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[Despatch Abstract.]

Compensation

Authorising the Collector of Chingleput
to pay Rs 2000 as — to the Temple Authorities
at Ponneri station, B.M. to cover the cost of building
a processional Car in lieu of constructing a
special level crossing at a cost of Rs 10,000.
as sanctioned by Govt of India

Authorizing the Collector of Chingleput to pay Rs. 2,000 as — to the temple authorities at Ponnéri station, Bezwada-Madras Railway, to cover the cost of building a processional car in lieu of constructing a special level-crossing at a cost of Rupees 10,000, as sanctioned by the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following papers :—

From—The Secretary to the Govt. of India, P.W. Dept.
To—The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Madras, P.W. Dept., Ry Branch.
Dated—Calcutta, 9th February 1898, No. 183 R.C.

The following, with copy of the letter replied to (with enclosures), is forwarded to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for information with the request that, with the approval of His Excellency the Governor, the necessary arrangements may be made for the payment of the compensation in question.

ENCLOSURE No. 1 to above.

From—The Secretary to the Govt. of India, P.W. Dept.
To—The Director of Ry. Construction.
Dated—9th February 1898, No. 182 R.C.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your memo., No. 72 C., dated 19th January 1898, and in reply to say that the Government of India are pleased, as a special case, to sanction the payment of a sum of Rs. 2,000 to the trustee of the Vishnu temple at Ponnéri as compensation, to cover the cost of building a second processional car, in lieu of the construction at a cost of Rs. 10,000 by the Bezwada-Madras Railway of a special level-crossing near the Ponnéri station.

2. I am to add that the payment of the compensation should be made to the temple authorities, through the Civil authorities, with the approval of the Government of Madras.

ENCLOSURE No. 2 to above.

From—The Director of Ry. Construction.
To—The Secretary to the Govt. of India, P.W. Dept.
Dated—Calcutta, 19th January 1898, No. 72 C.

The undermentioned papers are forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, for orders.

ENCLOSURE No. 3 to above.

From—The Engineer-in-Chief, Bezwada-Madras Ry.
To—The Director of Ry. Construction.
Dated—7th January 1898, No. B-155/343.

I have the honour to forward copies of the following :—

No 2708 Genl. of 1897, dated January 3rd, 1898, from the Acting Collector of Chingleput to this office.

No. 2395 Genl. of 1897, dated December 20th, 1897, from the Deputy Collector, Tiruvallūr, to the Collector of Chingleput division.

Statement of C. Rangaswami Mudaliar, Trustee of the Vishnu temple at Tiruvoipadi, made before the Deputy Collector, Tiruvallūr division.

2. I send herewith a plan showing—

- (a) The position of the 12-feet bridge over the road.
- (b) The position of the special road originally decided on in communication with the Civil authorities and temple trustee as being required to allow car procession to cross the railway.

3. The short history of the case is as under. The railway crosses the local road at a small town called Ponnéri, north of Madras, between two temples—one being a temple to Vishnu and one to Siva. At certain times there are religious processions and a heavy car carrying the gods, which, with the umbrellas on the top, is about 30 feet high, passes between the two temples.

4. After consultation with the Civil authorities and temple trustees, it was decided to construct a special level-crossing for the car, the crossing being 24 feet wide with gates. The grade was not to exceed 1 in 100 on account of the weight of the car, and the road on account of the height of the bank at the point of crossing was a long one. The level-crossing was only to be used on the occasion of car procession.

5. Land was taken up for the special road for the car and work about to be commenced when the temple trustees put forward objections to the road, and subsequently stated that, in preference to the road, they proposed to build a second car of a smaller size than the other, so that the gods might be transferred from one car to the other at the road bridge. At the same time they asked that the value of the second car might be made over to them as a set off against the construction of the special road. The trustees also asked that the headway of the railway bridge over the road, which bridge had been completed, might be raised from the present height (12 feet) to 15 feet. The overbridge is quite close to a large bridge of five spans of 60 feet and as this had also been completed, I pointed out that all that could now be done was to increase the headway of the road bridge to 14 feet—half by raising the formation and half by lowering the roadway under the bridge. The trustees agreed to 14 feet as being sufficient.

6. The cost of raising the headway of the road bridge to 14 feet is about Rs. 945.

7. The cost of the special level-crossing, together with the approaches and metalling, would be, I roughly estimated, about Rs. 10,000.

8. The compensation asked by the temple trustees for making the second car is Rs. 2,000, and the comparative cost is as under, without taking into account interest charges on the cost of the level-crossing and maintenance :—

	RS.
Approximate cost of level-crossing	10,000
Cost of raising bridge	945
Compensation for car	2,000
	3,000 (say)
Saving effected	7,000

9. I therefore request sanction to the payment of Rs. 2,000 to the temple trustees in lieu of making the special level-crossing, and I should be glad of an early reply, so that the raising of the road bridge and of the formation may be done before the rails are laid.

ENCLOSURE No. 4 to above.

From—The Collector of Chingleput district.
To—The Engineer-in-Chief, Bezwada-Madras Ry.
Dated—3rd January 1898, No. 2708 Genl.

Referring to your letter, dated 4th November 1897, No. 6702/343, I have the honour to enclose copies of (1) a statement made to the Deputy Collector, Tiruvallūr division, on 30th October 1897, by C. Rangaswami Mudali, Dharmakarta of the Vishnu temple at Ponnéri, and (2) the Deputy Collector's letter, dated 20th December 1897, Ref. on No. 2395 Genl.

2. The estimate for the new car amounts to Rs. 3,841-12-0, and it will be seen that an offer of less than Rs. 2,000 will not be accepted by the temple authorities. The alternative is to construct the special road.

ENCLOSURE No. 5 to above.

From—The Deputy Collector of Tiruvallūr division.
To—The Collector of Chingleput district.
Dated—20th December 1897, No. 2895 Genl.

Adverting to your footnote, Ref. on No. 2708 Genl., dated 10th November 1897, and in continuation of my letter, Ref. on No. 2395 Genl., dated 26th ultimo, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a plan and an estimate for the construction of a second car for Karikrishna-perumal temple at Ponnéri, costing Rs. 3,841-12-0, obtained from the Dharmakarta of the temple. The Tahsildar of Ponnéri reports that the new car will cost as much as is provided for in the estimate. But as the Dharmakarta has already consented to receive a lump sum of Rs. 2,000, this amount may be paid to him as compensation.

ENCLOSURE No. 6 to above.

Before the Deputy Collector, Tiruvallūr Division.

STATEMENT of C. Rangaswami Mudaliar, Trustee of the Vishnu temple at Tiruvoipadi, dated 30th October 1897.

I am trustee of the Vishnu temple at Ponnéri. I am authorized by the temple committee to deal with the question of the special road for the temple car and with the question of compensation to build a new car. There is no necessity for waiting for the members of the committee. I produce copy of the committee's order to me.

The original proposal was to open a special road for the car procession with a suitable crossing and with an easy gradient. I abandon the special road now, as the difficulty of dragging the car upon the rising ground and preventing the rushing of the car in the incline will be greater, and as the car procession and minor processions will have to take a round-about way and through uninhabited place. The curve is another difficulty. These and such other considerations induce me to prefer the other alternative of building a second car and securing a headway of the Ponnéri overbridge to a height of 14 feet. I pray that the cost of building a car with all its appurtenances and of putting up platforms outside the level-crossing, may be given to me. Constructing a car similar in size and workmanship to the one now in use would involve an outlay of Rs. 10,000.

As it is impossible to secure this large amount, I proposed to build a car on a smaller scale, about one-half of the present one, and the probable cost of the car will be Rs. 3,000. I am not exaggerating the value, and this only a very low estimate. I shall give in a few days an estimate which may be scrutinized. Even this amount need not be given into my hands. If the car is constructed under your supervision according to my estimate and plan, that will do. As you think this amount is too much, I require at least Rs. 2,000 may be given to me. I shall try to raise subscriptions and devote a portion of the temple money and thus make up the balance. I am not prepared to accept Rs. 500 which is of no use to me. The Government will have to incur an expenditure of Rs. 5,000 or 6,000 at least to construct a strong special road with railings on either side and well-metalled. I therefore request Rs. 2,000 may be paid to me for building a car, besides increasing the headway and raising the bridge so as to admit of vahanams, umbrellas &c., to a height of 14 feet as proposed by the Chief Engineer. If the amount I asked for is not given to me, I request that a car may be made for the temple and given to me. I give also a copy of the Executive Engineer's letter, No. 2387 of 2nd instant. As no car can ever be made for Rs. 500 and if the Government is not prepared to pay my moderate demand, the only alternative left is to open the special road sufficiently broad and well-metalled, so that the car may not sink. On either side of the road, there must be some strong protection against accident or danger when the car passes along the road. The road should be maintained every year.

ORDER—No. 314 Ry., dated 24th February 1898.

The Collector of Chingleput is authorized to pay as compensation to the temple authorities the sum of Rs. 2,000, which should be debited to the Bezvada-Madras Railway.

(True Extract.)

FRANCIS J. E. SPRING,
Joint Secretary.

To the Collector of Chingleput.

- " Accountant-General, Madras.
- " Engineer-in-Chief, Bezvada-Madras Railway.
- " Examiner of Accounts, Bezvada-Madras Railway.
- " Revenue Department.
- " Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Public Works (1898) Department.

Railway

CURRENT No. 250

From

The Govt of India

Order No. 314 Ry. dated 24/2/98.

The Collector of

No. 183 R.C.

Chingleput is authorized to pay ~~the sum of Rs. 2,000~~ as compensation to the temple authorities ^{the sum of Rs. 2,000} which should be debited to the Bezvada-Madras Railway.

Dated 9th February 1898

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Enclosures 4

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SUBJECT.

Compensation

Sanctioning a — of Rs 2000 to the trustees of the Vishnu + Siva temples in lieu of constructing the special level crossing near the Banneri station on the Bezvada-Madras Ry. and requesting to arrange for its payment.

To the Collector of Chingleput
— Accountant General, Madras.
— Exr. in Ch. B. Dr. Ry.
— Exr. of Accts. B. M. Ry.
— Revenue Dept.
— Comptroller Genl.
— 24/2/98
— 15/3/98

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(Sd.) C. Rangasami Mudr.

(Sd.) G. Narayanaswami Aiyer

Deputy Collector

30-10-97.

Ans.

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Copy of letter No. 2895 Genl. of 97 dated 20th December 1897 from the Deputy Collector of Tiruvallur Division to the Collector of Chinglaput District.

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in communication with the civil authorities and temple trustee
as being required to allow car procession to cross the railway

3. The short history of the case is as under. The railway
crosses the local road at a small town called Ponneri north
of Madras, between two temples one being a temple to Vishnu
and one to Siva. At certain times there are religious
processions and a heavy car, carrying the gods, which, with the
umbrellas on the top, is about 30 feet high, passes between the
two temples.

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Approximate cost of level Crossing.....Rs. 10,000

Cost of raising bridge.....Rs. 945

Compensation for car.....Rs. 2000

Say..... 3,000

Saving effected.....Rs. 7,000

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2. The estimate for the new car amounts to Rs. 3,841-12-0 and it will be seen that an offer of less than Rs. 2,000 will not be accepted by the temple authorities. The alternative is to construct the special road.

No.72 C.

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FROM

THE DIRECTOR OF RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Calcutta, the 19th January 1898.

The under-mentioned papers are forwarded to the
Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department,
for orders.

(Sd.) G. Lubbock,
for Director

Documents referred to :-

Letter No. Bl55 dated 7th January 1898 from the Engineer
in-Chief, Bezwada Madras Railway.

Bezwada Madras Railway

Ponneri station

Proposed compensation to the Trustees of the Vishnu and Siva
Temples in lieu of constructing the special level crossing.

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All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.



Calcutta, the 9th February 1898.

✓ The following with copy of the letter replied to (with enclosures) is forwarded to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for information with the request that with the approval of His Excellency the Governor the necessary arrangements may be made for the payment of the compensation in question.

By Order,

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Offg. Under Secretary

✓ Copy of a letter No.182 R.C. dated 9th February 1898 from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department to the Director of Railway Construction.

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2. I am to add that the payment of the compensation should be made to the Temple authorities through the Civil authorities with the approval of the Government of Madras.

Form No. 21.
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OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
Madras, 18 February 1898.

No. 487

OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent, Govt. of India Railway, No. 183 R. C.
dated 9th February 1898, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway
Accounts, for favour of transmission.

[Signature]

for E. R.

EXAMINER'S REPLY.

A government order should be issued authorizing the Civil Dept^t to pay the temple authorities Rs 2,000 which amount is chargeable to the Bezwada Madras Railway. The G. O. should be communicated to the Accountant-General, Madras, the Engineer-in-Chief Bezwada Madras Railway and the collector of Chingleput.

Madras }
19th Feb 98 }

[Signature] 21/2/98

[Signature]

C. R.

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