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

READ—the following letter from P. S. P. RICE, Esq., Acting Senior Assistant Collector of Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated 15th March 1897, R.C. No. 201-F., and the endorsement thereon, dated 19th March 1897, Ref. on C. No. 324-F. :—

With reference to your Proceedings, dated 12th instant, R. C. No. 324-F. of 1897, I have the honour to state that I understand you to mean that A, B, C and D labourers being finally classified under these heads, A, B, C or D wage is to be given for any task that may be allotted to a gang. This is what I pointed out.

2. I did not even suggest that there was any change of principle. What I said then and say now is that confusion was arising from the misapplication of the terms B class, &c., to A class labourers doing a reduced task.

Endorsement by H. D. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, dated Chatrapur, 19th March 1897, Ref. on C. No. 324-F.

Forwarded to the Commissioner, Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, together with this office Proceedings referred to for favour of definite instructions.

2. As it has now been ruled that physical ability has to be taken into consideration in fixing the task of the gangs, some confusion arises. Then there is a tendency to fail to distinguish between a gang of professional labourers (A class) and B class gang if the task allotted to them is the standard task laid down in the Famine Code for the B class (labourers but not professional). According to section 96 of the Famine Code professional labourers can only be classed as A or D class.

3. Orders are therefore requested, as to whether A class labourers, who are set a standard B task to perform, are to receive A or B class wages. The Executive Engineer has stated that, so far as this district is concerned, all able-bodied labourers should ordinarily be given a B task to perform.

4. Owing to the rigidity in the standard task having now been slightly relaxed by taking the element of physical ability into account, there is a tendency to refer to the class of the gangs, not according to the classification laid down in the Famine Code, but according to the task which they are called on to perform.

ENCLOSURE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Collector of Ganjam, dated 12th March 1897, R.C. No. 324-F.

[Read Senior Assistant Collector's R.C. No. 201-F. of 1897, dated 8th March 1897, regarding the classification of labourers on relief works.]

Order—

Under the orders of the Government as they at present stand, physical ability has to be taken into consideration in fixing the tasks of gangs. There is no change in the principle of classification. Professional labourers will be classed into gangs according to the classification of the Famine Code, but in regard to the task to be exacted, the case of each gang will have to be considered on its merits. Under the latest orders—*vide* G.O., No. 108, Revenue, dated 19th February 1897, printed in B.P., dated 25th February 1897, No. 159 (Revenue Settlement), which will follow, officers in charge of relief works are authorized to reduce the task in any case under section 107 so as to meet the special circumstances of the relief-workers in any place or on any work.

(Signed) H. D. TAYLOR,
Acting Collector.

RESOLUTION—dated 30th March 1897, No. 259.

The confusion referred to arises from supposing that there is a fixed A task or B task which is set to any of the classes of labourers. As orders stand at present, tasks may vary for the same class with reference to the working capacity of each gang. So, whatever task is set to an A class gang is the A task for the time being, on the performance of which, the gang is entitled to A class wage. In fact, the classification of tasks into A, B, C and D is unnecessary; a gang classed A doing the task required of it, whatever that may be, will receive the A class wage.

2. A gang corresponding literally to the class A, B or C is rarely to be found, section 97 importing an element which disturbs the physical position of the classification. The only thing to be done is to class the gang, so far as the average will allow, as A, B or C, and then to adapt the tasks to the varying physical capacity of the gang.

(True Copy and Extract.)

H. D. Swaminathan
For Famine Secretary.

To the Collector of Ganjam.

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