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in G.G.O. No. 57/95 be conducted &c

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Touring work of District Medical and Sanitary Officers.

Directing that, in famine districts, the inspections required of District Medical and Sanitary Officers in G.O., No. 57 of 1895, be not insisted upon; and explaining to the Surgeon-General the intention of Government in that order in the matter of the scrutiny expected of him of the statements of tours of those officers.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 57, Public, dated 24th January 1895.

Abstract.—Issuing instructions for the guidance of Medical and Sanitary Officers in regard to their duties of inspection of jails and other institutions.

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4. The inspection once a year of all medical institutions within their districts which has usually been required of District Medical and Sanitary Officers cannot, in the opinion of Government, be with safety dispensed with, for these officers are at present the only professional advisers of local bodies in matters affecting the medical aspect of these institutions. They will, however, be permitted in future to depute their Assistants to visit such of the larger institutions as require to be inspected more frequently than once a year. All Revenue Divisional officers should also consider it to be a part of their duty to annually visit all hospitals and dispensaries within their charges and to record remarks upon their general condition and popularity in the visitors' books, and these remarks should continue, as at present, to be despatched at once by the medical subordinates in charge to the District Medical and Sanitary Officers and the Presidents of the Taluk Boards concerned. The Sanitary Commissioner and his Deputy will also be requested to visit such of these institutions as are situated in towns to which their duties may lead them and similarly to record their remarks upon the same aspects of their working.

5. The Government considers that the inspection by District Medical and Sanitary Officers of large numbers of outlying villages has in the past been productive of but little substantial benefit. It will be sufficient if in future the municipalities and unions in each district are annually visited and reported upon either by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer or his Assistant. Assistant Surgeons may in addition be deputed in the place of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to supervise sanitary and medical arrangements at fairs and festivals and at places where outbreaks of disease have occurred.

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8. His Excellency the Governor in Council anticipates that under this order considerable relief will be afforded to District Sanitary and Medical Officers in the matter of touring. It will rest with the Surgeon-General, by careful scrutiny of the tour statements of these officers, which, it is presumed, are submitted to him from time to time, to see that they devote a proper proportion of their time to their work at head-quarters.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Revenue Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Judicial Department.
" Financial Department (for information).

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
25 MAY 97

Read—also the following paper:—

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Fort St. George, 20th March 1897, No. 703-S.

With reference to G.O., No. 57, Public, dated 24th January 1895, I have the honour to suggest that its terms be now relaxed, in view of the existence of famine, in so far as the districts of Bellary, Kurnool, Anantapur and Cuddapah are concerned. It is most desirable that the District Medical and Sanitary Officers of these districts be in touch with famine operations, so that they shall be capable of gauging the condition of relief workers and taking early action in respect to possible epidemics appearing amongst them. In this connection, I would invite the attention of Government to the fact that, as a rule, there is prevalence of cholera during March, April and May ending in great exacerbation throughout the south-west monsoon in these districts, and that, consequently, it is most desirable that timely arrangements be made lest relief works become affected. I need hardly remind Government of the great mortality from cholera and small-pox which occurred during the famine of 1877-78.

2. Under the order above quoted, medical officers now not only make short tours, but are required to submit for some time previously their programmes for approval by the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras. I would therefore respectfully suggest, for the consideration of Government, that, in the special districts noted and in such as may hereafter be notified by the Revenue Board as famine-stricken, a temporary return to the old condition of affairs is desirable, namely, allowing the District Medical and Sanitary Officer full discretion as to making his tours at what time and in what direction he may elect; coupling this permission with the requirement that every attention should be paid to the sanitary and medical aspects of famine-relief operations.

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Transferred to the Public Department.

Fort St. George,
31*st March* 1897.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

Order—No. 541, Public, dated 11th May 1897.

The letter read above will be communicated to the Surgeon-General, with the request that the District Medical and Sanitary Officers of famine districts should be informed that there are no restrictions on their touring and making such inspections as they may consider necessary; and that, until famine work no longer requires their attention, the inspections demanded by paragraphs 4 and 5 of G.O., No. 57, Public, dated 24th January 1895, will not be insisted upon, though it is desirable they should, if possible, be made.

2. It will be pointed out to the Surgeon-General that the intention of Government, as expressed in paragraph 8 of the order quoted above, was that he should scrutinise the statements of tours of District Medical and Sanitary Officers already made, not those about to be made.

(True Extract.)

for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Surgeon-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Revenue Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
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