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Municipal—Budget.

No. 34. Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., President, Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Kamachendrapur, 31st January 1876, No. 2:—

With reference to G.O. of the 2nd June 1875, No. 1190, I have the honor to forward, herewith, Abstract and Budget Estimates of the Ellore and Rajahmundry Municipalities for 1876-77.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1876, No. 787.

The following is an abstract of the Budget Estimates of the Rajahmundry Municipality for the year 1876-77 as compared with those for 1875-76:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1875-76.	1876-77.		1875-76.	1876-77.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward...	4,542	...	GRANT I.		
Assignments by Government.	100	150	New Works—		
Rates on Houses	4,530	4,600	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Taxes on Arts	3,675	...	neous... ..	1,500	500
Taxes on Vehicles	550	550	Repairs—		
Registration of Carts	125	150	Communications	5,650	1,200
Tolls	3,610	3,600	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Fees	608	450	neous... ..	1,666	544
Fines	200	150	Establishment	240	...
Endowments, &c.... ..	1,200	1,200	GRANT II.		
Contribution from Local			Salary Grants	216	216
Funds	1,200	1,400	Results Grants	190	400
Miscellaneous	2,795	2,970	Contribution to Local		
Advances Recoverable	...	...	Funds for Educational		
			Inspection	20	20
			GRANT III.		
			Hospitals and Dispensaries	2,400	2,300
			Vaccination	170	170
			Conservancy	6,700	6,720
			GRANT IV.		
			Lighting	2,000	1,500
			Travellers' Bungalow	220	200
			Miscellaneous	...	300
			GRANT V.		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment	1,344	1,150
			Balances	819	...
Total ...	23,135	15,220	Total ...	23,135	15,220

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2. No opening balance is estimated and no attempt appears to have been made to ascertain the probable unexpended balance at the end of 1875-76, the figures entered for that year in the present Budget being those of the sanctioned Budget. The regular estimate, calculated with reference to the actual receipts and expenditure of the first eight months and the probable receipts and expenditure of the remainder of the year, should in future be given in the last column of Statements I and II.

3. The total receipts are estimated at Rupees 15,220 against Rupees 23,135 in the current year. The decrease is due to the absence of an opening balance and to the proposed discontinuance of the Tax on Arts, Trades, and Professions. No explanation has been furnished as to the reasons which have induced the Commissioners to propose the abolition of this tax which was sanctioned during the current year at their own particular request on very sufficient ground shown by the President at the time. These reasons have not disappeared, and the very inadequate assignment made in the Budget under review for the services of Public Works and Education clearly evidence the necessity of maintaining this tax unless some equivalent can be found. On this point the President will report with reference to G.O., dated 11th February 1876, No. 487-A, Financial. The Government further observe that when the proportion of the tolls payable to the Local Fund Board, Cocanada, on account of through traffic taxed by the Municipality is determined there will be an additional charge to meet. The decrease under Fees should be explained.

4. Under Charges there is a large decrease of Rupees 6,812 in the allotment for New Works, and of Rupees 500 in that for Lighting; this, it is presumed, is in consequence of the diminution in the Municipal income. The same amount as in the current year, viz., Rupees 636 has been allotted to Education. The Governor in Council considers that this may well be increased to not less than Rupees 1,000.

5. ELLORE.—The estimates of this Municipality for the years 1875-76 and 1876-77 are compared in the subjoined statement:—

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RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1875-76.	1876-77.		1875-76.	1876-77.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward...	2,000	1,500	GRANT I.		
Assignment by Government...	50	25	New Works—		
Rates on Houses	3,700	3,500	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Taxes on Vehicles	600	800	neous	1,300	3,500
Registration of Carts	900	900	Repairs—		
Tolls	4,400	4,500	Communications	2,600	2,600
Fees	150	300	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Fines	200	200	neous	250	300
Contribution from Local			Other Items	340	400
Funds	1,000	4,500	GRANT II.		
Miscellaneous	170	270	Results Grants... ..	500	750
			Municipal Schools		150
			Inspection		20
			GRANT III.		
			Hospitals	2,000	1,800
			Vaccination	150	150
			Registration of Births and		
			Deaths		120
			Conservancy	3,000	2,950
			GRANT IV.		
			Lighting	400	550
			Public Bungalows	100	100
			GRANT V.		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment	1,390	1,360
			General Reserve	1,117	1,650
			Balance	23	95
Total ...	13,170	16,495	Total ...	13,170	16,495

6. The opening balance estimated here corresponds with the closing balance of the regular estimate for 1875-76 given in the Budget, but in the calculation of the amount the General Reserve set apart in the regular estimate has not been taken into account. It is unlikely that much of this reserve will now be expended, and the opening balance has in all probability been under-estimated.

7. The total receipts estimated for Ellore exceed those of the current year by Rupees 3,325, but this is chiefly due to an increase of Rupees 3,000 in the contribution by the Local Fund Board. It is not explained on what grounds the increased contribution has been demanded from the Local Fund Board and whether they have consented to pay it. The President will report on this subject.

8. The Government note that Rupees 3,000 have been provided for the construction of a Dispensary and that the allotment for Education has been increased from Rupees 500 to Rupees 920.

9. The President has submitted the Ellore Budget Statements without explaining the variations in the estimates, and without making any remarks of his own on the proposals of the Commissioners.

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