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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Municipal--Budgets.

Read the following paper —

No 125. *From J. H. MASTER, Esq, President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 19th January 1877, No 29.*

I have the honor to submit the estimates of the Adoni Municipality for the ensuing year together with regular estimates called for in G.O., No. 2126, dated 27th November 1876.

The Commissioners' covering letter is enclosed.

2. By the extension of municipal limits as sanctioned in G.O., No. 1380, dated 2nd August last, the total receipts for the period under consideration exceed the current year's probable income by Rupees 1,300.

3. The funded capital of the dispensary has been again entered in the budget to be appropriated for the construction of a dispensary building which the Commissioners intend commencing next year.

4. The Groovy Circle Board have been requested to reconsider their resolution passed to the effect that they do not wish to contribute an amount equal to one half of the dispensary charges.

5. The Circle Board have been further requested to intimate what amount was allotted by them for the maintenance of those portions of the roads which have by G.O., No. 1380, dated 2nd August 1876, devolved on the Municipality for maintenance, in order that sanction may be obtained for the transfer of the said amount to the Municipality to enable them to keep the same in repair.

From N. NAIAR ROW and S. SEETHARAMIAH, Commissioners of the Adoni Municipality, to the President of the Adoni Municipal Commission, Bellary, dated Adoni, 26th December 1876, No 108.

We have the honor to submit herewith, as required in your docket, No. 210, of the 2nd instant, the Budget Estimates for the year 1877-78 prepared in accordance with G.O., No 1646, of the 20th October 1871, together with the regular estimate for the year 1876-77, framed in accordance with paragraph 4 of the G.O., No. 2126, of 27th November 1876. The boundaries of the Municipality having been enlarged as sanctioned in G.O., No. 1380, of the 2nd August 1876, necessary alterations in the toll-bars have been made, and the Statements I. and II. are generally affected thereby.

2 The opening balance, as entered in the regular estimate, is Rupees 7,635, which, as of last three years, includes the Local Fund contributions of Rupees 5,500 paid in 1873-74 for the erection of a dispensary in this town.

3 The several heads of receipts are hereunder explained in detail —

I A sum of Rupees 20 is entered as the probable assignment to the Municipality from the Surplus* Pound Fund accrued on the regular estimate of the current year.

* *Para G.O., No 614 of the 5th May 1873*

II. *Rules and Taxes, &c.*—The sums exhibited in 3 (a), 3 (d), 3 (e), 3 (f), and 3 (g) have all been increased on account of the extension of the limits of the Municipality. The toll contract is also presumed to be favorable from the increase in the traffic, and the fall in 3 (c) is owing to most of the cattle in the town having died on account of the scarcity of fodder, having been driven off to the hilly parts for grazing, or having been slaughtered for human food.

III. There is fall in 4 (Fees in Schools, &c.) on account of the meagre attendance of boys in the schools from inability to provide themselves during these days of famine and to afford to study.

IV. The amount exhibited in 5 (a) includes, as per G.O., No. 711, of the 27th April 1874, Rupees 4,404, the funded capital of the dispensary, to be appropriated for the erection of the dispensary, and the interest thereon for the current year to be paid during the year to come.

V. The contribution from the Local Funds for Public Works, 6 (a), Communications, is raised from 80 to 200 Rupees, as the extent of their roads (Bellary, Raichore, and Railway Feeder Roads) is enlarged by one and a-half miles by the extension of the municipal limits. Their contribution to Public Works Department would necessarily be less than what they paid this year as the upkeep of the three roads mentioned above is to be maintained by the Municipality. We request that you will be pleased to move the matter to the Circle Board to hand over the sum allotted for the same to this Municipality instead of the Public Works Department. We have again to urge the necessity of calling upon the Circle Board to contribute a moiety of the charges for the dispensary as hitherto, and request you will specially note this fact in support of the Commissioners' request made in their letter, No. 95, of the 25th October 1875.

VI. The entries under (7) Miscellaneous call for no detailed remarks as they embody a very slight increase to the budget grant of the current year.

4. On the whole it is to be observed that the aggregate receipts, as entered in this budget, are in excess of the sanctioned estimates for the current year by Rupees 1,100, which excess is raised solely by the extension of the municipal boundaries so as to include certain cotton presses, railway station, and other buildings which were hitherto unassessed owing to their being situated beyond the municipal limits.

5. The expenditure, as shown by Statement II, is now to be explained in detail. As a preface we would state that all items in this have been sufficiently considered by the Commissioners to keep the expenditure largely within income as directed in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 1135, of the 9th August 1876, at the same time providing for any unexpected contingency arising from the prevailing famine and dearth and much feared, though anticipated, drought and drying up of fresh-water wells.

6. GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS (NEW WORKS—i Under 1 (a), Communications, and 1 (c), Sanitary and Miscellaneous, no sums have been allotted, except Rupees 11,000 for the construction of the dispensary building as Rupees 2,000 are provided for these works in the original budget of the current year, and Rupees 1,295 in the supplemental budget that is shortly to follow. The standard plan for the dispensary is now sanctioned (vide G.O., No. 194, of the 28th August 1876, Public Works Department), and, as soon as the lithographed plans therein alluded to are received, the Commissioners intend commencing the work without further delay. The Vice-President, Raghava Row Gann, in his annual report, No. 21, paragraph 4, embodied in G.O. No. 1537, of the 23rd August last, has stated the intention of the Commissioners to execute the work themselves without handing over the same to the Public Works Department. The Commissioners do not see any reasons to alter their opinion formerly expressed.

ii. Under 2 (b), Educational, the sum of Rupees 50 is entered to carry out certain repairs to the school building stands in need of.

iii. Under (3), Establishment, Rupees 21 are increased to provide for raising the pay of the Master from Rupees 8 to 10, in order to secure one that is able to carry out the public works properly and intelligibly and to keep accounts of the work which may be placed in his charge.

7. GRANT II, EDUCATION (Municipal Schools)—i Under 2 (a), Establishment, there is a decrease of Rupees 12. The Head Master of the Telugu School, being an unpassed candidate, is paid Rupees 20 instead of Rupees 25 as recommended by the Inspector of Schools of this division; and out of the saving thus obtained the pay of the Fourth Master, whose work is very heavy, is raised from Rupees 8 to 10, and the salaries of the two Hindustani Masters are also raised from Rupees 11 and Rupees 9 to Rupees 15 and Rupees 10 respectively for the zeal evinced by them in the discharge of their work and on consideration of the length of their service.

ii The amount entered in 4, Results Grants, corresponds with that entered in the regular estimate as explained in its remark column.

8. GRANT III, SANITATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES.—i Under 1 (a), Hospitals, there is an increase of Rupees 12 owing to the pay of the compounder to be raised from 8 to 9 Rupees.

ii Under 1 (b), Medicines and Supplies, &c., a large sum of Rupees 400 is allotted to meet with any exigencies arising from the sudden outbreak of epidemic disease such as cholera, &c.

iii Under 2 (b), Vaccination, contingencies are raised from Rupees 20 to 50 as the department may be called upon to operate on a larger scale and probably on the State relief coolies.

iv Under 4 (a), Conservancy Establishment, Rupees 120 are added to the current year's budget to provide for two sweepers to clean the ports lately brought under the municipal limits.

v Under 4 (b), Sanitary Services (cost of conservancy carts), there is also an increase of Rupees 350 for the enormous rise in the price of fodder and gram to be purchased for feeding municipal cattle and for constant and expensive repairs of filth-carts.

vi Under 4 (c) the current year's grant is very largely increased to meet with any contingency arising from water scarcity and drying up of wells, in which case the sum is intended to clear and deepen wells, &c., if necessary.

vii Under 4 (d), Contingencies, the excess of Rupees 68 is allotted, as we think that it may be necessary for purchasing disinfecting powder and carbolic acid in case the existing epidemic to

9. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS MUNICIPAL PURPOSES—i Lighting Contingencies—The Commissioners finding it necessary to provide additional lamp-posts in the newly-added portions of the Municipality, they have raised this item by Rupees 200 to be spent in purchasing kerosine oil, &c.

10. GRANT V., SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT—I. Office—1 (a) Establishment—The pay of the two peons is to be raised by a rupee each in order that they may be required to give security for all sums passing through their hands. The pay of the Second Gumastah is also to be raised by Rupees 3, as he has to perform the duty of the "Birth and Death Registrar" in addition to his legitimate duties; so an increase of Rupees 60 is provided for under this head.

II. Under 1 (b), Contingencies, the amount is made almost to correspond with the regular estimate for purposes similar to those stated in its remark column.

11. Thus the total estimated expenditure according to Statement II is Rupees 25,366, leaving a closing balance of Rupees 1,559, which, when compared with the total credits, gives an average percentage of Rupees 6. Here it is to be noted that the opening balance including the funded capital and the total expenditure both include an allotment of Rupees 11,000, to be spent in constructing a new dispensary, and, if this sum be excluded from both the credit and debit sides, the estimated balance being the same, the average percentage would be Rupees 9. Even the latter percentage is not as large as the Government expect generally, but the Commissioners have spared no pains in weighing every item to bring down the expenditure as low as possible, at the same time attending to the sanitary necessities and other primary objects of the Municipality. We are of opinion that this balance is sufficient to meet with any difficulty that may unexpectedly arise during the early part of the ensuing year 1878-79.

12. In conclusion the Commissioners beg to state that since last four months this Commission is without their Vice President, and have therefore postponed the revision of land-tax in accordance with the remarks in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1,537, under date the 23rd August 1876. They had been hitherto adopting the tax of Rupees 6½ per cent levied under the Madras District Road Cess Act (No. III. of 1866) for all permanently and temporarily assessed lands included

within the limits of this Municipality. The subject would be maturely considered as soon as the Vice-President arrives or one is appointed instead.

No. 126. *From Surgeon-Major H. KING, A.M., M.B., Acting Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 9th January 1877, No. 21.*

I have the honor to report that the Adoni Municipality proposes to make satisfactory provision for sanitary purposes in 1877-78, allotting for them 26 6 per cent. of income. Only Rupees 120 are provided for a vaccinator's pay instead of Rupees 180 as required by Rule 6 of the Vaccination Department.

No. 127. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1877 No. 437.

The annexed abstract shows the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Adoni Municipality for 1877-78 compared with those sanctioned for the current year—

RECEIPTS		Estimated, 1874-75	Estimated, 1877-78
		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward		7,800	7,615
Assignments by Government		35	20
Rates on Houses		6,216	6,600
Taxes on Vehicles		1,500	1,500
Contributions of		500	500
Tolls		2,500	3,000
Fees		300	350
Fines		500	350
Endowments, &		4,171	4,500
Contribution from Local Funds		500	500
Miscellaneous		1,614	1,000
Total		26,129	26,925

CHARGES.		Estimated, 1874-75	Estimated, 1877-78
		RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications		600	100
Sanitary and Miscellaneous		12,100	11,000
Repairs—			
Communications		400	400
Educational		..	50
Sanitary and Miscellaneous		105	200
Establishment		210	200
Tools and Plant		25	50
Contributions to Local Funds		700	..
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools		1,100	1,100
Reserve Grants		100	200
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational In-		20	20

GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries		1,970	2,400
Vaccination		140	170
Conservancy		5,000	5,921
GRANT IV.			
Lighting		816	1,016
Avenues, &c		400	100
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management		1,500	2,000
Balance		48	1,559
Total		26,129	26,925

2. The estimated opening balance includes the Local Fund Contribution for the dispensary building, and the receipts under "Endowment" are swallowed by the proposed appropriation from the funded capital for the same purpose. As the extension of the municipal limits is expected to lead to an increase in the collection from tolls, the Government do not understand the ground on which the Commissioners have applied to the Local Fund Board for an increased contribution for the maintenance of roads within municipal limits.

3. It is observed that the only new work proposed is the dispensary building for which Rupees 11,000 is provided. There is also an increase of Rupees 430 in the estimated current expenses of the institution. The allotment for vaccination should be raised to Rupees 180 as pointed out by the Acting Sanitary Commissioner.

The above is a summary of the details of the budget, and the budget is referred to the Local Fund Board for their consideration.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Adoni.

- .. Public Works Department.
- .. Revenue Department.
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- .. Accountant-General.
- .. Sanitary Commissioner.
- .. Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- .. Director of Public Instruction.
- .. President of the Local Fund Board, Bellary District.

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