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Tanks affecting Railways

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Tanks affecting railways.—Submitting to Government report on the condition of—during 1898-99.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Mr. A. W. B. Higgens.

Read—the following papers :—

From the Collector of Anantapur,	dated	5th June	1899,	D. Dis. No.	1393.
" " of Arcot, North	"	3rd "	"	Dis. No.	69-R. Eng.
" " of Arcot, South	"	24th "	"	Ref. on No.	120-Ver.
" " of Bellary	"	30th May	"	D. Dis. No.	1616.
" " of Chingleput	"	4th June	"	Ref. on No.	187-Pdl.
" " of Coimbatore	"	31st May	"	D. Dis. No.	1474-Rev.
" " of Ganjám	"	7th June	"	Dis. No.	315-Ver.
" " of Gódávari	"	30th May	"	" "	2044-Rev.
" " of Kistna	"	12th June	"	P. C. No.	23-Ver.
" " of Kurnool	"	14th "	"	D. Dis. No.	1341-Gl.
" " of Madras	"	30th May	"	Dis. No.	1115-D.
" " of Madura	"	20th June	"	Ref. on C. No.	174-Pdl.
" " of Malabar	"	27th May	"		
" " of Nellore	"	20th "	"	No.	1391-D. Ver.
" " of Salem	"	11th June	"	Ref. No.	103-Pdl.
" " of Tanjore	"	6th "	"	D. Dis. No.	1552-Rev.
" " of Tinnevelly	"	1st "	"	" "	977-Gl.
" " of Trichinopoly	"	3rd "	"	Ref. on Pdl. No.	303-R.
" " of Vizagapatam	"	7th "	"	No.	1892.

Resolution—No. 198, dated 30th June 1899.

The Board begs to submit, herewith, with reference to G.O., No. 271, Revenue, dated 23rd January 1894, a statement showing the condition during 1898–99 of all private tanks and Government tanks in charge of the Revenue Department which affect railway lines, together with a memorandum showing why such tanks as need repair have not been repaired. There has been delay in the submission of the return from some districts. The return, which was due on the 30th May last, was received from Madura on the 21st and from South Arcot on the 26th June. The return from Cuddapah is still due. The Collectors concerned are requested to see that such delays do not recur.

2. The number of Government and private tanks reported for the year under review agrees with that furnished for the previous year under the same head, in only seven districts, viz., Ganjám, Bellary, Madras, Chingleput, Tanjore, Coimbatore and Salem. In Kurnool, the total number of Government and Private tanks combined agrees with that returned for the previous year. The difference under the heads "Government" and "Private" is stated to be due to the transfer to the former head of two *Dasabandam* tanks which were resumed by Government during the year. The number of tanks returned for the year 1898–99 differs from that returned for the previous year in the districts noted in the margin. The variations have been satisfactorily explained by the Collectors except in the case of Kistna and Trichinopoly. The Collectors of these districts will be requested to supply this omission at an early date.

District.	Total number of tanks reported for 1898-99.	Total number of tanks reported for 1897-98.	Difference.
Vizagapatam	133	140	— 7
Gódávari	600	601	— 1
Kistna	254	229	+ 25
Nellore	128	99	+ 29
Anantapur	111	95	+ 16
North Arcot	397	404	— 7
South Arcot	160	163	— 3
Trichinopoly	311	316	— 5
Madura	245	246	— 1
Tinnevelly	113	* 115	— 2

* Revised figure reported by the Collector.

3. The Collectors of Madura and Tinnevelly report that steps are being taken in communication with the Public Works Department to correct the lists of tanks which affect railways. The Collector of Coimbatore reports that the figures returned by him agree with those furnished by the Public Works Department. The Collectors of other districts have not reported whether the figures returned by them for the year under report are the same as those furnished by the Public Works Department and whether, if there are differences, the necessary steps have been taken to secure agreement.

4. The statement appended to these Proceedings shows that, excluding Cuddapah from which no return has been received, there are 3,049 tanks comprising 1,346 Government and 1,703 private tanks so situated as to be a possible source of danger to railways. Of these tanks, 1,827 are reported to be in good order, 203 were repaired during 1898–99 and 1,019 were in need of repair. Of the 1,019 tanks, which were out of repair, 229 were Government and 790 private tanks. The steps taken by Collectors to put them in good order are noted in the memorandum attached.

5. It is reported by the Collector of Gódávari that four tanks shown in column 12 of his statement against Rámachendrapuram taluk are Public Works Department tanks, of which two were repaired up to the year and the remaining two would be taken up for repair during the current year. If the tanks are in charge of the Public Works Department, their inclusion in the column provided for showing condition of private tanks is not understood. Tanks in charge of the Public Works Department should not find place in the return, which refers to works in charge of the Revenue Department and to private works only. The Collector is requested to report further on the point.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. BENSON,
Deputy Director,
for Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collectors of all districts, except Malabar, South Canara and Nilgiris (Divisional Officers).

APPENDIX I.

STATEMENT showing the condition during 1898–99 of tanks affecting railways.

Districts.	Minor tanks under Revenue Department.			Private zemindari, &c., tanks.			Total.					
	In good order.			In good order.			In good order.			Total.		
	Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.	In need of repair.	Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.	In need of repair.	Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.	In need of repair.	Government.	Private.	Total.
1. Ganjám ..	7	4	17	31	14	75	38	18	92	28	120	148
2. Vizagapatam ..	5	..	..	94	12	22	99	12	22	5	128	133
3. Gódávari ..	132	20	57	202	39	150	334	59	207	209	391	600
4 Kistna ..	23	14	5	61	4	147	84	18	152	42	212	254
5. Kurnool ..	31	5	15	1	..	1	32	5	16	51	2	53
6. Bellary ..	5	..	..	5	..	..	10	..	..	5	5	10
7. Anantapur ..	60	4	30	11	..	6	71	4	36	94	17	111
8. Cuddapah ..	Report not received.											
9. Nellore ..	23	..	4	22	17	62	45	17	66	27	101	128
10 Madras ..	2	3	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	5	..	5
11. Chingleput ..	15	1	8	21	5	40	36	6	48	24	66	90
12. South Arcot ..	139	2	10	7	..	2	146	2	12	151	9	160
13. North Arcot ..	174	11	38	123	11	40	297	22	78	223	174	397
14. Salem ..	43	2	4	44	1	70	87	3	74	49	115	164
15. Coimbatore ..	6	1	..	..	2	..	6	3	..	7	2	9
16. Trichinopoly ..	84	6	9	109	1	102	193	7	111	99	212	311
17. Tanjore ..	111	5	..	1	..	1	112	5	1	116	2	118
18. Madura ..	132	2	19	34	11	47	166	13	66	153	92	245
19. Tinnevelly ..	39	6	13	30	..	25	69	6	38	58	55	113
20 Malabar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,031	86	229	796	117	790	1,827	203	1,019	1,346	1,703	3,049

APPENDIX II.

Memorandum explaining the condition of tanks in need of repair and why they have not yet been taken up for repair.

Ganjám—Government and Private.—Executive Engineer has been requested to prepare and submit plans and estimates for 92 tanks shown as in need of repairs. Steps will be taken for carrying out the necessary repairs on receipt of these from the Executive Engineer. Tahsildars have been directed to instruct the owners of private tanks that they should be ready to deposit the estimated cost of repairs.

Vizagapatam—Private.—Instructions have been issued to Divisional Officers to call on the owners of 22 tanks to execute the necessary repairs at an early date.

Gódávari—Government.—One, abandoned; one, the repair of which was not taken up last year owing to the non-payment of contribution by the Mokhasadars has since been slightly repaired by them and the Executive Engineer has been asked to give his opinion regarding the sufficiency of the repair; three, will be repaired during the current year; two, require slight repairs to the bund and extension of bye-washes; the remaining fifty have very small ayakats and the question of abandoning them will be taken up after the resettlement; a few of them will, however, be repaired during the current year.

Private.—Two, in Rámachendrapuram will be repaired by the Public Works Department during the current year; for four, no report has been received from the Divisional Officers regarding steps taken to repair them; eighteen belong to the Pithápuram estate and the Manager has been requested to repair them before the monsoon sets in; for one hundred and twenty-six notices will be issued to owners to repair them. In forty of these cases notices were once issued, but to no purpose.

Kistna—Government.—Three, estimates submitted to the Board have been returned for further information; two, estimates are pending for want of information from the Deputy Collector, Narasaraopet.

Private.—One hundred and forty-seven tanks are either zamindari or agraharam tanks and the question of enforcing Act IV of 1886 is in abeyance pending the decision of a test case. The Superintending Engineer, II Circle, has promised to send plans for five tanks to be dealt with under the Railway Protection Act.

Kurnool—Government.—Eight are under repair by the Public Works Department; one, estimate submitted to the Board for sanction; one, estimate returned for revision; three, estimates sent to the Executive Engineer for scrutiny; one, estimate sanctioned by the Board; one, estimate ordered to be prepared.

Private.—One, notice has been issued to the Dasabandamdar to put the tank in thorough repair.

Anantapur—Government.—Four have been included in the estimate for 1899–1900; three will be taken up in 1900–1901; twenty-three will be taken up in future years.

Private.—Two will be taken up for repairs next year; three, estimates have been sent to the parties with notice to repair them soon; one, repair will be taken up soon.

Cuddapah.—Report not received.

Nellore—Government.—Four tanks are under investigation.

Private.—Sixty-one, estimates and plans approved by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Tank Restoration Scheme. Notices under section 5 of Act IV of 1886 have been issued to owners and notices under section 7 have also been issued in five cases; one reported to be ownerless.

Chingleput—Government.—Five, estimates ready and the Board will be addressed regarding two of them; three, estimates ordered to be prepared.

Private.—Eleven, repairs are in progress and expected to be completed soon; one, Executive Engineer has been addressed, nine, estimates ordered to be prepared; three, estimates ready; four, estimates ready and the Tahsildar instructed to give notice to owners; twelve, repairs not executed in spite of notices served on the owners. The Superintending Engineer has been asked to prepare the necessary plans and estimates in view to steps being taken under the Railway Protection Act.

South Arcot—Government.—Four, estimates sanctioned for execution during the current year; three, will be taken up next year; three, included by the Tahsildar in his budget.

Private.—Two, steps will be taken next year.

North Arcot—Government.—Four, since repaired; one, under repair; four, are being investigated by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party; six, will be repaired during the current year; nine, estimates are under preparation; thirteen, steps will be taken for their repair; one, reported by the Tahsildar of Walajah not to affect the railway and he has promised to submit a special report on the point.

Private.—One, under repair; one, is to be repaired by the Public Works Department, as the owner has paid the amount of the estimate; one, estimate given to owner for execution; one, extension of three months time has been given to owner owing to the existence of water in the tank; two, estimates called for from the Public Works Department; twelve, owners have taken steps to repair; one, Chief Engineer's order is awaited; eight, owners have been asked to repair; thirteen, estimates have been called for from the Superintending Engineer in view to the railway Protection Act being put in force.

Salem—Government.—One, abandoned; one, the Tahsildar ordered to submit estimate for necessary repairs; one, under investigation by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party; one, reported last year to be in need of repair is now stated to be in good order. The Tahsildar has been asked to state when and by whom it was repaired.

Private.—As regards sixteen tanks in the Uttangarai taluk, the Tahsildar reports that they are in good order but that they have been classified as out of repair with reference to the remarks of the Sub-divisional officer, Public Works Department. The Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, had been asked to state if he would have estimates prepared for all tanks both in Uttangarai and Tiruppattúr taluks (including twelve the owners of which have agreed to repair them according to the Public Works Department estimates) and that in reply he has stated that the divisional staff is short-handed and that orders have been issued to prepare some estimates at once.

Trichinopoly—Government.—Six, repairs have been commenced and will be completed during the current year; two more works will be put in hand and completed within the year; one, Executive Engineer has been addressed, and steps will be taken for its repair.

Private.—All the private tanks belong to the Pudukkótta State. The Diwan reports that estimates for thirteen tanks are under preparation, three tanks are under repair and steps will be taken for the repair of the remaining tanks.

Tanjore—Private.—The trustee of the tank has been directed to have it repaired and the necessary plans and estimates have been sent to him.

Madura—Government.—Three, are under investigation by the Public Works Department; five, repairs are pending receipt of a correct list from the Superintending Engineer as their situation is not correctly known; two, repairs will be completed this year; two, are to be abandoned; seven, arrangements will be made for their repair.

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Private.—Seven, will be repaired by Government under Act IV of 1886, the procedure under the Act having been followed; two, correct position is not known, and the Superintending Engineer has been asked for a correct and revised list of tanks affecting railways; thirteen, notices have been issued to owners under Act IV of 1886; twenty-five, steps will be taken under the Railway Protection Act on receipt of estimates from the Executive Engineer.

Tinnevelly—Government.—One, estimate sanctioned; two, Divisional Officer requested to arrange for their repair at an early date; one, under repair with reference to Tank Restoration Scheme estimate. As regards the remaining Government tanks and the whole of private tanks, the Executive Engineer and the Divisional Officer have been requested to arrange for a joint inspection of them as there were differences of opinion as regards the condition of tanks and as to the nature of repairs to be executed; necessary action will be taken after the receipt of the reports.

Exd. Md. Pahilwan.

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Statement showing the condition of tanks affecting railways in the district of Cuddapah **during the official year** 1898-99

Taluks.	Minor tanks under Revenue Dept.			Private, Zemindari, &c., tanks.			Total.					
	In good order.		In need of repair.	In good order.		In need of repair.	In good order.		In need of repair.	Total.		
District	Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.		Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.		Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.		Government.	Private.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cuddapah	68	5	58	51	6	161	119	11	219	131	218	349
Total ..												

Remarks explaining fully the condition of tanks in need of repair and why they have not yet been taken up for repair.

Government. one, repair is in progress; three, estimates under preparation; four, estimates sanctioned; four, estimate ready and will be taken up for repairs; ten, the question of breaching them is under correspondence; & thirty-six, the subject of repair is under correspondence.

Private.

steps will be taken for the repair of one hundred & Sixty one tanks when estimates have been prepared by the Special Establishment sanctioned in G.O. No. 641 W dated 10-3-98

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Deputy Director for Secretary

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS

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Dated 27th July 1899. 189 .

No. 3727.

Mr. Higgens.

READ Statement from H. O. D. Harding Esq. acting Collector of Cuddapah, R.C. No. 209/PL of 1899, dated 14th July 1899.

Resolution.

A statement showing the condition during 1898-1899 of all Government and private tanks in charge of the Revenue Department which affect railway lines in the Cuddapah District will be submitted to Government in continuation of B. P. No. 198 dated 30th June 189[illegible].

2. The decrease of 11 tanks in the total number reported for the year 1898-1899, as compared with that returned for the previous year has been satis-
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satisfactorily explained by the Collector.

(True Extract)

C Bevan

Deputy Director for Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government Revenue Department.

with a statement.

Copy to the Collector of Cuddapah.

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