

Public Works (1895) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 29 R

DATED 20th August

[Despatch Abstract.]

Station-house at Gudupalle Madras Railway. —

The Estimate of Rs 6,040 sanctioned in G.O. no 502 R, dated 5th August 1895, for the proposed —, charged to Capital and registered as no 16 R, of 1895-96.

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31ST MAY 1895, No. 386 R., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following paper :—

From the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, dated 21st May 1895, No. 474.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding, for sanction of Government, estimate for constructing two additional tank wagons for the conveyance of kerosine oil.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Locomotive Superintendent, Perambur Works, to the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, dated 25th April 1895.

We have at present seven oil-tank wagons running and, as you are aware, we are building three more—one 10 and one 15 ton wagon for carriage of kerosine oil, and one 10-ton wagon for castor oil for Messrs. Binny and Co.,—making a total of 10 wagons. I do not know whether this number is the minimum which Messrs. Best and Co. will require for ordinary and regular service, as, if so, we ought to build at least two more trucks to allow for repairs.

As things are at present and have been ever since these wagons began to run, it is practically a matter of impossibility to execute any repairs whatever to them. They are patched up on the line and made to run so long as they possibly can, and, when it becomes an absolute necessity for them to be sent to the works, special arrangements have to be made in communication with Messrs. Best and Co.; and so long as one of the wagons is off the road and the carriage of oil interrupted in consequence, every hour is, of course, important and the result is that telegrams and letters pressing for the wagons to be returned are sent to us almost without intermission.

The carriage of oil in bulk appears now to have become fairly well established and if, as I suppose is the case, it is anticipated it will continue, steps should be taken to provide sufficient stock, not only to carry the oil, but also to allow of the execution of the ordinary repairs. I shall feel obliged, therefore, if you will kindly consider the matter and let me know whether, under these circumstances, arrangements may be made for the construction of at least two more wagons to be proceeded with at once.

From Messrs. BEST and Co., to the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, dated Madras, 29th April 1895.

The present high pressure at which the oil-tank wagons are being worked is becoming a serious question, and we think the time has arrived to bring the matter forcibly to your notice.

Several of them require a thorough overhaul in respect of the tanks and pipe connections, but it will completely disorganize the trade if they are withdrawn from the line before new ones are there to take their place.

The two new ones shortly to be placed at our disposal will do no more than overtake the transport we have been compelled to effect with drums for the last six months, and take up orders we had to refuse.

To enable the Locomotive Department to give the necessary attention to these vehicles, we would suggest, with a view to prevent the present ones being ruined for want of timely repairs, that you make an early application for Government sanction to construct two more of 15 tons capacity.

From our experience of this traffic we consider there ought always to be a spare wagon in case of one wanting repair, or to supply an urgent demand.

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31st May 1895, No. 386 R., PUBLIC WORKS.

ORDER—dated 31st May 1895, No. 386 R., Public Works.

The estimate amounting to Rs. 7,900 chargeable to capital for the construction of two additional tank wagons for the conveyance of kerosine oil is sanctioned.

2. This sanction has been registered as No. 5 R. of 1895-96.

3. The number of oil-tank wagons in column 1, form XII, of the half-yearly Capital and Revenue accounts will be altered to 12.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
„ Examiner, Railway Accounts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.
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RAILWAY.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 31st.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 31st May 1895, No. 386 R.

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Tank Wagons

Estimate of Rs. 7,900 for the construction of two additional — for the conveyance of kerosine oil on the Madras Railway, sanctioned with remarks.

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY.

LOCOMOTIVE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Perambur Works, 25th April 1895.

To

The Agent and Manager.

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Yours faithfully,

(Sd.)

C. E. PHIPPS,

Locomotive Superintendent.

(True Copy.)

Harry Clark

Offg. Agent & Manager.

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N^o 386. R. d. 31.5.95