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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

24th February 1877, No. 710.

**Municipal Budgets.**

Read the following paper:—

No. 423. *From C. G. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Ganjam District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chatterpore, 10th January 1877, No. 328.*

I have the honor to submit, with the following remarks, the Budget Estimates of the Berhampore Municipality for 1877-78, together with copy of the Vice-President's report explaining the different items.

2. The Regular Estimates have not been prepared strictly in accordance with the instructions given in G.O., dated 27th November 1876, No. 2126, Financial Department. The several heads of Receipts and Charges have not been arranged with reference to the entries in Statements I and II. The balance arrived at in these Regular Estimates and taken as the opening balance for next year is Rupees 35.

3. The estimated receipts of the Municipality, including the opening balance, amount to Rupees 15,560, against Rupees 17,380 of the current year. The decrease is chiefly in the opening balance, though it is modified to some extent by an increase under Tolls and Contributions from Local Funds. The several items in the Budget have been explained by the Vice-President.

4. The Commissioners propose to expend Rupees 15,245, leaving a balance of Rupees 306.

5. The Commissioners have resolved to abolish the Ooriya class in the Town School, and the services of a teacher have consequently been dispensed with.

6. In the Budget, the Commissioners have provided the pay of the medical subordinate attached to the Dispensary at Rupees 45 per mensem. If under G.O., dated 28th September 1876, No. 1748, Financial Department, the Government contribution of Rupees 180 per annum, sanctioned in G.O., dated 22nd July 1875, No. 1521, Financial Department, be withdrawn, the pay of the medical subordinate to be borne by the Municipality will have to be raised by that sum. On this subject I will address you separately.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Berhampore, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, Ganjam District, dated 20th December 1876.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the Budget Estimates of the Berhampore Municipality for the official year 1877-78.

2. Estimated Receipts with opening balance of Rupees 35 amount to Rupees 15,560. The Budget Estimate for current year less opening balance was Rupees 15,080. The estimated opening balance of the current year was Rupees 2,300, whereas it really amounted to Rs. 2,516. The balance of Rupees 35, estimated as our opening balance for 1877-78, has been calculated with reference to the Regular Estimates submitted.

3. Very few of the items require notice as they are mostly the same as last year.

4. RECEIPTS.—(a.) *House-tax* is estimated Rupees 400 more than current year as the Commissioners propose to revise the assessment.

(b.) *Tolls*.—This year's exceeds current year's estimate by Rupees 650. The present rental received has supplied the basis of this estimate.

(c.) *Fees for process, &c.*, is estimated lower, as most of the arrears have been realized.

(d.) *School Fees*.—The estimate here is also lower, and has been calculated on the present receipts from this source.

(e.) There is a decrease in *Hospital Receipts* owing to a falling off in voluntary subscriptions.

(f.) Under the head *Contributions from Local Funds—Communications*—the estimate of Rupees 525 as against Rupees 150 for current year is owing to the larger sum contributed. The Local Fund Board made over the loopline connecting the Aska and Chetterpore roads and for its upkeep granted Rupees 225. The contribution for Aska road was increased from Rupees 150 to 300 on the representation of the Commissioners.

(g.) *Miscellaneous—Rent of Municipal Market*.—There is slight increase under this head. The Commissioners intend to make certain improvements in the disposition of the shops by removing fish market to a greater distance from the ordinary shops, and they expect therefrom an increase in the rents received.

(h.) *Miscellaneous—Sale of Sweepings, &c.*—Slight increase is expected as the cowdung from another cart-stand is to be gathered and sold.

(i.) A cantonment conservancy allowance of Rupees 150 is now received owing to part of the annual conservancy Military grant for cantonment having been transferred to the Municipality under G.O., dated 17th May 1875, No. 2336.

5. CHARGES.—GRANT I.—*Public Works*.—The total estimate is Rupees 3,120 as against an estimate of Rupees 4,410, and a probable expenditure of Rupees 5,055 for the current year. The deficiency is owing to the smallness of the calculated opening balance. No large reductions could be made under the heads Education and Sanitation, and the deficiency had to fall under this grant. Of the Rupees 3,000, which we found was all we could devote to the head of Public Works, Rupees 2,500 was designed to Repairs, &c., and Rupees 500 to New Works. Of the Rupees 500 for New Works Rupees 200 are given for the construction of the new roads detailed in Statement II-A, Part I, and Rupees 300 for constructing stone drains. In Statement II-A, Part II, details are given of the repairs to existing roads. A small grant of Rupees 50 is made under head *Educational* for repairs of Municipal Schools, and under the heads Sanitary and Miscellaneous Rupees 200 is budgeted for repairs to stone drains, tunnels, and dispensaries.

GRANT II.—*Education—Municipal Schools*.—The establishment is reduced from a probable actual expenditure of Rupees 1,840 to the estimated amount of Rupees 1,574. The reduction is effected by the abolition of the fifth master in the Town School. The number of scholars on the roll is on an average 120, and the Commissioners are of opinion that four masters and the Hindustani Master are a sufficient teaching staff. The Oriya class is also to be abolished, as in the Zillah School provision is made for teaching the lower standard now being taught in the Town School. The total saving thus effected is Rupees 254. In the Hindu and Mahomedan Girls' Schools a saving of Rupees 228 is to be effected by dispensing with the bandies heretofore provided by the Municipality for bringing the girls to schools.

GRANT III.—*Sanitation, &c.*—The grant for Hospitals and Dispensaries is calculated on the actuals of this year. Besides the Rupees 2,070 which appear the Dispensary receives a grant of Rupees 180 from Government, which however under G.O., dated 27th November 1876, No. 2126, paragraph 5, is excluded from the statements. Only one Registrar of Births and Deaths has been provided for. The Commissioners' current year budgeted for the pay of two, but the Commissioners on reconsideration are of opinion that one is sufficient. The number of births and deaths registered do not exceed a maximum of 100 a-month.

In the Conservancy Establishment a reduction is made by the abolition of one out of the five Inspectors. The Conservancy Establishment has been in reality increased this year by the addition of sweepers employed for the latrines; but a saving will be effected in the actuals of the current year as compared with the current year's Budget by the abolition of the Inspector taking effect from the 1st January.

GRANT IV.—*Miscellaneous*.—The decrease in the Lighting Establishment is owing to the reduction in the pay of the lamp-lighters and the abolition of a lamp maistry.

For keeping the bandy-stand in good order an establishment of three persons costing Rupees 84 is budgeted for; at present no fees are levied for the use of the stand, but about Rupees 150 are obtained for the bratties prepared by this establishment.

One lunatic is being supported by this Municipality in Vizagapatam Asylum, and have the charge of Rupees 180.

GRANT V.—*Supervision and Management*.—In the Office Establishment a saving has been effected by the horse allowance of Rupees 7-8-0 a-month paid to the Manager whose salary is already Rupees 60 a-month. The salary of the Head Clerk is also to be reduced from Rupees 30 to Rupees 25.

6. The reserve amounts to Rupees 306.

No. 424. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1877, No. 710.

The estimated Receipts and Expenditure of the Berhampore Municipality for 1877-78 are compared in the annexed abstract with the sanctioned Budget for the current year:—

|                               | RECEIPTS.             |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                               | Estimate,<br>1876-77. | Estimate,<br>1877-78. |
|                               | RS.                   | RS.                   |
| Balance brought forward       | 2,300                 | 35                    |
| Assignments by Government     | 25                    | 30                    |
| Rates on Houses               | 4,000                 | 4,000                 |
| Taxes on Vehicles             | 900                   | 900                   |
| Registration of Carts         | 500                   | 500                   |
| Tolls                         | 6,000                 | 6,650                 |
| Fees                          | 175                   | 200                   |
| Fines                         | 150                   | 200                   |
| Endowments, &c.               | 850                   | 550                   |
| Contribution from Local Funds | 950                   | 1,325                 |
| Miscellaneous                 | 1,530                 | 1,170                 |
| Total                         | 17,380                | 15,560                |

| CHARGES.                                               |     |     |     |     | Estimate,<br>1876-77. | Estimate,<br>1877-78. |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                        |     |     |     |     | RS.                   | RS.                   |
| GRANT I.                                               |     |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| New Works—                                             |     |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| Communications                                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 400                   | 200                   |
| Sanitary and Miscellaneous                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,200                 | 300                   |
| Repairs—                                               |     |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| Communications                                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,400                 | 2,170                 |
| Educational                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...                   | 50                    |
| Sanitary and Miscellaneous                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 200                   | 200                   |
| Establishment                                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 180                   | 180                   |
| Tools and Plant                                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30                    | 30                    |
| GRANT II.                                              |     |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| Municipal Schools                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,100                 | 1,670                 |
| Results Grants                                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 300                   | 300                   |
| Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection | ... | ... | ... | ... | 100                   | 100                   |
| GRANT III.                                             |     |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| Hospitals and Dispensaries                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,250                 | 2,070                 |
| Vaccination                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 120                   | 120                   |
| Registration of Births and Deaths                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 216                   | 120                   |
| Conservancy                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,104                 | 4,202                 |
| GRANT IV.                                              |     |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| Lighting                                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,208                 | 1,052                 |
| Markets                                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 84                    | 84                    |
| Avenues, &c.                                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 150                   | 100                   |
| Miscellaneous                                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50                    | 324                   |
| GRANT V.                                               |     |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| Supervision and Management                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,252                 | 1,982                 |
| Balances                                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 36                    | 306                   |
| Total                                                  |     |     |     |     | 17,380                | 15,560                |

2. From the figures given in the last column of Statements I and II, it appears that the opening balance has been correctly arrived at. Excluding the opening balances the receipts for the year are estimated at Rupees 15,525, against Rupees 15,080 in the Budget for the current year. The variations in the different items are carefully explained in the President's and Vice-President's letters, and call for no remark in detail. The question of the withdrawal of the contribution from Provincial Funds towards the pay of the medical subordinate attached to the Dispensary is under consideration separately.

3. It is observed that the provision for Public Works has been reduced from Rupees 4,410 to Rupees 3,130. The reasons assigned for the reduction in the allotment for Education are satisfactory. Four masters besides the Hindustani Master ought certainly to suffice for 120 boys, and it does not appear necessary to continue giving instruction in Ooriya in the Municipal School as well as in the Zillah School.

4. A first-class Vaccinator should be appointed on a salary of Rupees 15 in accordance with the new Rules.

5. With the above remarks the Budget is passed as submitted.

(True Extract.)

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Chief Secretary.

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

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