

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department,
27th October 1869.*

No. 318. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th September 1869, No. 7,106 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 25th August 1869, No. 259.

In paragraph 5 of their Proceedings, dated 12th June 1869, No. 4,213, the Board of Revenue requested me to express my opinion as to the complaint of the ryots at the Pendraka salt-station, that the rate of Kudiwaram allowed them for collecting spontaneous salt, namely, Rupees 3-12-0 per garce, was insufficient remuneration, and I was also requested to show how this Kudiwaram rate compares with the wages of ordinary labour.

2. The rate of Kudiwaram for collecting spontaneous salt from Fusly 1247 to 1262 was Rupees 1-0-8 ; from 1263 to 1267 it was Rupees 1-7-4 ; from 1268 to 1271 it was Rupees 2-1-4 ; and, with reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 25th August 1863, No. 5,327, from Fusly 1272 it was raised to the present rate Rupees 3-12-0.

3. There can be no doubt that the prices of the necessaries of life have greatly increased within the last few years, and concurrently with rise in prices, the wages of labour have also increased. Thus a cooly demands 3 Annas a-day now, whereas in Fusly 1273, his pay was 2 Annas only.

4. The Salt Deputy-Collector, P. Venkatanarsimha Row, estimates that it requires twenty-four coolies to collect a garce of spontaneous salt in a day, namely, ten coolies for gathering the salt on the swamp, twelve for carrying it to the platform, and two for weighing and storing it there. The pay of twenty-four coolies for a day would at the rate of 3 Annas be Rupees 4-8-0, whereas the present rate of Kudiwaram is only Rupees 3-12-0, or as the salt-ryots put it in a petition they have addressed to me, only six pies per maund for collecting, carrying to the platform, and storing. They ask that the rate may be raised to Rupees 5 a garce or eight pies a maund, and their prayer has the support of the Salt Deputy-Collector, who points out that the work of gathering the salt in the hottest season of the year while the land winds prevail in the open swamps, is more severe than ordinary labour ; and further, by the reduction in the number of platforms in 1864, the distance from which the salt has to be carried has been considerably increased.

5. I have the honour therefore to recommend that the rate of Kudiwaram for spontaneous salt at Pendraka station be raised from Rupees 3-12-0 to Rupees 5 per garce, which is only Annas 8 per garce beyond the rate of ordinary labour.

6. In the Budget for 1870-71 which I have just submitted, Rupees 3,750 has been provided for the cost of collecting spontaneous salt. But if this proposal to raise the Kudiwaram be sanctioned, it will be necessary to raise the Budget provision under this head to Rupees 4,690, which I request may be done in the Board's Office.

7. With reference to the other matters contained in the Board's Proceedings under reply, I propose to report separately.

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THE Board concur with the Collector in considering it necessary to raise the Kudiwaram on spontaneous salt at Chenna Pindraka from Rupees 3-12-0 to Rupees 5 a garce.

2. They accordingly resolve to recommend Government to sanction the increased rate from the beginning of the next official year.

No. 319. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1869, No. 2,854.

Separate Revenue, No. 23.

<i>Salt.</i>

UNDER the circumstances stated by the Collector, and on the recommendation of the Board, the Government sanction the increase of the Kudiwaram

on spontaneous salt at Chenna Pindraka from Rupees 3-12-0 to Rupees 5 a garce, from the commencement of the official year 1870-71.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 27th Oct. 1869.

Read the following Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Recommending to raise the
Tudiwarum on spontaneous
salt at Chemma Pundraka in
Kistna dist. from Rs. 3-12-0
to Rs 5-0-0 a garce from
commencement of 1870-71 -

J.P. 24th Sept. 1869, No. 7106

Under the circum-
stances stated by the Col-
lector and on the recommendation
of the Board, the Govt
sanction the increase
of the Tudiwarum on
spontaneous salt at
Chemma Pundraka from
Rs. 3-12-0 to Rs. 5 a garce
from the commencement
of the official year 1870-71.

11. To the Secy. to Govt. No. 28
to Secy. to Govt.

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Govt. of 1869, Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy. to Govt.

27th October, 1869.

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G.O. 27th October 1869, No. 2854

OCTOBER.

Nos. 318-319.

Spontaneous salt in Kistna District.
Increase of the Tudiwarum on it from Rupees
3-12-0 to Rupees 5 a garce, sanctioned.