Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2395

DATED 12th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Communicating that the Board's order ordering the refund of certain fines imposed on Coolies on the Guntakal work ~~formerly~~ ~~ordering out the postponement~~ to be unjudicious & requesting the Govt. to countermand the order if it has not yet been acted on.

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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3735

The Hon: Mr Cracroft C.S.I.
Acting Governor

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
6 MAY 97

I think "refund" is not quite the right word. The fines were imposed, or rather commuted, on the Board's orders and were realised on the 3rd inst. The refund will have been made by the Collector when the Board's orders to refund are received. It will probably be spent in August.

To refund the fines is now only unnecessary but impossible. The word "fines" in the work is to be taken as meaning double fines as in other works also. Fines should be refunded as soon as possible after such fines have been levied under similar circumstances and it seems doubtless necessary to refund fines after only two months.

At any rate the coolies would receive the full wages and the refund will probably be spent in liquor.

DS 6-5-97

For Orders

From The Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture Madras.

No. 3091 Miscellaneous

with reference to the Board's instruction that the fines levied on the Gundutal relief-works for short work due to bad gauging

Dated 3rd May 1897.

Received 6.5.97.

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SUBJECT.

Recording with remarks letter from the Collector of Anantapur explaining the decrease in the number of relief workers in certain places and directing the refund to the coolies concerned of the fines imposed upon them in the circumstances mentioned

fund.

11/5/97

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the instruction issued by the Board in para 2 is injudicious; ~~as~~ it is certainly unnecessary ~~it will be unpracticable~~ to refund five lenies more than two ago and it is probably unpracticable to do so. the Board's order should be countermanded if so it has not yet been acted on.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE. MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 3rd May 1897.

No. 3091 Miscellaneous

READ the following letter from the Deputy Collector, Gooty Division, dated 4th April 1897 to the Collector of Anantapur:—

In reference to para 2 of your letter, Proc. C No. 1141/19-3-97, I have the honour to state that I inspected the relief works on the Putlur-Tadpatri Road on the 1st Instant and found that the road has not been metalled up to the 3rd mile 1st furlong from Putlur, while metalling work has been done for 5 furlongs from the 2nd furlong to the 7th furlong of the 3rd mile towards the Tadpatri side.

2. In reply to your letter Ref. on C No. 446/22-3-97

1246 / 22.3.97, calling for an explanation as to the decrease in the number of workers noticed by the Board during the week ending 6th March 1897 as compared with the previous week in the Kadpatri Taluk and on the Guntakal work, I beg to append in the margin, for the purpose of reference, the number of relief workers for the several works alluded to above for the week ending 28.2.97 (that is the number as given under the narrative under reference) and also the attendance on 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th March 1897.

Name of work	As per narrative	5th	6th	7th	8th
Putlur	554,	503	423	549	692
Senugalgudur	1984,	1769	1611	1411	1922
Gooty	596,	619	639	692	848
Total	3134				
Guntakal	598,	598	582	644	546

The number shown for the 6th March against the Putlur and Senugalgudur works merely represents the coolies entitled to the rest day wage as the 6th was a rest day for the coolies on those works. As regards the Putlur work, I have already reported in my letter T.C. No. 100/97, 23.3.97, the causes that led to the diminution in the number of relief workers there and after the modification in the task table by the Assistant Engineer as therein referred to, the number is gradually increasing. The number in attendance on 29-3-97 was 912 as shown above. I have called on the Tahsildar of Kadpatri to report on the decrease in the number of works at Senugalgudur and a report will be submitted thereon on receipt of his reply. There had been no decrease in the Gooty work as will be seen from the figures given above. As regards the decrease in the number of workers and the payment of minimum wages for two weeks in the Guntakal work, I beg to state that the gangs which chiefly consist of women, boys and girls between 12 and 16 years who although

although they are treated as adults can hardly turn out the work allotted for them. Hence they earned only the minimum wages for some time which fact I have already brought to your notice in my letter C. No. 66 of 97 / 20.2.97. The Superintending Engineer, who inspected the work on the 23rd February 1897 was of opinion that the short work was to some extent due to bad organisation and bad tools. Fresh hammers have been since supplied and the supervisor in charge of the work has reorganised the gangs and the coolies have since been earning "C" class wages.

Read also the following endorsement thereon, from No. 1446 / 12.4.97, dated 8th April 1897.

Submitted to the Board (Revenue Settlement) for information with reference to para 4 of its Proceedings, No. 200, dated 8th March 1897.

Resolution

Recorded.

2. The Collector now reports that the coolies on the Guntakal work were paid minimum wages for a fortnight, as they failed to turn out the proper task, owing to bad ganging and inferior tools. These are causes for which the coolies themselves are not responsible, and they should not have been fined—vide M.C Board's Proceedings 23/97 and section 106 Famine Code. The Collector will see that the fines are refunded to the coolies concerned.

(True copy and Extract)

Famine Secretary

To the Collector of Anantapur.
.. Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

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