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Local Funds—Budgets.

Read the following paper :—

No. 75. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1877, No. 3248.*

Read letter from the President, Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, dated 16th June 1877, No. 45, submitting revised Local Fund Budget of Sydapet Circle for 1877-78.

The revised Local Fund Budget of the Sydapet Circle for 1877-78 will be submitted for the orders of Government, the revision being rendered necessary by the falling off in land-revenue collections and the consequent decline in the receipts under *Local Funds* in this and in the last year.

	Rs.
* Road Fund	—20,060
Endowment Fund	400
General do.	7,820
Total ..	—11,840

2. *Statement I-A, Revenue and Receipts.*—The opening balances were estimated at—Rupees 11,840* in the sanctioned budget ; but the President reports that the actual balances on the 1st April 1877, approximately calculated, amount to —Rupees 41,660 as shown below :—

	Rs.
Road Fund	—43,010
Endowment Fund	— 370
General do.	1,720
Total ..	—41,660

This great difference between the estimate and the actuals is chiefly owing to the large falling off in the collections of land-cess on account of famine and to the expenditure on repairs of roads in 1876-77 having exceeded the amount specified in the regular estimate of that year.

3. The land-cess is expected to yield Rupees 33,000 against Rupees 49,000 in the sanctioned budget. The present estimate is based upon the actuals of 1876-77.

4. Rupees 5,400 are put down under *Tolls* against Rupees 7,600 in the sanctioned budget, and it is explained in paragraph 6 of the President's letter how the amount has been arrived at. The draft notifications for the new toll-gates at Vendalore and *Nagalapuram are herewith submitted for the approval of Government and for publication* in the District Gazette. The President mentions that the Local Fund Board are averse to the opening of a toll-gate at Vendalore, but no reasons are given.

5. The contribution from Chingleput Toll Fund for roads is reduced from Rupees 2,000, to Rupees 1,200, as the Sydapet Board, after the establishment of the Vendalore gate, will have no claim for any share in the tolls levied at Madurandakam. A sum of Rupees 60,000 is *entered against* "(*g*) Loan" *under* "7, Miscellaneous."

which is the balance yet to be drawn out of the loan of Rupees 1,99,700 sanctioned for the Cortelliar bridge.

6. The total Local Fund receipt amount to Rupees 1,27,630 distributed as follows:—

	Rs.
Road Fund	1,07,320
Endowment Fund	220
General do.	19,990
Total ..	1,27,630

The receipts of the General Fund are Rupees 19,990, while the charges to come out of it aggregate Rupees 24,400 or Rupees 4,410 more. The estimate of charges has been very economically framed and does not admit of reduction. The Local Fund Board propose to meet the excess by a transfer from the Road Fund to the General Fund, taking the money from the two-thirds land-cess; but this is opposed to law, and the Road Fund itself is in a straightened condition. Excluding the loan work, there is an allotment of only Rupees 645 for new works, and the provision for repairs has been reduced from Rupees 58,440 in the sanctioned budget to Rupees 10,220. The General Fund portion of the budget must, however, be balanced, and unless Government make a special allotment from Provincial Funds the sum must be taken from the grant of Rupees 60,000 from Provincial Funds for roads. Pending the orders of Government, Rupees 4,410 of the grant will be credited to the General Fund. The total receipts will now stand as follows:—

	Rs.
Road Fund	1,02,910
Endowment Fund	320
General do.	24,400
Total ..	1,27,630

7. *Statement B, Expenditure.*—The total proposed expenditure amounts to Rs. 1,27,310 made up of—

Grant I	94,020
Do. II	16,250
Do. III	6,280
Do. IV	10,760
Total ..	1,27,310

8. GRANT I.—*Public Works. Statement II, Road Fund Receipts and Expenditure.* —Two-thirds of the collections of land-cess *minus* the amount to be transferred to the General Fund are entered on the receipt side of this statement instead of the full two-thirds. The necessary alterations have now been made.

9. The allotment for new works should be reduced to Rupees 60,640 for reasons stated below. A sum of Rupees 10,220 is provided for road repairs, the details of which are not given in the budget. This amount is Rupees 62,370 less than the expenditure in 1876-77, or Rupees 48,190 less than the amount allowed in the sanctioned budget. Funds being available the Board have found it possible to increase the grant for repairs by Rupees 5,600.

10. The share of the cost of Public Works Department supervision chargeable to the Road Fund and the allotment for tools and plant should be Rupees 14,500 and Rupees 750, respectively. There is a provision of Rupees 9,180 for the part repayment of the loan for the Cortelliar bridge as in the sanctioned budget, but it should be reduced to Rupees 7,640 for interest alone as hereunder particularized, since no

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