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Weekly Season Reports.—Informing Collectors that the figures of Friday should be adopted in reporting the numbers relieved in —.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Read—again the following memorandum of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), dated 31st March 1897, Mis. No. 2422:—

Memorandum—dated 31st March 1897, Mis. No. 2422.

Under existing orders, Collectors show in their weekly reports the number of persons on relief works on Saturdays. Under paragraph 22 of Appendix VI of the Famine Code, Overseers furnish Tahsildars with Friday's figures. Collectors of distressed districts are requested to report if the so-called Saturday's figures are really Friday's, and if so, whether there will be any insuperable difficulty in furnishing the real figures of Saturday.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Collectors of all distressed districts for report.

Read—also the following letter from A. C. TATE, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd April 1897, Dis. No. 2522-Rev.:—

In reply to Board's memorandum, dated 31st March 1897, Mis. No. 2422, I have the honour to state that it is possible to carry out Board's orders, and that instructions have been issued to the Tahsildar of the affected taluks to submit the Saturday's figures of the relief workers in their weekly season reports or to report them specially in a subsequent report.

Read—also the following letter from H. A. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1897, Dis. No. 1851:—

Referring to the memorandum of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st March 1897, Mis. No. 2422, I have the honour to state that arrangements have been made in this district to obtain daily statements of relief workers direct from the officers in charge of works and as such the figures for Saturday will generally be available in this office on Monday when the season report is prepared in this office. The figures shown in the season reports are therefore those of Saturday. In the few cases in which the reports for Saturday are not received by Monday, the latest figures available are being adopted. Every endeavour will be made to give in the season report the figures of Saturday.

Read—also the following letter from W. O. HORNE, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam. to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th April 1897, Dis. No. 1156:—

In reply to Board's memorandum, dated the 31st March last, Mis. No. 2422, I have the honour to report that the number of persons on relief works hitherto reported from this district were really Friday's figures and that there will be no insuperable difficulty in furnishing the real figures of Saturday, if so ordered.

Read—also the following letter from E. A. ELWIN, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1897, Dis. No. 1050-Eng.:—

Adverting to Board's memorandum, dated 31st ultimo, Mis. No. 2422, I have the honour to state that the figures reported from this district in the weekly season reports are, as a rule, those of Saturday; they are obtained in most instances by wire from the Tahsildars, who have been directed to make special arrangements in view to the punctual submission of the necessary particulars. Friday's figures are adopted only in those exceptional cases in which the figures relating to Saturday do not reach this office in time.

2. There were at the end of last week nineteen works open and several more are likely to be started shortly, as the necessity for relief measures is steadily on the increase. The works are scattered and many of them situated at places remote from the head-quarters of the taluks concerned. Moreover, Koilkuntla and Allagadda, the head-quarters of two of the affected taluks, are 20 and 25 miles, respectively, from the nearest telegraph stations and, consequently, the reports from these taluks are now and then being received too late for inclusion in the district telegram. In these circumstances, the difficulty in obtaining *without fail* Saturday figures for all the works will, I think, be insuperable, and I beg to suggest that Friday's figures may be prescribed instead for the purpose of the weekly season statistics.

Read—also the following letter from H. D. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjám, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp, Dayigam, 11th April 1897, Dis. No. 303-F.:—

With reference to Board's memorandum, dated 31st March, Mis. No. 2422, inquiring whether the figures hitherto furnished for relief works are those of Friday or Saturday, and whether there is any insuperable difficulty in furnishing the figures of Saturday, I have the honour to state that hitherto no works have as yet reached the state of relief works in this district.

2. The figures hitherto reported for test works have been Saturday's figures; but the fact that this was possible is due to the actual attendance of the taluk officer on the work or its proximity to district head-quarters. If a test work is converted into a relief work, the constant attendance of the taluk officer will not be necessary, and should the latter's duties require him to be absent from head-quarters on the Saturday and Sunday, the Overseer's figures, even if punctually despatched, would not reach him in time to enable him to report the details to reach the district head-quarters in time for inclusion in the weekly season reports.

3. The Dayigam test work which is likely to be converted into a relief work, is 10 miles distant from the taluk head-quarters, and unconnected by postal or telegraphic communication. In this case it would not be possible to give Saturday's figures with absolute certainty. I would therefore suggest that the actual figures of Friday be adopted in all cases.

READ—also the following letter from R. H. SHIPLEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Anantapur, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1897, Dis. No. 2234 :—

With reference to Board's memorandum of 31st March 1897, Mis. No. 2122, I have the honour to report that at present only the attendance of Friday is being furnished in the weekly telegram.

2. Some works being at distances varying from 4 to 12 miles from the taluk head-quarters, figures of Saturday cannot be furnished to the Tahsildars concerned by the officers in charge of works earlier than Sunday if it is required that they should be shown in telegram. I have, however, issued the necessary orders to Tahsildars to include the Saturday figures in their future reports and shall see whether the change can conveniently be carried out.

RESOLUTION—dated 13th May 1897, No. 365.

In the first paper read above, the Collectors of the affected districts were asked to report whether the numbers on relief given in the weekly season reports were those relating to Friday or Saturday, and, if the former, whether there would be any great difficulty in furnishing the figures of Saturday.

2. The replies received show that the figures of Saturday are generally reported from Bellary, Kurnool and Ganjám, while the remaining districts furnish the figures of Friday. The Collectors of Bellary, Vizagapatam and Cuddapah state that they anticipate no insuperable difficulty in furnishing the figures of Saturday and will make every endeavour to do so. The Collectors of Anantapur, Kurnool and Ganjám consider that, owing to the distance of many of the works from the taluk head-quarters, it is likely to be difficult to obtain the figures of Saturday in time for the season report. The Board agrees with the last-named Collectors. The Collectors of three districts, including Cuddapah, were unable to furnish full figures in proper time for the last week's season report.

3. It is necessary that the numbers reported should relate, as far as possible, to the same day for all districts. The Code contemplates the preparation of the weekly return from the figures furnished on Fridays by overseers to Tahsildars, and submitted by the latter officers on Saturdays to the Collector (rules 22, 37 and 41 of Appendix VI). The returns should be prepared in this way in future. In cases, however, where Friday happens to be the day of rest for a particular work, the figures adopted for that work should be those of the preceding day.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Famine Secretary.

To the Collectors of affected districts.
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" the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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