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Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following paper :—

No. 245. *From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Saidapet, 25th January 1877, No. 5.*

I have the honor to forward the budget of the Conjeveram Municipality for 1877-78 prepared according to the instructions contained in G.O., dated the 27th November last, No. 2126, Financial Department.

2. The Vice-President's covering letter furnishes all the requisite information, and I shall confine myself to the few points requiring notice.

3. In the regular estimate of receipts credit was taken by the Commissioners for only Rupees 20 under Surplus Pound Fund, being the amount adjusted for the first two quarters of 1876-77, but a further sum of Rupees 20, expected to be realized during the remaining two quarters, has now been entered in column 4, which raised the total receipts from Rupees 20,280 to Rupees 20,300, and the closing balance from Rupees 870 to Rupees 890.

4. In the budget estimate of receipts likewise credit was taken only for Rupees 20 under Surplus Pound Fund, which has been raised to Rupees 40 with reference to the entry in the Special Local Fund Budget for 1877-78. This and the addition referred to in paragraph 3 have raised the total receipts from Rupees 18,420 to Rupees 18,460, and the closing balance from Rupees 870 to Rupees 910.

5. The one-third contribution to the Local Fund Board of the Chingleput Circle on account of tolls levied by the Municipality has been entered as Rupees 1,530, while the corresponding entry in the budget of the above circle is Rupees 1,640. The necessary correction will have to be made by Government with reference to the entry in the passed budget of the circle.

6. The question of reducing the above contribution from one-third to one-fourth of the receipts, as desired by the Commissioners, deserves consideration, but I am not prepared to recommend the proposal as I am not aware that the subject has been communicated to the Chingleput Local Fund Board and approved of by them.

7. The municipal contribution on account of the inspection of the town by the Superintendent of Vaccination is entered at Rupees 30 with reference to No. 5 of the rules promulgated in G.O., dated 2nd September 1876, No. 1591, Financial Department, but in the Local Fund Budget of the Chingleput Circle for 1877-78 credit is taken for Rupees 130. The necessary modification of this latter sum has, therefore, to be made by Government.

8. Under Grant IV some provision should, I think, have been made on account of lunatics to meet unforeseen contingencies, though no expenditure has hitherto been incurred under this head.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. RUTHNA MUDELIAR, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, dated 16th December 1876, No. 149.

I have the honor, as desired in your letter, No. 126, dated 6th December 1876, to submit the budget estimate of receipts and charges for 1877-78 revised in accordance with the instructions in G.O., dated 27th November 1876, No. 2126, Financial Department.

2. The opening balance of the year was ascertained in the manner pointed out in paragraph 4 of the Order, and a copy each of the regular estimates of receipts and charges is enclosed as required. A few remarks on some of the items in these statements appear necessary. Of the budgeted amount of Rupees 7,200 for the current year under rates on houses, it was with great difficulty that a sum of Rupees 4,640 was collected, and a further sum of Rupees 1,620 is expected to be realized during the remaining months of the year, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,000, which, in the opinion of the Commissioners, will be irrecoverable or mostly lost owing to the distressed condition of the people in the present famine. As regards the profession tax, the Government having disallowed the levy of the tax from Class VI of the Schedule, a loss of Rupees 700 was occasioned, and a revision of the trade list owing to decline of trade has caused a further reduction of Rs. 700, to which must be added Rupees 130 on account of remissions on the ground of poverty, abolition of trade, &c. The variations in the other items of the estimate do not call for remark as they are sufficiently explained in the remarks column of the estimates themselves. It will be observed from the estimate of charges that the operations of the current year are expected to close with a balance of Rupees 870.

Receipts.—The Budget for 1877-78 next remains to be considered. It opens with a balance of Rupees 870 as ascertained from the regular estimate of receipts and charges as already alluded to.

2. Assignment by Government on account of Surplus Pound Fund is estimated not to exceed Rupees 20, as the average receipt for several years, except 1874-75, is only Rupees 20. The contribution for the treatment of the Police at the dispensary remains the same as in the current year. This is a special grant for a special purpose and has no connection with the grant towards the Medical Officer's pay, which is excluded from the statement according to orders.

3. The house-rates and receipts from taxes on vehicles, carts, and animals usually show very little fluctuation; the current year's figures are, therefore, retained in the budget. Under trade tax the entry in the current year's budget is Rupees 4,200; but, as the Government disallowed the extension of the tax to Class VI of the Schedule, and owing to complete revision of the trade list on account of a fall in the trade, the current year's demand amounts only to Rupees 3,000 nearly. This sum is, therefore, considered the probable receipt from this source of revenue for 1877-78. The President is aware that the tolls for the current year were sold at Rupees 4,500; but, owing to a great falling off in the cart traffic and the loss to the contractor by ticket exemption on Damal tickets having been found to be half as much again as the estimated sum of Rupees 470, vide Board's Proceedings, No. 3103, dated 12th November 1875; statement under paragraph 5, the Commissioners do not think it likely that the next year's bid will be over Rupees 4,000. The adjustment under tolls is exhibited in the statement of receipts as directed in paragraph 6 of the Government Order. The loss by ticket exemption to be made good to the Local Fund Board is about Rupees 140 calculated from the average of the first two quarters of the current year, while the one-third contribution amounts to the large sum of Rupees 1,530. The compensation to the Municipality on account of Damal tickets delivered at Conjeveram is expected to be Rupees 730, the average receipt for the past eight months being Rupees 530. It will be observed that, in calculating this amount according to the orders in force on the subject, the Municipality has to pay back to the Local Fund Board one-third of what the latter contribute for the Damal tickets which clear the municipal gates. With reference to this subject, I am desired by the Commissioners to request that, in consideration of the low state of the municipal funds, you will be pleased to consider favorably the

question of the division of the tolls and to recommend to Government for their sanction the proposal* to reduce the one-third contribution to one-fourth as in the case of some other Municipalities.

* Resolution enclosed.

As regards the fees under Section 106-123, &c., and bye-laws, it is calculated that they will yield about Rupees 400 against Rupees 100 provided in current year's budget. This increase is due to the determination of the Commissioners to levy the fees sanctioned in G.O., No. 742, dated 18th January 1868, on the various noxious trades enumerated in Sections 129 and 136 of the Act, which have hitherto remained in abeyance. The magisterial fines have shown a steady increase this year; Rupees 300 will be the approximate income on this head next year, the receipts for the past eight months being Rupees 230.

5. Under Hospitals nothing is expected to be realized from the landed property belonging to that institution as it remains unutilized. The entry of Rupees 20 is from the sale of unserviceable articles, &c., the last year's income being Rupees 18. The other items under the head of receipts do not call for remark as they show no variation.

6. The particulars of information regarding endowed institutions, &c., paragraph 9 of the G.O., are duly shown in the remarks column, Statement 1-A.

Expenditure—Grant I.—After making due provision for the various charges under the respective heads of education, sanitation, medical, miscellaneous, and supervision, the amount available for Grant I is Rupees 2,140, of which Rupees 1,000 is allotted for new works, viz., one new second-class road, quarter mile long, Rupees 400, and culverts and other masonry works Rupees 600, and a sum of Rupees 600 for the upkeep of the metal roads, leaving a balance of Rupees 540 for the maintenance of streets and tools and plant, &c.; more funds are not available for new works, communications; but, as the main roads will be completed by the end of the present month, the side roads will be taken up one by one in the order of their importance, and they need not involve a large outlay. The maintenance of the existing metal roads will not involve a large expenditure as a great part of these roads will have been repaired by the end of the current year if the collection goes on satisfactorily. The numerous streets in the town need more attention, and Rupees 500 is hardly sufficient although an excess of Rupees 300 is entered in the budget over the present year's allotment. The Commissioners regret much that they cannot provide funds for sanitary and miscellaneous purposes in this grant, but hope to be able to do something in this direction out of savings.

Grant II—Results Grants.—Under this head the Inspector of Schools in his letter, No. 2293, dated 16th September 1876, requests that a sum of Rupees 1,600 may be allotted for schools next year, but the state of our funds will not admit of a large addition to the usual allotment of Rupees 1,350, which, with the cost of inspection, gives a proportion of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the net income of the Municipality. The Commissioners have, therefore, resolved to raise the grant to Rupees 1,400 on the proposition of the Deputy Inspector of Schools at meeting.

Grant III—Sanitary and Miscellaneous.—Under the sub-head of diets of patients a much larger sum than the present allotment of Rupees 700 is required to meet the expenses of feeding the in-door patients, who are continually increasing and of whom many have to be refused admission for want of funds. The Commissioners regret that a larger sum than Rupees 770 cannot be appropriated for this object at present.

Under Vaccination, in addition to the usual charges for the pay of the two vaccinators and batta to children, a portion of the cost of inspection of this department has to be met by the Municipality agreeably to paragraph 5 of the revised vaccination rules in G.O., dated 2nd September 1876, No. 1591. The proportion, according to the population of Conjeveram, is Rs. 35, which is accordingly entered in the budget; but no provision is made for travelling batta as the Chingleput Local Fund Board have disallowed it.

The last item that needs explanation is the allotment of Rupees 50 for the capture of monkeys, which have increased of late and have become a source of much annoyance to the people. The Commissioners have resolved to deport them at a cost of Rupees 50.

The entries under the remaining heads of the budget show no variation, the usual allotments being considered sufficient for their several purposes.

It will be seen that the budget closes with a balance of Rupees 870.

No. 246.

ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1877, No. 545.

In the subjoined abstract are compared the budget estimates of the Conjeeveram Municipality for the years 1876-77 and 1877-78:—

RECEIPTS.		1876-77.	1877-78.
		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward		2,200	890
Assignments by Government .. .		110	110
Rate on Houses .. .		7,200	7,200
Taxes on Arts .. .		4,200	3,000
Taxes on Vehicles .. .		900	900
Registration of Carts .. .		600	600
Tolls .. .		4,500	3,060
Fees .. .		100	400
Fines .. .		120	300
Endowments, &c. . .		10	20
Contribution from Local Funds ..		2,270	1,800
Miscellaneous .. .		180	180
Total ..		22,390	18,460

CHARGES.		1876-77.	1877-78.
		RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications .. .		2,500	1,000
Repairs—			
Communications .. .		1,200	1,110
Sanitary and Miscellaneous .. .		100	..
Tools and Plant .. .		..	30
Contributions to Local Funds ..		1,740	..
GRANT II.			
Results Grants .. .		1,350	1,400
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational			
Inspection .. .		100	100
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries .. .		3,460	3,530
Vaccination .. .		290	320
Registration of Births and Deaths ..		220	220
Conservancy .. .		5,420	5,390
GRANT IV.			
Lighting .. .		2,580	2,580
Avenues, &c. .. .		110	110
Miscellaneous .. .		..	80
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management .. .		1,680	1,680
Balances .. .		1,640	910
Total ..		22,390	18,460

2. The opening balance will be taken at Rupees 890, the sum of Rupees 20 having been rightly added by the President. The figures of the regular estimate should have been shown in the last column of Statements I and II.

3. The President of the Chingleput Local Fund Board will observe that the Commissioners estimate the gross receipts at the Municipal Tolls, with the value of the Damal Tickets, at a lower amount than was supposed by the Local Board, and as a consequence the Local Fund share of the tolls is estimated at Rupees 1,530 against Rupees 1,790 in the Local Fund Budget. The Government cannot sanction the proposal of the Commissioners that the Local Fund share should be reduced from one-third to one-fourth.

4. The Commissioners have only provided Rupees 1,400 for results grants although Rupees 1,600 were asked for by the Inspector of Schools. Under the financial circumstances of the Municipality the Government will not object to this, on the understanding that it will be supplemented, if necessary, so to meet the claims of all schools of which the masters have been led by the Commissioners to believe that a grant will be paid if earned. No grant should be sanctioned to a new school until it has been ascertained that the budget provision will suffice for the claims of all schools already on the municipal list.

5. The provision for Vaccination must be revised in accordance with the new rules, and the Municipal Board should come to an arrangement with the Local Fund Board regarding the municipal payment for inspection, which is entered at Rupees 130 in the Local Fund Budget.

6. The charges for killing dogs and deporting monkeys should appear under Grant IV.

7. With the above remarks the budget is passed.
(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeeveram.
 " Revenue Department.
 " Public Works Department.
 " Board of Revenue.
 " Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 " Sanitary Commissioner.
 " Director of Public Instruction.
 " Accountant-General.
 " President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot District.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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