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Municipal—Budget.

No. 277. Read the following letter from H. ST. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vizagapatam, 8th February 1875, No. 220:—

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the Budget Estimates for 1875-76 of the Municipalities of Vizagapatam, Bimlipatam, and Vizianagram, prepared in the prescribed forms.

2. **VIZAGAPATAM. Receipts.**—The balance at the beginning of the year 1875-76 is estimated at Rupees 3,000. The estimated receipts including the balance amount to Rupees 22,720 against Rupees 24,750 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rupees 2,030, which is chiefly due to a less balance than that of 1874-75 being anticipated for 1875-76, and to the estimate on account of Taxes on Vehicles and fees on Commercial shed being reduced in consequence of their not having been realized in the current year to the extent anticipated.

Expenditure.—The estimated expenditure for 1875-76 is Rupees 22,670 against Rupees 24,470 of the current year. The decrease is owing to the necessary curtailment of expenditure to the extent of reduction in receipts.

3. **BIMLIPATAM. Receipts.**—The receipts are estimated at Rupees 13,380 for 1875-76 against Rupees 8,050 of 1874-75. The cause of this large increase is in consequence of the transactions of the Civil Dispensary, which has been made over to the Municipality under G.O., dated 6th August 1874, No. 1291, having been exhibited for the first time in the next year's estimates. An increase of Rupees 1,000 is due to the enhanced offer for Tolls.

Expenditure.—The total estimated expenditure is Rupees 13,278 against Rupees 7,320 of 1874-75. The increase is mainly due to the same cause which swells the receipts. The provision for Public Works has been raised by Rupees 480, in consequence of the Municipality's proposition to substitute cut (V) stone drains for masonry ones constructed some twelve years ago, and which are now in a very bad state of repair.

Under Grant II., Education, Rupees 216 have been newly provided for grants to the European and Eurasian Boys' and Girls' Schools, and to a small Mussulmans' School which are maintained by the people, but aided by the Municipality.

A sum of Rupees 600 has been allotted for lighting the town.

Under Grant III., Establishment, provision has been made for a 1st-Class Apothecary whose entertainment has been ordered. The Municipality, however, say they are not able to maintain a 1st-Class Apothecary, and the subject has been referred to the Surgeon-General.

4. **VIZIANAGRAM. Receipts.**—The estimate for 1875-76 is Rupees 11,070 or a slight increase of Rupees 185 over the estimate for 1874-75, which is in consequence of the anticipation of realizing a larger sum on account of taxes on vehicles.

Expenditure.—A sum of Rupees 60 has been newly allotted on account of fees to children vaccinated, and a small increase to the existing establishment has been proposed with reference to the increased receipts. The other items call for no remark.

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No. 278. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1875, No. 690.

The subjoined abstract shows the Budget Estimates of the Vizagapatam Municipality for 1875-76 in comparison with those for 1874-75:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
1874-75.	1875-76.		1874-75.	1875-76.	
RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.	
Balance brought forward	4,440	3,000	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Government	30	10	New Works—		
Rate on Houses, &c.	2,000	2,000	Communications	2,000	
Tax on Arts, &c.	5,000	5,000	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Tax on Vehicles, &c.	2,400	2,000	neous	3,898	1,000
Registration of Carts	180	150	Repairs—		
Tolls	9,900	10,000	Communications	2,000	2,000
Fees	50	100	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Fines	50	100	neous	2,400	500
Miscellaneous	700	300	Grant II.—		
			Results Grants	1,348	900
			Contribution for Inspection	310	800
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals	810	1,156
			Vaccination	450	270
			Registration of Births, &c.	270	410
			Conservancy	8,540	8,094
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	1,373	1,130
			Other purposes	150	170
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment	2,921	3,040
			Balance	280	50
Total	24,750	22,720	Total	24,750	22,720

2. The estimated opening balance is large, and is explained in the Memorandum of remarks to be due to certain sanitary works not being carried out in 1874-75 to the extent originally proposed. The nature and description of the works, and the reason for their postponement should have been stated. The accumulation of large unutilized balances and their transfer from year to year has been repeatedly remarked on by Government as objectionable, and cannot be allowed to continue.

3. The proposed allotment of Results Grants* is less by Rupees 448 than that for the current year, but is more than the actual expenditure under that head in 1873-74 by Rupees 351. The large contribution of Rupees 800 for Inspection is evidently a mistake and should be rectified.

4. It is observed that though the estimated Hospital charges are in excess of the provision for 1874-75, owing to the additional establishment required for the hospital for contagious diseases, they are still considerably less than those incurred in 1873-74.

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BIMLIPATAM.

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
1874-75.	1875-76.		1874-75.	1875-76.	
RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.	
Balance brought forward	1,500		Grant I.—		
Rates on Houses, &c.	1,100	1,100	New Works—		
Tax on Vehicles	300	250	Communications	1,560	350
Registration of Carts	150	150	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Tolls	6,500	7,500	neous	150	2,180
School Fees			Repairs—		
Endowments	2,520		Communications		450
Contribution from Local			Miscellaneous	790	
Funds	300		Grant II.—		
Miscellaneous	60		Municipal Schools		216
			Results Grants	350	334
			Contribution for Inspection	50	50
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals	600	5,178
			Vaccination	120	120
			Registration of Births, &c.		
			Conservancy	2,592	2,790
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	550	600
			Other purposes	150	
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision and Management	958	1,010
			Balance	180	102
Total	8,050	13,380	Total	8,050	13,380

5. From the estimated large opening balance, it would appear that it is not intended to utilize, within the current year, the increased revenue resulting from the maintenance of the House-tax at the old rate. The President should have explained the circumstances which prevent the income of the Municipality being fully expended within the year.

6. Besides the opening balance, the increase anticipated under Tolls and the receipts of the Hospital recently transferred to the management of the Commissioners have contributed to swell the estimated receipts which are in excess of those for the current year by Rupees 5,330.

7. The item "Sale proceeds of Medicines" should be shown under 5a Hospitals, not under 7 Miscellaneous, and a separate Statement of the Hospital receipts and expenditure should have been given in Statement I-A.

8. The only important new work provided for is the substitution of cut-stone drains for masonry ones constructed many years ago. The allotment for the repair of roads seems small.

9. The Schools for which a grant of Rupees 216 is proposed, being private schools not under the management of the Municipal Commissioners, cannot be called "Municipal Schools." The amount should be shown as a Result or Salary Grant as the case may be.

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VIZIANAGRAM.

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Assignment by Government...	—	10	New Works—		
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Tax on Vehicles, &c. ...	1,700	2,000	Repairs—		
Registration of Carts ...	350	400	Communications ...	1,400	900
Tolls ...	7,700	7,500	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Fees ...	10	10	neous ...		150
Fines ...	10	10	Establishment ...	25	90
Miscellaneous ...	65	90	Tools and Plant ...		20
			Grant II.—		
			Results Grants ...	600	600
			Contribution for Inspection.	93	93
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals ...		
			Vaccination ...	120	180
			Registration of Births, &c.	270	270
			Conservancy ...	4,021	4,049
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting ...	500	500
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment ...	1,906	2,068
Total ...	10,885	11,070	Total ...	10,885	11,070

10. An increase of Rupees 300 under Tax on Vehicles and a decrease of Rupees 200 under Tolls is anticipated, but not explained.

11. The distribution of the funds available among the various objects of the Act seems judicious, and calls for no remarks in detail.

12. Subject to the above remarks, the Budgets of the three Municipalities are passed.

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