

Public Works (1899) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

✓ G.O., No. 96 R₃

DATED 10th April 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

List of petty sanctions

Ordered that the _____ involving expenditure
under Rs 500/- for the quarter ended the 31/3/
be forwarded to the Govt of India.

Forwarded

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following paper :—

NOTE by the Chief Auditor, Madras Railway, on the Capital and Revenue Accounts of the Kolar Gold Fields Railway for the half-year ended the 31st December 1898.

CAPITAL.

Statements Nos. V, VI and XVIII.—There was no capital expenditure transferred to final heads during the half-year. The total capital outlay, including suspense, from the commencement of operations to the end of the half-year under review, is Rs. 8,09,538, and the expenditure, excluding suspense, Rs. 7,40,184, which gives an average of Rs. 74,018 per mile open.

REVENUE.

General Results.

The following table shows the general results of working :—

	Half-year ending December 1897.	Half-year ending December 1898.	Difference.	
	MILES.	MILES.	MILES.	PER CENT.
Mean mileage worked	10	10		
Train mileage	19,324	19,924	+ 600	+ 3.10
	NO.	NO.	NO.	
Average number of trains over the whole line daily in both directions	10.50	10.83	+ .33	..
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Gross earnings	1,10,000	97,965	- 12,035	- 10.94
Working expenses	63,613	69,752	+ 6,139	+ 9.65
Net earnings	46,387	28,213	- 18,174	- 39.18
Percentage of working expenses to gross earnings	57.83	71.20	+ 13.37	..
Do. of net earnings to capital outlay, including suspense	5.86	3.49	- 2.37	..

The gross earnings per mean mile worked per week averaged Rs. 377 against Rs. 423 and were realized at a cost of 71.20 per cent. against 57.83 per cent. in the corresponding half of the previous year.

The percentage of working expenses to gross earnings for the year 1898 was 59.74 against 56.77 for 1897.

The net earnings amounted to Rs. 28,212-9-11, which gives a return at the rate of 6.97 per cent. per annum on the capital outlay, including suspense.

Gross Earnings.

The following table shows the gross earnings for the two half-years :—

	Half-year ending December 1897.	Half-year ending December 1898.	Difference.	
			Amount.	Per cent.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Coaching ..	27,166	21,846	- 5,320	- 19.58
Goods ..	82,619	76,770	- 5,849	- 8.29
Electric telegraph ..	89	116	+ 27	+ 30.34
Steam-boat ..	126	233	+ 107	+ 84.92
Sundries ..				
Total ..	1,10,000	97,965	- 12,035	- 10.94

Abstract H—Coaching Traffic.—The number of passengers of the various classes carried, including troops and police and season tickets, and the earnings therefrom, are as follows :—

	First class.		Second class.		Third class.		Total.	
	No.	Earnings.	No.	Earnings.	No.	Earnings.	No.	Earnings.
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
Second half of 1897	1,782	702	7,375½	1,434	325,605	23,647	334,762½	25,783
Do. of 1898	1,969	745	8,038	1,470	261,936	18,231	271,943	20,446

The receipts from passengers' luggage amount to Rs. 797.
The earnings under horse, carriage and dog traffic are Rs. 104.
Parcels for the public show a receipt of Rs. 287.

Abstract I—Goods Traffic.—The following is a summary of the tonnage of goods lifted and the earnings therefrom, as compared with the corresponding period of 1897 :—

	Half-year ending December 1897.		Half-year ending December 1898.	
	Quantity.	Earnings.	Quantity.	Earnings.
	TONS.	RS.	TONS.	RS.
Merchandise, General	37,042	33,737	35,148	21,027
Military stores	..	..	99	27
Railway materials for construction	57,147	48,658	89,399	54,112
Coal (including Locomotive Revenue)	65	15	2,406	408
Revenue stores (excluding Locomotive Coal)	..	208	..	196
Other goods traffic	94,254	82,618	127,052	75,770
Less outstandings irrecoverable or not recovered	..	..	..	..
Total	94,254	82,618	127,052	75,770

The following table shows some of the principal commodities carried during the two half-years :—

	Half-year ending December 1897.		Half-year ending December 1898.	
	Quantity.	Earnings.	Quantity.	Earnings.
	TONS.	RS.	TONS.	RS.
Coal	57,147	48,658	89,399	54,112
Stone and lime	5,574	4,988	6,544	3,356
Timber	22,337	19,593	20,669	11,501

MEMORANDUM.

1899-1900.

RB.

Grant sanctioned in Public Works Department Resolution No.	14	
	B.O.	
A.R., dated 21st March 1899	...	22,000
Programme approved—		
Cash outlay	...	22,000
Value of stores to be drawn from stock	...	...
Total	...	22,000

CAPITAL Revised and Budget Estimates of Construction Works on the Mayavaram-Mutpet Railway for 1898-99 and 1899-1900.

General Abstract.

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Main heads of expenditure.	Revised estimate, 1898-99.			Budget estimate, 1899-1900.			Total probable outlay to end of 1899-1900 (columns 1, 3 and 4).	
	Actuals to end of 1897-98.	Budget grant, 1898-99.	Total.		Cash.	Stores.		Total.
			Cash.	Stores.				
	1	2	3		4			5
Works and Services.								
I. Preliminary expenses	Rs. 16,171	Rs. 126	Rs. 4,500	..	Rs. 26	..	Rs. 26	Rs. 16,171
II. Land	1,79,213	270	..	..	196	..	196	1,79,734
III. Formation	2,42,933	500	..	..	..	..	..	2,43,131
IV. Brickwork	8,46,704	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,46,804
V. Fencing	29,897	..	..	..	..	..	..	29,897
VI. Electric telegraph	2,634	71	..	..	71	..	71	2,667
VII. Ballast and permanent-way	6,71,904	990	..	..	14,202	..	14,202	6,86,696
VIII. Stations and buildings	2,19,245	4,615	3,099	..	7,080	..	7,080	2,29,444
Total, Construction Accounts	22,08,697	6,572	1,802	..	21,574	..	21,574	22,28,409
IX. Plant	11,222	428	199	..	426	..	426	11,847
X. Fences, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XI. Rolling-stock	2,74,126	..	1,397	..	..	..	..	2,75,729
XII. General charges	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Expenditure on final heads	24,97,045	6,000	3,000	..	22,000	..	22,000	25,16,045
Purchase of Line	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Overdrawn Capital	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Loss by Exchange	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous advances	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	24,97,045	6,000	3,000	..	22,000	..	22,000	25,16,045
Deficit—Receipts on Capital Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cash and stores taken over from Company on purchase of line	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total, Works and Services	24,97,045	6,000	3,000	..	22,000	..	22,000	25,16,045

Grand Total, Works and Services

TRICHINOPOLY, 15th April 1899.	F. F. SMITH, Acting Chief Engineer, South Indian Railway.	C. E. HUBBARD, Dy. Examr., Ry. Accts., Trichinopoly.	E. BAILEY, Offg. Chief Auditor, South Indian Railway.	W. IL. SPALDING, Ag. Agent, South Indian Railway.
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