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3. In my letter, dated 11th December 1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 3524, embodied in B.P., dated 14th December 1896, No. 432, Revenue Settlement, I applied for an initial allotment of Rs. 6,000 for expenditure under this head for a period of two months, and Government was pleased to accord its sanction thereto in its Order, No. 111, Financial, dated 5th February 1897. The Executive Engineer reported that the expenditure

recorded in Public Works books up to the end of February was Rs. 3,170, of which Rs. 1,476 was audited and the remainder Rs. 1,694 unaudited. Immediately on receipt of G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897, I addressed the Executive Engineer to inform me what portion of the grant of Rs. 6,000 above referred to was expended. As the imprests allowed by him to Tahsildars exceeded this amount, I also since wired to him to inform me what further allotments were available in the Public Works Department for expenditure on famine relief, and I have just received the following reply by wire:—

"Imprest Rs. 7,000 to the Tahsildars was granted from the Provincial funds in Public Works Department. The allotment Rs. 6,000 has been already executed." This does not clearly show what amounts are available in the Public Works grants of the current year. I request, however, that sanction of Government be obtained for placing at the credit of the Public Works Department the sum of Rs. 24,000 as above estimated, minus any allotments that might be available out of its ordinary or special grants.

4. As regards "gratuitous relief," out of Rs. 2,000 sanctioned for this district in G.O., No. 6, dated 4th January 1897, only Rs. 532 have been spent up to the end of last month. This leaves a net balance of about Rs. 1,468 for the current month, and will suffice for the present. The allotment of Rs. 5,000 shown in the accompanying statement was based on the proposed scheme of relief to weavers (*vide* my letter, dated 19th February 1897, Dis. No. 925), but as the official year is fast drawing to a close and as the date from which the scheme is to be brought into operation is not known, this sum is not required for this year and may be transferred to the next. For the same reason, the sum of Rs. 2,500 shown against "relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works" may also be transferred to the next official year, if orders on the proposed scheme for weavers' relief are not likely to be brought into effect this year.

5. The sum of Rs. 3,000 provided against "miscellaneous" represents the allotment applied for for improvement of water supply from Provincial funds, as both the District and Taluk Boards have no funds to devote for this object. I have already explained the necessity for this grant in my letter, dated 17th February 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 33. A sum of Rs. 100 has, as recommended by the Head Assistant Collector, been placed at the disposal of the Tahsildars of Hindupur and Dharmavaram in anticipation of sanction for emergent expenditure under his head. I request that only Rs. 500 be placed at my disposal for the current year and the remainder (Rs. 2,500) transferred to the next.

6. As regards the provision made against the various heads for the next year, I have to state that the estimates have been framed for six months commencing from April. It is yet too soon to say, with any degree of certainty, what relief the next south-west monsoon will bring to the agricultural population of the district, but as is well known, this monsoon even in normal years is generally deficient and

Number of head.	Particulars.	Amount to be transferred from current year to next.
5.	Gratuitous relief	5,000
4.	Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works	2,500
6.	Miscellaneous	2,500
	Total	10,000

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ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing actual probable expenditure on account of famine relief forecasted as per G.Os., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897, and No. 164, dated 18th February 1897:—

Particulars of heads.	Amount estimated for the current official year.	Amount estimated for the next year.
1. Salaries and Establishments	RS. 5,360	RS. 16,000
2. Relief works in charge of Civil officers—		
(a) Communications	..	..
(b) Miscellaneous Public Improvements	..	..
(c) Irrigation	..	..
3. Relief works in charge of Public Works Department—		
(a) Communications	32,500	1,00,000
(b) Miscellaneous Public Improvements	..	..
(c) Irrigation	750	25,000
(d) Construction of Railways	..	..
4. Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works	2,500	50,000
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(a) Given in Government Institution	5,000	15,000
(b) At the house of the people	..	..
(c) In other ways	..	..
6. Miscellaneous *	3,000	10,000
Total	49,110	2,16,000

* This amount is the estimated expenditure for the whole district on account of improvement of water-supply in various parts where water scarcity is felt.

RESOLUTION—dated 29th March 1897, No. 258.

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2. The revised estimates now submitted by the Collector compare, as shown below, with those forwarded by him to the Accountant-General, with reference to the second Government order quoted above, and with the Board's estimates embodied in B.P., dated 21st January 1897, No. 43:—

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	1896-97.	1897-98.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1896-97.	1897-98.
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2. Relief works in charge of Civil officers	2,750	..	..	..	..	..
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Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.
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" the Public Works Department.
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