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Local Funds—Budget.

No. 150. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1874, No. 3307 :—

Read the following letters :—

From the President of the Local Fund Board, Vizagapatam District, dated 12th October 1874, No. 1,499.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting Local Fund Budget Estimate of the Vizagapatam Circle for 1875-76.

From Surgeon-General E. G. DALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated 30th October 1874, No. 7,122.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting remarks regarding Budget Estimate for Medical Services of the Vizagapatam Local Fund Circle.

THE Local Fund Budget of the amalgamated Vizagapatam Circle for 1875-76 will be submitted for the orders of Government. The amalgamation of the two Circles has been sanctioned in G.O., Financial Department, dated the 5th October 1874, No. 1,678.

2. STATEMENT I.-A., REVENUES AND RECEIPTS.—The total assets of the Circle are estimated at Rupees 2,42,640, as hereunder particularized :—

	RS.
1. Balances	— 5,000
2. Allotment from General Revenues	35,540
3. Rates and Taxes	2,09,000
4. Fees in Schools, etc.	450
5. Contributions	440
6. Receipts from Endowments	360
7. Miscellaneous	1,850
Total...	2,42,640

3. The balances are made up of a deficit of Rupees 40,000 in the Road Fund and a surplus of Rupees 35,000 in the General Fund and hence the difference, a deficit of Rupees 5,000, is shown. In reviewing the current year's Budgets of the Vizagapatam and Nursipatam Circles the Board calculated upon a total Road Fund deficit of Rupees 31,022 on the 1st April 1874 in the two Circles, but, according to the Accountant-General's accounts for 1873-74, there was only a total Local Fund deficit of Rupees 19,338, which is arrived at thus :—

Balance on the 1st April 1874.

	Road Fund.		General Fund.
	RS.		RS.
Vizagapatam Circle	— 20,004	+	11,250
Nursipatam do.	— 23,490	+	12,906
	— 43,494	+	24,156
			= — 19,338

The President expects that the Road Fund deficit will be reduced to Rupees 40,000 by a sum of Rupees 3,550 left unutilized in the current year's Supplemental Budget sanctioned in G.O., Financial Department, dated 1st September 1874, No. 1,466. The Circle Board propose to allot to the Road Fund an appropriation of Rupees 48,000 from the General Fund, which not only clears away the deficit but also provides funds for the execution of new works.

4. Rupees 34,690 are entered as the grant from Provincial Funds for roads. This is the total of the grants sanctioned for the two Circles during the current year.

5. Land-cess is estimated at Rupees 2,05,000, which is stated to be the actual demand for the current year.

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6. A sum of Rupees 4,000 is entered as the expected receipts from tolls made over to the Local Fund Board of the Vizagapatam Circle on the abolition of the Palcondah Municipality. A similar sum is entered in the current year's Supplemental Budget of that Circle.

7. Rupees 360 entered against Hospitals and Dispensaries represent the amount of private subscriptions to the Palcondah Civil Dispensary as follows:—

	RS.
Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.	300
Mr. Mackie	60
Total...	360

A similar amount appears in the current year's Supplemental Budget referred to in paragraph 6 *supra*.

8. The receipts are—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,36,200
General	1,06,440
Total...	2,42,640

9. STATEMENT I.-B., EXPENDITURE.—The total proposed Local Fund expenditure amounts to Rupees 2,35,440 and is made up of—

	RS.
Grant I.	1,90,180
„ II.	16,670
„ III.	25,620
„ IV.	2,970
Total ..	2,35,440

10. GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS.—STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.—The assets of the Road Fund are estimated at Rupees 1,84,200 including an appropriation of Rupees 48,000 from the General Fund. For the reasons stated above the Board think the appropriation is indispensably necessary, for it is completely contrary to the financial system that a deficit shall remain in the books year after year, whilst it is possible to wipe it away; moreover, the President giving full details shows that the proper objects of the General Fund are provided for.

11. Rupees 5,390 are provided for Petty Establishment against Rupees 5,250 in the current year's Budget. The excess is owing to the provision made for travelling batta to the Clerks of the three Local Fund Overseers attached to the Circle.

12. The share of cost of General Management chargeable to the Road Fund should be Rupees 2,000.

13. The allotment for Tools and Plant is raised to Rupees 1,270.

14. The Road Fund Reserve should be Rupees 22,420, but only Rupees 17,260 are available.

15. The total expenditure from the Road Fund amounts to Rupees 1,84,200 and leaves no balance.

16. STATEMENT II.-A., PART I., NEW WORKS.—Part I contains thirteen items with a total allotment of Rupees 51,300. Under "Communications" ten items are entered with an assignment of Rupees 46,800. The first six items appear in the current year's Budget of the Vizagapatam Circle and the seventh and eighth in that of the Nursipatam Circle. The ninth item is a fresh entry. An estimate for this work and a revised estimate for the seventh item should be submitted at an early date.

17. Against Petty New Works under "Educational" a sum of Rupees 1,000 is provided for constructing a masonry school-house at Parvatipore, which is unsanctioned. An estimate for the work is promised.

18. Under Sanitary and Miscellaneous a sum of Rupees 2,000 is entered for planting avenues in the district. Another sum of Rupees 1,500 is provided for the construction of tanks

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and wells by Other Agency. The latter allotment should be shown under Grant III. and not under Grant I. The necessary alterations have accordingly been made in this office.

19. PART II., REPAIRS.—Part II contains eighteen items with an aggregate assignment of Rupees 82,150. All the repair works that appear in the current year's Budgets of the two Circles are provided for. The rate of maintenance allowance per mile has been increased in the case of Item No. 3 while it has been reduced in the case of Item No. 8.

20. Under Sanitary and Miscellaneous a sum of Rupees 1,000 is entered for repairing the eight travellers' bungalows in the district. Another sum of Rupees 1,000 is provided for repairing tanks and wells. The latter provision should, as remarked above, be transferred to Grant III.

21. Grant I. is—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,82,200
General	5,140
Total ..	1,87,340

22. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—Grant II. is made up of—

	RS.
1. Payment for Inspection	2,480
2. Local Fund Schools	2,350
3. Grants-in-aid	4,090
4. Purchase of books	1,250
5. For new schools to be established	6,500
Total...	16,670

23. The allotment for the first item provides for the following staff:—

	RS.
Four Inspecting Schoolmasters on Rupees 35 each ...	1,680
Batta at Rupees 15 a-month for each	720
Office allowance	72
Total...	2,472

It appears from the President's letter that there are at present three Inspecting Schoolmasters for the whole district, *i. e.*, two on Rupees 30 each attached to the Vizagapatam Circle and one on Rupees 35 in the Nursipatam Circle. The Circle Board provide also for a fourth Inspecting Schoolmaster at the maximum rate of Rupees 35 per mensem. The estimate seems to be framed on the supposition that the pay of the existing officers on Rupees 30 will be raised to Rupees 35, but no express proposal is made to that effect and no reasons for the change are given. The estimate will, therefore, be reduced.

24. As regards the raising of the salary of the Inspecting Schoolmaster employed in the Nursipatam Circle from Rupees 30 to Rupees 35 a-month, noticed in paragraph 56 of the Board's Proceedings reviewing the current year's Budget, the Board have received a reply from the President, which will be disposed of separately.

25. The sanction of Government is solicited for the entertainment of the fourth Inspecting Schoolmaster as proposed by the Circle Board.

26. The second item is for the charges of eleven Local Fund schools, as follows:—

	RS.
Salaries of Masters	1,080
Servants	280
Miscellaneous	990
Total...	2,350

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The sum of Rupees 990 shown against "Miscellaneous" includes Rupees 750, being the portion of the teachers' salaries to be paid by results grants to the last ten schools shown in Statements III. and III.-A. This provision should be shown against "Salaries of Masters." The establishment of ten schools is sanctioned in G.O., dated the 30th July 1874, No. 1,266.

27. It appears from paragraph 24 of the President's letter that no schools have as yet been opened in the Nursipatam Circle, and a lump sum of Rupees 4,000 is entered for this purpose. Another sum of Rupees 2,500 is provided for new schools to be established in the course of the year in the Vizagapatam part of the Circle.

28. Grant II. is Rupees 16,540 chargeable to the General Fund.

29. GRANT III., SANITATION, ETC.—This grant comprises the following charges:—

	Rs.
1. Hospitals and Dispensaries	10,010
2. Vaccination	8,000
3. Sanitary Establishment, etc.	6,040
4. Travellers' Bungalows	500
5. Miscellaneous	1,070
Total	25,620

The first item is for the five dispensaries marginally noted; the first and fifth are in existence. The Circle Board propose to open three new dispensaries at Parvatipore, Bobbili, and Anakapally, and the Board think this should be allowed. A provision of Rupees 1,650 is made for the construction of the dispensary at Parvatipore in the current year's Supplemental Budget, but since then an estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,693, has been submitted to, and sanctioned by, the Board. No proposal is made for building dispensaries at Bobbili and Anakapally, which are the headquarters of two important proprietary estates, as it is believed that the necessary accommodation will be furnished by the proprietors of the estates. The Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, thinks that the provision made in the Budget for all the Local Fund dispensaries will be sufficient, but doubts the sufficiency of the contribution to the Bimlipatam Dispensary. It is, however, the same as in the current year's Budget.

30. A sum of Rupees 8,000 is provided for Vaccination. This amount is Rupees 2,050 more than that provided in the current year's Budgets of the two Circles. There is at present one Superintendent of Vaccination on Rupees 70 for the whole district, but the Local Fund Board propose to employ two more—one on Rupees 60 and the other on Rupees 50 a-month. The Board provide for three Superintendents: so many are probably unnecessary for a single Circle, but the Local Fund Board are evidently in earnest in their desire to improve vaccination and have applied for information to Trichinopoly, where Inspecting Vaccinators have been dispensed with after trial. Pending orders of Government on the subject, therefore, the provision will be allowed to stand.

31. It must be remarked, however, that whilst the Vizagapatam and Nursipatam Circles were amongst the few noticed in Board's Proceedings, dated 15th September 1874, No. 2,615, which were unwilling to take immediate charge of the Vaccination Establishment, they have now resolved to do so. Of course, the orders of Government must be awaited before any change in the existing arrangements is made.

32. A sum of Rupees 6,040 is entered against Sanitary Establishments, etc., which is now raised to Rupees 8,540 with reference to the remarks made in paragraphs 18 and 20 of these Proceedings.

33. STATEMENT IV.-B.—The provision of Rupees 2,000 for planting avenues along the roads in the district, and which is exhibited in Part I. of the Budget, is also shown in Statement IV.-B. The latter entry is struck out.

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34. Grant III. will thus be Rupees 28,120.

35. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—The contribution for the Controlling Establishments at the Presidency is reduced to Rupees 760.

36. Rupees 990 are provided for the Circle Board's establishments, as follows:—

	Per month.
	RS. A. P.
One Head Clerk on	75 0 0
" Attender on	7 8 0
Total	82 8 0 × 12 = 990

There is at present one Clerk on Rupees 50 per month for the Vizagapatam Circle. It is proposed to raise his salary to Rupees 75. The Board cannot support the Circle Board's proposal as none of the Local Fund Clerks in the other Circles get more than Rupees 50 per mensem. No mention is made of the Clerk on Rupees 20 sanctioned for the Nursipatam Circle. This Clerk may, if necessary, be retained to strengthen the establishment. The Board have accordingly reduced the allotment to the current year's amount, viz., Rupees 930.

37. Grant IV. is—

	RS.
Road Fund	2,000
General	630
Total	2,630

38. The General Reserve, calculated at ten per cent. on the bare receipts minus the opening balance and the appropriation to the Road Fund, is Rupees 2,340 and not Rupees 7,140 as entered by the President.

39. The following is an abstract of the Budget as modified by the Board of Revenue:—

Receipts.		Charges.	
	RS.		RS.
Road Fund	1,36,200	Grant I. { Road Fund	1,82,200
General	1,06,440	General	5,140
			1,87,340
		" II. General Fund	16,540
			28,120
		" III. " "	...
		" IV. { Road Fund	2,000
		General	630
			2,630
		General Reserve	2,34,630
			2,340
		Balances.	RS.
		Road Fund	5,670
		General	...
			5,670
Total	2,42,640	Total	2,42,640

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

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No. 151. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1875, No. 105.

The estimated receipts and expenditure of the Vizagapatam Circle for 1875-76 are compared below with those for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.		CHARGES.	
1874-75.	1875-76.	1874-75.	1875-76.
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward—		Grant I.	
Road Fund	40,000	New Works—	
General Fund... ..	35,000	Communications ...	63,510
Allotments from General		Educational	1,000
Revenue—		Sanitary and Miscel- laneous	2,000
Provincial Fund ...	34,690	Repairs—	
Special Fund	840	Communications ...	79,420
Cess on Land... ..	2,14,560	Educational	100
Tolls	4,000	Sanitary and Miscel- laneous	1,000
Contributions from Muni- cipalities	440	Public Works Esta- blishment	32,870
Receipts from Endow- ments, &c.	360	Petty Establishment... ..	5,250
Miscellaneous	2,340	Road Fund Reserve ...	19,360
		Other Items	1,800
		Grant II.—	
		Inspection	1,770
		Local Fund Schools ...	2,560
		Grants-in-aid	4,090
		Miscellaneous	1,250
		Grant III.—	
		Hospitals	2,350
		Vaccination	5,950
		Sanitary Establishment	7,500
		Other Items	1,570
		Grant IV.—	
		Establishment and Supervision	2,460
		General Reserve	5,940
		Balance—	
		Road Fund	15,190
		General Fund	5,670
Total ...	2,57,180	Total ...	2,57,180
	2,42,640		2,42,640

2. The Road Fund of the Vizagapatam and Nursapatam Circles closed the year 1873-74 with a deficit of Rupees 43,494, and the opening deficit for the amalgamated Circles for the year 1875-76 is estimated at Rupees 40,000, credit being taken for a sum of Rupees 3,550 which remained unallotted in the Supplemental Budget submitted in connexion with the abolition of the Palcondah Municipality. The estimate thus appears to be based on the supposition that the whole of the Reserve will be appropriated, and that no savings of any kind will occur in the current year's Road Fund Expenditure. The Government have not sufficient detailed information before them to enable them definitely to decide whether the

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circumstances of the Circle are such that presumption of the kind may fairly be made, but they are inclined to think that the opening deficit has been too highly estimated. The Board of Revenue support a proposal to transfer Rupees 48,000 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, remarking that "it is completely contrary to the financial system that a deficit shall remain in the books year after year, whilst it is possible to wipe it away." The Government admit the force of this remark, but they are not prepared to sanction a transfer of more than Rupees 35,000, the amount of the savings from previous years which the General Fund is expected to have in hand at the commencement of 1875-76. The effect of G.O., dated 21st January 1875, No. 98, will be to set free a sum of Rupees 5,390, and as above remarked the Government are inclined to believe that a further sum will be available from the actual deficit being less than has been anticipated. To balance the Budget however the allotment for New Works will be reduced by Rupees 5,820, the distribution of the saving (if this reduction is not eventually found to be unnecessary) being left to the Local Board. The details of the Road Fund Budget as modified will be—

	RS.		RS.
Receipts	1,36,200	New Works	40,980
Appropriation	35,000	Repairs	80,050
		Public Works Establishment ...	29,750
		General Management	1,860
		Contingencies	100
		Tools and Plant	1,200
		Contributions	130
		Reserve	17,120
Total ...	1,71,200	Total ...	1,71,200

3. The entertainment of a fourth Inspecting Schoolmaster is sanctioned as recommended, and the allotment of Rupees 6,500 for new Elementary Schools to be established may remain in the Budget pending receipt of detailed proposals.

4. The resolution to open three new Dispensaries at Parvatipoor, Bobbili, and Anakapilly is approved.

5. As directed in G.O., dated 26th November 1874, No. 1971, the Vaccination Establishment may be made over to the Local Board now that they are willing to undertake the work of supervision, and the proposed increased establishment may be entertained in the event of the Board still considering it necessary to have so many Superintendents after receiving the information which they have applied for from Trichinopoly.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue. *with Encl.*
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