

Revenue (189) Department.

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DATED 25th February
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[Despatch Abstract.]

5 Recording with reference to 898816-2-7
submitting letter from the Govt of Mysore reporting on the
effect of taking ~~provisions~~ 4/5th rice & 1/5 "paddy"
as the basis of famine cost instead of rice & rice
and observing that even if rice & ^{was} ~~be~~ taken
as the standard, the provision for "other items" will
not be sufficient and that the Comt may in such
cases be authorised to give the actual money
value of the items.

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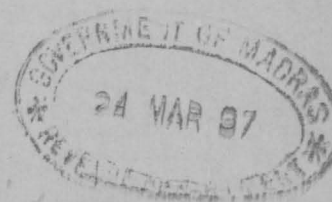
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The Board of Revenue
(Revenue Settlement, Land
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No. 139

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SUBJECT.

Famine wage

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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 17TH FEB. 1897, No. 139.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from C. J. WEIR, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Chatrapur, 9th February 1897, Ref. No. 359-F. :—

Referring to paragraph 2 of B.P., dated 25th January 1897, No. 59, and paragraph 3 of B.P., dated 26th January 1897, No. 67, I have the honour to report as follows as to the effect of taking paddy, or four-fifths ragi and one-fifth paddy as the basis of a famine wage. I will take the case of the minimum wage of 70 tolas for males.

2. As the Board are aware, paddy loses one-third of its weight in being converted into cleaned rice. The 16 oz. of rice, therefore, included in the minimum wage represent 24 oz. or 60 tolas of paddy; if this be deducted from 70 tolas of paddy, the minimum wage, then only the price of 10 tolas of paddy is left to buy the other articles mentioned in section 120 of the Famine Code.

3. The price of paddy is not, I fear, very accurately reported in this district; it is generally sold only in large wholesale transactions. The price of rice is at present 10 seers the rupee, and we will not be far off the mark if we take the price of paddy as 15 seers of 80 tolas for the rupee. The husk is allowed as remuneration for the husking work. If paddy sells at 15 seers the rupee, *i.e.*, 1,200 tolas for Re. 1, then 10 tolas of paddy is worth $\frac{1}{12} \times 10$ annas = $\frac{1}{12}$ annas or $\frac{1}{3}$ pie or $1\frac{1}{3}$ pie.

4. If the paddy and ragi be taken as the basis, then the total wage = $\frac{4}{5} \times 70$ tolas ragi + $\frac{1}{5} \times 70$ tolas paddy = 56 tolas ragi + 14 tolas paddy. But this wage includes $\frac{4}{5} \times 16$ oz. ragi flour + $\frac{1}{5} \times 16$ oz. rice = 32 tolas ragi flour + 8 tolas rice.

Now, ragi loses one-fifth of its weight when converted into flour, and paddy one-third of its weight when converted into rice. Converting, therefore, the flour and rice into ragi and paddy it equals 40 tolas of ragi + 12 tolas paddy. If this is subtracted from the total wage, the remainder is 16 tolas of ragi + 2 tolas paddy.

Ragi sells here just now at 13 seers for the rupee, *i.e.*, 1,040 tolas for 16 annas or 65 tolas for 1 anna. So 16 tolas of ragi are worth $\frac{1}{65}$ anna or 3 pies nearly.

The value of 2 tolas of paddy is $\frac{2}{5}$ pie. The money value of the portion of wage left for buying the other articles mentioned in section 120 is nearly $3\frac{1}{5}$ pies.

5. I give in the margin the price at which these articles are being at present sold in the Chatrapur bazaar. If wages are calculated on a paddy basis, it leaves $1\frac{1}{3}$ pie to meet this and if calculated on four-fifths ragi and one-fifth rice, it leaves $3\frac{1}{5}$ pies for the purpose.

	PIES.
(1) Pulse or dhal ...	11 per oz.
(2) Salt ...	1 "
(3) Ghee ...	6 "
(4) Oil ...	3 "
(5) Vegetables ...	1 "

	PIES.
At these prices—	
2 oz. pulse ...	3
33 oz. salt ...	$\frac{1}{3}$
33 oz. ghee ...	2
50 oz. vegetables ...	$\frac{1}{3}$
Total ...	$5\frac{1}{3}$

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records
and Agriculture),

MADRAS.

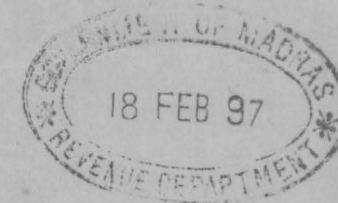
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Madras

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government with remarks, letter from the Collector of Ganjam, reporting on the effect of taking paddy or $\frac{4}{5}$ of ragi and $\frac{1}{5}$ paddy as the basis of a famine wage

To Order

~~the Board of Revenue~~

remarks

Please see G.O's $\frac{5}{5-1-97}$ and in which Govt refused to adopt the recommendation of the Board that husked rice and not paddy should be taken for calculating the value of relief wages.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 17 February 1897.

No. 139 Rev.

Read the following letter from the Collector of
Ganjam, dated 9th February 1897 R.C. 359 :-
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Referring to para 2 of Board's Proceedings
No. 59 dated 25th January 1897 and para 3 of
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effect of taking paddy, or $\frac{4}{5}$ th ragi and $\frac{1}{5}$ paddy
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its weight in being converted into cleaned rice.
The 16 oz of rice, therefore, included in the
minimum wage represent 24 oz or 60 tolas of
paddy; if this be deducted from 70 tolas of paddy,
the minimum wage, then only the price of 10 tolas
of paddy is left to buy the other articles mentioned
in

in Section 120 of the Famine Code.

3 The price of paddy is not, I fear, very accurately reported in this district; it is generally sold only in large wholesale transactions.

N.B. Stringent orders about the accuracy of price of paddy in Surs of 80 tolas have been issued.

The price of rice is at present 10 Surs the rupee, and we will not be far off the mark if we take the price of paddy as 15 Surs of 80 tolas for the rupee. The husk is allowed as remuneration for the husking work. If paddy sells at 15 Surs the rupee is 1200 tolas for 1R, then 10 tolas of paddy is worth $\frac{16}{1200} \times 10$ annas = $\frac{16}{120}$ annas or $\frac{8}{5}$ pie or $1\frac{3}{5}$ pie.

4 If the paddy and ragi be taken as the basis, then the total wage = $\frac{4}{5} \times 70$ tolas ragi + $\frac{1}{5} \times 70$ tolas paddy = 56 tolas ragi + 14 tolas paddy. But this wage includes $\frac{4}{5} \times 16$ oz ragi flour + $\frac{1}{5} \times 16$ oz rice = 32 tolas ragi flour + 8 tolas rice.

Now, ragi loses $\frac{1}{5}$ of its weight when converted into flour, and paddy $\frac{1}{3}$ of its weight when converted into rice. Converting therefore the flour and rice into ragi and paddy, it equals 40 tolas of ragi + 12 tolas paddy.

If this is subtracted from the total wage, the

Vide para 43 of Mr. Horsfall's report upon the Famine of 1889. p. 112.

the remainder or 16 tolas of ragi + 2 tolas paddy. Ragi sells here just now at 13 Surs for the rupee i.e. 1040 tolas for 16 annas or 65 tolas for 1 anna. So 16 tolas of ragi are worth $\frac{16}{65}$ anna or 3 pies nearly.

The value of 2 tolas of paddy is = $\frac{6}{25}$ pie. The money value of the portion of wage left for buying the other articles mentioned in Section 120 is nearly $3\frac{6}{25}$ pie.

5 I give in the margin the price at which

(1) Pulse or Ohall -	$1\frac{1}{2}$ pies per 32 oz	these articles are being
(2) Salt -	1 pie	at present sold in the
(3) Ghee -	6 pies	Lohatrapur bazaar;
(4) Oil -	3 pies	
(5) Vegetables -	1 pie	

at these prices

2 oz pulse costs -	3 pie
33 " Salt -	$\frac{1}{3}$ pie
33 " Ghee -	2 pies
50 " Vegetables -	$\frac{1}{2}$ pie

Total = $5\frac{5}{6}$ pies.

and $\frac{1}{5}$ rice, it leaves $3\frac{6}{25}$ pie for the purpose.

Resolution

Submitted for the Consideration of

in of Government with reference to Board's
3 Proceedings No. 59 of '97.

as 2 The Calculations made by the Collector
So regarding the loss of weight in converting
y₂ ragi into flour require modification in
an reference to the data recorded in G.O. No.
re 357 Revenue dated 1st May 1893, from which
f an allowance of 10% was shown to be
15 Sufficient. Making this allowance, the cost of
10 the maximum and minimum grain rations,
an at the market prices quoted by the Collector,
4 would be:—

Margin available per pie		Paddy $\frac{1}{5}$ pie	Ragi $\frac{4}{5}$ pie	Total	Value of full grain equivalent	Margin available per pie	
6.2	Maximum 24 oz rice or flour	2.9	9.8	12.7	18.9	6.2	1 for man
6.4		2.4	8.2	10.6	17.0	6.4	2 for a woman
4.0	Minimum 16 oz rice or flour	1.9	6.6	8.5	12.5	4.0	
4.2		1.7	5.7	7.4	11.6	4.2	

The margin would, in neither case, suffice
to cover the cost of the "other items" included
in the ration, still less to provide for the
purchase of fuel. The cost of these other
items

items, at the rates given by the Collector
would be for a man - maximum 13.5 pie
minimum $5\frac{5}{6}$ pie. The case of the B
or C class worker cannot be clearly
demonstrated owing to the absence of
any information as to the amounts of the
"other items" allowed in the rations for
these classes in determining the grain
equivalent.

(True copy and Extract)

P. V. Srinivasan
Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
The Collector of Ganjam
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner
the Collector of Vizagapatnam

Good
17/2/57

C No. 11462.

From

The Hon. Mr. Secy. C. I. E.
The Secy. to the Govt.

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

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25-2-97

Para 3 of No.
67 of 26-1-97.
H. 100 B.

The Collector's letter appears to be in reply to a call from the Board as to what the effect of taking paddy and ragi, instead of rice and ragi, for calculating relief wages in Gaggam will be. The Govt has, however, not reconsidered its original decision in the matter and has authorized the Board to adopt rice instead of paddy and has addressed the Govt of India on the point. But the calculations in Board's Procs ~~would~~ ^{must} ~~be~~ ^{be} send to show that even if rice be taken as the standard the margin left ~~for~~ after procuring ~~food~~ ^{rice} or ragi required for food is altogether insufficient to procure "the other items" mentioned in Section 120 of the Code:

Para 2 of the current.
H. 100 A.

C. 20/2/97.
A. 25/2/97.

FOR ORDERS.					
	Rice one-fif pies	Ragi four-fif pies	Total pies	value of full grain weight	margin available for other items
minimum for 60 tolas	2.9	9.8	12.7	19.5	7.8
50 tolas	2.4	8.2	10.6	17.7	7.1
minimum for 40 tolas	1.9	6.6	8.5	13.7	5.2
35 tolas	1.7	5.7	7.4	12.7	4.7
					for 1 man
					for 1 woman

The cost of the other items ~~being~~ according to the Collector's rules ^{is} 13.5 pies in the 1st case and 5.8 pies in the second, the available margins being those shown in column 6 above.

3. But the Collector has taken unduly high prices for the other items; these are compared below with those prevailing in Madras.

	Collector's seers per rupee	Madras seers per rupee	
Pulse or Shall.	4	8	(5 1/3 Madras measures)
Salt	6	12.5	(11 seers in Ganjam)
Ghee	1	4	
oil	2	8	
Vegetables	6	80	

It will thus be seen that according to Madras rates the cost of the other items will be considerably less than one-half is given by the Collector

things will, however, be very dear at relief works notwithstanding standing arrangements under section 55, and ~~but~~ the Lahore purchase only small quantities it is quite possible that the cost to them of the other items may be as high as the prices quoted by the Collector. If so the relief wage will be insufficient shown when rice is adopted instead of ~~sago~~ ^{of the} ~~that~~ ~~same~~ ~~work~~ ~~applies~~ case is ^{Lahore} ~~whose food is~~ ^{where} ~~where~~ ^{the} ~~difficultly~~ ^{into force} ~~can be met by bringing clauses~~ 3 & 4 of section 120. If these clauses be brought into force in Ganjam, making the Collector's rates ~~will be as if~~ ^{the relief wages} will be

vide stat. at page number A1.

	Rice & ragi 5/5	Cost pies	Cost of other items pies	Total pies	Present wage pies
A. male.	60 tolas	12.7	13.5	26.2	18.9
A female.	50 tolas	10.6	13.5	24.1	17.
Minimum male	40 tolas	8.5	5.8	14.3	12.5
Minimum female	35 tolas	7.4	5.8	13.2	11.6

4 For orders as to whether the Board's attention may be drawn to clauses 3 & 4 of

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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G. O. (Prov.) No. 124 of 25th Feb 1907
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to G. O. 98 of 16-2-97
2. It would seem from the
figures in the Statement at
para 2 of the B. P. that the
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~~is really the Board~~
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of ^{these} 'other items' ~~is~~ given in
para 5 of the collector's letter and
adapted by ^{the Board} is calculated at
unduly high rates
~~and is really~~
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To Mr. A. G.

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whether
in 120 and they he
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e wherever they think this
necessary

RS In this case the main
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whether wheat is unbroken from the
the latter is not. The difference
in the wage arises, as can be
seen at once from the table
at the end of para 2 of the
note, from the difference in
the money cost of the 'other
items'; in this case from the
money value of such other items
when converted into grain being
much above the quantity
of grain allowed for them in
the calculation of the wage in
the 120. It is the case provided
for in the clause being "In
cases when it is in the 120 of the
Code. and thus the I think
be pointed out. I much doubt
the Govt's view however.

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22/2/97
A. G.
24-2-97

E.g. The money value of other
items in the case of A class men
is 13 1/2 pms. This will buy nearly
70 totas of grain; but such labourers
are entitled only to 45 totas.

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Famine wage.

Board's Proceedings submitting letter from the Collector of Ganjâm reporting on the effect of taking four-fifths ragi and one-fifth *paddy* as the basis of —, recorded with remarks.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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N. B.—Stringent orders about the accurate reporting of price of paddy in seers of 80 tolas have been issued.

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Vide paragraph 43 of Mr. Horsfall's report upon the famine of 1889. one-third of its weight when converted into flour, and paddy into rice. Converting, therefore, the flour and rice into ragi and paddy, it equals 40 tolas of ragi + 12 tolas paddy; if this is subtracted from the total wage, the remainder is 16 tolas of ragi + 2 tolas paddy. Ragi sells here just now at 13 seers for the rupee, *i.e.*, 1,040 tolas for 16 annas or 65 tolas for 1 anna. So 16 tolas of ragi are worth $\frac{1}{65}$ anna or 3 pies nearly.

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(1) Pulse or Dholl	1½ pies per oz.
(2) Salt	1 pie do.
(3) Ghee	6 pies do.
(4) Oil	3 " do.
(5) Vegetables	1 pie do.
At these prices—	
2 oz. pulse costs	3 pies.
33 oz. salt	½ pie.
33 " ghee "	2 pies.
50 " vegetables costs	½ pie.
Total	5½ pies.

5. I give in the margin the price at which these articles are being at present sold in the Chatrapur bazaar; if wages are calculated on a paddy basis—it leaves $1\frac{2}{3}$ pies to meet this, and if calculated on four-fifth ragi and one-fifth rice, it leaves $3\frac{6}{5}$ pies for the purpose.

Resolution—dated 17th February 1897, No. 139.

Submitted for the consideration of Government, with reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 59 of 1897.

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			Paddy $\frac{1}{5}$ pie.	Ragi $\frac{1}{5}$ pie.	Total.	Value of full grain equivalent.	Margin available pies.	Remarks.
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The margin would, in neither case, suffice to cover the cost of the "other items" included in the ration, still less to provide for the purchase of fuel. The cost of these other items, at the rates given by the Collector, would be for a man—maximum 13.5 pies, minimum 5½ pies. The case of the B or C class worker cannot be clearly demonstrated owing to the absence of any information as to the amounts of the "other items" allowed in the rations for these classes in determining the grain equivalent.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ the Collector of Ganjám.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

„ Collector of Vizagapatam.

ORDER—No. 127, Revenue, dated 25th February 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded with reference to G.O.,
No. 98, dated 16th February 1897.

2. It would seem from the figures in the statement at paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings that the margin available, even when wages are calculated on the basis of rice and ragi, will be insufficient to procure the "other items" mentioned. If this is really the case, the Collector may be authorized to calculate wages on the money value of each item of the ration (clause 4 of section 120). The Government, however, fears that the cost of these items given in paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter and adopted by the Board is calculated at unduly high rates.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).

the Local and Municipal Department.

the Public Works Department.

„ the Financial Department.
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