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Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following paper:—

No. 163. *From J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 28th January 1879.*

I have the honor to transmit, for the sanction of Government, the estimates of receipts and expenditure of the Cuddapah Municipality for the year 1879-80. It has been brought to the notice of Government from time to time that the income of the Municipality is barely sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses and that useful and necessary works cannot be undertaken. In addition to the ordinary expenditure provision had to be made in this Budget for payment of a moiety of the Police charges. To meet this increased expenditure the Commissioners have, with great reluctance, resolved to increase the percentage of House rates to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., to levy a Land Tax, and also to reimpose the Tax on Arts and Professions, exempting classes VII and VIII.

RECEIPTS.

2. The estimated receipts amount to Rupees 33,633, and the opening balance to Rupees 1,615; total Rupees 35,248.

3. *Rates and Taxes.*—The income under this head has been calculated to amount to Rupees 25,383. House rate has been raised from 5 to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., Land rate at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. imposed, and the Tax on Arts, &c., estimated at Rupees 4,000. The estimates of Taxes on Vehicles, Animals, Registration of Carts and Tolls are based upon the figures actually collected during the nine months of 1878, and the probable receipts of the three months in 1879. Rupees 3 only having been realized from licences on temporary erections a sum of Rupees 5 has been estimated on that head.

Surplus Pound Fund.—This is now remitted by the Town Magistrate to the District Treasury, there to be held in deposit till the close of the year, and therefore it cannot be ascertained what surplus amount may remain to be transferred to the Municipal Funds after deducting the charges. The contribution from Local Funds, Rupees 1,850, is as usual. The fines realized under Section 48 of Madras Act XXIV of 1859 (Police Act) being now credited to Municipal Funds, the estimate under that head has been increased. Fees in Schools and Training Institutions stand the same as in last year. Rents of Houses, Gardens, Markets, &c.—Though the market and cart-stands were rented at Rupees 3,660 and Rupees 730, respectively, during the current year, the Commissioners have every reason to believe that the Contractors have sustained a loss and have, therefore, estimated the income from these sources at Rupees 3,000 the former and Rupees 500 the latter for the year 1879-80. The slaughter-house is under the direct management of the Commissioners. The receipts from Hospitals have been reduced by Rupees 400 from that of the previous year owing to the Commissioners having lately resolved to appropriate a sum of Rupees 10,000 from the funded Capital in order to construct a new Civil Dispensary in the town. The subject will be brought in full to the notice of Government when the plans and estimates of the building, which are now in course of preparation, are ready for submission. Sale of sweepings is estimated at Rupees 200 as in last year.

EXPENDITURE.

4. The total expenditure amounts to Rupees 33,558, and the closing balance to Rupees 1,690; total Rupees 35,248.

5. GRANT I—*Public Works*.—No provision has been made for new communications. The full amount available, Rupees 3,500, was allotted to the market which has been under construction for the past six or seven years, and owing to want of funds is still unfinished. Rupees 1,000 for latrines and Rupees 1,000 for a beef slaughter-house were provided for. A sum of Rupees 1,000 has been set apart for the purchase of lands for Mahomedan Burial Grounds. At present there are several Mahomedan Burial Grounds within the town very overcrowded, which the Commissioners intend to close and purchase sites at a convenient distance from the town. Rupees 1,000 are estimated for constructing drains in some of the streets where they are most needed. Nearly Rupees 2,000 have been spent during the current year in the collection of materials for repairing the Municipal roads, and to execute the necessary works in 1879-80 a sum of Rupees 2,500 has been estimated. The repairs of buildings will cost Rupees 1,200, and that of the side channels Rupees 300.

6. GRANT II—*Education*.—The expenditure on the Municipal School has not been altered. The pial schoolmasters have failed to earn their full grants according to the Revised Rules for Results Grants, and, as the expenditure on that head in 1878-79 amounted only to Rupees 21, the estimate has been reduced to Rupees 100. The Commissioners have opened five Telugu and two Hindustani Schools on the principle of combined system, for which Rupees 588 as fixed payment on Rupees 100 as results grants have been estimated. It was also proposed that the schoolmasters should receive a payment of Rupees 7 per month each, together with half of the results grant passed by the Deputy Inspector of Schools at the annual examination and half of the fees collected from the boys attending the school. Rupees 70 are for contribution to Local Funds on account of Inspection, and Rupees 120 for rent of the Municipal Schoolhouse.

7. GRANT III—*Sanitation and Medical Service—Hospitals*.—Two Hospital Assistants, one second and one third class, are provided for: One clerk on Rupees 15 has been added to the establishment. One European or East Indian Nurse, though entered in the Budget for 1878-79, was not appointed during the year; provision has been made for that item in this Budget also. No alteration has been made with regard to the other Hospital servants. Medicines and supplies are estimated to cost Rupees 1,000. The expenditure upon diet of patients and sundries and contingencies has been reduced to Rupees 800 and 500, respectively, in consequence of the prices of grain and other articles of food having fallen. A first-class vaccinator has been estimated for. The Commissioners have resolved to pay an honorarium of Rupees 25 a-year to each of the five Registrars of Births and Deaths in the town. Conservancy.—The town has been divided into two portions and each is under the charge of a Sanitary Inspector, a maistry, and a peon. Nine rubbish and three night soil carts are provided. The cost of six rubbish and three night soil carts from Madras, which was struck out from last year's Budget from want of funds, has again been included. Rupees 200 were allotted for each of the following items, viz., cleansing of tanks and wells, carting sand to latrines and sanitary works, and Rupees 50 for digging trenches for depositing night soil, and Rupees 20 for contingencies.

8. GRANT IV—*Miscellaneous—Municipal Purposes—Police*.—The Superintendent of Police has sent in a statement showing that Rupees 5,149-13-6 will be the annual estimated cost of the Police Force of the town of Cuddapah; a moiety of that amount has been entered in the Budget. Lighting.—The establishment consists of three mashalchies on Rupees 6 each per mensem, and for the purchase of Kerosene oil Rupees 500 are estimated. The expenditure on slaughter-house, poor-house, market and other items under this heading are the same as that of last year.

9. GRANT V—*Supervision and Management*.—The entertainment of an additional peon was found necessary. The charges for stationery and printing have been slightly increased.

10. The Municipal Commissioners have purchased a house belonging to Messrs. Dymes and Company for a travellers' bungalow at a cost of Rupees 3,000, for which they have already paid Rupees 2,000 from the amount allotted in the Budget for 1878-79, and the remainder will be paid from the Local Fund grant for the above purpose. The value of the premises is shown in note to Statement II.

11. To avoid all legal objections in enhancing the House rates and in imposing the Land rate and Tax on Trades, &c., in this Municipality, I request that the sanction of Government be obtained at an early date for these fresh taxations, and the same be intimated to me by a telegram. I would further request the publication of Notifications in the *Fort St. George Gazette* regarding the imposition of the taxes as soon as practicable.

12. I take this opportunity of reminding Government that, owing to the sanction of Government for the imposition of the Art and Trade Tax being received too late, the levying of the tax in the current year was found to be illegal, and the Municipality were therefore compelled to revise their whole Budget.

No. 109.

ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1879, No. 311.

In the following abstract the receipts and expenditure of the Cuddapah Municipality for 1879-80 are contrasted with the sanctioned and Regular Estimates of the current year:—

RECEIPTS.

	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate	Estimate, 1879-80.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	1624	1,490	1,615
Rates on Houses and Lands	6,600	6,314	11,568
Taxes on Arts	4,500	1,256	4,000
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	1,020	1,133	1,060
Registration of Carts	730	773	750
Tolls	8,000	9,295	8,000
Licenses	10	3	5
License Tax	..	..	4,000
Assignments by Government	100	6	..
Contribution from Local Funds	1,850	1,850	1,850
Fines and Fees	200	339	300
Endowments	2,000	2,001	1,600
Miscellaneous	5,470	6,788	4,500
Advances Recoverable	..	1,543	..
Total	32,104	32,791	39,248

CHARGES.

	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications	2,120	2,245	40
Buildings	6,000	3,235	6,500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	600	600	1,000
Repairs—			
Communications	2,000	5,158	2,500
Buildings	500	423	1,200
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	200	412	300
Establishment	852	867	972
Tools and Plant	..	112	..

CHARGES—continued.

	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools	1,324	969	1,274
Results Grants	500	22	100
Schools on the Combined System	70	70	70
Inspection (Contribution)	120	120	120
Miscellaneous			
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	4,728	3,689	4,172
Medical College	160	161	161
Vaccination	197	140	197
Registration of Births and Deaths	72	73	197
Conservancy	6,920	4,976	6,514
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	716	632	716
Markets	120	169	144
Poor House	502	708	654
Police			2,575
Avenues and Watering Roads	50	30	100
License Tax			3,800
Miscellaneous	438	593	493
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	2,684	3,714	3,966
Advances Recoverable		1,463	
Refunds		1,435	
Balances	1,191	1,615	1,690
Total	32,194	32,791	39,218

2. Including Rupees 4,000 for License Tax the Commissioners estimate for an income in 1879-80 of Rupees 39,218, against a Regular Estimate in the current year of Rupees 32,791, exclusive of the License Tax receipts. Had the collection of the Tax on Arts not been pronounced illegal the ordinary receipts of the current year would have been little short of the estimate for the coming year. To meet the demands on the Municipality the Commissioners have resolved (1) to raise the House Tax to 7½ per cent., (2) to levy the Land rate, and (3) to reimpose the Tax on Professions, classes VII and VIII being excluded. These proposals are approved with the remark that the exemption hitherto of lands from a rate proportionate to the value of houses has been quite irregular; also that the expediency of charging a fixed age rate according to the class of land instead of a rate calculated on rental should be taken into consideration. It has worked well elsewhere. The Government note the small receipts under Licenses. They are out of proportion to the circumstances of the town and the revenue derived from this source in many other Municipalities. The question of adding to their income under this head should receive attention from the Commissioners. The Government do not understand Mr. Gribble's remark regarding Surplus Pound Funds. The distribution should be made quarterly, and the District Magistrate who administers the fund should be able to inform the Commissioners with reasonable accuracy how much they may expect in the year. The Government note the fact that the Commissioners have in contemplation the construction of a new Civil Dispensary from funded Capital. They await detailed proposals.

3. The expenditure provided for under Grant I is approved by Government also that under Grant II. Full explanation regarding the short expenditure under the latter in the current year should be given in the next report.

4. The outlay proposed under Hospitals and Vaccination and Registration is approved. The Government trust the Commissioners will secure a European East Indian Midwife at an early date.

5. The provision of Conservancy is satisfactory; but not so the short outlay in the current year. This should be explained in the annual report.

6. Under Miscellaneous the item "Poor House" requires explanation. Municipal Funds are not legally appropriable to the maintenance of paupers. The provision will however stand pending explanation. The provision for Police is Rupees 2,575 against Rupees 3,615 reported to Government by the Inspector-General of Police. His attention will be drawn to the discrepancy.

7. Only Rupees 200 are deducted on account of the cost of License Tax Collector's Establishment. The Medical College contribution should be raised to Rupees 196 pending exact advice from the Accountant-General.

8. With these remarks the Budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

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" 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, Cuddapah.

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