

Public Works (1898) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 224. *clg*

DATED 8th Feby. 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Compensation for damage to Crops

Pres. Col Dept. embodying letter from the Govt. of India to the Govt. of ~~W. & A.~~ Punjab on the question of the payment of — on land acquired in the Jind State for the Southern Punjab Ry., Communicated to the Cons. Engineer for Ry. & Roads.

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JANUARY.

Communicating to the Revenue and Public Works Departments and to Political officers under the Government of Madras endorsement of the Government of India forwarding copy of letter to the Government of the Punjab on the question of the payment of compensation for damage to crops on land acquired in the Jind State for the Southern Punjab Railway.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From J. LANG, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, dated Fort William, 16th December 1897, No. 4501-I.B.

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with your letter, No. 914, dated the 6th October 1897, regarding a claim preferred by the Jind Darbar for compensation for damage to crops on land acquired in the State for the Southern Punjab Railway.

2. In British India all compensation for houses, gardens, trees or crops is included in the cost of the land acquired for railway purposes and is borne by the Government, but it is the duty of the Engineer-in-Chief in a State constructed line, and of the Consulting Engineer in a Company's line, to see that standing crops are, if possible, allowed to ripen and be removed before the land is interfered with, and that land with valuable houses, etc., upon it is, if possible, left undisturbed. The Government of India reserve to themselves absolutely the right to fix the alignment of a railway and are sufficiently protected against recklessness in the choice of alignment.

3. The same principles must be held to apply with regard to railway lands in Native States, and the claim of the Jind Darbar would, therefore, ordinarily be inadmissible. In the present instance, however, compensation was promised by the Railway authorities, and the Government of India will raise no objection to the Darbar being paid any sum which His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor may deem reasonable.

No. 4502-I.B.

A copy of the foregoing letter is forwarded to the Government of Fort St. George, for information and guidance, with reference to the Resolution of the Government of India in the Foreign Department, No. 2870-I., dated the 28th August 1890.

(By order, etc.)

FOREIGN DEPT., FORT WILLIAM,
16th December 1897.

(Signed) J. LANG,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—No. 34, Political, dated 14th January 1898.

Communicated, in continuation of G.O., No. 463, Political, dated the 29th September 1890, to the Revenue and Public Works Departments and to Political officers under the Government of Madras, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

McConc
for Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department. ✓
" Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
" Political Agent, Pudukkottai.
" " Sandūru.
" " Banganapalle.

Exd. C. M. Thambuswamy.

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Govt. Political Depto } H.E. No 34 of 14 January 1898

Communicated to
the Consulting Engineer for Rail-
ways for information and
guidance in continuation of
G.O. No. 1712 R of 6th Novr 1890.

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To
The Consq. Engr for R.

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