

Public Works (1893) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 863R

DATED 15th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Accident. — Report of an — to a woman run over and killed on 30th March 1893 between Anakapalle and junction mile 202 to 203 Vizagapatnam division, recorded.

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Copy of letter dated 30th March 1893 from Mr. Smith,
Permanent Way Inspector, to Sub Divisional Office,
Anakapalli.

I beg to report that a woman was killed by
train on the line between the hours of 8 and 9 A.M.
on the 30th March 1893.

Place of accident _____ Miles .90 1/2 (old mileage) -
Cause _____ Run over by train _____
Driver's Name _____ Mr. Gately _____
Residence of woman _____ Lankathalam _____
Age _____ About 50 years _____
Caste _____ Yathra (Taddy extractors) _____
Profession _____ Beggar _____

The people of the village said that she was
deaf and dumb and was on her way to Anakapalli
to beg.

Below the spot of accident is a pathway by which
the people of Lankathalam village get up and cross
over the line to their fields on the opposite side. The
woman killed was said to have been trying to cross
at the place where run over.

Copy of letter No. 264, dated 4th April 1893, from
Sub. Divisional Officer, Anantnag, to the Executive Engineer,
Vijaypatnam Division, S. C. Ry.

In forwarding herewith Mr. Smith Permanent
Way Inspector's report of a woman who was killed
accidentally at mile 202½ between the hours of 8 and 9
A. M. on the 30th March 1893. I have the honor to
inform you that I have visited the spot and find
that there is foot path much used by villagers instead
of the level crossing provided, which is only a few
chains from the spot of the accident.

It is believed that the woman who was known
to be a beggar and both deaf and dumb was trying
to cross the line and when she got between the
tracks must have either fallen or sat down as both the
Driver and Fireman declare they did not see any
one on the line. The Driver's name is Mr. Gately
who brought the Engineer-in-Chief's special up to
Anantnag at the time.

I beg to ask sanction to appoint two Gatemen
at each side of cutting between mile 202½ and 203¼
besides building gate lodges and wire fence which
you have already sanctioned at Gate Lodges Nos. 104
and 105.

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this letter.

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From

THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,
EAST COAST RAILWAY.

To

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

Dated Waltair, the 13th April 1893.

Accident Vizagapatnam Division

Sir,

not received.

In continuation of my telegram A/118 of the 31st March last, I have the honor to submit herewith for your information, a copy of detailed report on the accident in which a woman was run over and killed between Arakapalli and junction mile 202 to 203 on the 30th ultimo.

2. A Police report on the accident will follow.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. Y. Dune

For Engineer-in-Chief,
East Coast Railway.

Copy of telegram to A/118 dated
31st March 1893, from the Engineer-
in-Chief, E. C. Ry., to Works Railway,
Madras.

A woman said to be deaf
was run over and killed on 30th
March between Arakapalli and
junction mile 202 to 203. Particu-
-ulars of accident and Police report
will follow x

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2 Enclosures.

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

To

THE *Engineer in Chief*
East Coast Railway

21st April 1893.

Sir,

*With reference to
your letter No. $\frac{2473}{230}$ of 15th
April 1893, forwarding copy
of detailed report on the
accident in which a woman
was run over & killed between
Anakapalle and Junction
mile 202 to 203 mile on the
30th March, I have the
honor to request that you
will be good enough to forward
me with a copy of your
telegram No. A 118 of the
31st March as it does not
appear*

appears to have been received
in this office.

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The Prob. Inspector of Police,
Head quarters Division,
Vizagapatam.

The Engineer-in-Chief,
East Coast Railway,
Maitani.

Thro: the Superintendent of Police,
Vizagapatam District.

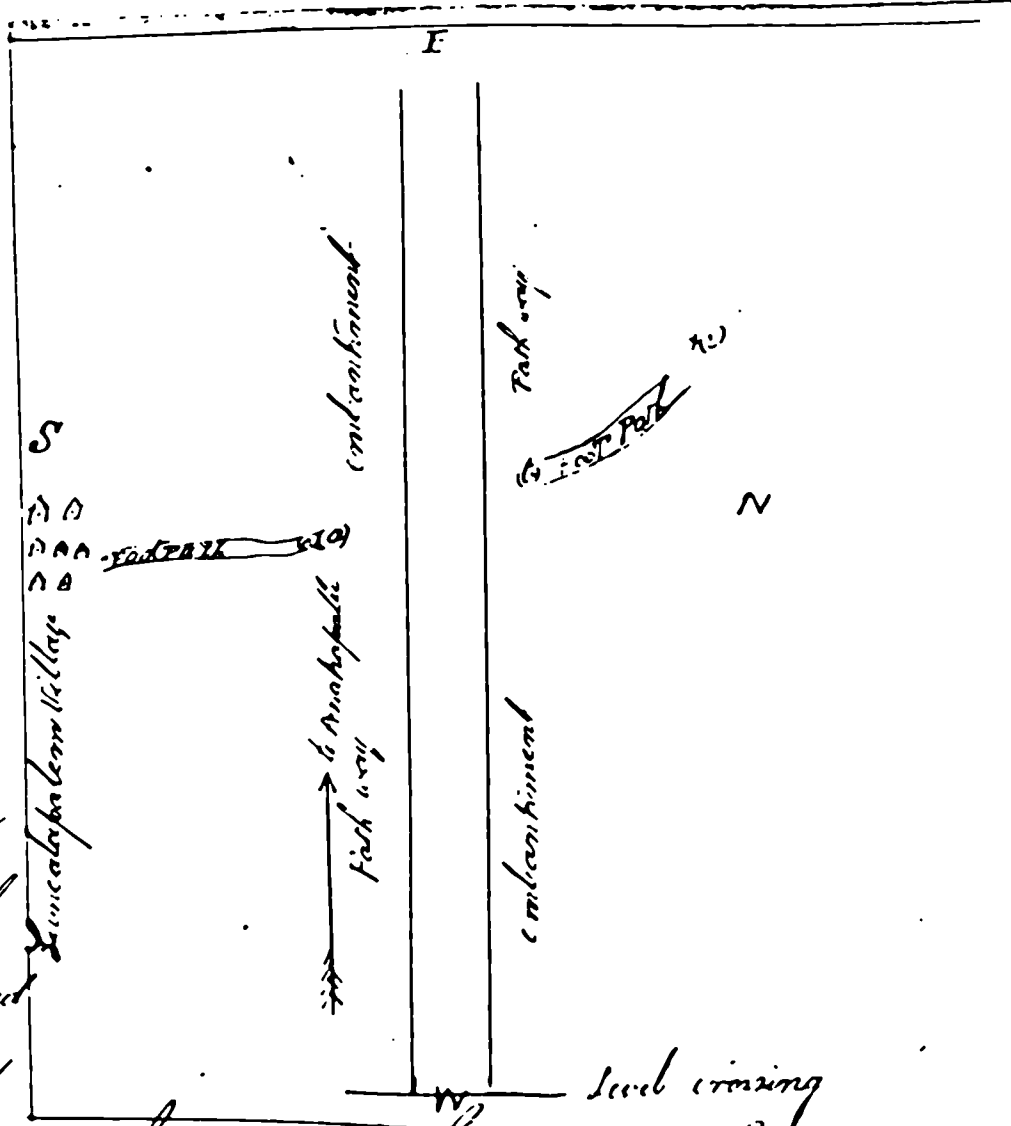
Dated Vizagapatam, 14th of April 1893.

Most Honored Sir,

I beg to report that the station house officer of Srimamp
Police station, received information at 11 P.M. on the 30th ultimo that
a woman named Kanti Chinni, aged 30 years of the village of
Sunkalapaleni had been run over by a train at 8.1.16 on that day.
Head constable N. 400 and constable N. 441 proceeded at once to
the spot and found the corpse with its right hand and left leg
severed from the body, and the other hand and leg fractured. There
was also a large wound on the back. The right hand was thrown
off the Railway line. Blood marks were found on 21 sleepers. Broken
pieces of the pot which the deceased was carrying on her head
and a piece of cloth with which the pot was covered, were found
on the line. An inquest was held on the corpse at 2.30 P.M.

the same day and the members thereof gave their verdict
that the deceased was run over by a train. Under orders of
the Superintendent of Police, I proceeded to the scene of
the occurrence and inspected the spot carefully. The
Railway line runs within 70 yards from the village of Sunkalapaleni.

which is 3 miles from Aganampudi Police station. There were fields on both sides of the Railway line. The villagers in spite of repeated warnings are still in the habit of crossing the Railway line at places marked (a) and (b) in the diagram



gives in the margin, when going to their fields on the northern side of the Railway line. There is a level crossing about 80 yards from the place of the accident but the villagers go across the line to save distance. The Railway embankment at this place is 7 ft. high and the pathway on the embankment is one yard wide.

The following is the result of my enquiry on the spot. The deceased left the house of P. Kammiah at Sunkalapuram Village with a pot of rice on her head on the morning of the 30th ultimo at about quarter to eight. She was going along the path shown in the diagram to cross the Railway line at (a) and (b) and reach the field of P. Kammiah on the northern side of the Railway line. When she got up the Railway embankment which is 7 ft high and reached the pathway on the embankment facing towards Anakapalle the train No. 3 from Waltair station came running towards Anakapalle at a speed of 15 miles an hour and was about 50 yards from the deceased. The deceased was looking down. She was deaf and could not hear the sound of the engine. One Pitha

Pydamma looking from her fields at a distance of 100 yards (place marked (c)) saw the deceased who put up the embankment at (a) and the train which was 50 yards from the deceased and which was fast approaching her. She shouted to her and made signs to her, but the deceased did not see her. The Driver neither stopped the train nor did he whistle. No sooner the deceased stepped on to the Railway line to cross it, than the train overtook her, smashed and dragged her for a distance of 20 yards and left the lifeless woman on the line mutilated. All the above happened within about 5 seconds, the time occupied by the train in overtaking the deceased who was about 50 yards from it. Pitha Pydamma could not say where the Driver was at the time of the accident. One K. Annamathalli who was also looking from a neighbouring field, stated that he observed that something was smashed by the wheels of the train. Both Pydamma and Annamathalli with some others ran to the spot as soon as the train had passed on and found the mutilated body of the deceased. The village munsiff and the Karamam removed the corpse from the line.

On the 30th of March/92, i.e. the day of the accident, train No. 3 composing of 9 wagens and a brakeman, left Waltair station at 7.15.16 for Anakapalle and other stations south of it with driver Gately and Guard Aubrey. Engineer-in-Chief, Mr. Spring, Executive Engineer, Mr. Stone, and Sub Divisional Officer, Mr. Martin were in the brakeman. I enquired the Executive Engineer and Sub Divisional Officer, who stated that they were in the brakeman of No. 3 train which ran towards Anakapalle on the morning of the 30th ultimo and that they neither saw nor heard that any person was run over that day, and that on the next day they heard that a woman was run over by a train of the previous day. Driver Gately and Guard

Guard Andrew stated that they left Waltair station on 1st train by 4.15 and were running the train at the rate of 15 miles an hour towards Anakapalli that they did not see any one run over by the train, that they left Anakapalli at 4 P.M. on the same day and return to Waltair station at 6 P.M. but they did not see any signs on the Railway line of any one being run over and that on the next day they heard of a telegram from Permanent Way Inspector announcing the accident in question.

In conclusion, I beg to state that I am of opinion that the deceased appeared on the Railway embankment when the train was so near, that is, at a distance of 50 yards which the train travelled in about 5 seconds, that the Driver standing on the right side of the Engine looking ahead could not see the deceased who suddenly got up the embankment from the left, crossed the Railway line and was run over by the train.

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I beg to remain,
Most Honored Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
Sd/- P. Sampasayya
Prob. Inspector of Police

(Truecopy)

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No. 2735
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From

THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,
EAST COAST RAILWAY,

To

THE Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Railway Branch.

Dated Waltair, the 26th April 1893.

Accident, Vizagapatam division.

Sir,

In continuation of this Office no. 2473 of the 13th instant, I have the honor to submit herewith, for your information, a copy of Police report on the accident in which a woman was run over and killed by a train between Anakapalli and junction, mile 202-203, on the 30th ultimo.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(Enclosure)

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W. J. D. D.

For Engineer-in-Chief,
East Coast Railway

P. W. CURRENT No. 4090

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No. 2914
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From

THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,
EAST COAST RAILWAY.

To

THE Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department
Railway Branch

2nd May
Dated Waltair, the 2nd May 1893.

Accident - Vizagapatam Division.

Sir,

In compliance with the request
contained in your No. 1825 C. of the 21st April
1893, I have the honor to forward herewith,
a copy of my telegram A/178 dated 31st March
last, reporting that a woman said to be deaf
was run over and killed on the 30th idem be-
tween Anakapalle and junction mile 202
to 203 Vizagapatam Division.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servt.,

Edw
For Engineer-in-Chief,
E. C. Ry.

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P. W. CURRENT No 231

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

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