

Public Works (1899) Department.

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DATED 14 August 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Famine Relief works - Proo. Rev. Deptt.
According Proo. Bd of Rev (Distt. Rev) reviewing
the programme of — for 1899-1900 sub-
mitted by the Collector of Bellary, commd
to the S.E. III Circle

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

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 6072, dated 12th October 1898:—

Read—the following letter from J. C. LARMINIE, Esq., Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated Ootacamund, 3rd October 1898, No. 312-M.:—

With reference to the concluding portion of paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, No. 307, dated 19th August 1898, I have the honour to inform you that I consider the project for constructing a new tank at Madhavaram quite unsuitable as a famine work. With regard to the Gundabommanahalli tank, the Executive Engineer, Bellary Division, reports that a surveyor has been recently appointed and he hopes to have the estimate for the tank ready in six months time. Pending the submission of the estimate I am unable to express any opinion as to the suitability of the work for famine-relief purposes.

Resolution—Mis. No. 6072, dated 12th October 1898.

Communicated to the Collector of Bellary for information and guidance.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary.

READ—famine-relief programme for 1899–1900 from the Collector of Bellary, Dis. No. 1449, dated 13th May 1899.

READ—also the following letter from E. A. ELWIN, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 20th May 1899, D. Dis. No. 1533:—

I have the honour to submit, herewith, statement No. II of the programme of famine-relief works for 1899–1900 statements Nos. I and III having already been submitted with this office Dis. No. 1449, dated 11th May 1899.

2. With reference to the Board's remarks in paragraph 5 of B.P., No. 307, dated 19th August 1898, regarding statement No. II, I beg to enclose a copy of the letter received from the Executive Engineer, Bellary Division, from which it will be seen that there can be no agreement between the amount shown in the last column of statement No. II and that in column 10 of statement No. III.

3. Statement No. II gives information regarding all irrigation works as required by section 9 (4) of the Famine Code irrespective of their suitability for famine labour or otherwise, while statement No. III shows only such works and amounts as are available for famine labour.

ENCLOSURE.

Copy of letter from the Executive Engineer, Bellary Division, to the Collector of Bellary, dated 12th May 1899, No. 3098.

Adverting to your letter, Ref. on G. and B. No. 1482 of 1898, I have the honour to reply as under:—

Statement No. II is but a copy of the list of Imperial irrigation works of the division as originally prepared by Mr. A. S. Russell and improved by subsequent additions. Improvements and repairs to such works are, as they are sanctioned, decided to be carried out either as ordinary or famine-relief works according as they are suitable for famine labour or otherwise. In the statement sent by this office it will be found that the word "famine" has been entered only against some, it being understood that the rest should be carried out by other agencies.

Statement No. III, which is an abstract of statement No. I deals with all works selected out of the settled list of the district (as per Mr. Russell's report), and those newly projected for but not included in such list, or included in the list of minor irrigation works and considered suitable for famine purposes.

With this explanation it would appear that the statements Nos. II and III cannot agree with each other.

RESOLUTION—No. 174, dated 15th June 1899.

The abstract of the programme of famine-relief works for 1899–1900 received from the Collector of Bellary will be submitted for the information of Government. The provision made is sufficient for the employment of 88 per cent. of the total population of the district for three months distributed as follows:—

On large works, sanctioned	...	...	...	483,098 persons.
On large works, unsanctioned	...	...	...	183,396 "
On small works	...	...	...	57,833 "
On land improvements	...	...	...	54,081 "

2. The nature of the works entered in the programme is shown in the following statement under the main heads, the amounts being given in lakhs of rupees:—

Class of works.	Large works		Small works.	Total.
	Sanctioned.	Not sanctioned.		
Irrigation				
New (11)				
Repairs	0.08	5.23	0.23	5.46
Road				
New (578 miles)	11.80	0.41	1.46	1.95
Repairs	24.20	0.85	0.41	13.06
Drinking water-supply	0.08	7.01	1.02	32.23
Miscellaneous	0.07	0.26	0.86	1.20
Land improvements			0.35	0.42
Total	36.23	13.76	8.39	58.38

More than three-fourths of the provision is made under road works, while that under irrigation works is only about one-eighth. The former include the construction of 578 miles of new roads of which it is stated that 506 miles have been sanctioned. Bearing in mind the impecunious state of the District Board at the commencement of the last famine, it is extremely doubtful whether that body could maintain any considerable additional length of road, if it were constructed by famine labour. The road repairs, for which over 30 lakhs are included, consist chiefly of the breaking and stacking of metal along the sides of existing roads, the utilization of which is problematical. Such items might be almost indefinitely expanded with the result that the programme would show that the whole population could be provided for, but the result would be misleading. In Bellary, dependence must, no doubt, be chiefly placed on such work in providing famine relief, but what is required is a careful selection of works, well placed to meet the requirements of different parts of the district, which

shall, at the outset, be sufficient to provide employment for the people in such numbers as experience shows are likely to seek relief on works. The Collector should therefore revise his programme in the light of these remarks, removing from it to a supplemental list, the less important and less conveniently placed projects which it now includes.

3. The provision made under irrigation works includes ten large works, of which only one is sanctioned. Of the unsanctioned works which are noted below, estimates appear to have been prepared for only two. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation is requested to inform the Board whether these works may be counted upon as immediately available for famine relief and to what extent:—

Taluk.	Works.	Approximate cost.	Amount of estimate.
		RS.	RS.
A6dni	1. Chinnatambalam tank—Raising the bund of	50,000	10,500
Bellary	2. Kolar tank	8,000	..
Hospet	3. Narayanadeverkeri tank—Raising the bund of	..	12,000
Kudligi	4. Daroji tank—Repairing the bund of	1,00,000	..
Harpanahalli	5. Gund-bommanahalli tank	22,900	..
	6. Alaboar tank	2,00,000	..
	7. Hagari-bommanahalli tank	1,50,000	..
Hadagalli	8. Shivapuram tank	10,000	..
	9. Tambrahalli irrigation channel	..	..

4. The provision made for the repair of irrigation works is shown differently in statements Nos. II and III submitted by the Collector, in the case of every taluk except Alur. Statement No. II purports to show that provision has been made in the programme for repairs at a cost of Rs. 2,94,055 on 97 works, whilst the abstract of the programme includes Rs. 1,94,445 on 100 works. The explanation offered for the difference shows that the scope of statement No. II has not been clearly understood by the Collector and the Executive Engineer. Columns 8 to 13 of this statement are intended to show the provision made in the programme for the repair of irrigation works, and the entries in columns 12 and 13 thereof should accordingly agree with those in columns 9 and 10 of statement No. III. If the number of works on which it is proposed in the programme to expend money in order to provide relief work differs from that shown as out of repair in columns 3, 5 and 7 of statement No. II, the difference should be explained in the last column of that statement. As already pointed out in B.P., No. 430, dated 28th November 1898, there are few irrigation works on which funds may not be usefully expended, and the number so included should appear in statement No. II.

5. Estimates are stated to be ready for works costing 40.34 lakhs or about 74 per cent. of the provision, excluding that for land improvements to be carried out with the aid of State loans. These estimates, however, include the road works alluded to in paragraph 2 above.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. BENSON,
Deputy Director,
for Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Collector of Bellary (Divisional-officers and Tahsildars).

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Taluka.	Population by last census in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.			Irrigation works.				Forest fencing works.
			Class of work.	Numbers provided for on.	Percentage of total population.	New.		Repairs.		
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Adóni ..	161	60,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	110,469 9,400 6,860 2,241 128,970			Rs. 1 6,000 ..	 1 2 ..	Rs. 10,500 4,820	
Alúr ..	88	55,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	96,341 12,725 23,120 132,186	80	1	6,000	5	15,320	
Bellary ..	180	36,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	72,160 16,764 11,565 14,600 115,089	150	..	..	5	15,900	
Rayadrug ..	79	15,800	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	29,436 24,800 6,567 8,667 69,470	64	1	50,000	6	12,880	
Hospet ..	93	18,600	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	42,616 12,480 8,484 1,187 64,767	88	..	..	21	36,920	
Kudligi ..	94	18,800	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	56,179 3,538 5,521 840 64,767	70	3	6,500	11	20,000 20,366	
Harpanahalli.	82	16,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	31,428 17,788 4,228 978 54,417	100	2	1,04,500	31	36,829	
Hadagalli ..	104	20,800	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	44,469 70,631 1,883 2,453 119,436	66	2	29,200	12	15,065	
District Total.	881	241,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	483,098 183,396 57,833 54,081 778,408	115	2	3,50,000	9	21,165	
			Grand Total ..	778,408	88	11	5,46,200	100	1,94,445	..

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the Bellary district for the year 1899-1900.

Road works.					Miscellaneous works.						Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
New.			Repairs.		Drinking water-supply.		Others.		Total.					
Number.	Miles.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
13	160	4,71,097	10	8,57,423	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	8,28,520	23	8,28,520
2	29	60,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	70,500	1	10,500
6	8,40	9,880	8	19,782	13	8,881	3	2,085	16	10,966	32	51,448	30	49,448
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	171	16,810	171	16,810	171	16,810	..	..
20	197,40	5,40,977	18	3,77,205	13	8,881	174	18,895	187	27,776	229	9,67,278	54	8,88,468
20	163,4	4,56,429	12	2,66,129	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	7,22,558	32	7,22,558
13	23	28,605	7	28,700	24	12,100	16	10,136	40	22,236	65	95,441	40	81,317
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,544	1,73,400	1,544	1,73,400	1,544	1,73,400	..	..
33	186,4	4,85,034	19	2,94,829	24	12,100	1,560	1,88,536	1,584	1,95,636	1,641	9,91,399	72	8,03,875
8	52	99,814	17	4,25,888	1	8,000	1	7,500	2	15,500	27	5,41,197	27	5,41,197
1	8	25,400	2	33,500	1	16,830	..	..	1	16,830	5	1,25,730	1	16,830
1	3,4	2,650	8	20,634	48	47,765	24	2,810	72	50,575	87	86,739	87	86,739
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,000	1,09,500	1,000	1,09,500	1,000	1,09,500	..	..
10	63,4	1,27,864	27	4,80,017	50	72,595	1,025	1,19,810	1,075	1,92,405	1,119	8,63,166	115	6,44,760
1	19	19,000	6	1,94,114	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	2,20,774	8	2,20,774
..	..	..	4	1,77,000	1	9,000	..	..	1	9,000	5	1,86,000	1	9,000
..	..	..	..	..	10	8,762	19	11,227	29	19,989	49	49,249	38	32,149
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	440	65,000	440	65,000	440	65,000	..	..
1	19	19,000	10	3,71,114	11	17,762	459	76,227	470	93,989	502	5,21,023	47	2,61,923
2	14,4	39,730	11	2,79,889	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	3,19,619	13	3,19,619
..	..	..	4	73,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	93,600	1	12,000
..	..	..	9	33,658	..	..	5	3,707	5	3,707	28	63,631	20	49,631
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	8,900	74	8,900	74	8,900	..	..
2	14,4	39,730	24	3,86,547	..	..	79	12,607	79	12,607	121	4,85,750	34	3,81,250
3	41	38,710	12	3,82,632	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	4,21,342	15	4,21,342
..	..	..	5	1,36,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	2,36,500	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	1	80	..	..	1	80	33	41,409	26	23,409
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	67	6,302	67	6,302	67	6,302	..	..
3	41	38,710	17	5,19,132	1	80	67	6,302	68	6,382	121	7,05,563	41	4,44,751
4	56	54,810	6	1,80,903	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	2,35,713	10	2,35,713
..	..	..	4	1,10,510	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1,33,410	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	5	7,094	3	3,250	8	10,344	21	31,709	21	31,709
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	7,300	61	7,300	61	7,300	..	..
4	56	54,810	10	2,91,413	5	7,094	64	10,550	69	17,644	97	4,08,132	31	2,67,423
..	..	..	11	3,33,519	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	3,33,519	31	3,33,519
..	..	..	6	1,69,730	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	5,29,730	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	3	920	12	2,088	15	2,958	23	14,123	19	8,123
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150	18,400	150	18,400	150	18,400	..	..
..	..	..	17	5,03,249	3	920	162	20,438	165	21,358	193	8,95,772	50	3,41,642
51	506	11,79,590	85	24,20,492	1	8,000	1	7,500	2	15,500	139	36,23,242	159	36,23,242
3	37	85,400	25	7,00,840	2	25,830	..	..	2	25,830	39	13,75,470	4	48,330
19	34,4	41,135	32	1,02,174	104	85,602	82	35,253	186	1,20,855	338	4,33,749	281	3,62,525
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,507	4,05,612	3,507	4,05,612	3,507	4,05,612	..	..
73	577,4	13,06,125	142	32,23,506	107	1,19,432	3,590	4,48,365	3,697	5,67,797	4,023	58,38,073	444	40,34,097

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, re.
dated 15th June 1899, No. 174.

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Copy attached.

Order thereon, No. 2679^{mis}, dated the 20th July 1899.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

J. H. M.
For ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Rev: Secy.
.. Local & Municipal Dept.
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