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No. 441. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th September 1875, No. 2,486:—

Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th August 1875, No. 273.

HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the Public Works for the past year 1874-75.

The following tabular statement shows the grant and outlay under all heads as compared with 1873-74:—

The Major Head to which the Work relates.	Whether New Works or Repairs, and by what Department the Work was executed.	1873-74.			1874-75.		
		Budget Allotment, whether Imperial or Provincial.		Expenditure.	Budget Allotment.		Expenditure.
		Originally sanctioned.	Revised Allotment.		Originally sanctioned.	Revised Allotment.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<i>Imperial.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Irrigation ...	New Works, P. W. D. ...	9,660	...	10,990	3,170	...	3,425
	Repairs do. ...	16,500	...	15,518	30,000	...	29,147
Buildings ...	Do. do. ...	...	...	...	70	...	114
	<i>Provincial.</i>						
Buildings ...	New Works, P. W. D. ...	20,000	...	14,299	28,800	...	15,668
	Repairs do. ...	3,200	...	1,903	2,940	...	3,821
Total ...	New Works do. ...	29,660	...	25,289	31,970	...	19,091
	Repairs do. ...	19,700	...	17,421	33,010	...	33,032
	Total ...	49,360	...	43,710	64,980	...	52,173

3. *IMPERIAL—Irrigation.*—The total expenditure was Rupees 32,490 against Rupees 26,508 in the year preceding.

4. *Major New Works.*—Rupees 342 were expended on the construction of a surplus weir to the Owk Tank, which forms the sole outlay under this head.

5. *Minor New Works.*—Eleven sluices and two calingulahs were constructed at a cost of Rupees 3,080. Of this Rupees 667 was spent on a sluice for the Yethurapad Tank, Rupees 637 on a sluice in the Sivapuram Tank, and Rupees 437 on a sluice in the Narrainapuram Tank. The outlay on the other works was small, and calls for no remark.

6. *Repairs.*—The expenditure under this head was Rupees 29,147 against Rupees 15,518 expended in 1873-74. This is not at all too much for Irrigation repairs even in an ordinary year, considering the general condition of Irrigation works in this district. The reason, however, for the outlay being so much higher than in former years was doubtless in consequence of the numerous breaches which were occasioned by the exceptionally heavy rainfall.

7. *Buildings.*—The sole expenditure incurred was Rupees 114 in repairing the Post Office at Nandial.

8. *PROVINCIAL (Buildings)—New Works.*—Rupees 13,288 were spent under this head. Of this Rupees 5,299-10-11 were spent on the new Civil Court-house and Rupees 7,926-15-2 on the Koilkuntla Taluq Cutcherry. The Deputy Collector at Peapally reports that the walls of the Koilkuntla Cutcherry have been raised to the height of half a yard, and in some places to quarter yard.

9. *Repairs.*—Rupees 3,821 was the expenditure on this head on sundry repairs to the several offices in the district.
10. *Local Fund Works—Roads.*—As the new District Engineer (Mr. Goodchap) reports, the roads of the district are generally speaking incomplete and in an unsatisfactory condition. In the year under report they seem to have received more attention than in former years, as will be seen from the following remarks.
11. *Kurnool to Bellary Road.*—In the last Local Fund Report this road was described to have been in bad condition. It has since been repaired, and is now reported by the Division Officer to be in good order. The District Engineer, however, has lately sent in an estimate for repairing certain bridges and metalling certain parts of the road amounting to Rupees 3,550, which is now under consideration of the Local Board.
12. During the year under report, an estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,560, for reforming the road between Pattikonda and Asperi (a Railway Station) was passed, and Rupees 1,048 spent. It is hoped the road will be completed this year.
13. *The road between Ghooty and Aloni* is also reported to be in good condition. The Lingalavagu Bridge, which was commenced in 1870, has been completed, but the approaches are reported to be steep, and an estimate for rendering the slopes easy has been sent to the Local Board, but the work has been postponed, pending the execution of more urgent works for which funds were needed. It is however, remarkable that the original estimate of Rupees 15,990 did not provide for these approaches.
14. A short road from Tuggali to Nancherla Station, a distance of 12 miles, is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rupees 24,730. Seven miles were opened in 1873-74, and it was expected that the whole line would be completed in the year under report, but this expectation was not realized. Only two more miles have been completed. They have not, however, been opened for traffic, as the masonry works (of which there are only three in the whole length of the road) have not been finished. The District Engineer attributes the delay to the frequent change of Overseers.
15. *Ghooty Road.*—I have often inspected this road, and it is in fair order. Several streams, which are very impetuous in their course, cause great inconvenience and risk to passengers during rainy weather. The District Engineer proposes, I understand, to bridge some of these streams in the present year.
16. The branch road from Veldurti to Ramakota is in fair order. There is very little traffic on it.
17. *Rampur Pass to Nandikanama Ghaut Road.*—This road, which was commenced in 1869, is still in an unsatisfactory condition. Upwards of Rupees 1,12,000 have been spent, but, up to the end of the year under report, not one mile was declared to be fit for traffic, though portions of the road here and there were used by bandies. The District Engineer states that "the metalling has been executed in lengths of about 3 or 4 miles, leaving breaks here and there; these portions are now being connected." About 28 miles of the road have been opened since April last, but many of the masonry works have not been constructed. The District Engineer has applied for a maintenance grant of Rupees 150 a mile for the portions to be opened; but the Local Fund Board have declined to sanction such maintenance grant for the first year the road may be opened, and suggested that, if the long delay in completing the road renders additional expenditure necessary, a supplemental estimate should be submitted.

18. *Kurnool to Cuddapah, Trunk Road, No. XVII.*—I have inspected this road. The greater portion of it is in an unsatisfactory state. From Kurnool to Narnoor the road is in good order. From Narnoor to Vorakal it is almost impassable in rainy weather. The District Engineer has lately submitted an estimate for Rupees 3,000 for improving this portion. From Vorakal to Paniem this road is in good order. The soil is red and stony. From Paniem to Ayalur the road is again bad. Two of the streams on this part of the line are being bridged, and it is hoped that the work will be completed this year. From Ayalur to Cuddapah frontier the road passes through high cotton soil, and, excepting portions here and there, it is not metalled. It has suffered serious damages during the monsoon of 1874 by the overflowing of the river on one side and Wokkeler on the other. But the damage was promptly repaired, and all hindrance to traffic speedily removed.
19. *No. VII. Trunk Road, Ayalur to Gazulapalli.*—This road is not in a satisfactory condition. An estimate for improving it, amounting to Rupees 92,760, was sanctioned, and Rupees 5,000 expended, but the actual work executed was a culvert of one vent of two-feet span, and raising about three-quarter of a mile with gravel. The greater portion of the money was spent in the collection of broken stone.
20. Between Gazulapalli at the foot of the hills and Krishnamsettupalli on the other side is the *Nandikanama Ghaut Road*, for widening which, estimates, amounting to Rupees 17,100, have been sanctioned, and Rupees 4,386 spent in blasting operations in the year under report. From the foot of the ghaut on the other side of the hills to Cumbum the road is in excellent condition. Like other roads, it sustained considerable damage during the monsoon by the bursting of tanks and for want of sufficient waterway in some of the culverts. An additional grant of Rupees 1,690 was made for repairing the damage, and eight new culverts constructed at a cost of Rupees 1,690 for preventing similar damage in future.
21. *Tudicherla to Cuddapah Frontier Road.*—The road branching from Tudicherla towards Cuddapah is in excellent order. Besides the annual maintenance grant of Rupees 1,600, Rupees 8,000 were spent upon it in the year under report, being portion of the estimate of Rupees 35,430 sanctioned for its improvement.
22. *The road from Kurnool to Berluti.*—Several streams require to be bridged. The Bavanasi, which crosses the road twice is unbridged, and is considered dangerous on account of the suddenness and impetuosity of its floods.
23. The Nandial Branch Road (13 miles) is in a very bad condition.
24. *Choultries.*—The choultry at Gazulapalli at the foot of the Nandikanama Ghaut was finished during the year under report, and taken charge of by the Revenue Department on behalf of the Local Board. The defects in regard to foundations, referred to in the last report, are reported to have been rectified.
25. Another choultry on a smaller scale was commenced in 1873-74 at Atmakur, especially for the benefit of Sri Salem pilgrims, but it is still incomplete, owing, it is said, to the estimate being insufficient and the design faulty. This work was originally estimated to cost Rupees 180, and the estimate was afterwards increased to Rupees 275. As the design of the building has been declared by the District Engineer to be faulty, I am afraid the whole building will have to be pulled down and the money already spent charged to profit and loss.
26. *Schools.*—Two school houses were commenced in the year under report.

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2. The total expenditure from Imperial and Provincial Funds was Rupees 52,173 out of an allotment of Rupees 64,980, or 80 per cent. The short outlay was entirely under the head of Provincial Buildings, New Works.

3. Under the head of Irrigation there was an outlay of Rupees 32,570, against Rupees 26,508 in the preceding year. Little was done in the way of New Works, but over Rupees 29,000 were expended on Repairs. Previous reports had shown that expenditure in this direction was greatly needed, and it became imperative in the year under report owing to the numerous breaches caused by exceptionally heavy rainfall.

4. Under Civil Buildings the principal outlay was on the new Civil Court-house and on the Koilkuntla Taluq Cutcherry. The non-utilization of the allotment is not explained.

5. There was no expenditure from Imperial or Provincial Funds on Communications.

6. The amount of the allotments and expenditure from Local Funds is not stated. Many of the roads are described as incomplete, or in an unsatisfactory condition. Several estimates are under the consideration of the Local Board, and a considerable amount of work is evidently required before the main communications can be considered in good order, but attention appears to have been paid to the subject during the year.

7. The report is on the whole satisfactory as indicating that attention is being given to provide as far as means allow for the wants of the district.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 542. ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1875, No. 2,755.

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COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Kurnool, of whom it is expected that with the means now at his disposal the improved progress of the past year will be more than maintained in the future.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kurnool.

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