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Capital and Revenue accounts of the Bezwáda Extension Railways — noted by the Director-Genl of Railways on the — for the half-year ending 31st December 1889, communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways -

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Note by the Director General of Railways on the Capital and Revenue Accounts of the Bezvada Extension Railway for the half-year ended the 31st December 1889.

BEZVÁDA EXTENSION RAILWAY.
CAPITAL.

Statements Nos. V and VI.—The capital expenditure for the half-year amounted to Rs. 307, incurred chiefly on "Establishment." The total capital outlay, including suspense, from the commencement of operations to the end of the half-year under review, was Rs. 13,46,302, and the expenditure, excluding suspense, Rs. 13,45,502, which gives an average of Rs. 62,669 per mile open.

The period under review being the first complete half-year since the opening of the line for traffic on 10th February 1889, no useful comparisons can be made.

REVENUE.

General Results.

	Second half of 1889.
	Miles.
Mean mileage worked	21·47
Train-mileage	11,226
	No.
Average number of trains over the whole line daily in both directions.	2·84
	Rs.
Gross earnings	40,471
Working expenses	36,442
Net earnings ...	4,029
Percentage of working expenses to gross earnings	90·05
Percentage of net earnings on capital outlay, including suspense	0·30

The gross earnings per mean mile worked per week averaged Rs. 72·50, and were realised at a cost of 90·05 per cent.

The net earnings fall short by Rs. 22,962 of the interest on the capital outlay.

Gross Earnings.

	Second half of 1889.
	Rs.
Coaching	12,614
Goods	27,156
Electric telegraph	305
Sundries	396
TOTAL ...	40,471

Abstract H.—Coaching Traffic.—The number of passengers carried in the various classes, including troops and police and season tickets, and the earnings therefrom, were as follows:—

	First Class.		Second Class.		Third Class.		Total.	
	Number.	Earnings.	Number.	Earnings.	Number.	Earnings.	Number.	Earnings.
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Second half of 1889 ...	284	442	686	329	63,738	10,831	64,708	11,602

The earnings from the 3rd class passenger traffic contributed 85·86 per cent. of the total coaching earnings.

Abstract I.—Goods Traffic.—The "General merchandise" traffic exhibited the tonnage lifted as 20,565, the ton mileage as 439,540, and the earnings as Rs. 24,924 or 91·78 per cent. of the total goods earnings. The average rate charged per ton per mile was 10·89 pies.

Working Expenses.

	Second half of 1889.	
	Amount.	Per cent. on gross earnings.
	Rs.	
Maintenance	17,061	42·16
Other expenses calculated on the same percentage, *viz.*, 41·28, of gross earnings of the State railway as represents the percentage of working expenses on the gross earnings of the amalgamated undertaking	16,706	41·28
Five per cent. on gross earnings of the State Railway for hire of rolling-stock	2,024	5·00
Pay and allowances of the accountant attached to the Office of the Examiner of Accounts, Hyderabad, debitable to this railway in accordance with Government of India, Public Works Department, letter No. 35-A.R., dated 13th January 1890 ...	651	1·61
TOTAL ...	36,442	90·05

Abstract A.—Maintenance of Way, Works and Stations.—The following were the principal items in this abstract:—

	Rs.
General superintendence	2,046
Maintenance and renewal of permanent-way	12,152
Unclassified expenditure	1,743

The high expenditure under "Maintenance and renewal of permanent-way" was due to the rains having damaged the banks and caused considerable sinkages in them.

The cost per mile of single track, including sidings, amounted to Rs. 660·76.

The other working charges are the same percentage of gross earnings of the State railway as, in each half-year, are found to represent the percentage of working expenses on the gross earnings of the amalgamated undertaking, plus 5 per cent. on the gross earnings of the State railway for hire of rolling-stock, in accordance with the terms agreed to by the Government of India in No. 53 R.T., dated the 14th April 1890.

Statement of train-mileage No. XIV.—The miscellaneous engine-mileage amounted to 2,975 miles or 26·50 per cent. on the train-mileage run.

ERRORS; OMISSIONS, &c.

Statement No. VI.—The receipts on capital account amounting to Rs. 2,164, as shown in statement No. XVIII, have not been deducted from the items in statement No. VI as should have been done.

The same items as shown in the table under "Working expenses" in this note should be given in future in the reports by the Chief Accountant and Auditor.

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