

Public Works (1893) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 1046R

DATED 25th July

[Despatch Abstract.]

Accident.— Report of a serious—, resulting in the death of four Coolies at miles 414, Pambha division, East Coast Railway, on 30th April 1893, recorded.

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A. 147 four coolies killed
by slip of earth in
terrace pits mile 414
Lamba division on evening
thirtieth april police reports
will follow.

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Caledonian Steam Trg Co. - No 206 T-11-11-92-28,00,000.

To
The Executive Engineer,
East Coast Railway,
Rhumbia Division.

Sir,

I herewith respectfully beg to report the following serious accident which occurred in a bank between mile 401 and 402.

While the coolies were at work between 3 and 4 P.M. yesterday the earth from the top fell in and killed 4 men and two others were severely hurt 3 men were buried underneath and the 4th man was taken away alive by his relatives into the village where he died last night.

The cause of accident is as follows:-

These coolies were digging from the bottom on the afternoon of the 29th when the Blasting Inspector Mr. Scriven observing it advised by maistry (Naramjee) prohibit his coolies from digging from below but to start from the top as he hitherto did, the maistry then in presence of the Inspector ordered the gang coolies to stop digging from the bottom which they did for the time they again started digging below as it was hot above and the earth being scooped like below was shady and cool and in spite of the repeated threatnings and warnings from my maistry yesterday perversely were working below, the earth being hard on the top and moist and soft below the earth suddenly fell in and resulted in the above accident.

The Police held their investigation this day in the usual official way.

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Samola

1st May 1893

(True copy)

I beg to remain,

Sir

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) Kooran brother.

of Govindje Contractor

East Coast Railway.

No. 15

From

The Executive Engineer
Rambha Division.

To

The Engineer in Chief,
East Coast Railway,
Madras.

Rambha, 1st May 1892.

Sir,

I regret to report a fatal accident which occurred yesterday at about 4 P.M. near mile 414 resulting in the death of four coolies and serious injury to 2 others.

2. It appears that the coolies had considerably undercut the edge of the borrow pit, the material being hard at the top and soft at the bottom and at the time of the accident were resting in the shade and not working. They were employed by Govindji Dya Contractor on cowrie work and he does not even know their names.

3. The matter was at once reported to the Police and Assistant Magistrate and the native Doctor from Ganjam sent for. A Police enquiry is today being held and a copy of their report shall be sent to you on receipt.

4. The previous morning I had inspected the work accompanied by Serjt. Hunt and saw no undermining in the borrow pits, but during the day it must have been done as Mr. Scrivener noticed it in the evening and warned the Contractor. Mr. Scrivener is employed as a temporary measure on at 30/- a

month.

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month to look after the blasting in cuttings and live
on the spot.

5. About four hundred cubic feet of dry masonry, I
measured this morning that must have fallen on the coolies
the borrow pit was about 10 feet deep on the hill side and was
being excavated for making up the embankment on the
first arm of the Chultra.

6. Copy of the Contractor's report is enclosed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(True copy)

(Signed) H. M. Boydell
Executive Engineer,

1 Encl.

Dec 22/1893

In your reply please quote
the number and date of
this letter.

No. 3118
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From

THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,
EAST COAST RAILWAY.

To

THE Joint Secretary to the Government of India,
Public Works Department,
Railway Branch.

Dated Wallair, the 9 May 1893.

Accident - Rumbha Division

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sent to R. & S.
out - 5. 93.

Sir,
The continuation of my telegram is hereby stated, I
trust, I have the honor to submit herewith for your
information a detailed report on the accident resulting
in the death of 2 coolies and serious injury to two
others, at mile 114, Rumbha Division on the 28 April last.
A Police report on the accident will follow.

Accident report is
sent to R. & S.
not to go to R. & S. India
on transfer of time

2 Enclosures.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Wm. H. Spring
Engineer-in-Chief,
East Coast Railway.

P. W. CURRENT No. 4557

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

To
The *Engineer in Chief*
East Coast Ry.

June 1893.

SIR,

I have the honor
to request that you may
be furnished with a
copy of the police report
promised in your letter
no: $\frac{3118}{230}$ of 9 May 1893,
regarding the deaths
of 4 coolies & 2 persons in-
jury to two others at
mile 41 1/4 Rumburda on
30 April last.

Yours
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Cases Nos 31 and 32 of 1893 of Rumbha station.
Accidental Deaths.

On the morning of 1st May last a baken was received by Rumbha station House Officer from the village Magistrate of Somala reporting that while railway contractor Kuarsakjee was getting the earth excavated by several coolies on 30th April near two hills close to Somala Village a portion of the edge of the pit gave way and fell over (1) Vamanta Bulli, aged about 35 years, (2) Narans behara, aged 18 years, (3) Bhurana Bulli, aged 10 years, and 3 others of Somala; that the above named 3 persons were killed on the spot, and that the other 3 were carried to their homes. That of the latter 3, one named Dinna Gilli, aged 60 years died in evening of the same day. Const. No. 1/88, S. Ramona, station-in-charge and Const. No. 387, both repaired to the place on 1st 1903, examined the corpses. There were various marks of violence caused by the fall of lumps of earth on the corpses. The Executive Engineer of the place was also present. A panchayat was held, and after a verdict delivered that the deaths were due to the collapse of the earth as above described and no negligence could be attributed to any one.

Chatriapur
5-7-93 }

(Signed) G. H. Travers
Superintendent of Police.

(True Copy)

J. H. R. ...

17.7.93.

Case 465 D. 18-1-1903

Part 1/16

In your reply please quote
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From
Manager &
THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,
EAST COAST RAILWAY.

To
THE Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
P. W. D. Railway Branch.
Madras.

Dated Madras, the 17th July 1893.

Accident - Rumbha Division

Sir,

In continuation of this Office No 3118 of 9th May 1893,
I have the honor to submit herewith for your information, a
copy of Police report on the accident, resulting in the death of
4 coolies and serious injury to two others at mile 41 1/2 Rumbha
Division, on 30th April last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant,

James H. Spring

Manager & Engineer-in-Chief,
East Coast Railway.
J.H.S.

1 Enclosure.

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No. 1046 R 325 July 1893.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

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Eng. in Charge R.R.

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