Public Works (1890) Department.

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Returns furnished by Executive Engineers to Officers of other departments. — Proceedings, Public Works department, passing orders regarding —, Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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STATEMENT showing the returns submitted by Executive Engineers to officers of other departments other than those named in the list appended to G.O., No. 3078 W., dated 31st October 1889.

Designation.	No. and date.	Item No.	Name of return.	To whom submitted.
			Monthly.	
Superintending Engineer, I Circle.	No. 630 G.L., dated 3rd February 1890.	1	Statement showing the salt passed through certain locks.	Collector.
			Yearly.	
....	....	2	Statement of outlay on postal buildings with their estimated values and rates of rents for the official year.	Superintendent of Post Offices.
....	....	3	Statement of outlay on jail buildings ..	Superintendent of District Jail.
			Calendar year.	
Executive Engineers .	....	4	Statement of outlay on Lunatic Asylum buildings at Waltair.	Superintendent of Lunatic Asylum.
			Occasional.	
....	....	5	Statement of all changes, such as births, deaths and marriages immediately they occur in the families of non-commissioned officers and soldiers.	Officers Commanding the Corps—*vide* para. 750 A of the Public Works Code.
....	....	6	Statement of channels constructed in connection with Government anicut system during the five years ending with fasli.	Collector.
II Circle, Executive Engineer, Buckingham Canal Division.	No. 512 G.L., dated 2nd February 1890.	7	Statement showing tonnage of food-grains imported into Madras by boats on the Buckingham canal.	Traffic Manager, Madras Railway Company.
III Circle, Executive Engineer, Bellary Division.	No. 2725, dated 12th December 1889.	8	Monthly diagram showing rise and fall of Tungabhadra at Valhapur anicut.	Collector.
III Circle, Executive Engineer, Cuddapah Division.	....	9	Statement of expenditure on establishment during the year.	Do.
....	....	10	Programme of Irrigation works	Do.
III Circle, Executive Engineer, Kurnool Division.	....	11	Yearly statement of Tank Restoration works completed.	Do.
....	....	12	Annual return of salt traffic	Salt Department.
			Monthly.	
IV Circle, Executive Engineer, Nilgiri Division.	No. 539 E.W., dated 3rd December 1889.	13	Statement of forest materials removed by Public Works Department.	Forest-officer, Ootacamund.
....	....	14	Report of sanitary condition of Department Public Works, Wellington.	District Staff Officer, Southern District.
			Quarterly.	
....	....	15	Report of new lines of communications opened, &c.	Do.
V Circle.	No. 6463, dated 8th January 1890.	16	Half-yearly return of births, marriages, and deaths of non-commissioned officers and men on the unattached list.	Superintending Engineer.
			Annual.	
....	....	17	List of surplus stores in the division ..	General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.
....	....	18	Return of Tank Restoration works completed during the year.	Collector.
....	....	19	Statements of requirements of funds for minor new works and repairs.	Superintending Engineer.
Executive Engineer, South Arcot only.	....	20	Monthly return of sanctioned estimates for Irrigation works amounting to less than Rs. 200 in each case.	Collector.
Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.	No. 1958 T.J., dated 2nd December 1889.	21	Under Circular No. 3323 C., dated 20th July 1889, all Executive Engineers have been directed to furnish departmental officers concerned with monthly returns of estimates sanctioned by them, instead of communicating sanctions immediately.	....
			Monthly.	
Tanjore Division ..	....	22	Rainfall registers	Collector and Treasury Deputy Collector
Madura Division ..	....	23	Monthly schedule of Incorporated Local Fund Works.	Collector.
			Yearly.	
....	....	24	Statement showing the cost of Tank Restoration Works establishment.	Do.
....	....	25	Statement of Tank Restoration works completed up to end of September each year.	Do.
....	....	26	Statement showing names of Police works executed by Public Works Department.	Superintendent of Police.

Accompaniment to Proceedings, No. 3078 W., dated 31st October 1889.

List of returns required to be submitted by Executive Engineers to other authorities than the Examiner.

Name of return.	To whom submitted.	Remarks.
MADRAS.		
WEEKLY.		
Dates of making over and receiving charge of an office, or of departure on or return from, leave of any kind.	Superintending Engineer.	
MONTHLY.		
River diagrams	Ditto.	
Progress reports	Ditto and President, Local Fund Board.	
Statement of receipts and issues on account of tanks of Chembrambakam, Red Hills and Cholaveram ...	Chief Engineer, Irrigation.	
Return of sanctioned estimates	Superintending Engineer.	
Statement of transfers and leave	Ditto.	
Movement of Royal Engineers in the Public Works Department.	Ditto.	
Variation statement showing changes in the return of 2nd-class Warrant Officers and their families requiring passages to England	Ditto.	
QUARTERLY.		
Return of European non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Engineers	Ditto.	
List of unanswered references	Ditto.	
Progress report of irrigation works	Collector.	
Distribution return of officers and subordinates ...	Superintending Engineer.	
HALF-YEARLY.		
Return of officers for vernacular examination	Ditto.	
Return of traffic on canals	Ditto.	
Return of machinery	Ditto.	
Promotion recommendation rolls	Ditto.	
YEARLY.		
Extract from the register of public buildings	Ditto.	
List of officers who will attain the age of 55 during the year	Ditto.	
Application for modification of allotments, irrigation ...	Ditto.	
Special report on the state of all temporary barrack buildings	Chief Engineer, through Superintending Engineer.	
Indent for stationery	Superintending Engineer.	
Return of floating plant	Ditto.	
Imperial, Provincial and Irrigation budget estimates ...	Ditto.	
Estimate of probable requirements for irrigation works.	Ditto.	
Tracing of the cantonment plan showing all new buildings, &c., carried out, with list of all new buildings and roads	Quartermaster-General, through Officer Commanding.	
Estimate of country stationery	Superintending Engineer.	

List of returns required to be submitted by Executive Engineers to other authorities than the Examiner—*cont.*

Name of return.	To whom submitted.	Remarks.
YEARLY—*cont.*		
Annual statement of expenditure on stores	Superintending Engineer.	
Estimate of the probable quantity and value of stores required from England	Ditto.	
Estimate of stationery (Europe)	Ditto.	
Administration Report, Irrigation, with register of anicuts and flood embankments	Ditto.	
Do. with appendices, General Branch	Ditto.	
Abstract rainfall register	Chief Engineer, Irrigation.	
River charts	Superintending Engineer.	
Demand for temporary establishment	Ditto.	
Statement of demands for incomplete major works ...	Ditto.	
Report of ancient architectural remains	Ditto.	
Statement of lands acquired by public servants ...	Ditto.	
Return of public military buildings	Ditto.	
Statement showing the date of completion, earnings, &c., of departmental inspection boats	Ditto.	
Statement showing earnings and expenses of delta steamers	Ditto.	
Report of the working of navigation rules	Ditto.	
River diagrams	Ditto.	
OCCASIONAL.		
Rise and fall in prices, for modification of schedule of rates	Superintending Engineer.	

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following :—

Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—General), dated Simla, 3rd October 1889, No. 7 P.W.

Returns required from Executive Engineers by other authorities than the Examiner.

Read—the following extract from the Report by the Committee on Public Works Accounts :—

SUBJECT No. XXV.

Returns required of Executive Engineers by others than the Examiner.

426. A list of the returns required of Executive Engineers in the different Provinces visited exclusive of returns to the Examiner, has been drawn up from the best information the Committee could obtain. It is given as appendix* A*a*. The Committee would invite special attention to this. It seems that in many cases particulars are called for that can be of very little, if any, use to any one ; and, if so, the labor bestowed on the compilation of returns that are not required might be saved. The Committee recommends that the usefulness of each return, and the necessity for it, be scrutinised in the office to which it is sent, and that all returns which can be done without, be discontinued, and that all which are unnecessarily complex be simplified.

* Appended to this Circular.

427. *Plantation and Navigation Reports.*—Some officers of the Irrigation Branch have pointed out the very great labor which is now involved in the preparation of the annual reports on canal plantations and navigation operations, owing to their elaborateness. Buildings and Roads officers also complain of the number and extent of returns to the Forest Department.

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429. *Calls from other Departments.*—Calls from other departments for information which has to be got together by Executive Engineers should, when first made, be jealously scrutinised. As an instance of how extra work is thrown upon Executive Engineers by the demands of the officers of other departments, it may be mentioned that Executive Engineers are sometimes required to prepare abstracts of estimates in triplicate, when it is evident the object of the third copy is to save clerical labor in the office of the sanctioning authority.

430. *Administrative Progress Reports.*—The necessity for these returns in some shape is generally admitted ; but in certain provinces they have been so elaborated as to become equivalent practically to the schedules of expenditure required of Executive Engineers under the present orders. The labor involved in their compilation and in copying them is in all cases considerable, and in some provinces it is a heavy burden.

431. If the suggestion which the Committee has made in paras. 314, 315 and 318 above, that works slips should be sent forward to the controlling officers, be adopted, Superintending Engineers will have complete and current information with regard to all important works under their control.

432. The Committee does not venture to make any recommendation as to the shape of these returns or the information which should be given in them, but thinks the authorities who require them might be invited to consider the point and to curtail or simplify them as may be possible.

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475. *Irrigation Branch.*—In the Irrigation Branch (Punjab) the Superintending Engineer requires—

(1) A monthly return of sanctions by Executive Engineer on requisition. (It takes one day to prepare this.)
(2) A monthly statement of appropriations and expenditure in detail by works. (It takes another day to compile this.)
(3) A monthly statement of additions to budget grants or transfers therefrom. (This takes half a day to compile.)

No. 1 appears necessary; but the object of requiring Nos. 2 and 3 is not apparent.

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Resolution.—The Government of India agrees with the Committee that the necessity for the miscellaneous returns required from Executive Engineers should be closely scrutinised. The attention of Local Governments and Administrations is accordingly invited to this matter, in view to such reductions as may be possible being carried out expeditiously, and a report thereof furnished to the Government of India. If upon investigation it be found that any particular return is still necessary, the further question whether it cannot be more advantageously prepared in the office of the Examiner or of the Superintending Engineer than in that of the Executive Engineers should be considered.

2. In the case of returns of which duplicates or triplicates are required, it should be borne in mind that copying can be done more cheaply at head-quarters than in outlying districts; and the Executive Engineer should not usually be required to submit more than one copy.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh and the Punjab.
The Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, Burma, Assam and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Resident at Mysore (for information).
The Agents to the Governor-General for Central India, Rajputana, and Baluchistan.
The Superintendent of Port Blair, and Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.
The Director-General of Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow and Central Division.
The Director-General of Telegraphs, } for information.
The Comptroller-General, }
The Accountant-General, Bengal.

Order.—Ordered that the foregoing be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations and the officers noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

(Signed) R. C. B. PEMBERTON, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

Order—dated 31st October 1889, No. 3078 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for information and guidance.

2. Of the Madras returns enumerated in the enclosure, the weekly statement at the head of the list has been discontinued. It does not appear practicable to discontinue any other of the returns which appertain to the General Branch. The question whether any reduction can be made in the number of returns submitted in the Irrigation Branch will be separately considered in that branch.

3. Superintending Engineers will report whether any returns other than those named in the list are furnished by Executive Engineers to officers of other departments. If so, lists of such returns should be forwarded in view to the departments concerned being consulted as to the necessity for their continued submission.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Chief Engineer, Periyár Project.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Moses.
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Govt. of {1889} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 31st.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 31st Oct. 1889, No. 3078 W.

OCTOBER.

Returns

Circular from the Government of India desiring that the subject of — required from Executive Engineers by others than the Examiner may be scrutinised in view to such reductions as may be possible and a report submitted, communicated to officers of the department with remarks.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General,
Account.

READ—again the following paper :—

G.O., dated 31st October 1889, No. 3078 W., Public Works.

READ—also the following papers :—

From the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated 3rd February 1890, No. 630 G.L.
" " II " " 2nd " " " 512 G.L.
" " III " " 12th December 1889, " 2725.
" " IV " " 3rd " " " 539 E.W.
" " V " " 8th January 1890, " 6463.
" " VI " " 2nd December 1889, " 1958 T.J.
" Chief Engineer, Periyár Project, dated 22nd February 1890, No. 341 P.R.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 14th February 1890, No. 1784.

ORDER—dated 19th April 1890, No. 1150 W., Public Works.

The statement attached to these Proceedings contains a list of returns submitted by Executive Engineers other than those mentioned in the list attached to G.O., dated 31st October 1889, No. 3078 W.

2. Items 5, 16, 17 and 19 cannot be discontinued, but the sanctions referred to in item 21 should be communicated by the Superintending Engineer's office, and Executive Engineers' offices should be relieved of the duty.

3. Items 14 and 15 will in future be submitted in the Military Works Department.

4. Inquiry will be made in the departments concerned whether it is necessary that the submission of the other returns mentioned should be continued.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Revenue Department,
" Judicial "
" Military "
" Public Works Department, Railway Branch,
" Director-General of Post Offices.
} with copy of G.O., No. 3078 W., dated 31st October 1889.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer, Periyár Project.

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Dated April, 19th.

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G.O., 19th Apr. 1890, No. 1150 W.

APRIL.

Returns

Passing orders regarding — furnished by Executive Engineers to officers of other departments.

From Secretary to Govt.
To Executive Engineers.
No. 697 R dt 20th May 1890.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

DR.

The Consulting Engr for Rys:
& Exr. Engrs Rys: Circs.