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Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following papers :—

No. 216. *From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Ganjam District, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chatterpore, 4th January 1879, No. 137.*

I have the honor to forward the Municipal Budgets* for Berhampore Town for the official year 1879-80.

* With the
(1) Vice-President's Report,
(2) Regular Estimates for 1878-79, and
(3) Estimate of Cost of Berhampore Town Police.

RECEIPTS.

2. The receipts are estimated at Rupees 18,860 which shows a decrease of Rupees 707 on the Regular Estimate. This is due to the expected balance being only Rupees 500 against the actual opening balance, Rupees 2,370, of this year.

3. The Commissioners propose to meet the cost of the Police Establishment† by collecting the House Tax at $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. instead of 5, which will give Rupees 1,230, † Act VII of 1878.

and by certain savings, the chief of which are—
the diet of patients in hospital as the cost of food has fallen;
the doing away with one Conservancy Inspector who is considered unnecessary,
and of the Registration clerk whose work will in future be done by an office clerk.

4. I am doubtful if either of these two last reductions will be found not to interfere with the working of the Municipality, but probably the Government will allow it to be tried. I doubt if the whole Police charge can be raised by new taxation; it will fall very heavily on the people.

5. The balance also is smaller than usual.

6. The cost of the Police Establishment is Rupees 4,824, half of which has to be paid by the Municipality or Rupees 2,412.

EXPENDITURE.

7. The amount left for expenditure, deducting the Rupees 228 balance and the cost of Police 2,412, is Rupees 16,220 which has been divided by the Commissioners into

	Rs.
Grant I	3,254
" II	2,422
" III	6,681
" IV excluding Police	1,881
" V	1,982
Total ..	16,220

8. No new communications are proposed under Grant I, and the building of a wall around the bandy-stand is alone proposed as a new work. The Vice-President does not explain why no allotment for drainage is made.

9. The charge for Repairs is however heavier than usual, chiefly due to the bad state of the hospital. On the whole the allotment to this grant is nearly Rupees 700 less than the Regular Estimate.

10. To Grant II is allotted Rupees 2,422, an excess of Rupees 362 over the Regular Estimate of 1878-79.

11. It is expected that the schools will be improved by the following arrangement:—in place of eleven Result Grant Schools, which cost Rupees 300 a-year, the Commissioners propose to establish five Combined System Schools at a cost of Rupees 610. It is believed this will suffice for the educational wants they should provide for.

12. GRANT III.—For this, Rupees 7,681 is allotted against Rupees 7,254 allotted in this year (1878-79); a large saving is expected in the item "Diet of Patients." The other allotments do not call for special remark save the reductions of establishment already mentioned. I am of opinion that three Conservancy Inspectors can do the work if they try, but I am doubtful if the change proposed by throwing the work of birth and death registration on one of the Municipal clerks will not tend to the lesser accuracy of those returns which are of such importance.

13. The Commissioners have provided Rupees 180 for a first-class vaccinator, and also Rupees 20 for payment to poor persons bringing their children for vaccination.

14. GRANT IV.—The allotment is in excess by Rupees 2,142 of the Regular Estimate, and is rendered necessary by the Police and Medical College charges.

15. There is a saving by the expected reduction of the price in kerosene oil, and no allotment is made for lunatics as the Municipality are not at present charged with the cost of any.

16. In their Order, No. 1186, dated the 5th July 1878, Government permitted the Municipality to divert from works Rupees 963 to compensation due to certain owners of swamp land purchased by the Municipality. The Commissioners now propose to pay in this year Rupees 263 only, and to use the remaining Rupees 700 for excess charges incurred in other items, and for this they ask Government sanction. The application is altogether out of place in the Budget proposal, but the allotment of Rupees 700 can however stand as in any case there will be that sum required in the year.

17. A sum of Rupees 89 has been provided for contribution to the Madras Medical College.

18. GRANT V is the usual allotment, but the cost of auditing can be reduced to Rupees 50, the amount paid in the current year, and the saving be added to balance.

19. With the expenditure mentioned in paragraphs 7 and 18 *supra*, it is expected that the year will end with a closing balance in favor of the Municipality of Rs. 278.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Vice-President of the Berhampore Municipality, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, Ganjam District, dated 26th December 1878, No. 203.

I have the honor to submit, herewith, the Budget Estimates of the Berhampore Municipality for the official year 1879-80.

RECEIPTS.

2. The estimated receipts including an opening balance of Rupees 500 amount to Rupees 18,860, which shows a decrease of Rupees 1,507 and an increase of Rupees 1,007 as compared with Regular Estimate and with the Budget of the current year, respectively.

The opening balance is arrived at with reference to Regular Estimate, Statement VI-A, herewith submitted.

3. *House and Land Tax.*—The estimate under this source is Rupees 5,330 (Rupees 5,330 current, plus Rupees 600 arrears). To meet the contribution on account of Police charges imposed on the Municipality by Act VII of 1878 and fixed at 50 per cent. by G.O., No. 2195, dated the 11th December 1878, the Commissioners have resolved to raise the rate from 5 to 6½ per cent. The increase expected by the enhancement of the rate is Rupees 1,230.

4. *Registration of Carts.*—With reference to the collections of the current year, Rupees 600 are estimated against the Budget item of Rupees 650 of the current year.

5. *Tolls.*—This year the auction price of the right to collect the tolls was Rupees 6,850, and the same amount is anticipated next year. The prospects of the coming season are better; but as loss it is said was incurred by the purchaser this year it is believed the letting price will not be so high as might otherwise have been anticipated.

6. *Contribution from Special Funds.*

(a) *Surplus Pound Fund.*—The collections under this head are estimated at Rupees 45 against Rupees 30 of the Regular Estimate. Current year's collections were no doubt in a certain degree affected by the bad season.

7. *Rent of Market.*—The item of Rupees 200 under this source is based on the actuals of the current year.

8. The other items, viz:—

Tax on Vehicles,
Tax on Animals,
Licenses,
Contribution from Local Funds,
Fines and Fees,
Endowments,
Fees in Schools,
Sale of Sweepings, and
Cantonment Conservancy allowance

under receipt require no remark as they are nearly the same as for current year.

CHARGES.

9. The total charges are Rupees 18,633 against Rupees 17,477 and Rupees 19,067 of the Budget and of the Regular Estimates of the current year, respectively. The sum of Rupees 18,633 is distributed as follows:—

	Rs.
Grant I	3,254
" II	2,422
" III	6,681
" IV	4,293
" V	1,982
Total	18,632

10. GRANT I—*Public Works.*—The sum of Rupees 3,254 provided under this grant will be spent for the following purposes:—

	RS.
a. <i>New Works</i> —	
For constructing a wall round the cart-stand	150
b. <i>Repairs</i> —	
For repairing roads and petty repairs detailed in Statement II-A,	
Part II	1,744
" dispensary	1,000
" latrines	30
" town school	100
" stone drains	30
" dust receptacles	20
Pay of the overseer	180

The Municipal Dispensary is now in an unsafe condition and requires thorough repair, and hence Rupees 1,000 are allotted with reference to the estimate received from the Range Officer.

Only Rupees 100 are budgeted for repairs of the Town School-building. The present building however is incommensurate and unsuitable, and the Commissioners have resolved to apply to Government for either a building-grant or a loan for the erection of a new school-house; but this matter will form the subject of a separate communication after estimates and plans shall have been duly prepared and considered.

11. GRANT II.—Education.

(1) Municipal Schools.

(a) *Town School*.—There is an increase of Rupees 48 under Establishment due to the services of a Hindustani Teacher on Rupees 8 being dispensed with, and to the employment of an extra assistant teacher on Rupees 12.

(b) *Girls' Schools*.—The allotments are the same as before.

(2) *Results Grant*.—There are at present eleven schools in the Municipality drawing results grants. The Commissioners are of opinion that better qualified teachers would be secured to the town and a higher standard of teaching reached if no grants were passed to these schools in the future and if the combined system were adopted; they have therefore resolved to allot funds in this Budget for five schools on this system. Five schools, they are of opinion, will amply provide for the educational wants which this class of schools are intended to meet. The estimate is as follows:—

Fixed salaries of masters for five schools, at Rupees 6 each ..	Rs. 360
Result grants	250
Total ..	610

This increases by Rupees 310 the Educational grant for lower-class schools; the Budget of the current year provided only Rupees 300 for results grants.

12. GRANT III.—Sanitation and Medical Services.

(1) *Hospitals and Dispensaries*.—The charges for Municipal Dispensary are reduced from Rupees 2,742 and Rupees 4,115 of the Budget and of the Regular Estimates, respectively, to Rupees 2,559. The chief reason for this decrease is the anticipated fall in the price of food grains.

(2) *Registration of Births and Deaths*.—The Commissioners propose to dispense with the services of a separate Registrar and to have the registration work performed by the Divisional Conservancy Inspectors who will report to one of the clerks in the office who will be constituted Registrar and be made responsible for that work in addition to his ordinary duties.

(3) *Vaccination*.—With reference to paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 710, dated 24th February 1877, a sum of Rupees 180 is allotted to meet the pay of a first-class vaccinator. Rupees 20 are provided for the remuneration of successful cases among the poor classes.

(4) *Conservancy*.—Decrease Rupees 329 due to—

(1) Services of one of the four Conservancy Inspectors being dispensed with. The Commissioners are of opinion that three Inspectors can undertake the whole work. This causes a reduction of Rupees 120.

(2) There is a reduction of Rupees 200 under Bullock feeding.

13. GRANT IV.—Miscellaneous.

(1) *Lighting*.—The allotment is reduced from Rupees 1,252 to Rupees 952, as the cost of kerosene oil has fallen.

(2) *Bonfires*.—A sum of Rupees 50 is provided. Bonfires are lit during outbreaks of cholera.

(3) The estimated cost of the Police of this town for next year is Rupees 4,824-4-9 (vide statement received from the Superintendent of Police enclosed). Under Act VII of 1878 and G.O., No. 2195, dated 11th instant, 50 per cent. of this cost or Rupees 2,412 has to be contributed by the Municipality.

(4) The expenditure under rewards for killing dogs is reduced to Rupees 20 from Rupees 50 of the present year's Budget.

(5) As proposed in resolutions of the Commissioners, dated 11th May 1878, embodied in G.O., No. 1180, of 5th July 1878, the sum of Rupees 963 was diverted from certain works for the purpose of paying off a balance of that amount (including probable interest) still due to the owner of the swamp. Owing however to the extraordinary season of 1878 very heavy charges were incurred (more than Rupees 1,000 over Budget) on account of the Dispensary, and Rupees 700 of this Rupees 963 the Commissioners resolve to divert with the sanction of Government (which they now solicit) to meet part of these increased charges. This therefore necessitates a corresponding amount, or Rupees 700, being provided for in the Budget under consideration.

(6) Rupees 89 is the contribution to the Medical College under G.O., No. 1865, dated 18th October 1878.

(7) *Avenues*.—No separate provision is made in this year's Budget as the Commissioners will get the work, which is not heavy, done by the ordinary Conservancy Establishment.

14. GRANT V.—*Supervision and Management*.—The provision under this head remains the same as before.

15. The reserve is put at Rupees 228 in favor of the Municipality.

No. 217. *From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 25th January 1879, No. 221.*

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the Sanitary grant made by the Berhampore Municipality for 1879-80 is less than that for the current year. Rupees 3,922 or 20.9 per cent. of income have been set apart against a percentage of 28.6 for the year 1878-79. No explanation is given for this diminution of the grant.

2. The Vaccination grant provides only for one first-class vaccinator on Rupees 15 a-month, and Rupees 20 as rewards for successful vaccinations. No provision is made for batta, contingencies, &c.

No. 218. *Telegram from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Berhampore, 12th February 1879.*

Estimated collections Berhampore Municipality for each year 2,600. Charges 300.

No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1879, No. 343.

In the following abstract the receipts and expenditure in the Berhampore Municipality estimated for the year 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	458	2,370	500
Rates on Houses and Lands	4,700	4,076	5,930
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	1,300	1,300	1,300
Registration of Carts	650	600	600
Tolls	7,000	6,850	6,850
Licenses	50	50	50
License Tax	..	2,600	2,600
Assignments by Government	50	30	45
Contributions from Local Funds	1,325	1,325	1,325
Fines and Fees	800	800	800
Endowments	400	396	410
Miscellaneous	1,120	1,770	1,050
Total ..	17,853	22,167	21,460

	CHARGES.		
	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications	360	200	..
Buildings	300	381	150
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	400	342	..

CHARGES—continued.

	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
Repairs—			
Communications	Rs. 2,060	Rs. 2,278	Rs. 1,744
Buildings	480	450	1,130
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..	100	85	50
Establishment	180	180	180
Tools and Plant	50	30	..
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools	1,700	1,661	1,712
Results Grants	300	300	..
Schools on the Combined System ..	..	..	610
Inspection (Contribution) ..	100	100	100
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	2,742	4,115	2,559
Medical College	90	110	110
Vaccination	150	135	200
Registration of Births and Deaths ..	120	120	..
Conservancy	4,242	4,569	3,922
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	1,252	970	952
Markets	60	62	60
Police	..	..	2,412
Avenues and Watering Roads	100	90	..
License Tax	..	2,450	2,450
Miscellaneous	799	930	780
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	1,982	2,131	2,132
Refunds	..	9	..
Balances	286	479	207
Total ..	17,853	22,167	21,460

2. The Commissioners propose to provide the funds required to pay the contribution for Police by raising the House Tax from 5 to 6½ per cent., and by reducing the allotments for Hospitals, Registration, Conservancy, and Lighting. The President doubts whether the reductions under Registration and Conservancy can be carried out without injury to the administration of the Municipality. In this view the Government fully concur, but not in the opinion that the Municipality cannot bear additional taxation. It is a first principle in providing funds for Police charges that other branches of Municipal administration should not suffer, if new taxes are available. The Government accordingly resolve to raise the House Tax from 6½ to 7½ per cent., and to instruct the Commissioners to raise the Tax on Lands, which now yield an insignificant income, proportionately. Should the Commissioners prefer to introduce the Profession Tax they may regard this order as an alternative sanction.

3. The provision for New Works is insignificant. As remarked by the President no expenditure is provided for drainage works. Possibly with the increased taxation now ordered, the Commissioners may be able to allot funds for the purpose during the year 1879-80. The allotment for repairs of communications is small and should, if practicable, be raised.

4. The grant for Education is approved. The changes proposed by the Commissioners should be made with caution and gradually. The opinion of the Inspector of the Division should be obtained on the subject.

5. The reduction in the provision for dieting patients at the hospital is passed though the provision seems small.

6. The attention of the Commissioners is called to the Sanitary Commissioner's remarks on the provision for Vaccination.

7. The Government regret that the Commissioners are not able to pay the allotment for compensation on account of lands taken up during the current year, but pass the provision for this charge in 1879-80.

8. The contribution for the Medical College has not been correctly calculated. The amount is approximately Rupees 110 not 89.

9. The collections on account of License Tax are estimated at Rupees 2,600, the charge at 300 or Rupees 40 in excess of 10 per cent. The provision will be reduced to 5 per cent. on collections pending explanation. The amount will be shown under Grant V. It is noted that a sum of Rupees 21 appears in Grant IV, current year, for License Tax Establishments. The necessity for increase in 1879-80 should have been explained.

10. With these remarks the Budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

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To the President of the Municipal Commission, Berhampore.
 " Revenue Department.
 " Public Works Department.
 " Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 " Sanitary Commissioner.
 " Director of Public Instruction.
 " Accountant-General.
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