

Public Works (1890) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 263 Ry

DATED 18th February

[Despatch Abstract.]

Revenue Finance Account for 1888-89 of the
Nellore Branch of the Villupuram-Guntakal
State Railway Note by the Accountant-General
Public Works Department on the communicated
to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Receipts.

3. The increase during 1888-89, as compared with 1887-88, is due to the fact that the figures of 1887-88 represent results for about 3½ months only (the line having been opened for traffic on the 15th September 1887); whereas in 1888-89 the line was worked for the full twelve months. The increase in the actuals over the Budget Estimate is due to the traffic during 1888 having proved somewhat more favourable than was originally anticipated. The Revised Estimate and actuals are practically the same.

Expenditure.

4. Compared with 1887-88, the expenditure during the year under review shews an increase of Rs. 1,79,059. The charges in 1888-89 represent the cost of working and maintaining the line for a whole year; whereas the line was only worked for a portion of the year 1887-88, as stated in the preceding paragraph.

5. The excess over the Budget Estimate is chiefly attributed to the maintenance charges having been much higher than was anticipated, and to the payments to the South Indian Railway for working the line having been underestimated.

6. The actuals compare very favourably with the Revised Estimate, the excess being Rs. 595 only.

Suspense Balances.

7. The following is the state of the Suspense balances at the close of the year:—

	Dr. Rs.	Cr. Rs.
<i>Affecting charge against Grant—</i>		
Demands Payable	...	4,918
<i>Debt heads—</i>		
Deposits	...	979

The balances are reported to be current and efficient.

Financial Results.

8. The mean mileage worked during the year was $82\frac{3}{4}$ miles.

9. The total Capital outlay on the line to close of 1888-89 amounted to Rs. 63,66,757. The net loss during the year amounted to Rs. 34,936, or .55 per cent. on the Capital expended to the end of the year.

Order.—Ordered, that a copy of the above be forwarded to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, for information.

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for information.

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