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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 30th January 1872.

Read the following letters:—

From C. E. GOVER, Esq., Census Officer, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 17th November 1871.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting specimens of the working Census Forms proposed, and requesting that orders may be issued for their being printed should the Board approve.

From the same officer, dated Madras, 19th December 1871, No. 23.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding, with remarks, two proof sheets of Census working forms recommended for adoption.

With the first of the foregoing letters, Mr. Gover submits, for approval, eight Tables of working forms, so constructed as to furnish the information required to prepare the General Census Returns prescribed by the Government of India.

2. He also suggests that certain additional and special information may be exhibited in the Returns adopted by the Government of India.

3. The following are the General Census Returns prescribed by the Government of India for final adoption:—

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| Form | I.-A.—General Statement of area and population. |
| .. | I.-B.—Do. with details of population. |
| .. | I.-C.—Do. of area and population with particulars of infirmities. |
| .. | II.-A.—Do. of population according to age. |
| .. | II.-B.—Per-centages relating to ages. |
| .. | III.-A.—General Statement of population according to education. |
| .. | III.-B.—Per-centages relating to education. |
| .. | IV.—Statement of population with reference to Land and Land Revenue. |
| .. | V.-A.—Statement of Religions. |
| .. | V.-B.—Statement of nationalities, races, tribes, and castes. |
| .. | VI.—General Statement of population according to occupation. |
| .. | VII.—List of towns and villages classified according to population. |
| .. | VIII.—Table of towns of which the inhabitants exceed 5,000, arranged according to population. |
| .. | IX.—Statement showing population in towns. |

4. Form I.-A.—The additional information proposed to be exhibited in this Form, is as follows:—

- (1). That a column showing the number of Taluqs, after the first column "District" should be opened.
- (2). That Column No. 3 "Number of Villages, Mouzahs or Townships" in the Return should be sub-divided into four columns: (a) to show the number of Ryotwary villages; (b) of Zemindari; (c) of Inam; (d) to show the Total.
- (3). That similarly, column 5, "Number of houses" and column 6 "Total population," should also be sub-divided. The Board see no objection to these particulars being shown in the Return in subsidiary columns. They think that column 2 "Area in square miles" should also be sub-divided, as in the cases of villages, etc. A similar classification of columns 7 and 12 need not be made as it will only unnecessarily enlarge the size of the Statement.

5. Form I.-B. (Paragraphs 8 to 10). The Government of India provide for the classification of houses into those of "the better sort" and of "the inferior sort." In this Presidency, houses are usually classified into "terraced," "tiled," and "thatched." The first two may well come under "better sort" and the last one under "inferior sort" as proposed by Mr. Gover. It must be observed, however, that this classification will be somewhat deceptive as regards houses in Malabar and Canara where some of the best are thatched.

6. The division of columns 3 to 6, relating to the character of houses compared with population as also the Comparative Table (annexed to paragraph 9 of the letter) which is intended to show the relative condition and prosperity of the Ryotwary and Zemindary lands in this Presidency, need not be introduced in the India Government Form. A separate Subsidiary Table can be conveniently prepared embodying the several particulars regarding "houses" together with per-centage columns (amounting to 19 in number, referred to in paragraph 10 of the letter).

7. Form I.-C.—(Paragraph 11). This requires no alteration.

8. Forms Nos. 2-A. and 2-B.—(Paragraph 12). The classification of population according to age has been fully discussed and settled in the Board's Proceedings recorded in Government Order, dated 8th November 1871, No. 1,882.

9. Forms 3-A. and 3-B.—(Paragraph 13). Subsidiary Tables can be prepared showing exclusively the population under instruction. This is what it is intended to include under "those able to read and write" in the India Government Form.

10. Form No. 4.—(Paragraph 14). This is now before Government—(vide Board's Proceedings, dated 18th November 1871, No. 4,774).

11. Forms 5-A. and 5-B.—(Paragraph 15). The Board cannot recommend the proposition of Mr. Gover to obtain reports from a selected number of Tahsildars of each district in respect to religious sects and tribes. A file of reports on the subject which has been recently received by the Board will be furnished to Mr. Gover. It will be unwise in recording the results of a census finished last November to attempt to include information which can only be obtained by future correspondence.

12. The other Forms call for no special remarks.

13. The working tables detailed in paragraph 18 of the letter seem to have been carefully framed, so as to elicit all the facts likely to prove useful and interesting.

(A true Extract.)

J. G. Gole
Secretary.

To C. E. Gover, Esq., with file of reports.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Ed. T. Cartledge.

18th Dec 72 (No. 26 of Feb 1872)

Census Returns—prescribed by Government of India.—Orders passed on suggestion of Census Officer to exhibit certain additional information in Tables of working forms submitted by that officer, approved.

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