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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the information of Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 453 dated 21st December 1896, letter from the Collector of Anantapur, reporting about the condition of weavers in the District.

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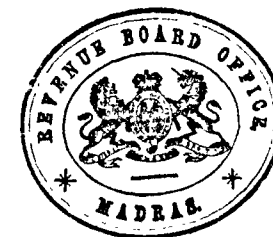
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READ *the following letter from the Collector of Anantapur, dated 22nd December 1896 Disposal No. 4806.*

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 is the seat of the largest weaving industry in the whole district. It contains 2500 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, ~~at~~ the weavers usually expect from the well-to-do ryots.

ryots or the demand for the clothⁱⁿ manufacture. The only important places in the Tadpatri Taluk, where weaving is carried on on a large scale, are Tadpatri and Gaduki. 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 Gaduki 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 few other villages of this Taluk there are also looms but their number

which 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.

A superior kind of cumblies Kalyandurg
is manufactured here by the weavers Betaguppa
who are reported to be all Kurabas
by caste. They have informed the
Head Quarter Deputy Collector
that they realise a profit of 6
to 8 annas on each cumbli, 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 pre-
scribed by the Code.

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

"I called some of their heads

to my tent at Dharmavaram last m.
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 ex-
plained 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 Dharm-
varam, and definitely decline
to accept help for the present.
Hence in spite of their ^{numerous} petition
to

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you and to myself, I don't 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.

(True copy & Extract)

L. O. Srinivasai
Secretary

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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