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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the information of Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 453 dated 21st December 18[illegible] letter from the Collector of Anantapur, reporting about the condition of weavers in the Distri[illegible]

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No. 4 Misc:

READ the following letter from the Collector of Anantapur, dated 22nd December 1896 Disposal No. 4806. :—

With reference to para 6 of Board's Proceedings No 370 dated 24th November 1896 and also Board's Proceedings No 427 dated 12th December 1896, I have the honor to state that as already reported in my fortnightly narrative, the weavers in the District do not at present stand in need of any state relief. There are no special industries of importance in this District like those of Adoni or Kurnool.

Gooty Division. Uravakonda in the Gooty

Gooty work is the seat of the largest weaving industry in the whole district. It contains 2,500 handlooms. They were never so badly off as to be incapable of earning enough to live upon. According to their own statements their normal earnings per head for adults are between 3 to 4 annas per diem. At present, they manage to earn about 2 annas per head. The famine wages, varying as they do according to prices, cannot give them even $\frac{2}{3}$ (two-thirds) of this. The merchants are reported to be giving them advances of money as usual. Pamidi is another village in Gooty, where the number of weavers is very large. Fortunately Pamidi firka, is the least affected division of Gooty. There is a large extent of wet cultivation under River channels, and at present the second crop is being raised with good prospects. The distress has never been so acute as to affect the advances, the weavers usually expect from the well-to-do ryots or the demand for the cloths manufacture. The only important places in the Tadpatri Taluk, where weaving is carried on on a large scale, are Tadpatri and Yadaki. The weavers, here also declare that they do not want advances from Government, as the wages admissible are low. The November rains have given them hopes and they expect orders from merchants as usual. As regards those in the Yadaki Division, the Deputy Collector remarks that they are comparatively better off than the weavers in the other parts of the Taluk and do not therefore stand in need of relief at present.

Anantapur Division. The only village in the Anantapur Taluk, which has so many as a hundred looms is Anantapur itself. In a few other villages of this Taluk there are also looms but their number

number is generally very small varying from 20 to 30. The Deputy Collector reports on personal enquiry that the coarse cloths from all these looms find a ready sale and there has been no fall in their prices.

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A superior kind of cumblies is manufactured here by the weavers who are reported to be all Kurubas by caste. They have informed the Head Quarter Deputy Collector that they realise a profit of 6 to 8 annas on each cumblie, which take only two days to make. The cumblies find a ready sale in Bellary and the weavers say that they do not stand in need of relief under the terms prescribed by the Code.

Penukonda Division.

Of Dharmavaram, the only village in this Division, where weavers are found in large numbers, the Head Assistant to the Collector writes as follows:-

"I called some of their heads to my tent at Dharmavaram last week and explained to them exactly the wages they would receive and the provision that would be made for their young children. They unanimously declined to accept help on these terms. I explained to them that many weavers in the adjoining district were receiving help on the same terms and told them to think over the matter for a few days. I asked them how they had managed to live for the last month without any work and they said they had been selling their females' jewels. The suggestion that it would be better for them to earn even small wages from Government than to part with all their jewels did not strike them as reasonable. They returned to me on the 10th instant, when I again halted at Dharmavaram, and definitely declined to accept help for the present. Hence in spite of their numerous petitions to

... you and to myself, I donot expect they will take employment from Government till the beginning of next year."

2. The condition of the weavers in the District will, however, be watched and proposals for their relief submitted directly they express their willingness to receive state relief. For the present, there is no necessity anywhere for such relief:

Resolution

Submitted for the information of Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No 453 dated 21st December 1896.

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