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The necessary action has
been taken with reference to
the questions sent to the R.D.
for draft replies.

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to question (e)

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question VI (c) of the Hon. Muhammad
Shariff Khan Bahadur's.
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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government
draft answers to questions which
will be asked at the ensuing meeting
of the legislative Council

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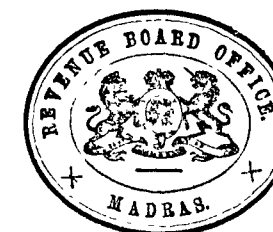
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue)

Dated 1st April 1898.

Forest No. 264 Routine Miscellaneous.

READ *Official Memorandum from the Government,
Revenue Department, dated 29th March 1897,
No 72.*

Resolution

*The Board
has
passed
the
draft
answers
called
for
in
the
Government
Memorandum
read
above.*

*The Board resolves to submit the
draft answers called for in the Government
Memorandum read above.*

(True Extract)

*To The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
with draft answers.*

*W. C. S. S. S.
Secretary.*

Revenue (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 2

From

The Legislative Dept.

Order

Memo No. 777

Dated : 1891

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SUBJECT,

*Re: certain questions to
be asked at the next meeting
of the Legislative Council.*

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- (e) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a series of articles on the vagaries of the Mufussal Police that appeared in the *Madras Standard* in its issues of the 30th and 31st December 1896 and 3rd January 1897?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Head Assistant Magistrate of Penukonda has stated, 'at present the Police Inspectors are not only allowed with impunity but are encouraged to bring up the gravest possible charges against the Subordinate Magistrates though there is not an atom of truth or probability in them.' Whether the Government is aware that there is a growing feeling of alarm and anxiety that what the Head Assistant Magistrate of Penukonda has said is true of the Police throughout the Presidency?"

I (e) Question No. X on the agenda paper for the meeting of the council on the 9th February 1897—

“X. Will the Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Mr. E. H. O. Sewell, Inspector of Salt and Abkari Revenue, Ránipettai Circle, North Arcot district, while on a shooting excursion on the 19th December last, ordered one Abdul Khader, a Salt and Abkari peon under his orders, to swim to a tree in the middle of a tank and pick up for him from its branches a bird he had shot?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that this peon met his death while carrying out this order?
- (c) What were the full circumstances which brought about his death?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that Abdul Khader was an indifferent swimmer and that he stuck to the tree long and cried for help before he died?
- (e) Who were the other persons that were with Mr. Sewell? How far is the tank from the nearest village and what was the help which Mr. Sewell rendered or endeavoured to render to Abdul Khader when it was found he was unable to swim back and struggling for life?
- (f) When and what was the information which Mr. Sewell sent of this occurrence to the Magistrate?
- (g) Whether any Magistrate held any inquiry touching the death of this man?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that no post-mortem examination was held?
- (i) Whether this man was also in the enjoyment of a military pension? Whether Mr. Sewell has made any provision for the widow and son of this peon? If not, whether the Government would direct him to make a suitable provision for them?
- (j) What notice has the Government taken of the conduct of Mr. Sewell in connection herewith?"

II. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table papers showing the conditions on which the South Indian Railway Company manages the railway for the Government?

III. (a) In the light of the facts obtained in the trial of the recent Negapatam riots case and of the observations made by Mr. Hamnett, I.C.S., in his judgment, is the Government in a position to say what were the causes of the riots and what steps does it propose to take to remedy the grievances complained of by the railway workmen and employes at Negapatam?

(b) Under all the circumstances of the case, is it the intention of the Government to revise and reduce the sentences passed on the prisoners?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to consider whether, under the circumstances of the case, it is necessary at this late day to continue further prosecutions for participation in the said riots?

IX. (a) Whether it is a fact that the Madras Government had recently submitted to the Government of India a scheme for the reorganisation of the Revenue Survey Department.

(b) Whether the Government of India sent the scheme back to the Madras Government in view to its submitting a revised scheme?

(c) What was the scheme submitted by this Government? Is it a fact that the Government proposed to place each district in charge of a graded European Officer?

(d) Whether the Government of India in sending it back suggested that the object of the Government might be attained by increasing the staff of Deputy Collectors and placing one Survey Deputy Collector in charge of each district? And on what grounds did the Government of India base its recommendation?

(e) Has the Government accepted the recommendation of the Government of India? If not, what were the grounds for refusing to accept it?

(f) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the correspondence relating to the subject?

X. Has the Government submitted a revised scheme for such reorganisation, and if the matter has been disposed of, will it place the papers on the table?

Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the necessity for any reorganisation of the Madras Revenue Survey Department?

(b) whether the reorganisation would increase the cost of the administration of the department, and if so, by how much a year?

(c) what would be the difference in the cost between the schemes recommended by the Government of India and proposed by this Government?

XI. Is it a fact that areas closed to grazing in reserved forest lands by the side of railways are excessive in comparison with such closed areas in other reserved forest lands, and are very inadequate to meet the requirements of the ryots? If so, what are the special reasons for adopting this policy near a railway?

Will the Government be pleased to call for a statement showing in each district the total extent of the reserved forest lands on either side of the Madras Railway, the extent in such lands closed to grazing, and the number of cattle, sheep and goats at the end of the last official year, of the villages depending for grazing purposes on such reserved forest lands?

XII. Is it a fact that the Government order of 1890, directing in the case of agricultural cattle, the levy of grazing fees at half the rates sanctioned for cattle of other kind, has been recently modified and that a uniform rate, amounting to three-fourths of the full rate originally sanctioned, has been substituted? If so, under what circumstances? Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of restoring the old order relating to agricultural cattle?

Is it a fact that notwithstanding this recent order of Government, grazing fees are still charged in some districts at the old full rates for all cattle and not at three-fourths, and if so, in what districts, and under what circumstances?

XIII. In regard to the concession, allowed to the ryots, of cutting wood for agricultural implements free of charge from the "unclassified" trees in unreserved forest lands, will the Government be pleased to abolish the distinction between "classified" and "unclassified" trees, in so far as unreserved lands are concerned, in view of the fact that the ryot is hardly able to distinguish the one kind from the other, that the distinction varies from time to time, and wood sufficient in quantity and suitable for agricultural implements are not always and everywhere to be had from the "unclassified" trees in unreserved lands?

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XIV. Is the Government aware of the extreme hardship to which agricultural ryots and others are frequently subjected in prosecutions under the Madras Forest Act for being in possession of "forest produce", in consequence of the vast majority of the magistracy feeling themselves bound under, what they consider, authoritative interpretations of section 56 of the Act as to presumptions, calling upon the accused persons at the very outset of the case to prove their innocence when absolutely no proof has been adduced that the "forest produce" they are in possession of, has been "found in or brought from a forest" within the meaning of the Act?

In view of this hardship, and in view of the fact that such a use of the section exposes the rural population to frequent extortions, will the Government be pleased to have the section repealed?

In view of the fact that the provisions of the section are merely enabling, will the Government point out to the magistracy, in the meanwhile, the undesirability of acting on it at least in cases punishable with imprisonment?

Mr. Muhammad Sharif Khan Bahadur's

VI (a) Were the 'appointments and promotions of Police Inspectors confined to districts before each district having a local staff of its own?

(b) Is the service now made general, and if so, what are the reasons for the change?

(c) Will it not be desirable to adopt a similar procedure as regards Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars for the same reasons?

XIII. (a) Has the Educational department experienced any difficulty in getting a sufficient number of students for the Agricultural and Teachers' Colleges?

(b) Considering that these institutions are at present located in an outlying place, will the Government be pleased to remove them to a central quarter in Madras so as to be easily accessible to the large head-quarter population?

(c) Cannot agricultural experiments be usefully made in the People's Park, seeing that it is in the heart of the town and daily resorted to by a large number of visitors?

(d) Will there be any objection to make agriculture an optional subject for the B.A. degree and amalgamate the Agricultural College with the Presidency College?

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MEMORANDUM. 777



The accompanying copy of ^{*} question which will probably be put at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 9th April is forwarded to the Revenue Department for favour of the preparation of a note containing a draft answer and such other information as may be required.

It is requested that the note may be forwarded so as to reach the undersigned before 5 pm on Monday the 5th instant proximo.

* Hon. Vijaya Lakshmi I (e) + IX h XIV.
" Muhammad Sharif-Khan Kaladri VI (e) + VII (e).

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31-3-1897.)

J. P. Gokhale
Secretary to the Council.

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