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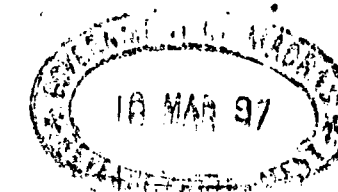
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SUBJECT.

Fortnightly Narrative - Submitting to Government with remarks of the Ganjam District for period ending 15 Feb. 1897.

To Mr Board (Lett) *15/3/97*
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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 26TH FEB. 1897, No. 169.

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

READ—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the district of Ganjam for the fortnight ending 15th February 1897 :—

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Chicacole division.—Rainfall nil. Water for drinking purposes is getting scarce, especially in the Tekkali taluk.

Agricultural operations and condition of standing crops.—*Goomsur Deputy Collector's division.*—Castor-oil plants and green gram are in a moderate condition. Sugarcane is fair. Ragi is thriving throughout the division wherever it is cultivated.

Berhampur division.—The Senior Assistant Collector, Mr. Rice, reports that he noticed a very fair amount of tobacco being grown under temporary wells in Jarada and Chikati zemindaries and in Ichchhapuram taluk, patches of ragi and chillies all under artificial wells, and little green gram as there is no supply in tanks.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division.—The standing crops are sugarcane, ragi, onions, oil-seeds and green gram. In places where water can be had at low depths, pits are dug and ragi is being cultivated to a great extent.

Chicacole division.—The standing crops are ragi, green gram, gingelly and castor-oil plants which are all in a fair condition.

Supply of Fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Goomsur Deputy Collector's division.—Fodder is sufficient, but pasture is scarce. Condition of cattle is generally good. Mortality among cattle is on the decrease.

Berhampur division.—Fodder and pasture are getting scarce. The country is, for the most part, very dry and parched. Mr. Rice reports that he noticed some springs near Haripur where the grass was green, but such patches are very rare.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division.—Pasture is scarce, but fodder can be had freely. The condition of cattle is good.

Chicacole division.—Cattle are still generally in good condition, but cattle-diseases exist in parts of Tekkali. Fodder is still available, but pasture is scarce.

General remarks on above subjects.—The little rain that has fallen has been very partial and of little real assistance to agricultural operations or drinking-water supply:—

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 15th February 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	
1. Russellkonda ..	10-50	11-00	13-59	13-59	The rise in the price of ragi at six of the stations is partly due to supplies to market not being ample and partly to the correct calculation of a seer at 80 tolas weight.
2. Surada ..	9-00	9-25	12-80	14-40	
3. Aska ..	10-16	9-79	14-29	12-80	
4. Purushottapur ..	12-00	12-00	15-00	14-20	
5. Chatrapur ..	10-00	9-50	15-00	12-50	
6. Berhampur ..	10-00	9-50	13-20	12-50	
7. Ichchhapuram ..	9-00	9-00	14-40	13-20	
8. Sompeta ..	9-95	9-75	15-13	14-40	
9. Parlakimedi ..	9-75	9-75	18-00	14-77	
10. Tekkali ..	10-00	10-10	19-00	14-62	
11. Narasannapet ..	10-50	10-50	16-25	15-22	
12. Chicacole ..	9-73	9-73	15-02	15-83	
Average ..	10-05	9-99	15-14	14-31	

Activity of trade.—Supplies are available at the rates quoted in the various marts, but it is reported that the trade within the district is generally dull.

Exports and imports of food-grains by rail are as follow:—

Exports ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	MAUNDS.
Imports ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,895
									5,891

Four thousand five hundred and ninety-two maunds of food-grains and pulses were exported by sea. No imports by sea.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

(1) *On works.*—The quarry at Kalyapalli was opened as a test-work on the 5th instant. The condition of the people on the work is, for the present, good.

(2) *In villages.*—Generally good for the present. The people are, no doubt, pinched in places. The Telugus seem to be more or less willing to come to work, but the Uriyas prefer to undergo a little hardship at home and they are not anxious to come to kitchens.

Sickness and Mortality.—Goomsur Deputy Collector's division.—No deaths from want of food have been reported. Poorer classes are beginning to feel want of employment in places. Fever slightly exists in certain parts. Small-pox exists in parts of

Goomsur. It has assumed the form of an epidemic at Aska where mortality is heavy. Cholera deaths 6.

Berhampur division.—No deaths from starvation. Cholera and small-pox are prevalent in places. Cholera deaths 14.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division.—No deaths from starvation are reported. There is small-pox and cholera here and there. Cholera deaths 48.

Chicacole division.—No deaths from starvation are reported. Small-pox and cholera are prevalent in places. Cholera deaths 81.

REMARKS.—Statement showing the number of prisoners in jails of the Ganjam district.

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1. District jail, Berhampur ..	2	5-66	Returns from Nos. 1, 5, 9 and 15 are not received.
2. Hill jail, Russellkonda ..	10	3	
3. Sub jail, Chatrapur ..	7	4	
4. Do. Purushottapur ..	..	..	
5. Do. Aska ..	2	2-3	
6. Do. Surada ..	70	42	
7. Do. Ichchhapuram ..	..	3-33	
8. Do. Sompeta ..	..	..	
9. Do. Tekkali ..	14	10	
10. Do. Parlakimedi ..	3	4	
11. Do. Narasannapet ..	4	5	
12. Do. Chicacole ..	..	6	
13. Do. Balliguda ..	7	1-33	
14. Do. Udayagiri ..	..	..	
15. Do. Ramagiri ..	..	..	
Total ..	119	78-52	

REMARKS.—121 emigrants, including children, under the Act, and 83 free emigrants, including children, to ports beyond the presidency but within British India, and 1,219 free emigrants, including children, to ports in Burma have emigrated from the district.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

1. On works—

Taluk.	Number employed.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Ganjam ..	..	1,411	These are working at the Kalyapalli quarry which has been opened as a test work. The figures are for Sunday the 14th instant.

A test work was opened at Pattupur, in Aska taluk, during the fortnight, but it proved a failure, the coolies not having accepted the famine wages. At the test work at Kalyapalli near Chatrapur, a large number of labourers, mostly women, are working. About this work a separate report is submitted. Necessity to open kitchens at some centres has already arisen and steps are being taken towards the same.

2. *Gratuitous relief—*

Taluka.	Number relieved.		Number of villages in which relief was given.		Remarks.
	In villages.				
	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	
Purushottapur	29	25	3	2	} Aggregate number.
Ganjām	7	32	2	11	
Surada	12	5	3	1	
Bodagada	32	..	10	..	
Berhampur	80	7	..	5	
Sompeta	60	..	..	..	
Pedda Kimedi	12	..	..	..	
Tekkali	260	..	..	..	
Total ..	492	69	18	19	

3. Private charity. Taluka :

3. *Private charity.*—There is no organized private charity at work. The Senior Assistant Collector, Mr. Rice, reports that he proposed to organize a fund in Berhampur to be worked independently of Government. The Goomsur Deputy Collector reports that about 30 beggars at Aska and 20 at Russellkonda are given one meal every day by the good and well-to-do gentlemen of these towns, and that Mr. Reay of Russellkonda has started local subscriptions to feed as many destitute beggars as funds permit.

INSPECTIONS.

The Deputy Collector, Goomsur, visited 15 villages, the Senior Assistant Collector 27 villages, and the Head-Quarters Deputy Collector 7 villages in their divisions. The Head-Quarters Deputy Collector reports that he could not visit more villages in his division as he had to arrange for and open a test work at Kalyapalli near Chatrapur during the fortnight. The Principal Assistant Collector visited Tekkali and its neighbourhood, made arrangements for opening a kitchen at Tekkali. The Collector remained at head-quarters preparatory to handing over charge.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

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The Principal Assistant Collector reports that no fresh applications have been received for loans and that those already made to the Tahsildar of Chicaole are now under enquiry for applications.

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READ—the following telegram from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), dated Chatrapur, 24th February 1897 :—

Gratuitous relief granted section 83 by relief inspectors, taluk officers and revenue inspectors.

READ—also the following season telegram from the Collector of Ganjam :—

Water-supply not quite sufficient for irrigation, but partly sufficient for drinking purposes in places. Ploughing and sowing in progress in places. Sugarcane in fair condition and ragi and green-gram in moderate condition in places. Pasture is scarce and fodder available. Cattle generally good but cattle diseases exist in parts of Goomsur and Suradā taluks. Public health generally good. Fevers and small-pox prevalent in places. Cholera deaths 59. Prospects unchanged. Markets are moderately supplied. No deaths from starvation. Number under gratuitous relief last day of week :—

	no.
Goomsur division	8
Berhampur division	173
Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division	145
Chicacole division	583
Total	909

Exports of food-grains and pulses by sea are 832 maunds and exports and imports of food-grains by rail are 3,064 and 3,555 maunds, respectively. Nine free emigrants to ports within Presidency and 471 free emigrants including children to ports in Burma during week ending 19th instant. Number on test work at Kaliyapalli near Chatrapur on the 20th is 1,629. Chatrapur ragi 12.3. Loans sanctioned and disbursed under Agriculturists' Loans Act in Goomsur 1,000 and 120 rupees, respectively. Test work near Ichchhāpuram and Baruva failed. There was good rainfall during the week almost throughout the whole Goomsur division and in some other places; this will check small-pox which is very severe in Aska and parts of Goomsur. The rain has led the ryot population to commence ploughing operations on hitherto parched up fields and done some good to standing crops. It will relieve anxiety for water for some time. Prices in Russellkonda and Berhampur slightly fallen.

RESOLUTION—dated 26th February 1897, No. 169.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Since the Collector's fortnightly narrative was written, there has been a good fall of rain in many parts of the district which will replenish the water-supplies and make the prospect for the cattle less gloomy. Agriculture is, however, at present almost at a standstill, though the recent rain has enabled the ryots, where it has fallen, to plough up their land. Prices have eased slightly during the last week, but are still very high.

3. The people show no signs of suffering as yet, and it has been explained that the influx of workers on the test work opened near Chatrapur consists chiefly of women, for whom, at present prices, the famine wage is higher than ordinary rates and in consequence the Collector has proposed to treat the work as an ordinary one. There has also been an influx of workers on the Suradā dam works, but there the funds have been exhausted. The Collector has, however, been authorized to continue the work as a relief work. For that, however, it does not appear very suitable owing to the amount of masonry work to be done.

4. Notwithstanding the fact that the people are reported not to need employment on relief works, the Collector has considered it necessary during the last week for which information is available to grant gratuitous relief under section 83 of the Code to 909 persons. The Board does not consider this advisable and the following telegram will be despatched to the Collector :—

"Restrict gratuitous relief to grant of cooked food at kitchens pending further orders."

If the people are not in need of employment on works, it is not likely that they need, or should be granted gratuitous relief, save in the form prescribed in section 64 of the Code. Ganjam is, however, a tract which cannot in all respects be treated like other districts. The Collector will no doubt exercise the necessary discretion, and it is possible that, for a time, the establishment of a few kitchens may enable the opening of works to be postponed. The price of the staple grain is, however, very high, and the situation calls for close watching. That only women and children came at first to the works does not necessarily prove that distress does not exist. It only shows, what is generally the case, that the attitude of the males to the females is somewhat selfish and inconsiderate. The fact, that the normal wage for women is so close to the famine wage, makes it difficult to use the latter as a test. If, however, fair tasks are imposed, and fining resorted to, it will be shown whether the workers are really in want or not.

5. It is observed that there are 93 loan applications pending in Berhampur. Special arrangements for the prompt disposal of these should be made.

(True Copy and Extract.)

P. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To the Collector of Ganjam.
" Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Tekkali	260	..	..	..	
Total ..	492	69	18	19	

3. *Private charity.*—There is no organized private charity at work. The Senior Assistant Collector, Mr. Rice, reports that he proposed to organize a fund in Berhampur to be worked independently of Government. The Goomsur Deputy Collector reports that about 30 beggars at Aska and 20 at Russellkonda are given one meal every day by the good and well-to-do gentlemen of these towns, and that Mr. Reay of Russellkonda has started local subscriptions to feed as many destitute beggars as funds permit.

INSPECTIONS.

The Deputy Collector, Goomsur, visited 15 villages, the Senior Assistant Collector 27 villages, and the Head-Quarters Deputy Collector 7 villages in their divisions. The Head-Quarters Deputy Collector reports that he could not visit more villages in his division as he had to arrange for and open a test work at Kalyapalli near Chatrapur during the fortnight. The Principal Assistant Collector visited Tekkali and its neighbourhood, made arrangements for opening a kitchen at Tekkali. The Collector remained at head-quarters preparatory to handing over charge.

3. The people show no signs of suffering as yet, and it has been explained that the influx of workers on the test work opened near Chatrapur consists chiefly of women, for whom, at present prices, the famine wage is higher than ordinary rates and in consequence the Collector has proposed to treat the work as an ordinary one. There has also been an influx of workers on the Suradā dam works, but there the funds have been exhausted. The Collector has, however, been authorized to continue the work as a relief work. For that, however, it does not appear very suitable owing to the amount of masonry work to be done.

4. Notwithstanding the fact that the people are reported not to need employment on relief works, the Collector has considered it necessary during the last week for which information is available to grant gratuitous relief under section 83 of the Code to 909 persons. The Board does not consider this advisable and the following telegram will be despatched to the Collector:—

"Restrict gratuitous relief to grant of cooked food at kitchens pending further orders."

If the people are not in need of employment on works, it is not likely that they need, or should be granted gratuitous relief, save in the form prescribed in section 64 of the Code. Ganjam is, however, a tract which cannot in all respects be treated like other districts. The Collector will no doubt exercise the necessary discretion, and it is possible that, for a time, the establishment of a few kitchens may enable the opening of works to be postponed. The price of the staple grain is, however, very high, and the situation calls for close watching. That only women and children came at first to the works does not necessarily prove that distress does not exist. It only shows, what is generally the case, that the attitude of the males to the females is somewhat selfish and inconsiderate. The fact, that the normal wage for women is so close to the famine wage, makes it difficult to use the latter as a test. If, however, fair tasks are imposed, and fining resorted to, it will be shown whether the workers are really in want or not.

5. It is observed that there are 93 loan applications pending in Berhampur. Special arrangements for the prompt disposal of these should be made.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Ganjam.
" Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

2. An additional allotment of Rs. 12,000 has already been sanctioned to carry on the Surada dam works as an ordinary work.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
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