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[Despatch Abstract.]

DUGGIRALA DISPENSARY.

Requesting the Surgeon-General to submit matured proposals on the subject of the transfer of the---in the Kistna district after considering the replies of the Public Works department awaited by him.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Potacamund the 13 May 1896.
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From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to para 3 of G.O. No: 746, Public, dated the 7th September 1895 calling for a report as to what Duggirala Dispensary in the Kistna District should not be transferred to Local authorities, I have the honor to submit the following report and recommendation on the subject.

2. This Dispensary is maintained entirely for the D.P.W. employes engaged on canal and irrigation works &c--- and has been in existence since the beginning of 1879. The building now used as a Dispensary was the old Divisional Office consisting of two rooms with walls half mud and half brick and thatched roof and was handed over by the D.P.W. for sole use as a Dispensary in 1884, the Hospital Assistant using one of the 2 rooms as Quarters. Before that time the Hospital Assistant had only the verandah of the office as a Dispensary.

3. As regards the amount spent in the yearly upkeep of this Dispensary and the work that it accomplishes, I have carefully gone into the subject and am decidedly of opinion that its expenditure is not excessive when the circumstances connected with the institution are taken into consideration. Out of a total expenditure of Rs 1427-9-0, Rs 852 are absorbed for the pay of the Hospital Assistant. Moreover though the daily attendance is only 9.92 yet the total treated amount to 3620 including 651 cases of malarial fever, and if, for convenience of reckoning, the daily attendance is set down at *it will be seen* at a glance that they are *nearly all fresh patients they*

are attended daily, so that evidently a continuous run of--- minor ailments has to be seen to by the Medical Subordinate.

4. I consider that it is absolutely necessary for a Dispensary to be maintained for the men employed in these-- works and that it is most advisable that it should remain on the same footing as it is whether situated at Duggirala or--- any other part selected by the P.W.D. in as much as the officer of the P.W.D. in charge must have a Medical Subordinate at his disposal that he can send for in emergencies. The likelihood of cholera breaking out at any time has also to be borne in mind and on such an occurrence it would be extremely awkward to--- have to ask for the services of a Local Fund Hospital Assistant who would have to close his dispensary in consequence.

5. The Executive Engineer reports that during the 3 months that canals are closed the average No. of coolies employed daily cannot be less than 4000 while during the irrigation season it amounts to 750. It is evident that for such a --- large number it would be dangerous to have the control of the medical arrangement in any other hands than those of the ----- officers of the P.W.D. who are on the spot.

6. I am also of opinion that it would be most advisable in consideration of the large No. of men employed at--- times to have in addition a Sanitary Inspector to daily inspect the encampments of these coolies many of whom are immigrants--- from other districts.

7. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, who was asked to report on the subject, makes the following suggestions:-

"(1) To provide a subordinate available for regular--- travelling along the canals to carry medical aid to all coolies and D.P.W. employees and for special aid during epidemics.

(2) To provide an efficient Sanitary Inspector of the camps occupied by the various gangs of coolies.

(3) To relieve all stationary Local Fund Subordinates as far as possible of the risk of having to leave their Hospital to attend to these people. To meet the requirements of the District, I believe it would be advisable to have two subordinates--- so employed-one for each Division; in the western stationed as

at present, and in eastern at Pamarru, but failing this it--- would, I believe, be better to make Bezwada the Head Quarters of the man employed, especially as the Head Quarters of the Western Division is now no longer at Duggirala but at ----- Guntur. He should be well equipped with medicine chests and with the articles which the Sanitary Commissioner has lately ordered municipalities to keep in store in order to deal--- with outbreaks of cholera. He should also be given definite instructions, and powers and a sum should be allotted for the employment of a sanitary staff under him, should necessity arise, and should report regularly to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer. While at Head Quarters, he could attend at the Municipal Hospital and assist the Civil Apothecary in charge taking charge especially of D.P.W. employees, both--- In and Out-patients, but his main work would be amongst the coolie gangs along the various canals.

By this arrangement he would be available--- for the whole District, the Municipality would gain the occasional services of another Medical Subordinate, Government be saved the cost of the up-keep of a comparatively useless Dispensary and an attempt would be made to relieve the District of the constant source of danger which large gangs of coolies, many of whom come from a distance, now present.

The Executive Engineer, Western Division, states that he would object to a transfer of the Dispensary to--- local authorities. This has not been suggested in this report so it is sent direct and the suggestions in it are being sent to the Executive Engineer for his opinion and forwarded.

8. These recommendations of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer are under the consideration of the--- D.P.W. My recommendations are contained in paras 4, 5 & 6.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Surgeon-Major-General

Surgeon-General with the

Government of Madras

(1896) Public Department.

From

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Surgeon-General with the

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should not be transferred to Local
authorities.

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The Surgeon-General
will be requested to
submit material
for the subject,
after considering the
reply of the P.W.D. and
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