

Public Works (1898) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No.

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DATED

7th June 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Feeder Road

Proas, L & Co. Dept. submitting the views of
the Dist. Proas of Salem regarding the con-
struction of a road to the Buddireddipatti
station, Mysore Railway, Communicated
to the Agent & Manager of the railway.

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Railway
CURRENT No. 633

From
The Local Monthly Sept^r

Communicated to the
Agent and Manager MR
for information with re-
ference to his letter N^o $\frac{9936}{118}$
9th Feb'y 1858.

No. 921 Chris

Dated 1859

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SUBJECT.

Railway feeder road to the
Buddinipatti station

Comm^{rs} to the Public
Works. Sept^r, letter from the
President, District Board,
Salem, submitting the views
of the Board regarding the
construction of a ———.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper :—

From the Public Works Department, Railway Branch, No. 75 *Bm*,
dated 15th February 1898, transferring letter from the Agent and
Manager, Madras Railway, regarding the question of a feeder road
to the Buddireddipatti station.

Endorsement of the Local and Municipal Department, No. 232,
dated 1st March 1898.

Referred to the District Board, Salem, for early remarks.

From the President, District Board, Salem, No. 80/Govt.,
dated 29th March 1898.

I have the honour to reply to the endorsement of Government No. 232 (Local and Municipal Department) dated 1st March 1898, referring for the early remarks of the District Board, a letter from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway in regard to the question of a feeder road to Buddireddi ^{hatti} station.

3. The delay in answering is due to the subject being kept for the usual monthly meeting held on the last Friday of the month.

3. The papers in reference to this road were placed before the District Board, Salem at its budget meeting, but for lack of funds it was found impossible to include this scheme, the cost of which will be no less than £ 5,000. The finances of the Board are still in a str^aitened condition. According to the budget, the District Board balance is only £ 8,430 or 5.3 per cent of the receipt and the Tiruppattur Taluk Board balance is £ 1320 or 5 per cent of the receipts. They are not available for general expenditure without the special sanction of Government. vide para. 3 of G.O. No. 1235 A-L. dated 30th June 1897.

4. I have been trying by the strictest economy to get the finances into a healthy condition and hope to succeed shortly but in the meantime many important schemes and improvements are in abeyance. This year, the Board was not able to find a place in the budget for a sum of Rs 680 for road repairs provided by the District Board Engineer - and for Rs 3260, Rs 550 and 3340 provided for the same purpose by the Salem, Namakkal and Hosur Taluk Boards, respectively.

5. As reported by me as Collector in forwarding the Famine programme for 1897-98, I stated that the Local Boards had not sufficient funds to keep up any of the new roads entered in the Famine programme.

6. Besides there is a direct road now from Ramanahalli to the Morappur Railway station. This year the grant on this road was raised from Rs 50 to Rs 75 per mile and the same grant is repeated for the next year also. It is true that this is about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles longer than a direct line but a direct line to Buddireddipatti must run along the spurs of hills and would be little better than a pathway over a succession of nullahs and in and out of road dams, whereas the road to Morappur steers clear of almost all of these. Also the proposed road runs partly through black cotton soil and therefore would be very expensive to keep up to be useful in wet weather.

7. Besides the estimate does not allow for metalling or gravelling, which is postponed to the next year and which will cost some Rs 5,000.

7. In short to make this road, which I quite admit would benefit a few villages with a total population of about 2000 would cost over Rs 10,000 and require Rs 500 a year to keep up, which the Board thinks, considering the other pressing claims on it, is a result quite incommensurate with the cost. A copy of the Board's resolution on the subject is enclosed.

8. I may further mention that except the abnormal districts of Nilgiris, South Canara and Tanjore, this district spends far more in proportion to its square mileage and population on roads than any other district in this presidency.

Order No. 921 L.Mis., dated 18th May 1898

The President's first letter read above will be communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True extract)

S. S. Roberts

for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To

The Public Works Department.

,, President, District Board, Salem.

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