

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 3175 W

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G.O., Nos. 1122, 1123 P., dated 20th September 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning the appointment of a Plague Commissioner, issuing notifications defining his powers, and giving instructions in regard to the disposal of business by him.

ORDER—No. 868, Financial, dated 11th October 1898.

As regards the financial powers of the Plague Commissioner, the Plague Regulations provide for the carrying out of works and the appointment of establishments by Collectors. So far as expenditure on these heads needs superior sanction, the Plague Commissioner will be empowered to accord such sanction himself (save as respects appointments carrying a salary in excess of Rs. 200 *per mensem*), reporting the fact immediately to Government.

2. The Plague Commissioner will be empowered to sanction grants-in-aid for the construction and maintenance of private hospitals and segregation and health camps up to a total limit of Rs. 10,000. He will immediately report all such expenditure to the Financial Department, intimating whether provision for the same exists in the most recent estimates, but he will in no case exceed the total limit of Rs. 10,000 without obtaining the orders of Government.

3. The monthly estimates submitted under paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 514 P., dated 25th May 1898, should, as in the case of monthly famine estimates, show the estimate for the current month, as well as for the succeeding month and for the remainder of the official year. These estimates should be submitted by Collectors to the Plague Commissioner, instead of as at present through the Surgeon-General and the Accountant-General, and should reach the Plague Commissioner not later than the fifth of each month. That officer will forward them immediately, with such remarks as may seem to him to be necessary, to the Financial Department, which will consolidate them and pass such orders as may be called for. The Accountant-General will be requested to issue revised forms to Collectors as early as possible in order to provide the additional column referred to above.

4. The attention of all Collectors is drawn to paragraph 2 of the Government Order quoted in the last paragraph in which it was pointed out that they are primarily responsible for making provision for the necessary expenditure and for ensuring that municipal and district board budgets are so framed as to provide sufficient funds for carrying out plague measures in each district. Collectors will clearly understand that expenditure can be incurred only against the monthly allotments passed by Government on the returns referred to above and that although it is not the intention that plague operations should cease because it is found that the allotment is being exceeded in any month, the Collector concerned will be held responsible for exercising proper supervision over the expenditure and applying at the earliest possible moment it becomes apparent that funds are becoming exhausted.

5. Orders will issue in the Local and Municipal Department revising the budgets of all local boards and municipalities so as to ensure that a reasonable provision is made in each case for plague expenditure. Where it is absolutely impossible to find the funds necessary to meet the expenditure falling on these bodies, the question of a grant-in-aid from Provincial Funds will be considered.

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