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Famine relief works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1898-99 from the Collector of Cuddapah.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from E. L. VAUGHAN, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 25th April 1898, Dis. No. 1866-Rev.:—

I have the honour to submit, herewith, the programme of famine relief-works for 1898-99.

2. Provision has been made for 28 per cent. of the population of the district under the following heads:—

	RS.
Irrigation works	14,65,721
Forest	1,26,714
Repairs to existing roads	9,86,198
Construction of new roads	5,06,529
Miscellaneous works	45,128
Land improvement	88,375
Total	32,18,665

The amount for which estimates are ready is Rs. 23,55,111 which is 73 per cent. of the total amount of all works, excluding the amount provided under the Land Improvement Loans Act.

3. The provision made exceeds 20 per cent. in all taluks, except Váyalpád, in which the deficiency is only 0.2 per cent. A large irrigation work is reported to be under investigation in this taluk, but the approximate cost of it has not been reported by the Executive Engineer. A large number of minor irrigation works has been included in the programme and there are many tanks affecting the South Indian Railway, estimates for which will be prepared by the special establishment recently sanctioned for the purpose by Government.

RESOLUTION—No. 336, dated 8th September 1898.

An abstract, of the programme of famine relief-works for 1898-99, received from the Collector of Cuddapah, prepared in the Board's office with reference to section 59 of the Famine Code regarding the classification of the works, will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The relief-works included in the programme are summarized under the main heads in the following table, the totals under each head being shown in lakhs of rupees:—

Classes of works.	Large works.		Small works.	Total.
	Sanctioned.	Not sanctioned.		
Irrigation works	4.83	5.03	0.20	10.06
Forest works	0.71	0.71	3.89	4.60
Road works	0.19	0.24	1.03	1.27
Miscellaneous works	1.42	5.99	2.45	9.86
		0.20	0.25	0.45
			0.89	0.89
Total	6.44	15.05	10.70	32.19

Nearly 15 lakhs is provided for irrigation works, a like sum for road works, and 1.27 lakhs for forest works. The Collector has not, in his detailed list, mentioned the nature of the miscellaneous works, only lump sums being shown under two heads—Miscellaneous and Land Improvements. The reason for the omission of any provision for works calculated to improve the supply of drinking water in villages requires explanation.

3. On 5th September 1898, the Commissioner, Revenue Settlement, met the Acting Collector, the Executive Engineer and the District Board Engineer at Gurramkonda in the Váyalpád taluk, and discussed the programme with them in detail.

The Acting Collector has only recently taken charge of the district and was not in a position to explain omissions and defects.

4. The irrigation works in the programme include the marginally-noted eight large works. These are shown as new works and the sanctioned estimates for them amount to 4.83 lakhs. The following information was derived from the Executive Engineer:—

Taluk.	Name of work.	Cost.	Amount of estimate.
		RS.	RS.
Badvel	1. Sagilérú upper project	11,014	11,014
Cuddapah	1. Dongalcheruvu tank drainage channel	19,210	19,210
Proddatur	1. Chepad project	3,46,024	3,46,024
Jammalamadugu	1. Peddapasupula project	11,974	11,974
	2. Restoring Govindamma tank of Chintakunta.	35,000	35,000
Pulivendla	1. Formation of Kottapalli tank	10,180	10,180
	2. D. Lingala tank	32,362	32,362
	3. Formation of a tank near Pydipallem	16,900	16,900

Sagilérú Upper Project.—Is practically completed. No work remains available for famine labour.

The Chepad Project.—A revised estimate is under preparation. Not more than two lakhs is likely to be available for unskilled labour.

Peddapasupula Project.—About Rs. 8,000 may be available for unskilled labour.

Govindamma Tank near Muddanur Railway Station.—Is now in progress as an ordinary work, with about 1,000 coolies employed; must be struck-off the programme.

Lingala Tank.—Was begun by famine labour in 1896: about half finished: will be completed after the rainy season is over as an ordinary work.

Thus from the total of 4.83 lakhs, a reduction must be made of something like 2.28 lakhs.

5. The other large irrigation works, for which provision has been made in the programme, have not been sanctioned. They are noted below:—

Taluk.	Names of works.	Approximate cost.	Amount of estimate.
		RS.	RS.
Pallampet	1. Adapar embankment repairs	9,600	9,600
	2. Tallapaka embankment repairs	8,700	8,700
	3. Attirala and Penagalur embankment repair	53,000	53,000
Sidhout	4. Penna-Perur channel project	22,750	22,750
Badvel	5. Sagilérú Lower Project	1,00,000	1,00,000
Cuddapah	6. Constructing a channel from the Penner to the Kokatam village	10,000	10,000
Proddatur	7. Formation of a tank near Chimalapenta	10,000	10,000
Jammalamadugu	8. Mydukur project	50,000	50,000
Pulivendla	9. Formation of a tank in Chilankur	40,000	40,000
	10. Excavating a channel near Sankepalli	10,000	10,000
	11. Formation of a tank near Vélpula	50,000	50,000
Kadiri	12. Construction of a tank in the Madduluru river in the limits of Dorigalla village near Nakkalapalli hamlet	1,00,000	1,00,000
Váyalpád	13. Constructing an anikat across the Papaguni at the head of the channel feeding Thimmanayanicheruvu of Kokkanti and another supply channel	50,000	50,000
Madanapalle	14. Constructing an improved channel to the Taticheruvu of Muntur of sufficient capacity to feed that and two other large tanks below	20,000	20,000
	15. Constructing a tank in the Chinna Yéru where it passes between two hills in Tamballapalli	20,000	20,000
	16. Constructing a tank in the Pedda Yéru below junction of the rivers within the limits of Gungireddipalli and Junjurupenta.	20,000	20,000

According to the Executive Engineer, several of the largest of the above works cannot be made available for famine relief. Thus No. 5, *Sagileru Lower Project*, cannot be undertaken until the effect of the *Upper Project* works on the same river have been observed for some years. No. 12 is said to be chiefly masonry work. Nos. 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 14 have not been investigated. No. 15 has been investigated and condemned. No. 16 is unsuitable for the employment of unskilled labour. No. 8 is a canal work under the Kurnool Divisional-officer, and no information regarding it was available. Including No. 8 only about 1.94 lakhs remain available for famine relief.

6. The forest works shown in the programme include three large works, viz. :—

- (1) Nallamalla Forest road in the Proddatur taluk, to cost Rs. 7,500; and
- (2) Making a ditch and mound round the Tsundupalli reserve in the Ráyachóti taluk, to cost Rs. 9,775; and
- (3) A road from Sanipaya to Gadikota in the same taluk, to cost Rs. 14,000.

An estimate has been prepared for the last-mentioned work only. The Collector is requested to report whether the Conservator of Forests has been consulted in regard to the inclusion of these and other forest works in the programme.

7. The miscellaneous works in the Pullampet taluk include an unsanctioned large work to cost Rs. 20,000. The Collector is requested to ascertain what this project is and to have it estimated for and sanctioned if it is suitable.

8. None of the road estimates were available for inspection, but from information given by the District Board Engineer it is apprehended that they include cartage, and masonry works, and that the whole amount of the estimates is by no means available for famine labour.

9. The total provision amounts to Rs. 32,19,165 and the programme professes to provide employment for a period of three months for 33.8 per cent. of the population of the district. From what has been said above it is apparent that the programme is unduly swelled by the inclusion of many works which cannot possibly be made available for the employment of relief workers.

10. To suggest, or discover, any useful famine work in the Sub-division seems wellnigh hopeless. Owing to hard material and light traffic most of the roads are quite up to the standard that the nature of the traffic justifies or requires. The main roads are largely bordered by stacks of broken metal which remain from the famine of 1877. The spreading of this metal is not required, and if undertaken is not a suitable work for the employment of relief workers on the intermediate system. No large irrigation work can be suggested. While admitting the extreme difficulty of finding useful famine works, the Board must impress on the Acting Collector the urgent necessity of thoroughly revising the programme so that he may know what works he has ready in case of emergency. The revision should be undertaken at once, and the revised programme should be submitted to the Board with as little delay as possible.

11. The Collector's programme calls for the following additional remarks :—

Statement I.—(1) The Collector has not used in the preparation of this statement the printed forms supplied to him with reference to B.P., Mis. No. 4331, dated 7th September 1896; nor do the headings of the manuscript statement adopted conform to those in the printed forms referred to. The classification of the relief works has not been made with reference to the instructions in section 59 of the Famine Code.

(2) The abstract totals of the detailed estimates for works in the Badvel and Proddatur taluks have been entered in this statement as Rs. 1,20,493 and Rs. 5,37,215 respectively, while they have been shown as Rs. 1,38,717 and Rs. 5,36,215 in column 27 of statement III against these taluks. The latter figures are correct.

(3) The total of the estimates for the repair of roads in the Kadiri taluk is put down at Rs. 72,280, whereas the actual total, when worked out, comes to Rs. 77,020. The discrepancy should be explained.

(4) According to the programme an estimate is said to be ready for the tank proposed near Vélpula in the Pulivendla taluk, which will cost Rs. 50,000. It has been shown in paragraph 5 that this work has not been investigated. This should be rectified when preparing the revised programme now called for.

Statement II.—(1) The entries show that full provision has not been made for the repair of irrigation works in the Proddatur, Jammalamadugu, Pulivendla and Madanapalle taluks. This omission should be supplied when the programme for the ensuing year is prepared.

(2) The provision under the five P.W.D. works shown against the Kadiri taluk, relates to new works and is therefore out of place in this statement.

(3) The total provision for the repair of irrigation works as entered in this statement, is in many cases less, and in one case greater, than that shown in statement I and in column 10 of statement III. These should tally with each other.

Statement III.—(1) The entries in columns 20 and 21 in the case of the unsanctioned large, and small works in the Pullampet taluk, should have been repeated in the next two columns also.

(2) The district grand total of the Land Improvement works entered in columns 21, 23 and 25 as Rs. 88,375 is a mistake, the correct figure being Rs. 88,875.

(3) The figures entered in column 5 have all been revised and calculated on the amounts appearing in column 25.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. BENSON,
Dy. Dir., L. Rds. and Agri.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Cuddapah.
Copy to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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DIX.

DIX.
Cuddapah District for the year 1898-99.

ABSTRACT statement of programme of famine-relief works in the

Taluk.	Population by the 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 works.	
			Class of work.	Numbers provided for on.	Percentage of the total population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pallampet ..	149	29,800	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Total ..	.. 23,688 17,176 133 40,997	 27.51		RS.	 39 .. 42	RS. .. 71,300 63,452 .. 1,34,752	 46 .. 46	 12,425
Sidhout ..	67	13,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Total ..	.. 1,347 7,931 11,098 133 20,509	 30.61	 1 1	 22,750 22,750	 22 .. 22	 18,087 18,087	 23 .. 23	 27,103 27,103
Badvel ..	93	18,600	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Total ..	.. 1,469 25,232 11,758 133 38,592	 41.50	1 1 2	11,014 1,00,000 1,11,014	 38 .. 38	 24,308 .. 24,308	 21 .. 21	 8,125 .. 8,125
Cuddapah ..	155	31,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Total ..	.. 4,919 14,535 16,043 1,200 36,697	 23.68	1 2 1 .. 4	19,210 20,000 5,000 .. 44,210	 50 .. 50	 41,089 .. 41,089	 1 .. 1	 500 .. 500
Proddatur ..	98	19,600	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Total ..	.. 47,638 24,802 7,939 666 81,045	 82.70	1 2 1 .. 4	3,46,024 90,000 1,870 .. 4,37,894	 9 .. 9	 27,546 .. 27,546	 6 .. 7	.. 7,500 3,390 .. 10,890
Jammalamadugu.	101	20,200	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Total ..	.. 20,519 8,477 5,406 133 34,535	 34.19	2 1 1 .. 4	46,974 10,000 5,162 .. 62,136	 11 .. 11	 12,440 .. 12,440	 25 .. 25	 2,686 .. 2,686
Palivendla ..	106	21,200	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Total ..	.. 9,979 19,293 4,866 200 34,338	 32.39	3 1 4	59,442 50,000 1,09,442	 25 .. 25	 24,176 .. 24,176	 6 .. 6	 3,450 .. 3,450
Kadiri ..	135	27,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Total ..	 37,660 10,019 2,000 49,679	 36.73	 2 5 .. 7	 1,50,000 3,670 .. 1,53,670	 145 .. 145	 48,951 .. 48,951	 12 .. 12	 7,585 .. 7,585

Cuddapah District for the year 1896-97.														
Road works.					Miscellaneous works.					Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.		
New.			Repairs.		Drinking-water supply		Others.		Total.		Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.
Number.	Miles.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		RS.		RS.				RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
1	7 3/4	17,260	4	69,098	..	..	1	20,000	1	20,000	9	1,77,658	8	1,57,658
12	36 1/2	33,501	7	12,805	..	..	12	6,641	12	6,641	116	1,28,924	100	1,06,303
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1,000	10	1,000	10	1,000	..	..
13	44 3/4	50,761	11	81,903	..	..	23	27,641	23	27,641	135	3,07,482	108	2,63,961
1	25	26,500	1	10,100	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10,100	1	10,100
5	18	13,400	4	10,230	..	..	6	5,440	6	5,440	3	59,480	3	59,480
..	..	..	..	19,208	..	..	10	1,000	10	1,000	60	83,238	58	82,838
6	43	39,900	6	39,538	..	..	16	6,440	16	6,440	10	1,000	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	1,53,818	62	1,52,418
2	32 3/4	61,756	2	27,485	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	11,014	1	11,014
22	36 1/2	43,100	4	10,916	..	..	3	1,733	3	1,733	5	1,89,241	2	61,756
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1,000	10	1,000	88	88,182	77	65,947
24	69	1,04,856	6	38,401	..	..	13	2,733	13	2,733	10	1,000	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	104	2,89,437	80	1,38,717
1	14	29,530	4	17,680	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	36,890	2	36,890
5	14	16,916	16	59,486	..	..	4	5,500	4	5,500	7	1,09,016	5	89,016
..	..	..	..	51,318	..	..	90	9,000	90	9,000	77	1,20,323	66	1,14,447
6	28	46,446	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90	9,000	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	176	2,75,229	73	2,40,353
1	11 1/2	14,000	1	11,258	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3,57,282	2	3,57,282
1	5 1/2	2,000	5	82,012	..	..	6	1,995	6	1,995	9	1,93,512	7	1,46,012
..	..	..	..	15,242	..	..	50	5,000	50	5,000	28	52,043	14	32,921
2	17	16,000	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	5,000	..	..
2	17	16,000	11	1,08,512	..	..	56	6,995	56	6,995	89	6,07,837	23	5,36,215
2	18	19,320	5	87,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1,53,894	9	1,53,894
1	9 1/2	14,000	2	39,580	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	63,580	3	53,580
5	10 1/2	19,110	..	..	..	..	6	1,143	6	1,143	48	40,541	47	35,541
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1,000	10	1,000	10	1,000	..	..
8	38	52,430	7	1,27,180	..	..	16	2,143	16	2,143	71	2,59,015	59	2,43,015
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	36	39,800	1	15,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	74,842	4	74,842
1	7	4,500	4	54,900	..	..	4	1,856	4	1,856	8	1,44,700	5	1,04,900
..	..	..	..	2,510	..	..	15	1,500	15	1,500	37	38,492	31	27,992
4	43	44,300	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	1,500	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	3,356	19	3,356	64	2,57,534	40	2,07,734
4	86	64,200	5	67,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	6	14,940	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	2,81,700	7	99,460
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	400	15,000	400	15,000	168	75,146	78	38,976
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	400	15,000	..	..
4	86	64,200	11	82,440	..	..	400	15,000	400	15,000	579	3,71,846	85	1,38,436

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