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Municipal—Budget.

No. 267. Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madura, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 3rd February 1875, No. 9:—

I have the honor to submit the Municipal Budget Statements of Madura for 1875-76, with a covering letter received from the Vice-President.

2. The Commissioners propose to raise the rate of house-tax from 4 to 6 per cent. on the annual rent value. The increase is evidently necessary since the estimated expenditure on conservancy is Rupees 27,150, while even at 6 per cent. the house-tax only produces Rupees 18,750. The deficiency has hitherto been made up from tolls, but from next year the proceeds of tolls are to be divided between the Municipality and the Local Fund Board.

3. As the Commissioners propose to improve the drainage which is bad and to erect a good market, it is very important that the ordinary expenditure should be met out of current revenue, and that the balance should be kept to meet at least a portion of the cost of these works. I therefore recommend the proposed increase of the house-tax for the favorable consideration of Government.

No. 268. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1875, No. 684.

A comparative abstract of the Budget Estimates of the Madura Municipality for 1874-75 and 1875-76 is given below:—

RECEIPTS.	1874-75.		CHARGES.	1874-75.	
	1874-75.	1875-76.		1874-75.	1875-76.
Assignment by Government.	70	100	New Works—		
Rate on Houses, &c. ...	12,250	18,750	Communications ...	1,500	3,450
Tax on Vehicles ...	2,300	2,500	Sanitary and Miscel-		
Registration of Carts ...	1,000	1,000	laneous ...	11,950	3,300
Tolls ...	22,000	24,000	Repairs—		
Fees ...	620	600	Communications ...	3,911	5,383
Fines ...	200	150	Sanitary and Miscellane-		
Dispensary ...	6,496	4,224	ous ...	2,500	3,300
Choultries ...	2,450	2,450	Establishment ...	7,792	2,760
Travellers' Bungalows ...	300	450	Tools and Plant ...		400
Contributions from Local			GRANT II.—		
Funds ...	1,011	3,200	Salary Grants ...	198	...
Miscellaneous ...	13,216	11,403	Results Grants ...	2,000	1,500
			Contribution for inspec-		
			tion ...	430	200
			GRANT III.—		
			Hospitals ...	7,712	8,754
			Vaccination ...	420	480
			Registration of Births, &c.	360	444
			Conservancy ...	24,508	27,150
			GRANT IV.—		
			Lighting ...	4,676	5,194
			Markets ...	236	164
			Choultries ...	2,180	2,180
			Avenues ...		125
			Travelling Bungalows ...	1,280	140
			Miscellaneous ...		1,000
			GRANT V.—		
			Office ...	2,620	2,216
			Contingencies ...		300
			BALANCE—		
			Municipal Fund ...	21,671	23,922
			Endowment Fund ...		193
Total...	95,944	92,555	Total ...	95,944	92,555

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2. The accumulation of funds for the drainage and water project accounts for the large opening balance as in previous years. It is reported that the survey of the town in view to carry out the work has just been completed, and the Government note that it is expected that the accumulated funds above referred to will be reduced by about Rupees 14,000 by the end of the current year.*

* Actual opening balance 1874-75	...	RS. 37,873
Estimated do 1875-76	...	23,728
		<u>14,145</u>

3. It is proposed to raise the house-tax from 4 to 6 per cent. and thereby obtain an increase of Rupees 6,500 to the Municipal income from that source. The Government observe that according to the Budget Estimates submitted, the effect of this increase will be to raise the Municipal balance by Rupees 2,417, and as they cannot sanction any increase of taxation for such a purpose, the revised rate must be fixed at $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., which will enable the Commissioners to meet the Budget expenditure for the year without trenching on the funds which have been accumulated for special works.

4. It is observed that the contributions from Local Funds include a sum of Rupees 3,000 granted on account of the new Civil Dispensary building.

5. The large allotment of Rupees 2,300 for the repair of the Kunnattoor Chuttrum should have been explained, as also the reduced grant proposed for education. The Government must insist on a larger assignment of Municipal funds being made for the latter object by ~~the Municipal Commissioners~~ under some other heads of expenditure.

6. The provision made for conservancy and lighting appears to be ample.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, 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 Board, Madura District.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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