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Municipal—Budget.

No. 87. Read letter from J. HOPE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Narsapur, 4th August 1876, No. 14.

Referring to paragraph 10 of the G.O., dated the 4th May last, No. 787, I have

of the Ellore Municipality for 1876-77.

2. In preparing these budgets the actuals of 1875-76 have been adopted (column 4). The actual balance at the close of 1875-76 has been brought forward in column 2.

3. *Receipts—House-tax.*—The estimate for the current year 1876-77 under this head is Rupees 3,000 against the actual demand of Rupees 3,393 of 1875-76. Of this, however, Rupees 1,741 were left uncollected at the close of the year, as the assessment of the tax was made too late owing chiefly to the non-receipt of the accounts from the Auditor. The arrear has been added to the estimate of 1876-77.

4. *Taxes on Vehicles, &c.*—The increase under this head is due to the expected receipts on account of ploughing cattle, which are to be taxed for the first time under G.O., dated 25th August 1875, No. 171b.

5. *Registration of Carts.*—The Commissioners it seems anticipate that a number of carts that were taken in the previous years to Hyderabad and other places will return to Ellore during 1876-77. They have, therefore, raised the provision from Rupees 666 to Rupees 800.

6. *Tolls.*—The tolls have been rented out during the current year for Rupees 5,310. How much of this amount is to be handed over to the Local Fund Board still remains undecided.

7. *Fees.*—It is likely that some offensive trades will be licensed during the year.

8. *Contribution from Local Funds.*—In the budget originally sent Rupees 3,000 were provided as contribution from the Local Funds for the construction of a dispensary building (*vide* paragraphs 7 and 8 of G.O., dated 4th May 1876, No. 787). The Commissioners proposed the construction of a dispensary building at Ellore at a cost of Rupees 6,200, and the Local Fund Board, Ellore Circle, agreed to bear half of the cost. The Commissioners engaged a contractor and advanced him Rupees 3,000, and it seems that materials have been collected. The Commissioners thought that they could get the Local Fund Board contribution during the year, and in that expectation made the necessary provision in the budget. Sanction for the payment of the Local Fund Board contribution was applied for, and the matter eventually came up before Government, and they directed the Consulting Architect to draw up a design and estimate for municipal dispensaries (*vide* G.O., 10th August 1875, No. 2317, Public Works Department). As it is not likely that the work can be put in hand during the current year, the Local Fund Board made no provision for this in their budget, and I have, therefore, omitted the items from the budget.

9. *Contribution for Hospitals.*—The working charges of the Ellore Dispensary have been equally shared by the Municipality and the Ellore Local Fund

Board. The quota-payable for the last year was not recovered from Local Fund. The actual expenditure of 1875-76 and the estimated expenditure of 1876-77 came up to Rupees 2,274. The amount payable by the Local Fund Board is, therefore, Rupees 1,117; but, as the Local Fund Budget contains a provision of only Rupees 1,000, the same amount has now been provided in the municipal budget. The difference, if any, payable by the Local Fund Board will be recovered in 1877-78.

10. *Marginalia*.—It has been proposed to spend Rupees 1,500 on the construction and Rupees 2,600 on repairs of roads, Rupees 500 on the construction of new latrines, and Rupees 300 on repairing the existing ones.

11. *Education*.—It was first considered desirable to have a municipal school on salary system, but it has been since resolved by the Commissioners, at the suggestion of the Inspector of Schools, that, instead of this, the result schools should receive more encouragement than heretofore, and that therefore the provision on that account should be raised.

12. *Hospitals*.—The Commissioners intended to get a large supply of medicines, and accordingly made a provision of Rupees 1,000 in the Budget of 1875-76. However these purchases were not made last year (why it is not stated), and the same provision has been repeated for the current year.

13. *Registration of Births and Deaths*.—The Commissioners have deemed it necessary to appoint a Special Registrar on a salary of Rupees 10 a-month. The Municipal Manager could not do the work satisfactorily in addition to his own duties, and he has been directed to register the deaths and births, and the parties did not report them until the maximum period allowed by law had expired, so that the occurrences of one month had to be registered in the following month.

14. There are now but twelve lights in the town, and the Commissioners resolved to establish thirty more. Hence the large increase under this head. It may be remarked that the actuals of 1875-76 in column 4 include the cost of thirty posts for the lamps proposed.

15. The other items under receipts and charges do not call for any remark.

No. 88. Read also letter from J. HOPE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 28th August 1876, No. 17.

With reference to the Official Memorandum, dated 19th instant, from the Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, I have the honor to forward the original detailed Budget Accounts of the Ellore Municipality for 1876-77, which were returned for revision with the Government Proceedings of the 4th May last, No. 787.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1876, No. 1652.

The Budget Estimates of the Ellore Municipality were returned to the President under G.O., dated 4th May 1876, No. 787, principally with reference to the omission mentioned in paragraph 9 of that Order, no general alteration of the items being contemplated. The budget now submitted varies in almost every item from that sent in on 31st January last; the interval that has elapsed is not

sufficient to account for the change of estimate in so many particulars, and, if the figures now submitted are approximately correct, the preparation of the former estimates must have been very carelessly carried out.

2. The Governor in Council accepts the budget now submitted as that of the Commissioners, and compares it below with the sanctioned estimates of 1875-76: the actuals for that year are now available, but for the sake of uniformity

an officer reviews the sanctioned estimates with the actuals.

RECEIPTS.	1875-76.	1876-77.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	2,000	1,200
Assignment by Government	50	25
Rates on Houses	3,700	4,740
Taxes on Vehicles	600	600
Registration of Carts	900	800
Tolls	4,400	5,310
Fees	150	150
Fines	200	150
Contribution from Local Funds	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	170	220
Total	13,170	14,195

	1875-76.	1876-77.
	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.		
New Works—		
Communications	...	1,500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,300	500
Repairs—		
Communications	2,600	2,600
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	250	300
Other items	340	400
GRANT II.		
Municipal Schools	...	...
Results Grants	500	650
Contribution to Local Funds for Inspection	...	20
GRANT III.		
Hospitals	2,000	1,450
Vaccination	150	150
Registration of Births, &c.	...	120
Conservancy	3,000	2,950
GRANT IV.		
Lighting	400	650
Travellers' Bungalow	100	100
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management	1,390	1,360
General Reserve	1,117	1,420
Balance	23	25
Total	13,170	14,195

3. The increase under House-tax is due to the inclusion of exceptional arrears standing over from last year. The other variations are not remarkable. The President should expedite the determination of the question of the division of tolls.

4. Under Charges, the Governor in Council notes that the present allotment for education has been made in consultation with the Educational Department and the same shows an excess of Rupees 250 over the actuals of last year. It is observed that the town of Ellore contained 25,500 inhabitants in 1871, and that the allotment to this service is little more than four per cent. of the municipal income. Under Statement II-A, no details have been given of the works proposed; the statement is therefore useless. The cause of the large decrease in the estimate for hospital charges has not been explained. The cost of hospital establishment in 1875-76 was Rupees 324 against Rupees 192 estimated for the current year. The town has been hitherto insufficiently lighted, and the Commissioners have now very properly increased the provision on this account.

5. The entertainment of a clerk on Rupees 10 per mensem to register births and deaths is sanctioned, and the budget, as now submitted, is passed.

(True Extract.)

W. H. C.
Chief Secretary

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District.
,, 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, Godavery District.

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