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[Despatch Abstract.]

Comm^r with remarks to the Finance Comm^r
letter from the Sanitary Comm^r for Madras
submitting remarks with reference to G.O.
No. 282 of 30-4-97 re: wages of relief workers.

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The Sanitary Commissioners
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Comd to the Famine Commr
2. It is presumed that the
Board of Res ~~the~~ has
issued tables showing the
money-values of the grain
portion of the wages of the
various classes of relief-
workers

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SUBJECT.

Submitting remarks with ref
to G.O. No 282 dated 30th
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of relief workers.

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From

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SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

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Enclosure.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 282 dated 30th April 1897 Revenue, I have the honour to suggest that the table quoted by Government, although affording a standard of what diet is intended to be given, cannot be regarded as complete for purposes of calculation of cost of "other items" unless either the items in the column for grain be increased to the extent of 10 per cent, or an equivalent amount of grain be shown under a separate column so as to allow for waste on the whole item. The former is the mode adopted by me in suggesting a modified ration (para 20 (n) of this office Memorandum embodied in B.P. No. 144 dated 18th February 1897.

2. I need not remind Government that the existing Famine Code is so defective as to what really is meant that only

by an appeal to the Provisional Famine Code" Can it be presumed that the Government of India meant that "flour" of grains should be employed. Correspondence by the Government of Madras with the Government of India, however, shows that whilst the intention was that flour should be calculated for, the part of the total wage to be set aside for "other items" was intended to include an "ample margin" to cover the loss by wastage in cleaning and husking the grain to be used as flour, and such matters as supply of fuel etc &c.

Without going into the question of fuel that was thus suggested as possible in connection with the promise of an ample margin, it is evidently necessary that the missing link in the dissection as shown in the table quoted, should be exhibited, if cost of the total ration is to be correctly calculated. This I would suggest be shown as a "margin" at 10 per cent for wastage of grain etc. The table would then read as follows:-

Class of famine workers.	"Other items" of diet						Total grain equivalent of Cols 1 to 6	Total money value of Col. 7.
	unhusked staple grain	Pulse	Salt	Ghee or Oil.	Condiments and Vegetables.	Unhusked grain being margin at 10 p.c. in Col. 7, to allow for wastage in round figures		
Males	1	2	3	4	5	6	7*	8*
A	24.0	4.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.7		
B	21.7	3.6	0.45	0.9	0.9	2.5		
C	18.3	3.05	0.38	0.8	0.8	2.0		
D	16.0	2.0	0.33	0.33	0.5	1.7		
Females								
A	20.0	4.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.0		
B	18.95	3.8	0.474	0.947	0.947	2.0		
C	15.78	3.16	0.395	0.79	0.79	1.7		
D	14.0	2.0	0.33	0.33	0.5	1.5		

* Column 7 must be calculated for by the Tahsildar on the amount of grain that is equivalent in value to items in columns 1 to 6 according to prevailing prices.

Column 8 must represent the actual wage or money value of grain exhibited in Column 7.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

W. M. S.
Surgeon Lieut. Col.
Sanitary Commissioner