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Municipal—Budget.

No. 32. Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Madura, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 21st January 1875, No. 5:—

I have the honor to submit the Municipal Budget Statements of Dindigul for 1875-76, with a Memorandum explaining certain items of the Budget, received from the Vice-President. The Statements having been drawn up in separate loose sheets in the Vice-President's office, they have been prepared here in a book-form.

Explanatory remarks upon Budget of Dindigul Municipality for 1875-76, referred to in letter to the President of the Municipality, dated 7th January 1875.

1. *Statement I.*—The opening balance is Rupees 4,000.

2. RECEIPTS.—The probable receipts from rate on Houses, Tolls, Taxes on vehicles, and Registration of carts have been estimated from the actuals of the current year. The total of probable receipts, including the balance of Rupees 4,000, is estimated at Rupees 12,950.

3. *Statement II.*—This Statement shows an estimated expenditure of Rupees 11,120 under the following heads:—

EXPENDITURE.

		RS.
	Grant I.—Public Works.	
1.	New Works—	
	(*a.*) Communications	1,000
	(*c.*) Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,200
2.	Repairs—	
	(*a.*) Communications	1,300
	(*c.*) Sanitary and Miscellaneous	300
	Grant II.—Education.	
4.	Results Grants	1,000
5.	Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspectorate	400
	Grant III.—Sanitation.	
1.	Hospitals and Dispensaries	580
2.	Vaccination	140
3.	Registration	120
4.	Conservancy	2,860
	Grant IV.—Miscellaneous.	
1.	Lighting	1,050
2.	Markets	200
4.	Watering trees and Planting avenues	90
	Grant V.—Supervision and Management.	
1.	Establishment	630
2.	Miscellaneous	250
	Total	11,120

4. Under *New Works*, Communications, Rupees 300 is for opening a new road from the Railway Station to the southern portion of Nahalnaikenputti, where the weekly market is held. Not only will this greatly relieve the narrow main street of Nahalnaikenputti on the market day, but it will afford the most direct communication from the Railway Station to Mertiputti, and all the villages on the road to Madura south of this.

This amount includes compensation for land and the building of two small tunnels needed.

5. Under this item is also included what will virtually be a new road, and in the centre of the town, from Gopalasamoodrum to the Police Station. This, which is now only a lane, is a great thoroughfare, and should be made available for bandy traffic.

6. The largest item under the head of *New Works—Sanitary and Miscellaneous*, is Rs. 800 for a building for a Municipal Office, which has long been felt a necessity. The present location of the Municipal Office is by no means central, and on many accounts inconvenient; we are also paying rent for it.

7. We propose still to improve the narrow lanes as far as we have the means by revetting one or both sides, and gravelling them.

8. Under the head of *Repairs*, Statement II.-A, gives in detail the various items of proposed expenditure.

9. The amount of grant to the Dindigul Dispensary remains unchanged, being just one-fourth of the amount granted to this Institution by the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, and Municipality together.

10. So much satisfaction has been afforded to the residents of Dindigul by the new lamps, and so many petitions have been given to the Commissioners begging for more of these in various parts of the town, that an amount to cover the expense of ten new lamp-posts and lamps has been entered under *Grant IV., Miscellaneous*—1. Lighting.

11. A slight increase is asked for over last year under the head of *Grant V., Supervision and Management*. It was found from the increased amount of writing required of the Municipal Clerk that to insure correctness in the accounts and promptness in preparing and forwarding papers required by the Accountant-General and Deputy-Collector, it would be advisable to give the duty of receiving and remitting of money into the hands of a separate person, and therefore, as a temporary arrangement, the Commissioners allowed the appointment of a Cashkeeper on the salary of Rupees 10 per mensem. A trial of five months has proved the great advantage of the plan.

12. The estimated balance at the end of 1875-76 will be Rupees 1,830.

DINDIGUL,
7th January 1875.

(Signed) E. CHESTER,
Vice-President.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1875, No. 490.

The Budget Estimates submitted with the above letter are compared below with those for the current year :—

RECEIPTS.	1874-75.	1875-76.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	2,700	4,000
Assignment by Government.	100	100
Rate on Houses, &c.	1,500	1,500
Tax on Vehicles	650	600
Registration of Carts... ...	400	400
Tolls	5,500	5,000
Fees	200	110
Fines	150	100
Miscellaneous	1,065	1,140
Total ...	12,265	12,950

CHARGES.	1874-75.	1875-76.
	RS.	RS.
Grant I.—		
New Works—		
Communications ...	550	1,000
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,000	1,200
Repairs—		
Communications ...	1,260	1,300
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	...	300
Other items	2,750	...
Grant II.—		
Results Grants	1,000	1,000
Contribution to Local Funds for Inspection.	230	400
Grant III.—		
Hospitals	580	580
Vaccination...	140	140
Registration of Births and Deaths	120	120
Conservancy...	2,740	2,860
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	725	1,050
Other items...	210	290
Grant V.—		
Supervision and Management	730	880
Balance	230	1,830
Total ...	12,265	12,950

2. The opening balance is estimated at Rupees 4,000, while the regular estimates for 1874-75 shown in the last column of Statement II. give the closing balance of that year at Rupees 4,650. The opening balance* of the regular estimate also differs from the actual ascertained closing balance† of 1873-74, (*vide* G.O., dated 17th October 1874, No. 1760). Explanation should be furnished of these differences. The President will also explain fully when submitting future Budgets how the opening balance has been arrived at. The other items of receipt do not show any marked variation.

* Rupees 4,190.
† Rupees 3,588.

3. The Government observe that on the expenditure side it has been found possible to make larger provision for New Works and Lighting than in the current year.

4. The employment of a Shroff, on Rupees 10 per mensem, is approved under the circumstances reported.

5. The charges for Dawk Bungalows would appear more appropriately under Grant IV. than under Grant V., and Statements III.-and IV. need not be submitted with the Budget Estimates. Statement II.-A is not correctly prepared. The column "Amount of estimate" is intended to show the estimated cost of each project; the last column, showing the expenditure proposed for the year.

6. In Statement II.-A, the total of the various items particularized is Rupees 1,000 only, not Rupees 1,300 as shown therein. It is presumed that some work on which an outlay of Rupees 300 is proposed to be incurred has been by oversight omitted in that statement.

7. The attention of Government has been attracted by the large balances which are annually brought to the credit of this Municipality. If a similar large opening balance is estimated for 1876-77, proposals must be submitted for its investment.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Madura.
" 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, Madura.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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Madura.

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Dated March 4th.

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