

Public Works (1897) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 1131. R

DATED 13th Decr 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Compensation for dearness of
provisions*

Pres. Revenue Dept. recording letter from
the Govt of India stating that pending general
orders on the subject, acting menial servants
holding no substantive appointments and
members of temporary establishments in-
cluding those entertained under the Famine
Code, may be granted, —, communi-
cated to the Dy. Adms. Concerned

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13/11/97

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CURRENT No. 187

The Revenue Department.

Order. No. 1131. Dated 13/12/97.

No. 6238 Mis.

Dated 3rd December 1897.

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Enclosures

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SUBJECT,

Recording letter from the Govt. of India stating that pending general orders on the subject, acting menial servants holding no substantive appointments and members of temporary establishments including those entertained under the Famine Code, may be granted compensation for dearness of provisions.

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Communicated to
Railway Administrations
for information.-

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Re April & May: M.Ry ✓

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Agent & Chief Eng. Mr. Ry

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— Ex G. P. Ry. Accts —

un Ex. P. W. Wells^r

-6- Comptroller Ry

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Read again G. O. No: 781, Press, d 13th September 1897.

In forwarding copy of the Proceedings of this Government No: 781, dated the 13th September 1897, I am directed to enquire whether the ruling therein ^{gives} that acting menial servants holding no substantive appointments are entitled to Compensation for dearness of provisions under article 72 of the Civil Account Code meets with the approval of the Government of India.

2. The Examiner of Public Works Accounts has recently brought to the notice of this Government a circular of the Public Works Department of the Government of India, (copy enclosed), declaring that Substitutes of permanent whole time menial servants absent on leave are not entitled to the Compensation. This circular appears to have been issued without reference to the Finance and Commerce Department of the Government of India, and neither the Local Government nor the Accountant-General were aware of it when the order of 13th September was passed. In discussing the pay of such temporary substitutes it must be remembered that the pay they received is that of the permanent staff and that no account is taken of the prevailing dearth of provisions when they are entertained. This Government is of opinion therefore that temporary and acting men suffer even more from the pressure of high prices than the permanent employees and stand in need of the concession quite as much as the latter, and that good faithful service cannot be expected from temporary establishments especially, which have no collateral advantages on pension, &c to look to but only their pay; the value of the latter, it must be remembered, is reduced in times of famine by from 30 to 50 per cent. His Excellency the Governor

Governor in Council therefore trusts that the Government of India will accept the above view and desires to have a definite ruling on the point.

Read also the following letter from the Off^r. Deputy Secretary to the Gov^t. of India, Finance & Commerce Department, No: 5097 - Ex., d. 24th November 1897:—

In reply to your letter No: 5388, d. 20th October 1897, I am directed to say that, pending general orders on the subject which will issue hereafter, the Government of India have no objection to the ruling of the Government of Madras that acting menial servants holding no substantive appointments and members of temporary establishments, including those entertained under the Famine Code may be granted compensation for dearness of provisions.

Order thereon, No: 6238, Mis, dated the 3rd December 1897

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Ag: Under Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Heads of Departments under the Revenue Secretariat.

P. W. D.

Other Departments of the Secretariat.

Heads of Imperial Departments Serving in the Madras Presidency.

Famine Commissioner.

Form No. 3.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order thereon, N^o 6238, M.S., dated the 3rd December 1897.

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/ Sd/ N. E. Marjoribanks

Offg: Under Secretary to Government.

Order thereon N^o 1131. R. dated 13th December 1897

Communicated to Railway Administrations for information.

/ True Extract /

(Signed) C. T. R. Sevell

Offg: Under Secretary.

To.

The Agent and Manager, Madras Ry.

" Agent, S. I. Railway

" Agent, Chingleput Ry.

" do — P. W. Railway

" Examiner Gtd. Ry. accts.

" do — P. W. Accounts.

" Consulting Engineer for Railway.