

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 955-56 R

DATED 11th Nov^r 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mis-Connection of trains in the
northern districts of the Presidency

Ordered that the letter from the Inspector
General of Prisons complaining of the —
Consequently of the extreme irregularity of the
Postal arrangements, and of the great in-
convenience to the official work, be forwarded
to the Gov^t of Bombay for remarks & to the
Agent, Mumbai Railway for explanation.

The Gov^t of Bombay addressed

17/11/97

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From
The Inspector General of Prisons

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Department, Railway Branch.

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A. A. M. A. P. P.

ap. Under Secretary.

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Dated 23rd October 1897

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SUBJECT.

Brought to notice the extreme irregularity of the Postal arrangement in the North-Eastern District of the Madras Presidency and the great inconvenience to the official work which is caused thereby.

On this 21st that the changes are not more definite: shall we ask I.C.P. to quote the dates on which the three communications have all been received. There is an interval of 39 minutes between arrival of MR train & departure of N.M. which ought to be ample

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To
The Public Works Dept.

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No.C.2266

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS, MADRAS,

Dated Rajahmundry the 23rd October 1897.

From

A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS,

MADRAS,

To

THE HONOURABLE MR. J. F. Price

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

SIR,

I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government the extreme irregularity of the postal arrangements in the north-eastern districts of this Presidency, and the great inconvenience to official work which is caused thereby.

2. On no less than 3 occasions within a period of a week, no Letters from any place — South-east of Guntakal, (including Madras, Ostacanaud and all Southern districts) have been delivered in any of the Districts north-east of Guntakal, the reason assigned being "mis-connection of trains."

3. The explanation of the occurrences appears to be that the Madras Railway fails to run its trains up to time and that the Southern Mah-ratta Railway declines to wait for them.

4. The fault thus appears to rest primarily

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no date given

primarily with the Madras Railway and I would respectfully enquire whether the Government does not possess either by ~~any~~ means of its Postal Contract or by virtue of its general control over Railways, some means of fining or otherwise dealing with a Railway which fails to carry the mails up to time.

5. The Southern Mahratta Railway despatches its train from Guntakal to Bezwada at 7.25 am. by the time-table, and this train is due at Bezwada at 5.13 am. the next morning. As no train leaves Bezwada either on the East Coast Railway or on the Nizam's Railway until full 5 hours later, there is not the smallest reason why the Southern Mahratta train should not be timed to start from Guntakal at a later hour than 7.25 am., or why, when the Madras train is late, it should not wait for it.

6. I am credibly informed that these "misconnections of trains" are common occurrences, and that the official, as well as the business, communities of the Districts of Kistna, Godavari, Vizagapatam and Ganjam frequently find that no letters from the South have arrived. The inconvenience of such occurrences to a touring officer are obvious, as not only is there an actual delay of 24 hours, but two days' work is received together.

7. For the above reasons I hope I may be pardoned for bringing to notice these truly disgraceful failures on the part of the Railway Authorities to secure regular postal communication and for expressing the hope that the

Madras train
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39 minutes
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M. W. M.

the Government will find some means of bringing home responsibility for them.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your Most obedt Servant,

A. J. Cardew.
Insp^r Genl of Prisons.

JUDICIAL.

JAIL (189) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS,

Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

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DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter from the Inspector
General of Prisons Madras } H.E. No. C 2266 of 23 Oct 1897

The foregoing letter
will be forwarded to the
Govt. of Bombay for favour
of remarks to the Agent-
Manager Madras Railway
To the Agent & the
"Cons. Engrs." for favour of explanation

H.E. No 956.R of 11 November 97
To

The Secy. to the Govt of Bombay
P.W.D. Ry. Branch

Sir,

I am directed to forward
herewith a copy of the Progs of
the Madras Govt. No. 955 R of
11 November 1897, and to re-
quest that this Govt. may
be favoured with an ex-
pression of the views of the
Government of Bombay on

Reminders sent 17/12/97

on the Complaint made
by the Inspector General
of Prisons, London. -

W. G. L.

Ref. No. 955-56 Dated 11/11/97

Despatched on 15/11/97