

Revenue (1897) Department.

ROUTINE SERIES.

G.O., No. 1360

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording Board's Progress, to the
Collector of Ganjam G.O. Rev. Despatch, with
remarks, the fortnightly narrative of
the Ganjam district for the period end-
ing 21st May 1897.

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Fortnightly Narrative.—Communicating to the Collector of Ganjam G.O., R.D., recording the — of the Ganjam district for the period ending 31st May 1897 with the remark that Government is not prepared to authorise special measures to stimulate the import of ragi.

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

Read—the following G.O., No. 511, Revenue, dated 30th June 1897 :—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), dated 15th June 1897, No. 437 :—

Read—the Fortnightly Narrative for the Ganjam district during the period ending 31st of May 1897, Dis. No. 891-Acc.

Resolution—dated 15th June 1897, No. 437.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall up to the end of the fortnight from April 1st is about up to the average, but during the fortnight it was deficient. Water for drinking was obtained with difficulty in the affected area, but steps were taken to improve the supply. Fields were being prepared for sowing, but operations were not brisk, more rain being wanted. Pasture was growing scarce, but fodder was available; the condition of cattle was generally good, but the position is not so favourable as when the Famine Commissioner visited the district.

3. With the exception of boiled rice, prices rose, the rise in the price of ragi being severe. The cause is depletion of stocks. Trade within the district is reported to be slack. Large quantities of grain continue to be exported; the explanation afforded for this anomaly is that outstanding contracts have to be fulfilled. The relative position of prices is shown by the following figures :—

Rate.	Measures per rupee.	
	Rice.	Ragi.
Normal ...	17.0	30.0
Warning ...	13.6	22.5
Scarcity ...	10.2	15.0
Current ...	10.9	12.1
May 1889 ...	11.1	17.4
May 1878 ...	8.8	12.7

It will be observed that the price of both grains is dearer than in 1889, and that the price of ragi, which is not forthcoming in several markets, is dearer than in 1878.

4. The condition of the people was worse than in any other affected area. Relief-workers were generally in good condition, but many were unfit for work and had to be drafted to weakly gangs or placed on gratuitous relief.

The condition of people in villages is said to be deteriorating. For this, however, they are themselves to blame, as they refuse to work or to go to kitchens. The necessity for issuing grain-doles to Savaras is doubtful; these people are believed to have no genuine caste scruples against being fed in kitchens. The numbers on gratuitous relief in Sompeta are, as pointed out by the Collector, excessive; it is hoped that he will be able to carry out at an early date his intention of opening more works in that locality and drafting to them many of those now on gratuitous relief. Sanction for the opening of the Surla dyke as a relief work has been applied for in B.P., dated 9th June 1897, No. 4185.

The numbers on works were trebled during the fortnight, and those on gratuitous relief increased by nearly 50 per cent. The latter are 50 per cent. in excess of the former.

5. The depletion of stocks is a serious matter. The Collector asked for sanction to open Government depôts, but this was refused in G.O., No. 365 of 1897, and B.P., dated 22nd May 1897, No. 3643; he has repeated his request by wire, and, on

the 9th instant, the Famine Commissioner requested him to report, by deferred telegram, his reasons. An urgent reminder was sent to the Collector on the 11th and another on the 13th. The Collector is probably out of reach of the telegraph offices, but Mr. Elphinstone should see that urgent references are replied to. The Famine Commissioner could not recommend Government to act on the Collector's telegram without further information, but will probably, on receipt of Collector's reply, be obliged to take the responsibility of granting the Collector's request. Mr. Brodie, in Bhadrachalam, has had to import cholam.

6. The following loans have been disbursed under the Loans Acts during the past five weeks :—

Week ending	Rs.
May 1st	5,375
" 8th	2,260
" 15th	4,390
" 22nd	2,800
" 29th	3,182

Disbursements for the purchase of seed-grain and fodder do not keep pace with the disposal of applications. The total disbursed is only Rs. 17,625, while 4,427 applications for over three lakhs remain to be disposed of; it is probable that many of these applications are not genuine, but the pace must be increased if arrears are to be overtaken in time for the loans to be of use to the applicants.

7. The Collector's report is by no means a cheerful one, and unless the monsoon is normal and not unduly delayed, prospects are decidedly gloomy.

8. Since the above was written, Mr. Taylor's reply regarding advances for ragi was received and a telegraphic reference made to Government for orders.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Ganjam.
" " Sanitary Commissioner.

Order—No. 511, Revenue, dated 30th June 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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2. In regard to the opening of the Surla dyke referred to in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, the Government awaits the report called for by telegraph from the Collector in G.O., No. 2968, dated 11th June 1897.

3. Orders have already been passed on the telegraphic reference mentioned in paragraph 8 of the Board's Proceedings. The Famine Commissioner has already authorized the Collector to distribute rice doles if ragi was not available locally, and the Government is not prepared to authorize any special measures for stimulating the import of ragi till it is satisfied that rice also is not available. The Collector has been informed accordingly by wire.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. H. B. BURLTON,
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.

" Public Works Department.
" Public Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Financial Department.
" Accountant-General.

RESOLUTION—dated 16th July 1897, No. 509.

Communicated to the Collector of Ganjam.

2. It is observed that the Collector has since replied to the reference about the Surla dyke.

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Famine Secretary.

To the Collector of Ganjam.

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Exd. Md. Fakhilvan.

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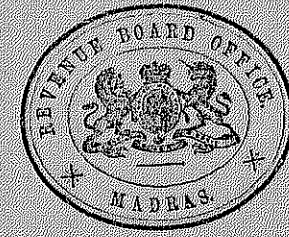
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