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G.O., 17th March 1892, No. 262.

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Famine Reports.

Letter from the Government of India circulating rules on the subject of — required by that Government, recorded and the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture requested to submit direct to that Government the monthly reports referred to in Rules VI to IX as well as the weekly telegrams referred to in Rules I-V.

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17TH MARCH 1892, No. 262, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—Circular Resolution from the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (Famine), dated Calcutta, 2nd March 1892, Circular No. $\frac{5}{48}$.

ABSTRACT.—Communicates orders on the subject of famine reports required by the Government of India.

ORDER—dated 17th March 1892, No. 262, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

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2. The Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture,

will submit *direct* to the Government of India the monthly reports referred to in Rules VI to IX of the rules appended to the Circular read above, as well as the weekly telegrams referred to in *Rules I to V*, copies being sent to Government. His special attention is invited to Rule IX which directs that the monthly reports should be submitted within the first half of the month following that to which they relate. The Commissioner is also requested to submit by the middle of next month a very brief general report of the nature referred to in Rule X, so far as the districts now affected are concerned.

3. Rule XI will be noted in the Revenue, Financial, Public and Public Works Departments of the Secretariat.

4. With reference to the direction in Rule III, that the weekly telegrams should state the numbers on relief works and on gratuitous relief *without details of sex*, the Government of India will be requested to state whether this should be regarded as having superseded the instruction contained in its telegram of the 15th January 1892, in which information as to the numbers of men, women and children was specifically asked for. The following telegram will accordingly be despatched to that Government :—

“Rule III of rules appended to Circular Resolution 5 by 48 of 2nd instant directs weekly telegrams should state number of persons on works and gratuitous relief without details of age or sex. Does this rule supersede your telegram of 15th January last, which specifically called for numbers of men, women and children?”

(True Extract.)


Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.

„ Public Department.

„ Financial Department.

„ Public Works Department.

Copy to the Commissioners of Land Revenue.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

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Famine Statement B for month ending

(To be submitted to the Government of India within the first half of the next month.)

District.	Maximum number for whom relief is estimated to be required in case of serious famine.	NUMBERS FOR WHOM RELIEF WAS PROVIDED IN GAZETTED PROGRAMME OF RELIEF-WORKS.			NUMBERS FOR WHOM RELIEF CAN BE PROVIDED BY WORKS REMAINING ON PROGRAMME ON DATE OF REPORT.*			EXPENDITURE SINCE APRIL 1st, 18†			ADVANCES SINCE APRIL 1st UP TO END OF MONTH UNDER			REVENUE SUSPENDED.
		Date of Gazette.	On large works.	Others.	On large works.	Others.	Date up to which account is made up.	Rupees omitting 000s.		Land Improvement Act.	Agricultural Loans Act.	Rupees omitting 000s.		
								On relief works.	On gratuitous relief.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		

* Some relief works will have been more or less exhausted since the gazetting of the last programme, and others will have been provided for entry in the programme next to be gazetted. The net result should be shown in columns 6 and 7.

† The submission of the report should not be delayed in order that accounts of expenditure may be made up to date of report.

Famine Statement A for month ending

(To be submitted to the Government of India within the first half of the next month.)

District.	Area.	Population in thousands.	Affected area.	Estimated population in thousands of col. 4.	NUMBERS ON RELIEF WORKS ON LAST DAY OF MONTH.					Numbers on gratuitous relief.	PRICE OF ONE OR MORE PRINCIPAL FOOD. GRAINS IN SEERS PER RUPEE.		
					Class I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class IV.	Total.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

Remarks to accompany *Famine Statement A* for month ending _____.

On this page should be recorded, very briefly, information as to private relief, village and poor-house relief, general character of relief works, physical condition of people, deaths (if any) from starvation, food-stocks, importation of grain, general condition and prospects of affected area, changes in rates of wages, and other matters which will not delay the despatch of the statement beyond the 15th of the following month.

Circular No. ⁵/₄₈.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Revenue and Agricultural Department,—dated Calcutta, the 2nd March 1892.

F A M I N E.

READ —

Government of India Circular No. 90 F., dated 23rd June 1885.

RESOLUTION.

In Circular No. 90 F., dated 23rd June 1885, the Government of India prescribed certain rules to be observed in reporting the condition of tracts suffering from failure of crops, and it was intimated in the second of the rules that when apprehension arose that relief measures might have to be undertaken, the weekly telegraphic reports should be supplemented by monthly written reports.

2. The main object of the rules was that the Government of India might receive early and continuous information of the progress of events on the occurrence of scarcity and famine, and a great part of the information called for was of such a character as to admit of its tabulation in a simple form. But it has been found that in practice provincial authorities have, in their natural anxiety to supply as complete information as possible, so expanded the monthly reports as to make their submission at an early date after the occurrences to which they relate impossible. The reports have thus often become an useful historical summary of events, but do not fulfil the object with which they were prescribed of supplying the Government of India with timely information.

3. The rules themselves are also defective and do not comprise all the matters upon which the Government of India require to receive information.

4. His Excellency the Governor General in Council desires, therefore, that the rules circulated in 1885 should be cancelled, and the rules appended to this Resolution substituted for them. The information called for in the rules is of a simple and concise character, and the Government of India request, accordingly, that strict punctuality may be observed in the submission of the reports.

Govt. of Madras.
" Bombay.
" Bengal.
" North-Western Provinces
and Oudh.
" Punjab.

C. C., Central Provinces.
" Burma.
" Assam.
" Coorg.
" Ajmere-Merwara.
Secretary for Berar to the
Resident, Hyderabad.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin for information and guidance.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Foreign Department for information and for communication to Political Officers of Native States.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Finance and Public Works Departments for information.

(True Extract.)

E. C. BUCK,

Secretary to the Government of India.

RULES FOR FAMINE REPORTS REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Weekly telegrams.

- I.—The first indication of failure of harvest or scarcity in a Province should be communicated in the weekly telegraphic "weather and crop" reports.
- II.—When apprehension arises that relief measures may have to be undertaken, the telegraphic reports should be supplemented by monthly written reports.
- III.—When relief measures have been actually commenced, the weekly telegrams should state the aggregate number of persons, without details of age or sex, (1) on relief works, (2) on gratuitous relief on the last day of any week for which district reports have been received.
- IV.—Although statistics are not required under Rule III for each district, but only for the Province as a whole, it will be convenient that when distress occurs in entirely different parts of a Province, affected districts in each part should be grouped together and separate statistics telegraphed for each group.
- V.—The inclusion of a district for the first time in the affected area, whether of a Province or group, and similarly the exclusion of a district from the affected area, should be communicated in the weekly telegrams.

Monthly Reports.

- VI.—The monthly report should ordinarily consist of two tabular statements in the forms A and B appended.
- VII.—The statements should be accompanied by a map in which affected tracts should be approximately indicated by a blue colour in two shades—light blue signifying slightly affected and dark blue seriously affected tracts.*
- VIII.—In the page of remarks attached to the monthly statement A, the wages prescribed on relief works and the data on which they have been determined, should be noted; any changes should be recorded and explained in subsequent reports.
- IX.—The report for each month must be despatched to the Government of India, whether complete or incomplete, in the first half of the next month, either by the Government of the Province, the Board of Revenue or other revenue authority as the Local Government may determine. Deficient information may be subsequently submitted either in the next monthly report or in a separate letter.

General Report.

- X.—As soon as the information is available, a general report should be submitted, giving an account of the economic condition of the affected districts or groups of districts in ordinary times, and indicating the crops affected and the extent to which they have suffered; the contingencies on which the probable duration

* Skeleton maps of uniform size and character will be supplied on indent, by the Imperial Survey Department for the purpose of this rule.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

FAMINE.

RESOLUTION.

Circular No. $\frac{5}{48}$.

Dated Calcutta, the 2nd March 1892.

SUBJECT.

COMMUNICATES orders on the subject of Famine Reports required by the Government of India.