

Public Works (189) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Statistical Statements NO. III E IV E

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the compilation of —, be forwarded to
the Govt of India —

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G.O., Nos. 953, 954 I., 7th November 1899.

NOVEMBER.

Statistical Statements Nos. III-E and IV-E

Forwarding a copy of the Proceedings embodying the note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation requesting sanction to the adoption of the suggestion of the Board of Revenue (Settlement Revenue) regarding the compilation of —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.

Account.

Read—the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 112, dated 21st April 1899.

Read—the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 3306, Revenue, dated 10th August 1898.

Resolution—No. 112, dated 21st April 1899.

The Board begs leave to report as follows with reference to the inquiry made by the Government of India in its letter, No. 86 I., dated 13th May 1898 (printed in G.O., No. 454 I., dated 14th June 1898, communicated to the Board with G.O., Mis. No. 3306, Revenue, dated 10th August 1898) whether the practice of compiling the irrigation statement No. III-E* for the "fasli year" may not be discontinued, and the statement compiled for the "official year."

2. From the observations of the Government of India in its letter quoted above, it will be seen that the change is proposed with a view to secure two objects.

(1) Uniformity with similar returns received from other provinces.

(2) Agreement of statement No. III-E with statement No. IV-E† which is compiled for the official year.

3. With regard to the first object, the Board begs to point out that, whereas in other provinces all irrigation accounts are compiled for the "official year," the practice in this Presidency is to prepare all such accounts, with the apparent exception of statement No. IV-E, for the "fasli year" which, being the crop year in this Presidency, is the period for which the land revenue settlements are annually made. In view of this peculiar land revenue system, it will be more appropriate that statement No. IV-E should also be prepared for the "fasli year" than that statement No. III-E should be compiled for the "official year." In fact, the former statement, though purporting to be for the "official year," is in reality compiled for the "fasli year." This will appear from the correspondence ending with this Government's letter to the Government of India, No. 642 I., dated 22nd July 1885. That correspondence had its origin in a proposal made in 1885 by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation that, like all other irrigation accounts, statement No. IV-E should also be prepared for the "fasli" year. With a view to carry out that proposal, the Government of India was requested to extend the time prescribed for the submission of the statement from 1st August to 1st October. The Government of India was, however, unwilling then to extend the time as requested; but, at the same time, it inquired to what extent the irrigated areas and revenues of the nearest corresponding "official" and "fasli" year

would be liable to differ. This Government stated in reply that the cultivation accounts are generally closed with March; that, nevertheless, the practice in this Presidency is to include in those accounts all cultivation between that date and the end of the "fasli or the revenue year ending 30th June," if the crop is harvested before the 1st July; that, under this system, there ought not to be much difference between the actual cultivation of the official and the fasli year; but that, as a matter of fact, there were large variations which were due mainly to the fact that, owing to the early date at which statement No. IV-E had to be despatched from the taluks, figures entered therein could not be corrected with reference to jamabandi (annual settlement) figures which are available only after the close of the "fasli" (30th June). This Government concluded by saying that it would endeavour to make the statement as correct as possible.

4. As promised in that letter, every endeavour was made to get the accounts correctly prepared, but it was found that, so long as the date of submission remained unaltered, it was not possible to secure accuracy, partly on account of the circumstance mentioned above, viz., that the statement had to be prepared before the jamabandi figures were available and partly to the circumstance that while all other irrigation accounts are prepared in the Board's office, statement No. IV-E is compiled in taluk offices, and the reconciliation of the two sets of figures required much time and labour.

5. Now, however, that the date of submission of statement No. IV-E to the Public Works Department has been postponed to 1st October, which is the date prescribed for the submission of other irrigation accounts to that department (G.O., Mis. No. 546, Revenue, dated 2nd February 1898), there will be no need to get this statement prepared in taluk offices. It can be compiled in the Board's office along with the other irrigation accounts; and the Board requests that, in view of the explanation submitted above, this account may also be recognised as relating to the "fasli year," except as regards the rainfall figures which, if the Government of India so desires, will be compiled for the "official year" and printed in the same statement, or in a different statement which will be called an enclosure to statement No. IV-E.

6. The Board would strongly recommend the adoption of this change, as it possesses two great advantages, namely,—

(1) of bringing this account into line not only with all other irrigation accounts, but also with accounts of agricultural statistics, which are all prepared for the "fasli" year in this Presidency;

(2) of affording some relief to taluk establishment which, if the change is approved, will be relieved of the work of compiling this statement.

7. It may be thought that the second of the objects mentioned in paragraph 2 above will also be secured under this system, namely, agreement between statements Nos. III-E and IV-E. This, however, will not be the case, for whether the accounts are prepared for the "official" or the "fasli" year, the two statements will always differ, as the former excludes, while the latter includes, areas on which no crop was obtained. For purposes of comparison, these areas will be shown separately in a footnote to statement No. III-E.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASAR,
Secretary.

Mis. No. 1937, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with an expression of concurrence in the Board's view.

(By order.)

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

1st June 1899.

No. 206 I.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

With reference to the enquiry made by the Government of India whether the practice of compiling for the "fasli" year statistical statement III-E appended to the annual Administration Reports of the Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, may not be discontinued and the statement prepared for the "official year" so as to facilitate comparison with statistical statement IV-E, and to secure uniformity with similar returns received from other provinces, the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture) states that, in view of the peculiar land revenue system prevailing in this Presidency, by which all Irrigation accounts, with the apparent exception of statement IV-E, are prepared for the "fasli year" which being the crop year, is the period for which the land revenue settlements are annually made, it will be more appropriate that statement IV-E should be prepared for the "fasli" year than that statement III-E should be compiled for the official year. The Board also states that statement IV-E, though purporting to be for the official year, actually relates to the "fasli" year, as the cultivation accounts which are generally closed with March include the cultivation between that date and the end of the fasli year, viz., 30th June, if the crop is harvested before the 1st July. The Board of Revenue, therefore, requests that statement IV-E may be recognised as relating to the "fasli year," except as regards rainfall figures, which will, if the Government of India so desires, continue to be prepared for the official year. In the circumstances stated, it is recommended that the Government of India may be requested to sanction the adoption of the Board's suggestion.

7th October 1899.

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

ORDER—No. 953 I., dated 7th November 1899.

The suggestion of the Board of Revenue is approved.

2. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India in reply to paragraph 3 of its letter No. 86 I., dated 13th May 1898, and with a request that, in the circumstances stated, the adoption of the change proposed by the Board of Revenue may be sanctioned.

[Here enter No. 954 I., dated 7th November 1899.]

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Joint Secy. to Government,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" all Superintending Engineers.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" the Revenue Department.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 954 I., dated 7th November 1899.

Forwarded.

(By order.)

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Joint Secy. to Government,
Irrigation Branch.

Erd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Public Works (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 8718

From

Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Order

No. 206 I.

Dated 7-10-99.

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SUBJECT.

Statements No. III-E & IV-E. Note recommending that the Govt of India may be requested to sanction the adoption of the Board's suggestion regarding the compilation of—

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FURTHER PAPERS.

IRRIGATION BRANCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Transfer of Endorsement of the Rev. Department - N. 1937 Ins: 8/16/69

No 206. Ld. 7-10-99

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To,
The Chief Engineer for Irrigation:
" all Supp. Engrs.
" Examiner P.W. Accounts
" Rev. Department

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The Board of Revenue, Revenue
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Transferred to the P.W.D.
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in the Board's view.

(By Order).

Surajmohan

Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

To Public Works Department (Irrig.)
Copy to The Board of Revenue (Rev. Sett).

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Dated 21st April 1899.
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SUBJECT.

Statements Nos. III E and IV
E.-Submitting to Government Board's
remarks on an inquiry made by the
Govt. of India, whether statement No
III E showing outturn and value of
crops in the Administration report
of the Public Works Dept. may not be
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statement No. IV E showing irrigation
and rain fall.

BACK PAPERS

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

Read—the following G.O., Mis. No. 3306, Revenue, dated 10th August 1898:—

Read—the following G.O., No. 454 I., Public Works, dated 14th June 1898:—

Read—the following letter from O. C. LEES, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Irrigation), to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, dated Simla, 13th May 1898, No. 86 I.:—

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of copy of the Proceedings of the Government of Madras, No. 317 I., dated 18th April 1898, ordering the substitution of revised statements III E and IV E for those printed in the Administration Report of the Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, for 1896-97.

2. In the concluding sentence of paragraph 5 of the Board's Resolution, No. 98, dated 1st March 1898 (which is embodied in those Proceedings) it is explained that the difference between the figures of the two statements is due partly to the fact that statement IV E relates to the official, while statement III E relates to the fasli year.

3. The Government of India are aware of no reason why the practice of compiling statement III E for the fasli year (which is an inconvenient one for purposes of comparison) should not be discontinued and the statement compiled in future for the official year as is done in every other province. I am to enquire whether the Government of Madras have any reasons to urge against such a change being made.

Order—No. 454 I., Public Works, dated 14th June 1898.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

2. The Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), will be requested in the Revenue Department to report on the change proposed in paragraph 3 of the Government of India letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Joint Secy. to Government,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Superintending Engineers.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ the Revenue Department.

Order—Mis. No. 3306, Revenue, dated 10th August 1898.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report with reference to paragraph 2 of the order read above.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. J. WILSON,
for Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land
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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.