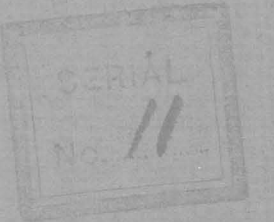


Public Works (1897) Department.



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[Despatch Abstract.]

Godowns upon Railway Land: Letter to the Govt of India requesting orders in the matter of two applications from the Agents of the Madras and S. P. Ry. for permission to build ^{for rent} ~~for~~ under regular agreements, being given to certain merchants.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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Cotacuman the 17th May 1897

SIR,

I am directed to seek the Govt.
of India's instructions regarding the question referred
to before.

Application has been received from the
agents of the Hudson & North Indian R. Co.
for permission to build godowns upon railway land
for rent, under regular agreement, to certain residents.

2- In the case of the Hudson B. Co. application the draft agreement provides for the payment during the five years of the lease, of a rent so calculated that the capital cost of the building No. 1390, will be entirely recovered during that period.

3 - In the case of the S.I.B. Co application it is proposed to agree with the architect ^{that he shall} ~~the~~ ~~the~~

annually
+ Pay 10 per cent upon the capital out of
these godowns, at three different stations, aggregated
is estimated at Rs. 11,976, until the end of
the year 1910.

4. In the opinion of this Govt. the terms are
fair & reasonable term; but as the principle involved
seems to be a novel one, and as the business, though believed to be
constantly referred into English Railway Company, is
outside that of common carriers, and may therefore be
held by the Govt. of India to be objectionable, I am instructed
to ^{ask} for views.

5. It may be pointed out that in the case of the S.P.R.'s
application no objection to the proposal ^{can be raised} on the
score of its being likely to be injurious to the interest of Govt.
In the case of the Madras R. Co. proposal on the other
hand, it is certain that anything of this sort which tends
to enhance revenue will enhance the ^{burden} ^{to be paid} ^{by the state}
for the Company's property, their buildings included. But on the
same might be said of almost any proposal to improve revenue
by the increasing of capital expenditures, ~~that~~ such an argument
does not appear to be entitled to carry much weight.

6. This Government is prepared to ^{support} ~~approve~~ both Companies' proposals.

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Documents accompanying:

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