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Famine Relief Works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1897-98 submitted by the Collector of Madura.

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READ—the following letter from J. TWIGG, Fsq., Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 14th April 1897, Dis. No. 1522 :—

in 1904 I have the honour to submit the programme of famine-relief works for 1897-98 prescribed in appendix to chapter I of the new Famine Code.

2. The area of irrigation has been made for 20 per cent. of the total population of the district. The area of Ramnad and Sivaganga—the two large zamindaris in this district—comes to 43 per cent. of the total area of the district, and their population to a little more than 40 per cent. In the case of these zamindaris, the works do not provide for more than 17 and 13 per cent. of the population, respectively. This is due to the fact that the lists of irrigation works requiring repair furnished by the zamindari authorities in accordance with the instructions contained in B.P., dated 11th April 1893, No. 129, are not so complete as they should be, providing for only $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the population in Ramnad and 3 per cent. in Sivaganga. The manager of the Sivaganga lessees informs me that his list can be largely increased, and it is clear that the Ramnad list must be still more capable of expansion. Complete lists are being asked for.

3. The programme provides for more than 20 per cent. in all the ayan taluks except Tirumangalam and Dindigul. In the former it is 1 per cent. less and in the latter 2 per cent. less than the prescribed minimum. The latter taluk, however, should share in the excess provision made for Periyakulam taluk, as the work on the lower portion of the Atur ghât road entered under the head of Periyakulam taluk, will benefit Dindigul rather than Periyakulam taluk.

4. Sanctioned works have been :

4. Sanctioned works have been increased from $1\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs in 1896-97 to $5\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs in 1897-98, but the works for which estimates are ready have fallen from Rs. 9,90,000 to Rs. 8,37,000, owing mainly to the exclusion of the ghât road from Iyempalaiyam to Lower Palnis, estimated at Rs. 2,10,000, in Periyakulam. The percentage of sanctioned large works to the total of sanctioned and unsanctioned works has been increased from 5.7 per cent. in 1896-97 to 18.4 per cent. in 1897-98.

5. The works selected cover an expenditure of Rs. 40,64,000, of which more than 8½ lakhs represent the cost of works for which estimates are ready:

							... are ready :
The cost of irrigation works amount to							LAKHS.
" of road works to	...	...	...	...	...	6	
" of forest works to	...	...	...	...	...	28	
" of miscellaneous works to	...	...	...	...	...	2½	
	...	...	...	...	...	4	

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The abstract of the programme of Famine Relief works for 1897-98 received from the Collector of Madura will be submitted to Government for information.

of the works and the amounts provided for them in the programme

2. The nature of the works and the amounts provided for them in the programme are as follows :—

	Cost (Lakhs of
1. The nature of the works and the amounts provided for them in the programme are as follows :—	

Works.							Cost (Lakhs of rupees).
1. Irrigation works	...	{	New (48) ...	...	...	...	1.4
	...	{	Repairs ...	...	...	...	4.7
2. Roads ...	...	{	New (893 miles) ...	...	...	...	20.5
	...	{	Repairs ...	...	...	...	7.5
3. Forest fencing	...	{	...	...	...	...	2.6
	...	{	...	...	...	...	0.6
4. Miscellaneous	...	{	Drinking-water supply	...	...	...	0.4
	...	{	Removal of prickly-pear	...	...	...	2.9
	...	{	Land improvement works	...	...	...	...
Total ...							40.6

The programme should provide work for 20 per cent. of the population of the district continuously for a period of three months in case of distress. The provision is inadequate in Tirumangalam and Dindigul taluks and in Sivaganga zamindari. It is very low in Ramnad zamindari, provision being made only for 19, 18 and 17 and 13 per cent., respectively. The Collector explains that the short provision in Dindigul taluk can be made good by the provision made in the Periyar taluk, as the work in the latter portion of the Athurghat road entered under the head "roads" in the latter taluk will materially benefit the former taluk. The low provision for the zamindari tracts is explained to be due to the incomplete list furnished by the agents of these zamindaris as regards irrigation works requiring repairs. Besides the works mentioned in the programme, an additional work, roughly estimated to cost 5 lakhs, has been shown at the end thereof, and this has not been brought to the programme owing to the fact that the investigation of the project is yet in an initial stage.

3. Estimates are reported to be ready for Rs. 8,52,383, or 24 per cent. of the aggregate cost of the works excluding land improvements, by the aid of State loans for which no detailed estimates are required. The proportion of "sanctioned" to "unsanctioned" works is still small, being only 5 in 25, in spite of the fact that the former has increased from 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs in 1896-97 to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs in the year under review.

4. It is observed from the statement A that the Conservator's approval has not been obtained as required in rule 10 of the rules communicated with B P., dated 7th June 1892, No. 411, for fencing the Alagarkoil forest. It is presumed that the work was brought to the programme with a view to obtaining the opinion of the Conservator subsequently. If so, the Collector should report whether he has addressed the Conservator and, if so, with what result.

5. Besides the above, the programme calls for the following remarks also :—

5. Besides the above, the programme calls for the following:

Statement A.—(1) In many cases the number of works and the length of roads are not given.

(2) Under the head "repairs" in Dindigul taluk, separate estimates are given for road No. 9 (from Dindigul to Nattam). It is presumed that the two items relate to two different sections of one road.

(3) Against item 3 under road works—"repairs" in the same taluk, a sum of Rs. 15,000 has been shown under unsanctioned works which has not been included in the taluk and district totals; again in item 2 against road works—"new," a sum of Rs. 5,000 has been shown in column 7 only (approximate cost), while it has been included in the total entered in column 8 (amount of detailed estimates) under the same head. It is presumed that the errors are due to oversight. The necessary alterations in the totals have been made in this office and the Collector will correct his office copy.

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Statement C.—The total number of works entered in column 24 of statement C differs in many cases from the totals of the details given in the same statement and the total number of small works in columns 18 and 20 of the grand total for the district also differs as shown below. The variations should be explained. The necessary corrections have been made in this office in statement C:—

Items.	Madura.		Tirumangalam.		Mélár.	
	As given		As given		As given	
	In column 24 of statement C.	Details.	In column 24 of statement C.	Details.	In column 24 of statement C.	Details.
<i>Large.</i>						
Sanctioned ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not sanctioned ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Small ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
District total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	In column 18. 97	In column 18. 98				
	In column 20 2	In column 20 1				
<i>Small</i>						

(True Copy and Extract.)

Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department. ✓
" Collector of Madura.

Erst. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

[Appendix.

APPENDIX.
FORM III.—Abstract of programme of famine relief works in the Madura district for 1897-98.

Taluka.	Population by last census in thousands	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.				Irrigation works.				Forest-fencing works.		Road works.		
			Class of work.	Numbers provided for.	Total percentage of population.	New.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.	
						Number.	Amount.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Madura ..	261	52,200	Large—	10,587	23	..	..	1	20,000	..	..	1	20	40,200	
			Sanctioned	7,467		..	8,000	..	..	3	26½	48,000			
			Not sanctioned	21,436		40	61,962	2	6,600	6	17½	22,067			
			Small ..	19,333		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Land improvement ..	61,823		41	69,962	49	78,038	2	6,600	10	64	1,10,267	
			Total ..											Rs.	
Tirumangalam ..	265	53,000	Large—	17,787		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,63,000	
			Sanctioned	21,733		..	..	..	..	5	70	..			
			Not sanctioned	8,133		..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
			Small ..	2,667		..	..	62	48,050	2	6,800	..	..	..	
			Land improvement ..	50,320		..	..	62	48,050	2	6,800	5	70	1,63,000	
			Total ..			19								Rs.	
Mélár ..	149	29,800	Large—	5,973		2	29,800	..	..	..	48,800	..	52	79,000	
			Sanctioned	31,707		3	33,000	..	2	..	..	..	..		
			Not sanctioned	7,269		2	10,000	1	2,000	..	..	..			
			Small ..	10,000		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Land improvement ..	54,949		7	72,800	299	42,329	3	48,800	5	52	79,000	
			Total ..			37								Rs.	
Dindigul ..	391	78,200	Large—	13,507		..	..	..	..	..	77,200	1	10	13,600	
			Sanctioned	36,027		..	..	..	4	7	1,38,000				
			Not sanctioned	16,622		..	..	..	4	5	17,000				
			Small ..	3,333		..	..	..	9,248	..	..	..	..	..	
			Land improvement ..	69,469		..	..	34	9,248	8	95,600	13	88½	1,68,600	
			Total ..			18								Rs.	
Palni ..	195	39,000	Large—	1,600		..	..	..	..	..	65,800	..	92½	1,78,250	
			Sanctioned	35,205		..	..	..	3	12	27,845				
			Not sanctioned	8,338		..	..	..	1	8	..				
			Small ..	3,333		..	..	..	6,450	..	2,000	..	..	..	
			Land improvement ..	48,476		..	..	6	5,450	4	67,800	20	183½	2,05,595	
			Total ..			25								Rs.	

Abstract on programme of relief works																
Taluk.	Population by last census in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.					Irrigation works.				Forest fencing works.		Road works.		
			Class of work.	Number provided for.	Total percentage of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
Periyakulam ..	282	56,400	{ Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvement Total ..	{ 6,734 74,088 11,356 266 92,444		..	..	..	1,16,000 61,528 ..	.. 2 4 ..	17,900 15,500 ..	1 9 1 ..	10 142	9,345 3,61,760 1,000 ..		
Ramnad ..	653	1,30,600	{ Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvement Total ..	{ 18,917 86,875 3,186 .. 1,07,977		..	..	..	 21,888 .. 21,888			2 18 20	20 201 221	47,680 6,08,060 6,55,740		
Sivaganga ..	412	82,400	{ Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvement Total ..	{ 1,200 46,467 9,900 .. 56,467	13	..	..	..	9,000 8,000 67,805 .. 84,805			.. 6 6	112 112	2,97,000 2,97,000		
District Total ..	2,608	5,21,600	{ Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvement Grand Total ..	{ 76,305 3,37,569 89,139 38,932 6,41,946	20	..	29,800 41,000 71,962 .. 1,42,762	2 5 675 .. 582	29,000 1,24,000 3,14,336 .. 4,67,336	.. 11 14 .. 25	2,07,700 50,300 2,58,000	5 65 20 .. 90	60 768 66 .. 892	1,10,825 18,73,070 61,412 .. 20,51,307		

Abstract of programme of famine relief works in the Madura district for 1897-98—cont.

Taluka.	Road works—cont.				Miscellaneous.								Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.		Drinking water supply.		Other.		Total.									
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.		
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
Periyakulam	1	41,140	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	50,485	2	50,485		
	2	60,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	5,55,660	..	..		
	1	5,380	..	1,750	..	..	..	1,750	..	..	72	55,158	..	80,545		
	..	..	..	..	10	2,000	..	2,000	..	..	10	2,000	..	..		
Total ..	4	1,06,520	..	1,750	10	2,000	10	3,750	..	..	101	6,93,303	2	81,630		
Rannad	4	94,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1,41,880	6	1,41,880		
	1	35,000	..	2,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	6,44,050	..	..		
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	23,888	20	4,018		
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Total ..	5	1,30,200	..	2,000	..	..	..	2,000	..	..	51	8,09,829	26	1,45,923		
Sivaganga	..	36,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9,000	1	9,000		
	1	5,000	..	700	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	8,41,000	..	..		
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	73,505	23	29,725		
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Total ..	4	41,000	..	700	..	..	..	700	..	..	46	4,23,503	24	58,725		
District Total	17	9,80,155	1	22,500	..	..	1	22,500	..	..	27	5,72,280	25	6,54,940		
	13	2,86,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	98	25,31,770	1	26,430		
	69	88,723	98	40,463	1	35,335	99	75,803	..	..	819	6,68,536	223	2,71,013		
	..	..	..	..	460	2,92,000	460	2,92,000	..	..	460	2,92,000	..	..		
Grand Total ..	99	7,54,878	99	62,968	461	3,27,335	560	3,90,303	..	..	1,404	40,61,586	219	8,52,383		

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