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No. 139. Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddapah, 14th November 1874, No. 131 :—

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the annual report of the Cuddapah Municipality for 1873-74, together with the statements of receipts and expenditure.

2. The Civil Dispensary continues to be useful and acceptable to most of the native community.

Annual Report of the Cuddapah Municipality for 1873-74.

I have the honor to report upon the working of the Cuddapah Municipality during the year ending 31st March 1874, and to forward the usual Statements 1, 2, 3, and 4 in connexion therewith.

2. The actual collections compared with the estimate are as follow :—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
1873-74.			1873-74.		
	Estimate.	Actuals.		Estimate.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	2,948	4,340	Grant I.—		
Assignments... ..	400	212	New Works	9,800	13,139
Rate on Houses	6,000	5,943	Repairs	4,350	6,066
Tax on Arts	5,000	3,913	Other items	144	144
Tax on Vehicles	900	845	Grant II.—		
Registration of Carts ...	500	539	Municipal Schools ...	720	1,090
Tolls	9,000	10,250	Salary-grant	180	...
Fees	70	503	Recruits-grant	500	136
Fines	250	369	Contribution for Educational		
Fees in Schools	2,000	4,360	Inspection	250	240
Endowments			Grant III.—		
Contribution from Local			Hospitals and Dispensaries	6,100	3,782
Fund	2,400	1,850	Vaccination	140	119
Miscellaneous	2,350	3,004	Registration of Births and		
Advances recovered		340	Deaths	192	190
			Conservancy	5,600	5,025
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	892	1,115
			Slaughter-house	160	183
			Other Charges	500	1,174
			Grant V.—		
			Establishment	2,310	2,034
			Miscellaneous		3
			Advances recoverable ...		630
Total ...	31,838	36,494	Total ...	31,838	35,670

3. The actual collections exceed the estimate by Rupees 4,656. The balance in hand at the close of the year was Rupees 4,340 against Rupees 2,948 as per the estimate. Tolls, which the Commissioners expected would fetch only Rupees 9,000, were at the auction raised to Rupees 9,400, and including the arrears realized Rupees 10,250. The magisterial fines were much increased during the year, owing to a number of cases prosecuted by the Town Police under the Police Act and convicted by the Magistrate. The interest on the Government promissory-note of the Cuddapah Civil Dispensary, which had not been drawn in the preceding year, was credited during the year under review, and the receipts under that head were consequently Rupees 4,360 over Rupees 2,000, the sum estimated.

4. The total expenditure amounts to Rupees 35,670, or Rupees 3,832 over the estimate. New Works and Repairs cost Rupees 5,000 more than the estimate. The Commissioners intended to expend during the year Rupees 7,000 towards the construction of the market; but it was afterwards found expedient to spend Rupees 10,000 on that work, and one tiled shed has since

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been completed. The repairs of roads cost Rupees 2,000 more than the estimate. Hospitals and Dispensaries were estimated to cost Rupees 6,100, but the actual expenditure was Rupees 3,782. This decrease is owing to the cost of medicines supplied to the Dispensary in 1873-74, and the salary of the medical subordinate for that period not having been paid into the treasury during the year.

5. The receipts from pounds amounted to Rupees 193-3-3, and the expenditure Rupees 333-1-4, or Rupees 189-14-1 over the receipts, which sum has been entered in the statement as advance recoverable. The pounds in the town having been built of mud walls, and frequent complaints having been made by the Magistrates of their want of repair, the Commissioners resolved to build them with laterite-in-chunam, the carrying out of which resolution enhanced the expenditure.

6. At the close of the year the balance of the Municipal Funds was Rupees 823-10-8.

7. The balance under deposits at the commencement of the year was Rupees 2,400, to which were added Rupees 2,250 during the year, out of which Rupees 3,350 having been refunded to the contractors, a balance of Rupees 1,300 remains in the hands of the Commissioners for the year.

8. On the 31st March 1874, there stood a balance of Rupees 338-13-0 on account of Rates on Houses, and Rupees 568 on account of Tax on Arts. Out of these sums Rupees 69-15-0 on account of House-rates, and Rupees 333-8-0 on account of Tax on Arts, have been collected during the current year. There is no balance left under Arrears.

9. The Municipal Anglo-Vernacular School was opened, on the 1st September 1873, with 107 names on the roll, which number rose to 165 at the end of March last. The teaching staff, which consisted of one Head Master and two Assistants, at the commencement, was found insufficient, and three more Assistants were subsequently entertained. The receipts on account of school-fees for seven months ending 31st March 1874 were Rupees 208-14-0, and the expenditure for that period was Rupees 478-4-6 on account of salaries of schoolmasters, and Rupees 612-0-11 for furniture, &c.

10. The Municipal Commissioners opened the slaughter-house in the town on the 15th August 1873. Nearly eighty animals are daily slaughtered there. The income for seven-and-a-half months is Rupees 239-6-9. The establishment consists of one Conicopillay on Rupees 10 per month, and two sweepers on Rupees 6 each. One yard being found insufficient another was built. The floors and the walls to the height of three feet have been asphalted.

11. A brief report of the working of the Civil Dispensary at Cuddapah, together with a statement showing the attendance during the year, as well as that during the preceding year, with the daily average of patients, forwarded by the Zillah Surgeon, is enclosed.

12. The general conservancy of the town was attended to by a regular establishment of scavengers and carts. The health of the people was good, and no epidemic of any kind appeared. The Booga River, which forms the western boundary of the town, has lately been included within its limits, in order to prevent the washing of clothes, &c., in the river during the hot season, when a great number of the town people use this water for drinking purposes.

13. The following table shows the particulars of births and deaths that occurred in the Municipality during the year :—

		Population.	CAUSES OF DEATH.										Births.	
			Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fever.	Bowel Complaints.	INJURIES.					All other Causes.		Total of Deaths.
							Suicides.	Wounds.	Accidents.	Snake-bites.	Killed by Wild Beasts.			
Cuddapah ...	...	75	...	9	343	10	...	3	8	...	...	213	586	547

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14. A vaccinator is in the employment of the Municipality, who, during the year under review, performed 255 successful operations.

15. The accounts for the year ending 31st March 1874 have been audited by the English Head Clerk of the Collector's Department, copy of whose report is herewith forwarded.

16. I have heard no complaints whatever against the working of the Towns Improvement Act, and several of the non-official Members of the Commission appear to take interest in the work.

(Signed) W. D. HORSLEY,
President.

From C. SEETAPATY ROW, Auditor of the Municipal Accounts, Cuddapah, to W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah, dated Cuddapah, 26th October 1874.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting report of the accounts of the Cuddapah Municipality for the official year 1873-74.

No. 140. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1874, No. 2100.
CUDDAPAH.

RECEIPTS.	1873-74.		CHARGES.	1873-74.	
	Estimate.	Actuals.		Estimate.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance forward	2,948	4,340	Grant I.		
Assignments	400	300	New Works—		
Rate on Houses, &c. ...	6,000	5,943	Communications	9,800	13,089
Tax on Arts ...	5,000	3,913	Sanitary and Miscella- neous ...		
Tax on Vehicles ...	900	845	Repairs—		
Registration of Carts ...	500	539	Communications ...		5,085
Tolls ...	9,000	10,250	Sanitary and Miscella- neous ...	4,350	1,582
Fees ...	20	26	Other items ...	144	144
Fines ...	70	503	Grant II.—		
Endowments, &c. ...	2,000	4,360	Municipal Schools ...	720	1,090
Contribution from Local Funds ...	2,400	1,850	Salary-grants ...	180	...
Miscellaneous ...	2,600	3,004	Results-grants ...	500	136
Advances recovered ...	...	709	Contribution to Local Funds for Inspection ...	250	240
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals ...	6,100	3,782
			Vaccination ...	140	119
			Registration of Births and Deaths ...	192	191
			Conservancy ...	5,600	5,025
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting ...	892	1,115
			Other purposes ...	660	1,357
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision ...	2,310	2,036
			Advances recoverable ...	...	630
			Balance ...	...	823
Total ...	31,838	36,494	Total ...	31,838	36,494

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2. The receipts of the year amounted to Rupees 32,154 against an estimate of Rupees 28,890, the increase being chiefly due to an arrear collection on account of tolls, and to the receipts from endowments not having been carefully estimated. The large falling off of Rupees 1,087 under "Tax on Arts, &c.," is not explained, but from Statement IV. it appears that the demand assessed was Rupees 382 short of the estimate, and that Rupees 568 remained uncollected at the close of the year.

3. Explanation is required regarding Statement I.-A. The statement now rendered shows an opening balance to the credit of the Dispensary of Rupees 453, and of Rupees 258 under Miscellaneous, while in Statement I. the whole opening balance is shown as "Municipal." In the same way, in Statement II., the whole balance shown is Rupees 824 under "Municipal," while an endowment balance aggregating Rupees 1,546 appears in Statement I.-A. If the latter be correct the Commissioners must have drawn considerably upon Endowment Funds to meet the ordinary municipal expenditure. The entry of Rupees 224 on account of road-cess under Miscellaneous requires explanation.

4. The expenditure of the year amounted to Rupees 35,671, or Rupees 3,833 over the estimate, the excess being chiefly due to Rupees 10,068 having been spent on the new market in lieu of Rupees 7,000 provided in the Budget. The expenditure on Municipal Schools exceeded the Budget allotment by Rupees 370, but Rupees 136 only were paid as results-grants against an estimate of Rupees 500. This should have been explained. The attendance at the Dispensary was very satisfactory, notwithstanding a small decrease in the number of out-patients. The Government observe that the salary of the medical subordinate was not paid into the Treasury within the year. The Accountant-General will take the necessary steps to ensure adjustments of the kind being effected without delay, instances of neglect on the part of Municipalities being reported for the orders of Government. The conservancy of the town appears to have been carefully attended to, but the cost of vaccination was as high as Rupee 0-7-6 per successful operation, and it is improbable that the deaths really exceeded the births by thirty-nine, as shown in the registration returns.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah.

- .. Public Works Department.
- .. Revenue Department.
- .. Board of Revenue.
- .. Accountant-General.
- .. Sanitary Commissioner.
- .. Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- .. Director of Public Instruction.
- .. President of the Local Fund Boards, Cuddapah.

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