

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 252

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Lamine, Pros: Revenue Dept sending
Board's Pros: Submitting the following
— narrative of the Special Assistant
Agent's D^r & award^t for the period
ending 15 Nov^r 1897 Contd to 82 II

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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting, with remarks, the — of the Special Assistant Agent's division, Górávári district, for the period ending 15th November 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 735, dated 4th December 1897:—

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

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Special Assistant Agent's Division, Gódvári district, for the period ending 15th November 1897, based on the information received up to the 10th November 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—

Bhadrachalam taluk

Actual rainfall.	Average rainfall.
Nil.	1.01

Water is sufficient both for irrigation and drinking purposes.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Manjonna fields being fenced. Kondjonna fields are being watched. *Standing crops.*—Manjonna is in ear. Gingelly (second crop) is in flower. Chilly gardens are bearing fruit.

The crops manjonna and pulses are being attacked by vegetable parasites. These parasites will probably disappear after the rain which is now falling.

Paddy fields are being harvested. Tobacco transplantation is going on.

Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.—No fodder. Pasture is sufficient. Condition of cattle is good.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There was no rain during the fortnight. The ryots have been engaged in watching and fencing their fields; water has been sufficient both for drinking and irrigation purposes. The dry crops have been subject to vegetable parasites which, however, it is hoped, will disappear with a small quantity of rain. There has been heavy rain since the 10th, and it is hoped that Bhadrachalam taluk also has had it.

The condition of cattle is good. They have had sufficient pasture to graze and water to drink.

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 10th November 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Cholam.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	
Bhadrachalam	9	8	12	12	..	..	} Rising in rice and stationary in cholam. Stationary. Information is not available.
Kachavaram	9	8	12	12	..	..	
Waddigudem	9	8	12	12	..	..	
Dammagudem	9	8	12	12	..	..	
Average	..	..	..	..	..	..	

Activity of trade.—Trade in both is moderate. Sufficient quantity of rice is being imported by boats from Rajahmundry.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—No relief works.

In villages.—Gratuitous relief is being given only to those who are incapable of working, have none to depend upon and no means of livelihood.

Sickness and mortality.—There is not much sickness. No deaths from want of food.

Remarks.—The condition of the people is better than in the past fortnight. Paddy fields are being harvested. The labouring classes have work in the shape of reaping the above fields and transplanting the tobacco crop.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Works.—In what taluks open and continued.

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.				
Bhadrachalam	..	..	..	..	..	..	437	22

Weavers' relief.

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Bhadrachalam	69	6	..	..	..	..

... at the expense of the Charitable ...

Private charity.—Korra and cumbu supplied at the expense of the Charitable Fund Committee, Madras, are being advanced to needy Koya cultivators.

General Remarks.—Nothing more to add than to say that the season is favourable and the condition of the people is fair, and that relief might well be discontinued, as there are only 22 persons in receipt of relief.

Loan transactions.—Nil.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.—No inspection has been made as there is no Special Assistant Agent. The Sub-Collector has been in charge of the Special Assistant Agent's Division in addition to his own duties.

Endorsement by the Collector of Gódvári, dated 22nd November 1897, Dis. No. 4008-Ver.

Forwarded. There are only a few destitute sick and infirm now on relief, and I don't think any additional relief can be necessary as many of the Koyas and Reddis have recently been made advances to carry them along till harvest out of the funds of the Charitable Committee at my disposal. As Mr. Ward, however, still grumbles,

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I am going up myself immediately as I am somewhat better in health and besides have no deputy to send who can be spared. Mr. Woodhouse, the Tahsildar and the Special Deputy Tahsildar all declare further relief absolutely unnecessary, and Mr. Dharma Rao Naidu, who went up with the last lot of korra and sama sent up, told me he inferred the same from the fact that a whole lot of Koyas came to Kunavaram as soon as they heard of the steamer's arrival and were loud in their complaints that she had brought no cholam as that was what they wanted and were not prepared to buy korra and sama which they would hardly accept as a gift.

Resolution—No. 735, dated 4th December 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The following telegram will be despatched to the Collector:—
"Your fortnightly narrative fifteenth ultimo. Wire result of personal inspection regarding closure gratuitous relief."

3. The Collector has been instructed to discontinue the submission of fortnightly narratives.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Godavari.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 1077, Revenue, dated 24th December 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

To the Famine Commissioner.
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.

Ag. Secretary to Government.

Exd. Shalk Karim.