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Rules for guidance in drawing up the Statement showing comparative prices in agricultural produce and provisions during the ten years, 1861 *to* 1870.

I. Prices should be given, if pos[sible], for two places in each district, and, besides district statements, a provincial [aver]age statement should be prepared.

II. The average price for the w[hole] year should, so far as possible, be ascertained and given.

III. The price should represent [the re]tail cost of the ordinary quality of each grain or product, *such as the co[mmon] people use*. The only exception to this is the column headed for "be[st]" in which the price of the finest quality should be given.

IV. Each local Government [Admi]nistration should use its discretion, with regard to adding to the list. [any] other food—grain, or article of provision is extensively used within [any] district, such grain or article should be included. It would also be well if [the] value of one or more of the common vegetables were shown; such as t[he] yam (rath-alu, *Dioscorea globosa &c.*); the potatoe yam (kachu of [Bengal], saru of Orissa, ghoyan of the North-Western Provinces—*Colocasi[a antiquorum*); the egg-plant (bengum or brinjal, *Solanum melongena*), or oth[er portion] of fruit or vegetable entering very largely into local consumptio[n]. The common oil-seed of the Province should also be included. But wit[h] reference to these additional articles of produce, which will vary in differen[t parts of] India, the botanical and vernacular names should also be given in or[der to] identify them.

V. The vernacular and, if [possible, the] botanical name of the particular species of lentils selected should als[o be given].

VI. The price should be calcu[lated for] many sers, and half or quarter sers for the rupee, the ser being t[he] standard weight defined by Act XXXI of 1871, except with regard [to grain] (the fresh plant) and sugar-cane, which are usually sold by the bu[ndle]. With reference to such products where it is impossible to reduce [quan]tity to sers, the average size or weight of the bundle should be giv[en].

VII. In British Burmah or [in] places where fish forms one of the main articles of diet, this should al[so] in the return; and every article which constitutes in any district [or] be a staple of consumption, should (even though not included in the [list]) included in the returns of such district or province.

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Statement showing the Comparative Prices of Agricultural Produce and of Provisions in ——→
during the last 10 *years.*

N. B.—*Vide* the Rules which accompany this Statement.

	Number of seers sold per Rupee ...nglish pounds.)										Average of the 10 years.	Remarks.
	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870		
Paddy												
Common rice (husked) ...												
Best rice (husked) ...												
Wheat												
Barley												
Bajra												
Jowar												
Gram												
Lentils*												
Cleaned cotton ...												
Indigo manufactured (medium quality) ...												
Indigo (fresh plant)† ...												
Sugar-cane†												
Sugar (raw)												
Sugar (refined) ..												
Salt												
Ghee												
Milk												
Tobacco												
Spirits (25° below proof) ...												
Raw material (naming it) from which the spirits are made												
Fire-wood												
Wages of unskilled labourers												

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FROM

J. GEOGHEGAN, Esq.,
Offg. Secretary

To The Secretary to Govt of Madras.

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Dept. of Agriculture,
Revenue and Commerce.
Statistics.

the 31 January 1872.

SIR,

In continuation of the the Financial Department, No. 1064, dated 10th July 1871, I forward a revised form in which to exhibit the information as e Secretary of State as to the rise or fall in the value of agricul and the prices of provisions in the several Presidencies and Provi n each year during the last ten years. I am also directed to app es for guidance in filling up this form.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
REVENUE AND COMMERCE.

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