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Local Funds—Budget.

No. 144. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th November 1874, No. 3424 :—

Read the following letter from the President of the Local Fund Boards, Salem District, dated 6th November 1874, No. 1005 :—

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding Local Fund Budget Estimate of Oosoor Circle for 1875-76.

THE Local Fund Budget for 1875-76 of the Oosoor Circle will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. STATEMENT I.-A., REVENUES AND RECEIPTS.—The balances are calculated on the supposition that the current year opened with the following amounts at credit :—

	RS.
Road Fund	6,460
General Fund... ..	8,062
Total...	<u>14,522</u>

From a statement communicated to this Office by the Accountant-General, it appears that the actual Local Fund Balance was only Rupees 6,960, and nearly the whole of this must have belonged to the General Fund. Looking to the sums allotted for expenditure this year, and remembering that the Road Fund Expenditure last year was in excess of the allotments, the Board think it necessary to strike out the Road Fund balance in this budget (Rupees 2,000) and reduce the General Fund Balance (Rupees 9,730) by Rupees 2,000.

3. Only Rupees 50 are entered for sale proceeds of books. The President thinks it too small an estimate. Rupees 470 are entered in Statement I.-B. for buying books which are to be sold, and the Vice-President says the system is fairly at work. The estimate is increased to Rupees 100.

4. It is estimated that interest on Land Cess will amount to Rupees 100, and it appears from Statement II. that this is credited to the Road Fund. For the reasons given in Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd March 1874, No. 459, paragraph 8, it must be credited to the General Fund.

5. The receipts are—

	RS.
Road Fund	48,180
Endowment Fund	640
General do, ...	32,680
Total...	<u>81,500</u>

6. GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS, STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.—The allotment for repairs "by Other Agency" must be reduced from Rupees 19,220 to Rupees 18,990 for want of funds. Even then the assignment is Rupees 2,920 more than in the current year, but it is less than in 1873-74. With reference to the Board's Proceedings disposed of in G. O., dated 11th September 1874, No. 1544, (in which it was represented that the Local Fund Board considered the existing grant from Provincial Funds too small,) it may be pointed out that in 1875-76 the Local Fund Board will be unable to make any new roads and only intend to improve existing ones. On the other hand, it is to be observed that the Vice-President considers the circle fairly provided with roads, though certain new lines are mentioned as necessary.

7. The allotment for Petty Establishment provides for the batta of an Overseer's Clerk.

8. The Road Fund share of the cost of General Management is Rupees 570.

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9. The allotment for Tools and Plant is calculated at 2 per cent. on the expenditure, and the Board think this should be allowed with reference to paragraph 14 of the Vice-President's letter. The amount will be Rupees 720.

10. The Reserve is Rupees 4,820.

11. The total Road Fund Expenditure is thus Rupees 48,150, leaving a balance of Rupees 30.

12. STATEMENT II.-A., PART I., NEW WORKS.—Rupees 2,400 are provided for making dams, culverts, etc., on existing lines of road, but no new roads are to be made. The President observes that in the Salem Circle tunnels are executed from maintenance grants for roads. This is wrong in principle and the practice should be put a stop to at once; because the maintenance grants are intended solely for the bare up-keep of roads and not for providing them with fresh tunnels, etc., which should be separately estimated for.

13. Rupees 1,000 are assigned for building four school-houses in places where the schools
Mathagundahalli. Papparpatti. are likely to become permanently established,
Kaveripatam. Karimangalam. but where there is no accommodation.

14. PART II., REPAIRS.—As already observed, the repair allotments have been raised, but this has been evidently done with due consideration, and might have been expected considering the extent to which the current year's assignments were reduced.

15. For want of funds it is necessary to reduce the 100 Rupees per mile allotments of Items 2, 5 and 8 to Rupees 95, and of Item 3 to Rupees 98.

16. In the Appendix there is a new item, No. 15, but it is explained that it has hitherto been kept up from the allotment for Petty Repairs.

17. Rupees 620 are provided for petty Educational and Sanitary (Choultry, etc.,) repairs, and Rupees 3,000 for Avenues.

18. In Grant I. the following entries have to be altered:—

	RS.
Repairs, Communications	33,790
Tools and Plant	820
Road Fund Reserve	4,820

19. Grant I. is—

	RS.
Road Fund	47,580
General Fund	4,720
Total	52,300

20. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—In Statement III.-A., eighteen schools are shown as Local Fund Schools. Sixteen were sanctioned in G. O., dated 13th August 1874, No. 1337. The Local Fund Board have already opened one at Indoor (they should have obtained previous sanction), and they now propose to open one at Oosoor (though there is a Taluq School there) for reasons which seem to the Board to be satisfactory. The salaries of masters are shown as Rupees 1,824, but it appears that Rupees 2,450 are to be paid them in the form of Results Grants, and this must also be shown in Statement III.-A., (a revised Statement has just been circulated,) and under Local Fund Schools in Statement I.-B. A second master is allowed for the Kaveripatnam School: the attendance should have been given: this is provided for in the Revised Form. At the instance of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, a servant has been provided for each school at a cost of Rupees 36 per annum. Rupees 469 are provided for furniture, and Rupees 126 for maps, books, etc. The latter amount must be shown in Statement I.-B., under "Local Fund

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Schools "not under "Miscellaneous." The entries for Local Fund Schools in Grant II. should be—

	RS.
Salaries { Fixed Stipends	1,820
Results Grants	2,450
Servants	650
Miscellaneous	810
Total... ..	5,730

21. In Statement III.-B., four Salary Grant Schools are shown with grants amounting to Rupees 390 to cover half the expense. It appears that three of these are Mahomedan Schools which the Local Fund Board propose to establish, and that the fourth, the one at Palcode, is a Grant-in-Aid School to which the Local Fund Board made a grant of Rupees 3 a month for a Mahomedan Master in their Proceedings of the 29th May 1874, but which is now to receive a grant of Rupees 97 per annum on the same terms as the other schools mentioned in the statement. Whether this school is the Local Fund School or not, is not clear. All are apparently to be managed on the same system as the Local Fund Schools. So far as the Board can see these too are Local Fund Schools, not Salary Grant Schools in the usual sense, but half the expense is to be met from fees and contributions. If so, the schools should be entered with their whole expenditure in Statements I.-B., (against "C. Local Fund Schools"), III., and III.-A., and Rupees 390 more should be entered in Statement I.-A. amongst the receipts. Statement III.-B. is only intended for schools, to which Salary Grants are given under recognized rules, and over which the Local Fund Board has no immediate control. The President will explain, and in the meantime the entry will be left in the budget.

22. The allotment for Results Grants is Rupees 2,450, as that Rupees 2,450 is for Local Fund Schools, and must be shown under that head. The entry will accordingly be reduced to Rupees 1,550 which seems to be too small an amount; but there is a sufficient reserve and balance from which it can be supplemented.

23. Rupees 600 are provided for purchase of books. As already mentioned, Rupees 130 of this must be shown under Local Fund Schools.

24. Grant II. is Rupees 9,020 payable from the General Fund.

25. GRANT III., SANITATION, ETC.—The current year's budget contains provision for one dispensary at Kistnagiri. Under G. O., dated 11th May 1874, No. 815, it was opened at Dharampury instead. The Local Fund Board now propose to open a second dispensary at Kistnagiri. The funds seem to be sufficient, and the Board think it should be allowed. The allotments seem to be rightly calculated. The entry will be reduced from Rupees 5,170 to Rupees 4,270, because Rupees 900 ought to be shown elsewhere, as will be noticed further on.

26. The allotment for Vaccination is Rupees 1,330, or Rupees 480 more than in the current year. The proposals of the Local Fund Board on this subject were laid before Government in Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd October 1874, No. 3078. They have been slightly modified and are clearly set out in the Vice-President's letter. There is only one point in them which seems to the Board to be doubtful. The Local Fund Board have hitherto paid Rupees 240 towards the salary of the District Superintendent of Vaccination. They now propose to sever their connection with the Salem Circle, and have an Inspector of their own on Rupees 30 plus allowances (Rupees 15). The views of the Salem Local Fund Board on this subject are unknown. It would perhaps have been better if the Oosoor Local Fund Board had consulted the Salem Local Fund Board before making the proposal, but the Board are inclined to think it should be allowed. One Superintendent is certainly not enough for the whole district, and the Board hope the Salem Local Fund Board will find themselves able to provide for the whole salary of the present Superintendent. The Vaccinators are all to be paid Rupees 10 a month each. The allotment provides for the Inspector, six Vaccinators, and Contingencies. Besides these, four Vaccinators paid from the Price Vaccination Funds are employed in the Circle.

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27. The allotment for Sanitary Establishments, etc., consists of the following items:—

	RS.
Improvement of water-supply	2,000
Village sites	1,000
Contributions to Sanitary Association ..	3,450
Scavenging eighteen villages (in which the people are to provide a cart and bullocks)	980
Total...	7,430

28. The allotment for nine Public Bungalows is—

	RS.
Establishment	570
Contingencies	40
Total...	610

And that for eight Choultries—

	RS.
Establishment	80
Contingencies	20
Total...	100

It is proposed to employ a sweeper for the first time in eight of the bungalows, and this seems to be necessary under the circumstances stated in paragraph 48 of the Vice-President's letter. The Chuttrum allotment is for sweepers on very small pay in eight of the eleven "Orr's Choultries" which are kept in connection with the Local Fund Board. Bungalow sweepers are available for the three.

29. Rupees 600 are provided for a contribution to "The Oosoor Charitable Dispensary," which has been established out of private subscriptions and donations, and the Government have in their Order, Public Department, dated 5th March 1874, No. 245, authorized the posting of a second-class Hospital Assistant besides a gratuitous supply of medicines and instruments to start with. On the recommendation of the Local Fund Board, the Board of Revenue have in their Proceedings, dated 26th May 1874, No. 1256, sanctioned a grant-in-aid of Rupees 500 for the support of the dispensary. Rupees 300 are entered for payments to three barber women who are to be sent to the Lying-in Hospital at Madras to be trained as midwives. These allotments must be entered under "Miscellaneous."

30. Grant III. is—

	RS.
Endowment Fund	640
General Fund... ..	14,000
Total...	14,640

31. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—The contribution to Controlling Establishments at the Presidency, now that the Local Fund Boards have been relieved from the special charge on account of the Local Fund Establishment in the Controller's office, will be Rupees 230.

32. The allotment for the Establishment in the Collector's office is passed, subject to revision when the Salem Budget is reviewed.

33. Grant IV. is—

	RS.
Road Fund	570
General Fund	400
Total...	970

34. The General Reserve is Rupees 2,500.

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35. The following is an abstract of the revised Budget:—

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	RS.		RS.
Road Fund... ..	48,180	Grant I ... { Road Fund	47,580
Endowment Fund	640	{ General Fund	4,720
General Fund... ..	32,680		52,300
		Grant II ... { General Fund	9,020
		Grant III... { Endowment Fund... ..	640
		{ General do.	14,000
			14,640
		Grant IV... { Road Fund	570
		{ General Fund	400
			970
		General Reserve	2,500
		Balances.	
		Road Fund... ..	30
		General Fund	2,040
			2,070
Total...	81,500	Total...	81,500

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE, Secretary.

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1875, No. 102.
The subjoined abstract shows the estimates of the Oosoor Local Fund Board for 1875-76, compared with those for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	1874-75. RS.		1874-75. RS.
Balances—		Grant I.	
Road Fund	3,700	New Works—	
General Fund	7,730	Communications	6,030
Allotments from General		Educational	1,000
Revenue—		Repairs—	
Provincial Funds	11,010	Communications... ..	30,870
Special Funds	9,140	Educational	120
Cess on Land	50,000	Sanitary and Miscella- neous	4,500
Endowment Receipts	640		3,500
Miscellaneous	3,730	Cost of General Estab- lishment, P. W. D.	5,060
		Petty Establishment	2,060
		Road Fund Reserve	4,790
		Other Items	460
		Grant II.—	
		Inspection	620
		Local Fund Schools	6,340
		Grants-in-aid... ..	1,000
		Miscellaneous	100
		Grant III.—	
		Hospitals	2,060
		Vaccination	850
		Sanitary Establishment... ..	7,000
		Other Items	500
		Grant IV.—	
		Supervision and Manage- ment	1,040
		General Reserve	2,600
		Balances—	
		Road Fund	30
		General Fund... ..	2,040
Total ...	78,220	Total ...	78,220
			81,500

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2. Under G.O., dated 21st January 1875, No. 98, an additional sum of Rupees 2,100 will be made available for expenditure on roads.

3. The allotments for Education are passed, subject to the remarks made by the Board of Revenue in paragraphs 20 to 23, and the additional schools proposed may be established.

4. The proposal to open a new Dispensary at Kistnagherry is approved, and the modified scheme for the Vaccination Establishment is sanctioned subject to the concurrence of the Salem Board in the proposal to have separate Superintendents for the two Circles.

5. It is observed that the Oosoor share of the charge for the establishment in the Collector's Office must be reduced to Rupees 170; with reference to paragraph 33 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue in reviewing the Budget of the Salem Circle.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with enclosures.

- .. Public Works Department.
- .. Revenue Department. ✓
- .. Accountant-General.
- .. Sanitary Commissioner.
- .. Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- .. Director of Public Instruction.
- .. President of the Municipal Commission, Salem District.

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