,412	..	19,800	1	10
			Total ..	18,749	..	1	..	..	..	14	33,168	2	27
Paini ..	195	39,000	Large—Sanctioned ..	49,773	13	1	3,000	30	5,412	16	52,968	9	62
			Not sanctioned ..	2,667	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small Land Improvements ..	163,600	..	1	12,00,000	6	6,060	..	5,728	..	..
			Total ..	3,333	91	1	12,00,000	6	6,060	5	5,728	7	63½
				178,126									37,744

Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the Madura district for 1898-99—cont.

Taluka.	Road works—cont.				Miscellaneous works.								Grand Total.				Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.		Drinking water supply.		Others.		Total.		Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.	Number.	Cost.	Number.	Cost.		
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.										
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27						
Madura	1	RS. 18,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	RS. 73,400	3	RS. 73,400	3	RS. 73,400				
	1	22,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1,17,540	3	46,540	3	46,540				
	15	18,105	49	6,260	..	1,00,300	49	1,00,300	178	1,19,411	22	45,919	22	45,919				
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,00,300	..	..	..	..				
Tirumangalam	17	58,305	49	6,260	..	1,00,300	49	1,06,560	189	4,10,651	28	1,65,859	28	1,65,859				
	5	97,530	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	97,530	5	97,530	5	97,530				
	1	4,890	..	2,384	..	6,004	..	8,988	57	1,71,000	..	20,890	..	20,890				
	..	..	..	..	..	20,000	..	20,000	..	20,000	..	..	..	..				
Madurai	6	1,02,420	..	2,384	..	26,604	..	28,988	67	3,35,332	7	1,18,420	7	1,18,420				
	5	88,835	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1,45,195	8	1,45,195	8	1,45,195				
	..	..	84	48,618	..	7,400	84	56,018	7	1,01,120	1	8,120	1	8,120				
	..	..	..	..	..	1,00,000	..	1,00,000	413	1,70,138	88	44,551	88	44,551				
Dindigul	5	88,835	84	48,618	..	1,07,400	84	1,56,018	428	5,16,453	97	1,97,866	97	1,97,866				
	7	1,40,775	1	22,500	..	..	1	2,500	9	1,76,875	9	1,76,875	9	1,76,875				
	1	8,000	..	..	..	30,335	47	49,215	5	55,800	..	55,291	..	55,291				
	7	32,145	47	18,880	..	..	..	..	105	1,40,620	17	..	17	..				
Paini	15	1,80,920	48	41,380	..	30,335	48	71,715	119	3,73,295	26	2,33,166	26	2,33,166				
	1	20,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	20,000	1	20,000	1	20,000				
	1	12,000	..	..	..	2,395	5	11,853	3	12,27,000	1	12,00,000	1	12,00,000				
	3	17,553	..	9,458	..	25,000	..	25,000	25	63,943	5	19,953	5	19,953				
Total	5	49,558	5	9,458	..	27,395	5	36,853	29	13,35,943	7	12,35,953	7	12,35,953				

Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the Madura district for 1898-99—*cont.*

Taluka.	Population by last Census in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.				Irrigation works.				Forest-fencing works.		Road works.	
			Class of works.	Numbers provided for.	Total per cent of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	New.
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Periyakulam ..	282	56,400	Large-Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land Improvements Total ..	7,086 94,901 12,369 280 114,636		..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	9,345
								3	96,000	..	..	8	164	6,15,760
								77	62,593	..	13,048	2	18	10,000
								..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								80	1,58,593	41	13,048	11	186	6,35,105
Rannad ..	653	130,600	Large-Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land Improvements Total ..	33,167 80,003 31,481 .. 144,651		..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	35,840
								6	86,000	..	..	12	188	4,78,020
								164	2,24,566	..	..	..	..	..
								..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								170	3,10,566	..	..	13	198	5,13,860
Sivaganga ..	412	82,400	Large-Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land Improvements Total ..	4,469 35,947 19,966 .. 60,382		..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	8,900
								10	1,22,600	..	..	3	62	1,47,000
								88	1,26,196	..	..	..	..	..
								..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								99	2,55,566	..	..	4	70	1,65,900
District Total ..	2,608	521,600	Large-Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land Improvements Total ..	113,122 433,815 135,939 32,987 715,893		3	56,360	2	21,770	..	..	5	52	1,07,885
								20	3,20,390	..	54,800	39	698	15,83,780
								798	5,52,789	104	87,765	23	119	89,741
								..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								820	8,94,949	109	1,42,565	67	769	17,81,406

Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the Madura district for 1898-99.—*cont.*

Taluka.	Road works—cont.				Miscellaneous works.				Grand Total.				Works for which estimates are ready.
	Repairs.		Drinking water supply.		Others.		Total.		Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.					
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Periyakulam	2	43,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	53,145	3	53,145	
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	7,11,760	1	4,00,000	
	1	6,380	..	1,750	..	2,100	..	2,100	121	92,771	5	48,600	
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	3	49,180	..	1,750	..	2,100	..	3,850	135	8,59,776	9	5,01,745	
Rannad	6	2,12,910	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	2,48,750	7	2,48,750	
	1	36,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	6,00,020	1	16,020	
	1	5,400	..	6,145	..	..	..	6,145	165	2,36,111	3	9,980	
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	8	2,54,310	..	6,145	..	..	..	6,145	191	10,84,881	11	2,74,750	
Sivaganga	2	17,850	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	33,520	4	33,520	
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	2,69,600	..	..	
	2	11,800	..	8,746	..	3,005	5	11,751	95	1,49,747	2	11,800	
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	4	29,650	5	8,746	..	3,005	5	11,751	111	4,52,867	6	45,320	
District Total	29	6,39,900	1	22,500	..	..	1	22,500	40	8,48,415	40	8,48,415	
	4	78,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	32,53,840	7	16,70,680	
	30	98,273	190	1,02,241	..	45,739	190	1,51,980	1,159	10,19,543	144	2,97,984	
	..	..	..	..	..	2,47,400	..	2,47,400	..	2,47,400	..	..	
Total ..	63	8,13,178	191	1,24,741	..	2,97,139	191	4,21,880	1,270	53,59,198	191	27,77,079	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Copy attached.

READ Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, &c,
No 314 Press, dated the 18th June 1898.

ORDER THEREON, No. 2890 Mls, dated the 16th July 1898.

Recorded. The Board's remark that the provision in the taluk of Palni is "exceedingly scanty" is not understood as the provision is for 91 per cent of the population. The ratio of sanctioned to unsanctioned large works for the whole district is apparently as 4 to 7, and not as 1 to 4 as stated by the Board; the estimated cost is however in the latter ratio.

(True Extract)

A. K. M. S.

For Under Secretary to Government.

To (Revenue Settlement, &c).
The Board of Revenue.
The Public Works Dept. ✓
The Local and Municipal Dept.

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