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Grant to Local Funds.

No. 89. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1875, No. 2,353 :—

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Ganjam, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 9th June 1875, No. 1,275 :—

With reference to Board's Miscellaneous, No. 1,865, dated 8th March last, on G. O., dated 16th February last, No. 346, Financial Department, requesting me to consult with the Local Fund Boards and report on the proportion of the additional grant of Rupees 20,000 which should be assigned to each of the two Circles of Chetterpore and Chicacole, and to the subsequent G. O., dated 1st May last, No. 969, Financial Department, distributing the Rupees 20,000 in question between

	Rs.	the two Circles as shown in the margin,
Chetterpore	12,000	and desiring me to submit proposals for
Chicacole	8,000	the utilization of the additional funds
	20,000	thus made available, I have the honor to
		enclose two extracts from the Proceed-

ings of the Chicacole and Chetterpore Circles, dated 14th April and 31st May 1875, respectively.

2. The Chicacole Circle Board are of opinion that one-third of the above grant should be allotted to their Circle. This would amount to Rupees 6,666.

3. Inasmuch, however, as the assignment of Rupees 20,000 in question was made as some measure of compensation for the enhanced price of salt at the two stations of Ganjam and Itchapore alone, both of which are situated within the limits of the Chetterpore Circle, while no enhancement of the price of salt has been made at any of the salt stations within the Chicacole Circle, the Chetterpore Local Fund Board consider that the extra grant of Rupees 20,000 per annum should be exclusively devoted to the requirements of their Circle.

4. In consideration, however, of the present damaged condition of the roads in the Chicacole Circle, this Local Fund Board accept the distribution already made by Government in G. O., dated 1st May, No. 969, for the past and current years, and they request that Government will be pleased to assign the whole sum exclusively to the Chetterpore Circle from the next year, 1876-77.

5. I trust that Government will see fit to comply with the above request, which appears to be reasonable.

6. As to the utilization of the amount of Rupees 24,000 now made available for expenditure in the Chetterpore Circle, the Local Fund Board have resolved to allot the same towards completing the deviation line and girder bridge on the

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Ganjam and Aska Road, and bridging the Surla and Aska Road, and, if necessary, providing ferry-boats at the unbridged rivers on that line, viz:—

Rs. 11,785. For the completion of the deviation road and girder bridge—

	rs.
Original estimate including masonry bridge	34,650
Deduct cost of masonry bridge which is no longer required ...	12,820
Remainder estimate for the deviation line	21,830
Add estimated cost of girder bridge. <i>Vide</i> my letter, dated 3rd May 1875, S. No. 280	22,800
Total Estimate...	44,630

Deduct following items, viz:—

	rs.
Expenditure up to the end of last official year ...	15,845
Amount already provided in the current year's budget	5,000
Advance expected from Government.— <i>Vide</i> G. O., dated 8th January 1875, No. 29, Financial Department	12,000
	32,845

Amount required to complete the work... 11,785

... and providing ferry-boats at the rivers on that line, if necessary. Estimates for these works will be submitted as soon as they are received from the District Engineer. The sum of Rupees 99,699 has already been spent on this line, but it will be practically useless for heavy salt traffic until it is bridged throughout. The District Engineer roughly estimates that it will cost over a lakh to bridge it; a commencement will be made with the money now set apart for the purpose, and ferry-boats will be provided where necessary.

24,000 Total.

7. The above-mentioned two roads are the most important lines for the transport of Ganjam, Itchapur and Nowpada Salt to Boad and Central Provinces; and the incomplete state they are now in causes much inconvenience to the salt traffic. It is therefore very desirable that they should be completed, and opened for traffic at as early a date as possible.

8. The District Engineer intimates that he can spend the above sums in the current year; and it is therefore hoped that the Ganjam and Aska deviation line at all events will be completed during the current year. The question of a girder or masonry bridge is now before the Board (*vide* my letter to the Board, dated 3rd May last, S. No. 280); and the District Engineer is pushing on with the needful work which will be equally available for whatever description of bridge may be decided upon.

9. The proposals of the Chicacole Circle Board for the utilization of the sum of Rupees 16,000 allotted to their Circle have not yet been received. They will be submitted as soon as they are sent in.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Extracts from Proceedings of Local Fund Boards.

In the foregoing letter, the President submits the following proposals for the utilization of the additional Provincial grant of Rupees 24,000 sanctioned* for the Chetterpore Circle:—

* G. O., F. D., dated 1st May 1875, No. 969.

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| 1. For the completion of the deviation road and girder bridge. In addition to the allotment of Rupees 5,000 in Part I. of the current year's Budget, Item No. 1 | 11,785 |
| 2. Towards bridging the road from Surla to Aska and providing ferry-boats at the rivers on that line, if necessary | 12,215 |
| | 24,000 |

2. The works comprised under the second item are unsanctioned, and it is stated that the plans and estimates will be submitted as soon as they are received from the District Engineer. The Board approve the proposed mode of utilizing the money, but before making a formal allotment will await detailed proposals and plans and estimates. They should be forwarded as soon as possible.

3. The Board sanction the allotment of Rupees 11,785 proposed for the first work, and request the Accountant-General to place the amount at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

proposals for the utilization of the sum of Rupees 16,000 allotted for that Circle.

5. The Chetterpore Local Fund Board are of opinion that the extra grant of Rupees 20,000 should be exclusively devoted to the requirements of that Circle on the ground that the stations at which the price of salt was raised are within that Circle; but in consequence of the present damaged condition of the roads in the Chicacole Circle, it has been arranged to allow the latter Circle the benefit of the sanctioned distribution for the past and current years.

6. The assignment was made for local expenditure in the northern division of the Ganjam District, and there is much reason in the demand of the Chetterpore Board. The orders of Government are requested on the matter.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1875, No. 1823.

As the increased price of salt operates in the Chetterpore Circle only, the Governor in Council directs that the whole of the Government of India grant (Rupees 20,000) be assigned to that Circle after this year.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue,
Revenue Department,
Public Works Department,
Accountant-General.

Ed W. J. Lewis.

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