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G.O., No. 2208

DATED 30 November

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition from P. Chetti Ramayya and others, Godavari dt. praying for the repair of a certain channel, disposed of under para 2 of C rules.

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From Peddada Bhatti Ramayya & others
Jerayat Ryots of
Puligumma
Rhinavaram Taluk
No Godavari Dist.

Order R.r: 22088 30 November 97
Para II. Board.

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To the petrs. dtd. 2-12-97
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SUBJECT.

Praying that a certain channel to a certain point may be repaired & given to them & that the water rate on their lands may be refunded.

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The petrs. state as follows:—

Their pr. prayer is that orders be issued to the Executive Engineer of the Western Delta to finish the channel d-c-a-b-e up to the point shown in the accompanying rough sketch, and to construct a concrete sluice at the point x, and an aqueduct at K permanently, as the Puliyunna Kandam old channel, i.e., Govt. old channel x-o-k-b-e is already existing.

Reasons therefor.

A sum not exceeding 1,000 Rs. may be required to construct a concrete sluice at x point and an aqueduct at K. If this is sanctioned, the usual repairs carried on once in four years to the channel x-o-k-b-e. will suffice. About (80) eighty acres of land under the channel for which the pyots gave up their right for water-supply, may be brought under cultivation: after this being done, if the channel d-c-a-b be finished up to point b, the sum of Rs. 1,500 may suffice for the repairs.

There is no necessity for constructing a separate sluice in brick channam at ~~sluice~~ point-c for the benefit of the fields of Velivarti village: nor is there any necessity for demolishing the head sluice at point d and

enlarging it. There is also no necessity for altering the dam between a and b. People roughly guess that Rs. 2,500 would be required for the two works herein referred to. Petrs. believe that the estimates cannot be duly prepared by the D. P. W. will fall short to that amount and at any rate will not exceed it.

II. In case petitioners' suggestion regarding x. o. k. b. c canal as stated above is not approved, and in case of thoroughly repairing the channel alone to supply water for the petitioners' portion of land, it is necessary that the channel filled with silt from the last seven or eight years must be deepened and widened for about seven miles. In that case the sluice at d the head of the channel has to be pulled down and a fresh one built on a larger scale. At point c a sluice in brick and chunam has to be constructed to irrigate the fields of Velivarti village. The ryots of the villages of the high level lands, i.e., of Gerugaparam, Mahadevapatnam, Chilmarm

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Chilmarm and Valivarti are in the habit of putting up dams and cutting breaches during the months of June and July: Therefore there will be a necessity to employ extra special watchers during those two months. There appears to be a necessity to construct to the very end a dam inasmuch as the channel d. c. a. b. c has not been repaired from the past for 8 years. Petrs. can prove that the aforementioned works are necessary, provided notice is given to the leading ryots among the petrs. and repairs executed in their presence, after obtaining estimates from D. P. W. Petrs. conjecture that if sanction is accorded for the repairs to the channel d. c. a. b. c alone and withdrawn for x. o. k. b. canal, the costs thereof cannot be less than 3,000 Rs.

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If this comes to pass the canal x.o.k.b. will prove the of no use. Moreover as the lands to the extent of one mile between points a and b are generally loamy and higher than the lands on both sides of the channel, mud has the removed and repairs executed once a year or once in two years. The costs of repairs to the canal x.o.k.b.e shall generally exceed those for channel d.c.a. by Rs. (500) five hundred.

III. The village is on a higher level than the petitioners' lands are Garagaparru, Chimbaru, Mahadevipatnam and Velivarru. These villagers had been obstructing the flow of water from a long time.

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A good deal of correspondence has taken place regarding their objections during the last two Faslies. Though some of the ryots of the petitioners' village were prepared to help the D. P. W. with their depositions, yet they were refused - for instituting prosecutions on the criminal side, (Vide petn dd 16-1-97 referred to in encls: C, and the petn dd 28-11-96 referred to in para 5 thereof.)

The D. P. W. recommended a prohibitory assessment double rate for Fasli 1306 on the lands of those ryots who put up dams across the canal

and cut up breaches in its banks, and thus benefitted themselves. The Jamabandi Officer did not act according the recommendation after hearing some excuses of the ryots. On this account the petitioners did not get justice. The recommendations made by the D. P. W. were not heeded. (Vide Enclo: E.)

IV. The lands irrigated by d. c. a. b. c channel in Pulipumma Khandam extend about (500) five hundred acres. This portion has been irrigated from the last forty years by the Pulipumma Pantakalva channel x. o. k. b. c. The length of this channel would be about 14 furlongs. Such being the case, about 13 years ago the D. P. W. Local

4/ authorities imprudently put into the channel two Pulugu troughs at point x and rendered four channel x. o. k. b utterly useless, and dug the Irishadevapatnam channel d. c. a. b which began from point d at about 7 miles distant, to the end of petitioners' Khandam and joined this channel with b. c. Rs repairs were executed upon this channel from the last 8 years approximately. But in Fasli 1306 in the middle of 1896 Rs. (110) one hundred & ten were spent in clearing the channel of silt for about 5 or 6 furlongs between a and b points. Contrary to this the executive Engineer through the misrepresentations of

his subordinates has stated in para 2 of Encls: D that the whole channel was cleared of silt. (Vide para 2 of Encls: D.)

2nd Prayer

is that Coll.r be directed to collect the water-tax at Rs. (2) two on petitioners' lands shewn in the rough sketch for Faslies 1305 & 1306 instead of at the rate ~~rate~~ of Rs. (5) five already collected, and refund to the petrs. the difference: (ii) to ispose the demand for Fasli 1307 at the rate of Rs. (2) two & not to enforce the same till final orders are passed: (iii) & case the water-supply from the channels are allowed remain as they are now, the applications for water should be allowed up to 1st of September and the

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the demand for the water cess should be made at the rate of Rs. (2) two per acre.

Reasons therefor.

To carry on cultivation in May and June in Fasli 1305, the canals being in a bad state of repair from 5 or 6 years, petrs. applied to D.P.W. for help. They did not carryout the needful repairs. Some of the petrs. reported to D. P.W. and had evidence ready to prove that certain persons put up dams and cut breaches in the canal within the limits of Gerapaparru. D.P.W. did not take any action in the matter. The Coll.r declined to interfere in the subject of water-tax at the rate of Rs. (2) per acre. (Vide the first petn. of 10-1-96, of the

two referred to in para 4 of enclo: D.)

II. The Executive Engineer of West[n] Delta has admitted that the lands of the Petns of Pulipurrumma Khandam being situated in a lower level of the channel, the flow of water irrigating the same is sluggish. (Vide para 3, Enclo. D) But assuming that Petns are murmuring for the supply of Godavery water, it is stated in the same para that petns. are not allowed early cultivation as the water in the Godavery river itself flows shallow & the bed. Petns. never complained at any time as to the scanty supply of water, but all that they prayed for was

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was to execute repairs to the works connected with the water supply. Petns. state that the Engineer having been misled by his subordinates, who issued the orders.

III. The Executive Engineer of the Western Delta has stated that the matter of water supply to the Londi section has engaged his attention from the past 6 months. Petns. are ignorant as to what improvements were carried out in respect to the several works. But the canals are in the same state of disrepair as before. (Vide para 4 of Enclo. D)

IV. The Supdg Engineer has, 9 months ago, expressed that the matter of water-supply to the lands in question is engaging his attention. It appears that the

took no action in the matter till now. Petrs. pray that their petn. & that Office of 10-1-96 may be perused after sending for the same. (Vide Encls. B)

V. Petrs. submitted a petn. to the Executive Engineer regarding the distribution of the canal water by the Local D.P.W. for the cultivation of their lands in Fasli 1306 in vain. Thereupon petrs. submitted a petn. to Colr. who referred petn. to D.P.W. again, and said that the subject of water-rate of Rs. (2) two per acre rests with Govt. (Vide encls: C, petn. of 16-1-97 read in encls: C, petn. of 28-11-96 referred in para 5 of that petn. and encls. E.)

VI. On the 21st July last the Delta Dafedr. considering the wretched state of d. c. a. b. c channel irrespective of the distribution of water issued a Takid (order) to the effect that the sluice at d point should always be kept open for three days, and from the date of Takid the Palanpur trough on higher level should be shut during day-time, Dafedr. further appointed an irrigation watcher. On the first day at 3 P.M. the watcher went over the canal, having quarrelled with some ryots shut the sluice. Instead of putting his appearance early next morning, he came to the canal midday at 1 o'clock and explained that he had no leisure in the morning as he was engaged in other business, as only two watchers are available for watching duty. The arrangements

made on that day by petrs who are cultivating low level lands to close the sluices by placing pegs, cobies, hay and other materials, were made in vain. Petrs stating that only 8 or 10 acres of their lands were cultivated by means of pikotas by that evening those irrigated by sluice at L were 100 acres in extent, the lands watered by the J. v. p. t. canal were 120 acres, the extent of cultivation under d sluices up to a covering an area of four miles were 10 or 12 hundred acres and the lands lower down belonging to petrs not being cultivated at all — petrs petitioned the Delta Supt: on the subject. Thereupon he recommended petrs. reluctantly to come to terms with Sitaramanaiyar who was the owner of the sluices at point p & allow petrs. to take water to their lands. With his consent petrs. dug a Bodi or drain on the 23rd July from point p to point

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point b, a distance of 100 yards, and carried water by this means. Cultivation of lands in petitioners' Kha- -dam from the said date & the end of August went on in case of having no loss by floods up to December petitioners' lands would have yielded moderately.

VII. Exhibits showing the defective state of irriga- -tion to petitioners' Khandam are — 1) monthly cultivation accts: 2) Accts. regarding relinquishment of water: 3) Remission accts: and 4) Accts showing the distraint of immoveable properties in execution.

The state of things as regards the loss between the time of existence of x. o. k. b. e channel & that of the channel d. c. a. b. e, has to be taken into consideration & justice done to petitioners.

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PETITION

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Dated 25th October 1797.

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We beg to remain

Honoured Sir,

Your most obedient and loyal

servants.

Peddadale Chittibamayya.

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