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To the Secretary to the Govt of India, Rev and Agri Dept.

Sir,

With reference to para 4 of Mrs. Arundel's letter no 2299 dated 12th June 1896, I am directed to forward a copy of B.P. no 445 dated 18th December 1896 reporting the expenditure incurred in previous famines for the relief of distress so far as it can be ascertained, in the taluks which the Madras – Bezwada railway will traverse.

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SUBJECT.

Protective lines of Railway.

Submitting to Government, Rev. Deptt: reports on the expenditure incurred in the previous famine in the taluks traversed by the Madras – Bezwada Railway.

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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 18TH DEC. 1896, No. 445.

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

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 15th April 1896, Mis. No. 1860:—

Read—the following letter from F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Famine), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 21st March 1896, No. 442—17-1 and endorsement thereon, dated 31st March 1896, Mis. No. 1303:—

The Government of India have now under consideration the question whether the Bezwada-Madras Railway should be classified as a famine protective project or not. No reply has yet been received to Mr. Ibbetson's Circular No. 18/31-1, dated 18th September 1895, asking for a list of railway projects for the Madras Presidency arranged in order of their protective value, and I am to ask that, in anticipation of that reply, the Government of India may be informed whether the Governor in Council is of opinion that the line in question should be regarded as famine protective, and if so, that the grounds, upon which that opinion is based, may be stated.

Endorsement.

Referred to the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture) for report.

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Resolution—dated 15th April 1896, Mis. No. 1860.

In reply to the reference read above, the Board begs to report that, in paragraph 1 of Government of India Circular No. 18/31-1, dated 18th September 1895, the East Coast (Madras-Calcutta) Railway was stated to have been recognised as protective. Of this line, the portion form Madras to Bezwada will form a section.

2. As to the protective character of the section under reference, the Board reported fully in its Proceedings, No. 489, dated 11th July 1892, and it can only add to that report a statement, in the form prescribed in the circular above quoted, regarding the particular areas which the line will traverse. The line should, the Board considers, be regarded as protective.

3. Before replying to the general reference made in the circular quoted at paragraph 1 above, the Board is awaiting reports from the Collectors.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of B.P., No. 489 of 1892, and a statement.

APPENDIX.

Districts.	Taluks.	Population in 1891. Per square mile of total area.	Population in 1891. Per 1,000 acres. Arable.	Population in 1891. Per 1,000 acres. Cultivated.	Population—loss or gain per cent. between 1881 and 1891.	Population—loss or gain per cent. between 1871 and 1891.	Percentage of area. Arable of total.	Percentage of area. Occupied of arable.	Percentage of area. Cultivated of occupied.	Average area protected in ordinary seasons under Minor tanks and channels.	Average area protected in ordinary seasons under Wells and doruvus.	Average area protected in ordinary seasons under Large works.	Rainfall in inches. * Average.	Rainfall in inches. Maximum.	Rainfall in inches. Minimum.
1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	22	23	24
Chingleput ..	Ponnéri	353	916	1,479	+ 3·2	13·8	63	90	76	39,400	400	7,700	47·43	82·00	16·17
	Gudur	149	288	1,259	+ 14·7	19·3	73	64	64	30,800	2,100	17,700	31·05	66·60	2·70
	Nellore	310	803	1,596	+ 8·9	20·9	64	81	67	20,900	3,800	90,100	37·85	62·85	11·65
Nellore ..	Kávali	151	447	793	+ 10·4	14·0	67	77	79	21,700	2,200	..	38·36	56·35	11·69
	Kandukur	159	490	688	+ 8·4	17·1	66	93	80	13,700	3,700	800	33·19	47·60	11·00
	Ongole	283	591	750	+ 3·3	19·4	76	97	83	2,800	1,400	62,500	35·07	56·85	16·02
	Bápatla	268	569	785	+ 7·2	22·6	71	88	83	2,300	..	129,700	37·20	52·57	14·39
Kistna ..	Répalle	346	684	992	+ 8·5	20·8	78	90	76	..	1,600	1,700	38·91	62·80	15·65
	Guntúr	334	622	790	+ 7·2	22·6	83	98	80	2,200	800		33·30	47·48	18·47

Districts.	Taluks.	Average area protected during seasons of drought. Total. Area.	Total. Percentage of the cultivated area.	Large works.	Wells and doruvus.	Minor tanks and channels.	Average area protected in ordinary seasons under—*cont.* Total. Area.	Total. Percentage of the cultivated area.	Large works.	Wells and doruvus.	Minor tanks and channels.
				19	18	17	15	16			
Chingleput ..	Ponnéri	8,600	9·9	1,100	200	7,300	47,500	54·8			
	Gudur	3,000	3·7	700	1,000	1,300	50,600	62·2			
	Nellore	8,800	7·2	3,800	1,900	3,100	114,800	94·6			
Nellore ..	Kávali	2,100	2·5	..	1,100	1,000	23,900	28·6			
	Kandukur	2,000	1·2	..	1,800	200	17,400	10·4			
	Ongole	1,500	0·6	800	700	..	5,000	2·1			
	Bápatla	64,500	31·11	62,500	..	2,000	64,800	31·26			
Kistna ..	Répalle	130,500	67·54	129,700	800	..	131,300	57·89			
	Guntúr	3,600	1·68	1,700	400	1,500	4,700	2·19			

* For 25 years ending A.D. 1894.

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 29th June 1896, Mis. No. 3211 :—

Read—the following G.O., Mis. No. 2298, Revenue, dated 12th June 1896 :—

Read—B.P. (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), dated 15th April 1896, Mis. No. 1860.

Read—also reminders from the Government of India, dated 24th April 1896, and 2nd June 1896, Nos. 610–17 and 902–17, respectively, requesting early reply to its communication asking whether the Madras-Bezwada Railway should be classed as a famine protective line.

Order—Mis. No. 2298, Revenue, dated 12th June 1896.

It is observed that neither of the enclosures to the Board's Proceedings contains the information required by the Government of India regarding the expenditure incurred in previous famines for the relief of distress in the tracts which the railway line under reference will traverse. The Board will be requested to furnish this information.

2. The following letter will be despatched to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement.

Resolution—dated 29th June 1896, Mis. No. 3211.

Communicated to the Collectors of Kistna, Nellore and Chingleput, with the request that a statement showing in detail under the various heads, the expenditure incurred in previous famines for the relief of distress in the taluks traversed by the Madras-Bezwada Railway, may be furnished to the Board at a very early date.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Kistna.
" " of Nellore.
" " of Chingleput.

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 27th July 1896, Mis. No. 3687 :—

Read—the following paper:—

STATEMENT showing the expenditure incurred in the famine of 1890–91 for the relief of distress in the taluks traversed by the Bezwada-Madras Railway.

Taluks.	Works executed by Public Works Department.	Road works by Local Fund Department.	Minor irrigation works.	Improvement of village-site and water-supply.	Grant of loan.	Gratuitous relief.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1 Saidapet	5,713	..	12,568	3,381	62,751	1,539	85,952
2. Ponnéri	21,175	..	14,798	1,888	94,418	3,768	1,36,047
Total ..	26,888	..	27,366	5,269	1,57,169	5,307	2,21,999
	Piece work.						
Saidapet ..	427	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ponnéri ..	3,616	..	..	..	..	..	4,043
Grand Total ..	4,043	..	..	..	..	..	2,26,042

Endorsement by the Collector of Chingleput, dated Saidapet, 21st July 1896, Dis. No. 2048.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, with reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3211, dated 29th June 1896.

Resolution—dated 27th July 1896, Mis. No. 3687.

Recorded pending receipt of similar reports from the Collectors of Kistna and Nellore who will be requested to submit them without further delay.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Kistna.
" " of Nellore.

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 28th August 1896, Mis. No. 4219:—

Read—again the following letter from E. SCOTT, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 4th August 1896, No. 2989-Ver.:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 29th June 1896, Mis. No. 3211, I have the honour to submit herewith two statements showing the expenditure incurred in the famines of 1876–78 and 1891–93 for the relief of distress in the taluks traversed by the Bezwada-Madras Railway.

2. Detailed particulars for the 1876–78 Famine are not available, as the records connected with it have been destroyed under G.O., No. 432, Revenue, dated 11th April 1883, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 12th March 1884, No. 874. But the statement in question has been prepared with reference to the several appendices printed in the review of the Madras Famine, 1876–78.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing in detail, under the various heads, the expenditure incurred in 1891–92 and 1892–93 Famine for the relief of distress in the taluks traversed by the Madras-Bezwada Railway (Nellore district).

Taluks.	Public Works Department.			Gratuitous relief.	Actual famine relief work.
	Major irrigation works.	Minor irrigation works.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Gudur	10,573 0 0	..	10,573 0 0	..	..
Nellore	..	..	..	..	..
Kavali	..	..	..	..	..
Kandukur	5,084 3 3	3,072 2 1	8,156 5 4	..	..
Ongole	8,983 9 8	514 4 1	9,497 13 9	(a) 140 0 0	..
Establishment for Major Irrigation Works in Ongole, Kandukur, Atmakúru, Gudur and Rapur taluks	4,516 13 11	..	4,516 13 11	..	..
Total ..	29,157 10 10	3,586 6 2	32,744 1 0	140 0 0	..

Taluks.	Minor irrigation works by Revenue Department.	Water-supply and other miscellaneous works under Local Fund.	State Loans.		Total of columns 3 to 9.
			Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	
	7	8	9	10	11
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Gudur	5,964 1 3	7,011 7 3	5,730 0 0	1,998 0 0	31,276 8 6
Nellore	5,437 6 10	3,047 8 2	1,200 0 0	..	9,684 15 0
Kavali	5,057 14 0	..	3,550 0 0	..	8,607 14 0
Kandukur	4,792 15 6	537 13 8	8,917 0 0	3,449 0 0	25,853 2 6
Ongole	1,160 2 1	5,204 9 2	20,981 0 0	94,559 0 0	1,31,542 9 0
Establishment for Major Irrigation Works in Ongole, Kandukur, Atmakúru, Gudur and Rapur taluks	..	..	..	..	4,516 13 11
Total ..	22,412 7 8	15,801 6 3	40,378 0 0	1,00,006 0 0	2,11,481 14 11

(a) This is a portion of Maharaja Holkar's contribution.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

STATEMENT showing in detail, under the various heads, the expenditure incurred in 1876–78 Famine for the relief of distress in the taluks traversed by the Madras-Bezwada Railway (Nellore district).

Taluks.	Gratuitous relief.	Amount advanced to weavers.	State Loans.		Other communications.		Irrigation.		Miscellaneous Public Improvements.		Total of columns 7 to 12.	Grand total, columns 6 and 13.
			Land Improvement Act.	Agriculturists' Act (for purchase of seed-grain).	Original.	Repairs.	Original.	Repairs.	Original.	Repairs.		
1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
SECTION I.												
1. Gudur ..				(a) 22,528	(a) 5,52,472							
2. Nellore ..					2,80,949	17,786	..	4,000	..	..	3,02,734	
3. Kavali ..					1,32,764	11,242	1,09,417	23,362	1,523	..	2,78,308	
4. Kandukur ..					46,615	2,770	..	6,382	3,869	..	59,636	
5. Ongole ..					2,19,409	10,766	..	..	..	2,541	2,19,409	
					10,085	..	..	..	..	..	23,392	
Total expenditure incurred on Buckingham canal from Pennér to Kistna frontier in taluks 2 to 5					16,07,502	35,137	..	..	..	..	16,42,639	
Tools and plant					(a) 15,464	..	..	..	..	..	15,464	
Establishment					(a) 10,675	..	..	..	..	..	10,676	
Minor works					(a) 5,87,082	(a) 14,641	(a) 30,700	(a) 26,236	(a) 2,824	(a) 26,491	6,37,873	
Total ..				22,528	5,52,472	28,60,545	92,241	1,40,117	69,979	8,216	29,032	31,90,130
SECTION II.												
Other taluks through which Madras-Bezwada Railway does not traverse.												
1. Rapur ..					69,933	..	..	..	..	..	69,933	
2. Atmakúru ..					81,871	..	..	..	..	..	95,693	
3. Udayagiri ..					3,14,865	..	49,119	..	..	..	3,19,869	
4. Kanigiri ..					2,707	..	..	..	..	..	6,167	
Tools and plant					(a) 5,155	..	..	..	..	..	5,155	
Establishment					(a) 8,569	..	..	..	..	..	3,569	
Minor works					(a) 1,79,029	4,847	10,233	..	..	..	2,12,624	
Total ..					6,07,117	(a) 4,847	(a) 59,352	1,99,469			7,13,000	8,97,166
Grand Total ..				22,528	34,67,662	97,088	1,99,469				39,03,130	46,39,758
	1,25,041	10,895	7,509	1,84,156	6,07,117	(a) 4,847	(a) 59,352	1,99,469			7,13,000	8,97,166
	5,00,165	43,581	30,037	7,36,628	34,67,662	97,088	1,99,469				39,03,130	46,39,758

(a) There being no talukwar particulars available, the expenditure for the whole district under these heads has been distributed between sections 1 and 2 in the ratio of 3 to 1.

Resolution—dated 28th August 1896, Mis. No. 4219.

Recorded, pending receipt of reply from Kistna.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

READ—also the following letter from J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Masulipatam, 29th September 1896, Dis. No. 4287-Ver.:—

Adverting to Board's Proceedings, dated 29th June 1896, Mis. No. 3211, Revenue Settlement, I have the honour to state that on examining the old records, only the marginally-noted expenditure was traced in the taluks traversed by the Bezwada-Madras Railway in this district during the famine of 1876–78. This information has been gathered from the available famine records of this office, as every effort to get information in detail direct from the taluks concerned has proved fruitless up to date. Even from the information gathered in this office, it is not clear what amount was spent on gratuitous relief given in Guntúr, Bápatla and Répalle.

Taluk.	Relief works.	Amount expended up to 22nd September 1877.
		Rs. A. P.
Bápatla ..	Extension of Kommamur canal.	1,02,198 6 0
Guntúr ..	Romperu drain ..	43,130 11 9
	Clearance of Kommamur canal.	320 0 0
	Sitanagaram depôt.	* 5,181 11 8
	Total ..	1,50,830 13 5

* It is not known from the records what the Sitanagaram depôt means.

2. There was no distress felt during the drought of 1890–91 in the abovementioned tracts of this district.

RESOLUTION—dated 18th December 1896, No. 445.

The reports received from the Collectors of Chingleput, Nellore and Kistna will be submitted for the information of Government with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 2298, dated 12th June 1896.

2. An abstract of the expenditure incurred in the tracts traversed by the Madras-Bezwada Railway during previous famines, as reported by the Collectors, is also appended. The Collector of Chingleput does not report the expenditure in the famine of 1876–78 and the accounts have probably been long ago destroyed. He will, however, be requested to state if talukwar information thereof is available. The Collector of Nellore has apportioned the total district expenditure under certain items, for which information by taluks is not available, between the taluks that are affected by the Madras-Bezwada Railway and those that are not affected, in the ratio of three to one. In the absence of detailed information, no better plan seems feasible. There has been no famine expenditure in the Kistna district since 1876–78.

(True Copies and Extract.)

for Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Kistna.
" " of Nellore.
" " of Chingleput.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT showing in detail, the expenditure incurred in the famines of 1876–78 and 1890–92, in the taluks traversed by the Madras-Bezwada Railway.

Famine of	Districts.	Irrigation works.	Road works.	Miscellaneous works.	Gratuitous relief.	Total of columns 2 to 5.	Loans.				Grand Total.
							Under Land Improvement Loans Act.	Under Agriculturists' Loans Act.	To weavers.	Total.	
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1876-78.	Kistna ..	RS. A. P. 1,45,329 1 9	RS. A. P. ..	RS. A. P. 5,501 11 8	RS. A. P. ..	RS. A. P. 1,50,830 13 5	RS. A. P. ..	RS. A. P. ..	RS. A. P. ..	RS. A. P. ..	RS. A. P. 1,50,830 13 5
	Nellore ..	2,00,096 0 0	29,52,786 0 0	37,248 0 0	3,75,124 0 0	35,65,254 0 0	1,22,134 0 0	22,528 0 0	32,686 0 0	1,77,348 0 0	37,42,602 0 0
	Chingleput.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	3,45,425 1 9	29,52,786 0 0	42,749 11 8	3,75,124 0 0	37,16,084 13 5	1,22,134 0 0	22,528 0 0	32,686 0 0	1,77,348 0 0	38,93,432 13 5
1890-92.	Kistna ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Nellore ..	55,156 8 8	..	15,801 6 3	140 0 0	71,097 14 11	40,378 0 0	1,00,006 0 0	..	1,40,384 0 0	2,11,481 14 11
	Chingleput.	58,297 0 0	..	5,269 0 0	5,307 0 0	68,873 0 0	1,57,169 0 0	..	..	1,57,169 0 0	2,26,042 0 0
	Total ..	1,13,453 8 8	..	21,070 6 3	5,447 0 0	1,39,970 14 11	1,97,547 0 0	1,00,006 0 0	..	2,97,553 0 0	4,37,523 14 11

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