

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 546 J

DATED 30 June 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Revenue Report

Order of the Govt of India forwarding copy of a
review of the — of Irrigation Works in Rajputana
for 1897-98, communicated to the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL WORKS.
Irrigation.

Simla, the 2nd June 1899.

Review of the Revenue Report of Irrigation Works in Rajputana for 1897-98.

READ—

Letter No. 809 S., dated the 24th March 1899 from the Secretary to the Agent to the Governor General and Chief Commissioner, Rajputana, Public Works Department, forwarding the Revenue Report of Irrigation Works in Rajputana for the year 1897-98.

OBSERVATIONS.—The capital expenditure during the past financial year was incurred entirely on old and small new tanks in the Todgarh Sub-Collectorate of the Merwara District and amounted to Rs. 2,939, including indirect charges, as compared with Rs. 8,478 in 1896-97.

The total outlay up to the end of the year amounted to Rs. 24,55,222.

2. The results obtained from these works in 1897-98 and in the four previous years are shown in the following statement:—

YEAR.	Area irrigated and protected.	Gross revenue collected.	Working expenses, direct and indirect.	Net revenue.	Percentage of net revenue on capital outlay to end of year.
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1893-94 ...	34,244	1,41,925	45,710	96,215	4.07
1894-95 ...	33,920	1,34,769	40,055	94,714	3.91
1895-96 ...	31,129	1,32,621	38,957	93,664	3.83
1896-97 ...	36,703	1,33,283	48,508	84,775	3.45
Total ...	135,996	5,42,599	1,73,230	3,69,369	...
Average ...	33,999	1,35,650	43,308	92,342	3.81
1897-98 ...	38,321	1,28,400	53,342	75,058	3.06

It appears from these figures that the net revenue has been steadily declining since 1893-94, and though the area of irrigation in 1897-98 was 38,321 acres as compared with the average of 33,999 acres for the previous four years, there was not a corresponding increase in the gross revenue.

Of the total area irrigated, 12,699 acres were under *kharif* and 13,911 acres under *rabi* crops.

The average water-revenue assessed per acre was Rs. 3.49 as compared with Rs. 3.59 in 1896-97.

3. The working expenses which were 23 per cent. in excess of the average of the last four years amounted to 41.5 per cent. of the gross revenue realized during the year. The cost of maintenance of these works shows a tendency to increase which has not been very fully explained.

4. The value of the crops irrigated is estimated at Rs. 6,60,843 against Rs. 10,58,326 in 1896-97, but the high value in the latter year was abnormal and was due to the unusually high prices of grain which prevailed during the famine.

5. Measurements taken to test the influence of the tanks on the spring level of wells show that out of a total of 484 wells measured, 269 were benefited by the tanks, the remainder being unaffected. Further details in regard to these observations are, however, required before any useful deductions can be drawn from them.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this review be forwarded to the Agent to the Governor General and Chief Commissioner, Rajputana, for information.

Also, that a copy of the review and of the report be forwarded to the Revenue and Agricultural Department and to the Local Governments in the Public Works Department noted on the margin, for information.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Punjab and Burma.

Ordered, further, that this review be published in the *Gazette of India*, and that copies of this review and of the report be forwarded to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India for information.

J. Hoifman.

Joint Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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To The Secy to the Govt of Madras.
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