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vey and P. W. Dept-
ment by the Supt-
Engr. & Co. to
ascertain whether the
Brahmavarasurmi
temple authorities
are willing to repair
it from gopura
as suggested by the
Supt Archae Survey-

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
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25TH SEPTEMBER 1893, No. 2464 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly Division, to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, dated 31st August 1893, No. 301 S.E.

I have the honour to inform you that, on the 21st instant, I inspected the Brahadiswaraswami temple at Gangai-kondasholapuram * and found the front gopura in a very dangerous state and which should, in my opinion, be demolished. With the exception of the top brick wall, called sthupi (ஸ்தூபி), all the rest is of cut stone. Many stones have already fallen and the remainder is liable to collapse at any time. The gopura is also overgrown with vegetation. The temple authorities wish it demolished and, from what I understand, are prepared to rebuild it at their own cost.

No. 801 T.C.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for information. If the temple authorities are willing to rebuild the structure, they might also carry out the demolition. The gopura, from the Executive Engineer's report, appears to be beyond repair, and it seems doubtful whether it need be retained in the list of monuments to be conserved, as the Tanjore temple, belonging to the same class and period, contains, I believe, several gopuras of similar design to the one at Gangaikondasholapuram.

TRICHINOPOLY, (Signed) W. L. C. BADDELEY, Major, R.E.,
4th September 1893. Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

No. 827 D.

Referred to the Public Department for remarks by the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey.

(Signed) J. HANNAN,
11th September 1893. Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 1619, Public.

Forwarded to the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, for remarks.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
13th September 1893.

(Signed) A. T. PRINGLE,
Assistant Secretary.

25TH SEPTEMBER 1893, No. 2464 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

From A. REA, Esq., Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bangalore, 15th September 1893, No. 342.

Adverting to reference, dated 13th September 1893, No. 1619, Public, I have the honour to report as follows.

2. The gopura, at my last inspection, was in a dangerous state, and, if it is absolutely impossible to repair it, there seems nothing left but to have it demolished either in whole or part. If this should be decided on, it should be by, and at the expense of, the temple authorities, as their new structure will have no archaeological interest whatever. It, however, seems a pity that, if they have sufficient funds to build a new one, they could not have spared a portion of them in preventing the building reaching so dilapidated a state.

3. I believe that there is no necessity for demolishing the whole of the gopura; if the upper part was removed, the dangerous lintels in the central openings could be replaced. The lower part of the structure is, I think, in sufficient repair to carry any new work which it may be decided to erect on it.

4. It is stated that the Tanjore temple contains several similar gopuras; but, though the two temples are of one age, the Tanjore gopuras are of ordinary brick construction and several centuries later in date. Stone-built gopuras of such a height are very unique. The Gangaikondasholapuram gopura is the only one of the date which I know to exist.

No. 1649, Public.

Transferred to the Public Works Department and the referred paper returned.

Ootacamund,
18th September 1893.

(Signed) A. T. PRINGLE,
Assistant Secretary.

ORDER—dated 25th September 1893, No. 2464 W., Public Works.

The Superintending Engineer will ascertain whether the temple authorities are willing to repair the gopura in the manner suggested in paragraph 3 of the letter from the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey. It should not be wholly demolished if this can be avoided.

(True Extract.)

~~Major, R.E.,~~
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
" Public Department.

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Commnd. to the Super-
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J. S. R.
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Dated September, 25th.

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G.O., 25th Sept. 1893, No. 2464 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Brahadiswaraswami Temple

The Superintending Engineer, VI Circle,
directed to ascertain whether the temple
authorities are willing to repair the front
gopura of — at Gangaikondasholapuram
in Trichinopoly district in manner sug-
gested by the Superintendent, Archaeo-
logical Survey.

By J. S. R. Arch. Survey
for C.
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