

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O. No. 667

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DATED 9 August 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

~~Revised~~ ~~Major~~ Tank in the Bandavaripalli
Village, Anantapur Dist. - Pres. Rev.
Dept. sanctioning the ~~Collector of An.~~
recommendations of the Collector of Anantapur
that the ^{recently privately repaired} ~~be~~ taken over as a minor
Irrig. work by the Rev. Dept., commd
to the Officer concerned for information

cultivation for the past five years under the tank after its restoration. From this it would appear that the tank received full supply in two years (Basli 1302 & 1305); a scanty supply in two years (one month's supply in Basli 1303 and 25 days' supply in Basli 1304). The tank was dry in Basli 1306. The average cultivation to the total holdings under the tank during the past 5 years is only 39 per cent. This was chiefly due to deficient rainfall. It is further reported that the lands of petitioners being situated on higher level than those of other ryots, are not irrigable by tank water unless a good supply is received in the tank. In Basli 1306, the petitioners applied for remission of wet waste under the tank; but it was refused by the Collector (Mr. Shipley) on the ground that the application was opposed to the terms of grant. In these circumstances and also in consideration of the fact that season remission would be granted for ryotwari lands in years of short or no supply received in the tank, the petitioners apply for conversion of the special rate tenure into a ryotwari patta.

4. If the petitioners request be granted, the lands in their occupation will have to be charged the corresponding wet block rates. As regards this point the Deputy Commissioner, Revenue Sett., was consulted. According to statement received from him there is an increase both in the area and assessment as detailed in the margin. The Government will hereafter get Rs. 349 on the petitioner's holding instead of Rs. 255 in years in which the tank receives a good supply. The increase is about 35 per cent. The Deputy Commissioner says that the capacity of the tank is 4 months and the whole ayacut shown in the margin can be irrigated by tank water.

5. As the petitioners have spent a large sum of about Rs. 3000 in restoring the tank and reclaiming the lands up to it and as the work will be remunerative to Government notwithstanding the grant of season remissions in bad years I recommend that the request of the petitioner may be granted.

6. The records connected with the case are submitted with a list.

Resolution

The Collector is requested to report whether the Public Works Department has consented to undertake the maintenance of the tank.

2. In para. 4 of his letter the Collector states that, if the petitioners' request is granted, the land in their occupation will have to be charged the ordinary wet assessment. Their request as expressed in their last petition to the Tahsildar dated 18-3-98 is, however, that only such of the land in their occupation as has been under wet cultivation till now --- about 91 acres out of a total of 156 acres --- should be assessed as wet, the remainder being assessed as dry. They also request that one further of the Settlement assessment may be remitted in each year, in consideration of the expenditure they incurred in repairing the tank. The Collector is requested to report whether the petitioners have withdrawn these requests and consent to pay ordinary rates of wet assessment at Rs. 2 or 2 1/2 on the whole of the area on which they now pay the special rate of Rs. 1-8-0 per acre.

(Sd.) C. Benson.

For Secretary.

To The Collector of Anantapur, with records (to be ret'd.)

Read also the following letter from Bannatyne Macleod Esq., M.A., Barr-at-law., Collector of Anantapur Ref. on C.P. No. 1894, d/10-5-99

In reply to Board's Mis. Progs. No. 5000 dated 17th August 98 have the honour to report as follows:-

2. As directed in para. 2 of the Board's Proceedings the Executive Engineer, Bellary Division, has been consulted in the matter. He considers that the Sundunipatha tank in question is not one which should be taken over by the P.W.D. According to his estimate, the maximum area that the tank can irrigate even in favourable years is acres 150. The tank may therefore be taken up as a minor irrigation work.

3. In view to reducing the ayacut, the Tahsildar was directed to inspect all the fields comprising the ayacut and submit

According to Rev. Sett. Assessment to be made

Block	Area	Rate	Assessment
1. Petitioner's holding	116.91	235-8-0	165-8-0
2. Government ayacut	101.4	0-0-0	57-2-2
3. Government ayacut	206.50	336-12-0	228-0-8
4. Government ayacut	37.00	111-9-0	40-0-0
5. Government ayacut	243.50	447-12-0	263-14-0
6. Government ayacut	4.47	12-0-0	58-12-0

Total 1000.00

Handwritten notes and calculations in the margin of the second page, including figures like 101.4, 206.50, 37.00, 243.50, 4.47, and various rates and assessments.