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I should like the reports of proposed fixing on the first week in March to be posted to me

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The little fodder available in the red-soil villages of Pattikonda taluk was purchased by the ryots of Alúr taluk of Bellary district. Hill grass continued to be used extensively. Cattle were driven in large numbers to the Nallamalas for grazing. Condition of cattle normal everywhere, except in parts of Pattikonda, Ramallakota, and Koilkuntla taluks, where they are becoming weak; improving in Sirvel taluk owing to fresh fodder. Rinderpest continued to be slightly prevalent in parts of Nandikotkur and Kalwa.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 31st January 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholum.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of this fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of this fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of this fortnight.	
Pattikonda ..	8·64	9·72	..	..	(w) 13·39 (y) 15·45	(w) 12·87 (y) 14·42	..	12·22	Prices in cholum are rising at Pattikonda, Pyápali, Kurnool, Nandyal and Owk. Prices in ragi and cumbu are also rising in Nandyal, Koilkuntla and Owk. Prices in rice are stationary at all stations except at Pattikonda.
Pyápali	8·64	8·64	..	..	(y) 16·48	(y) 13·39	..	11·28	
Kurnool	8 58	8·58	14·19	14·19	(w) 15·07 (y) 16·44	(w) 14·38 (y) 14·04	11·87	11·87	
Nandikotkur ..	9·29	9·29	..	..	(w) 16·78 (y) 16·44	(w) & (y) 16·44	..	..	
Atmakúr ..	10·01	10·01	..	..	(w) & (y) 16·44	(w) & (y) 17·12	..	..	
Nandyal	10·01	10·01	18·06	16·77	(w) 17·12 (y) 16·09	(w) 16·09 (y) 15·41	14·37	12·50	
Kálava	8·58	8·58	..	..	(w) 16·44 (y) 17·81	(w) 16·44 (y) 17·81	..	..	
Koilkunta ..	9·96	9·96	17·25	16·50	(w) & (y) 14·22	(w) & (y) 14·22	13·05	13·05	
Owk	9·96	9·96	16·50	15·00	(y) 15·40 (w) 15·80	(w) 13·83 (y) 13·43	11·60	11·60	
Allagadda ..	8·58	8·93	16·12	16·77	(y) 13·01	(w) 15·07 (y) 13·70	..	..	
Giddalore ..	8·71	8·71	15·00	15 00	(w) 15·01	(y) 15·41	14·50	14·50	
Markapur ..	10·79	10·79	19·50	19·50	..	..	14·50	14·50	
Average ..	9·31	9·43	16·66	16·25	(w) 15·59 (y) 15·78	(w) 15·16 (y) 15·03	13·31	12·69	

Activity of Trade.—Trade was moderately active and grain freely sold in the markets. Rice and cholum were imported into Kurnool and Nandyal towns in large quantities from Guntúr, Bezwada and other places. Accurate statistics for the fortnight under report cannot be had. Of late exports from Kurnool have become larger than imports. Certain merchants of Anantapur have been purchasing grains at Pyápali for export.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

(1) *On works.*—The health of people on the several works was fairly good and usual sanitary arrangements and medical aid continued.

The following works were in progress during the fortnight:—

I. (i) Owk-Tadpatri road.
(ii) Owk-Banganapalle road.
(iii) Owk Union road.
II. Bellary road near Kodumur.
III. Koikuntla-Nossam road.
IV. Maddikera-Nancherla station road.

Of these, the Kodumur work still continued under the supervision of the Minor Irrigation Overseer, while the rest were supervised by the Public Works Department.

The Koilkuntla-Nossam road work was closed as there were only sixteen coolies working and there was sufficient local demand for labour in the parts served by the relief work.

The number of coolies on the Owk works again fell to 1,282 owing partly to harvests and partly to the severe fining inflicted on some of the gangs which were employed in "cutting side drains—hard gravel" during the fortnight. The Executive Engineer has been asked to ascertain and report whether the officer in charge satisfied himself by personal inspection that the task prescribed was not beyond the competency of the gangs fined and whether the task should not be re-adjusted to the capacity of the several gangs. On the suggestion of the Engineering officer in charge and the Deputy Tahsildar of Owk, the work spots of the three sections were shifted so as to be within easier reach of the coolies that attended the work.

The coolies on the works in the Pattikonda taluk were paid B, C, or D class wages and no deductions prevailed during the fortnight.

(2) *In villages.*—Condition of people in the *Cumbum* and *Nandikotkur divisions* was good as there was sufficient local demand for labour throughout. The condition of people in the *Kurnool division* was fair, except in the black soil villages of Pattikonda taluk. Besides the two works in that taluk already mentioned, a work on the Pattikonda-Molagavalli station road near Hosúr should have been opened by this time, but no report as to whether it attracted workers has yet come.

With a view to provide work for the coolies now employed on the Kodumur work where the supply of stones is soon expected to be exhausted and also for the people in the affected villages towards the northern frontier of the taluk, the Divisional Officer proposed the taking up of the road from Kodumur to Yemmiganúru in Bellary district, of which 18 miles lie in this district and run by the side of the affected villages and the Executive Engineer has been requested to have an estimate ready at a very early date. Nothing serious has been reported about the condition of the people in those villages either by the Tahsildar or by the Divisional Officer; I am however proceeding to these parts to satisfy myself as to their exact condition and requirements, and shall be able to report on them in detail in my next fortnightly.

In the *Nandyal division* the condition of people is generally good in Nandyal taluk and fair in Sirvel taluk owing to harvests in several villages. The temporary Deputy Tahsildar of Allagadda having reported that there was some distress in the villages lying at the foot of the Nallamalas in his taluk, the Executive Engineer was requested to take immediate steps to open a test-work on the Alamur-Rudravaram road near Alamur after getting the necessary estimates prepared therefor. As already reported to the Board, the forest work opened near Bandlagada, five miles off Matgalpad, did not attract any labourers. The Tahsildar of Sirvel reports that a work was also opened on the 28th at Allagadda on the Allagadda-Koilkuntla road, but attracted no workers, though the fact of its opening was duly announced in about 55 villages.

The Tahsildar of Sirvel has just wired that 35 coolies have since attended. The detailed report of the Head Assistant Collector, who was on the spot, is awaited. Pending the report called for by Government as to the suitability of the task imposed for embankment work in connection with the closing of works in the Sirvel taluk, the opening of a test-work on the Rampur pass road near Chennur was considered advisable, and the Executive Engineer was accordingly requested to start the work at a very early date.

The Head Assistant Collector notes in his fortnightly that the fact that the coolies are engaged in harvests all round explains their not coming to works at Allagadda and Koilkuntla and recommends that, except those at Owk, the other relief works in his division be kept in abeyance for about a month; but this suggestion I am not disposed to support. His detailed report on the organization and conduct of these works is, however, awaited. In spite of the harvests that are in progress the poorer classes of the Owk division are reported to be suffering to some extent from want of employment. The poorer classes in other parts of Koilkuntla taluk were in fair condition. None have yet come forward to accept at the notified rates, the relief sanctioned for weavers in Kurnool town. The Sanitary Commissioner, who was on tour in Pattikonda taluk, reported that several weavers were in need of relief and recommended the offer to them of certain rates which are higher than those sanctioned for Kurnool. The Board was accordingly addressed on the subject for orders as to whether the Adóni rates should be introduced into Pattikonda which adjoins the Adóni taluk; and early orders thereon are requested.

The information required in B.P., dated 21st January 1897, Mis. No. 435, regarding the particulars of the fluctuations of the jail population in this district has been called for from the sub-jail officers and will be included in future fortnightly narratives.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths were reported from want of food. Public health was generally good, except that fever and small-pox prevailed here and there in the Koilkuntla taluk.

Remarks.—The condition of people generally does not give cause for very serious anxiety at present owing to the existence of demand for labour in most parts on account of harvests. The cooly classes are coming in crowds into the Nandikotkur taluk from the Nizam's Dominions as well as from the adjacent taluks of this district; and it is reported that there is so far sufficient demand for labour for all of them.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

1. *On Works.*—In what taluks open, and comparison of numbers.

Taluks.	Number employed. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Koilkuntla	2,089	* 1,282
Sirvel	...	35
Pattikonda	888	† 2,303
Total ...	2,977	3,620

* Fall is due to harvest and severe fining on coolies.
† Increase is due to the opening of another work at Maddikera.

2. *Gratuitous relief.*—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise.

Taluks.	Numbers relieved at kitchens. This fortnight.	Last fortnight.
Koilkunta	80	68
Pattikonda	183	32
Total ...	263	100

3. *Private Charity.*—Nil.
Remarks.—Nil.

INSPECTIONS—TALUKS AND PLACES VISITED.

I did not take charge till last week and was unable to leave Kurnool. I am very shortly proceeding on tour as already stated. No places were visited by Mr. Mullaly between 16th and the date of his handing over charge.

The Assistant Collector in charge of Ramallakota taluk did not make any tour, as he too only recently took charge.

The Kurnool Division Deputy Collector, who has charge of Pattikonda taluk, visited the following villages:—Kodumur, Devanakonda, Pattikonda, Jonuagiri, Vooppalapalli, Nallahalli, Vengalampalli, Tuggali, Ratana, Kappatralla, Duppanagurthi, Kotakonda and Kumur. Owing to his being engaged in conducting abkári sales he was unable to visit more.

The Cumbum Deputy Collector visited the following villages:—Mundlapad, Tallapalli, Rajupeta, Nallagunta, Komarole, Allinagram, Timmareddaypalli, Basavapuram, Paticherla, Penchikalapaud, Mokshagoondum, Jangamguntla, Teppayapalyam, Devarajughatta, Gobbur, Takapally, Rajampally, Yenuguladinnepad, Chattametta, Nagalavarlam, Nekereinpalli, Chimmyarazampalli, Darimadugu and Vemalakota.

The inspections of the Head Assistant Collector were as follows:—16th Koilkunta, to enquire into a defalcation case, 20th returned to Nandyal. 25th Allagadda, inspecting the fields of Battalur, Nallagetla, Chintagunta and Padakandla on the way. Between 25th and 30th, from Allagadda to Koilkuntla *viâ* Bhimmipad, Koilkuntla, Chintagunta, Amadala and Somderdinne.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector of Nandikotkur inspected the villages of Gadidemadu and Nandikotkur.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of Loan Transactions up to the end of the fortnight under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.

Taluks.	Other purposes. Applications accepted. Number	Other purposes. Applications accepted. Amount	Other purposes. Loans disbursed. Number	Other purposes. Loans disbursed. Amount	Other purposes. Applications pending. Number	Other purposes. Applications pending. Amount	Repair and construction of wells. Applications accepted. Number	Repair and construction of wells. Applications accepted. Amount	Repair and construction of wells. Loans disbursed. Number	Repair and construction of wells. Loans disbursed. Amount	Repair and construction of wells. Applications pending. Number	Repair and construction of wells. Applications pending. Amount	Total. Applications accepted. Number	Total. Applications accepted. Amount	Total. Loans disbursed. Number	Total. Loans disbursed. Amount	Total. Applications pending. Number	Total. Applications pending. Amount	Number of wells. Constructed or repaired.	Number of wells. Under construction or repair.
1	10	11	12	13	14	15	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		
Pattikonda	1	(1) 250	201	24,435	62	19,140			1	250	62	19,140			2	600	263	43,575		
Nandikotkur	2		2	400	45	10,270	3	375	4	(3) 400	45	10,270	3	375	6	1,175	2	400		
Nandyal					34	10,380	4	900	(4) 650		34	10,380	4	900	4	650	45	10,270		
Sirvel			5	1,350	12	5,275	3	250	1	90	12	5,275	3	250	1	90	39	11,730		
Koilkuntla					16	3,800					16	3,800					16	6,275		
Markapur																	12	3,800		
Cumbum																	16			
Ramallakóta																				
Total	1	250	208	26,185	169	48,865	10	1,525	9	1,390	169	48,865	10	1,525	10	1,640	377	75,050		
	Not received.																			

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain. Applications accepted. Number	Cattle and seed-grain. Applications accepted. Amount	Cattle and seed-grain. Loans disbursed. Number	Cattle and seed-grain. Loans disbursed. Amount	Cattle and seed-grain. Applications pending. Number	Cattle and seed-grain. Applications pending. Amount	Purchase of fodder. Applications accepted. Number	Purchase of fodder. Applications accepted. Amount	Purchase of fodder. Loans disbursed. Number	Purchase of fodder. Loans disbursed. Amount	Purchase of fodder. Applications pending. Number	Purchase of fodder. Applications pending. Amount	Total. Applications accepted. Number	Total. Applications accepted. Amount	Total. Loans disbursed. Number	Total. Loans disbursed. Amount	Total. Applications pending. Number	Total. Applications pending. Amount
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		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.
Pattikonda											24	1,120					24	1,120
Nandikotkur					10	1,500									2	100		
Nandyal					1	100											1	100
Sirvel					1	50											1	50
Koilkuntla			2	(2) 100														
Markapur																		
Cumbum																		
Ramallakóta																		
Total			2	100	12	1,650					24	1,120			2	100	36	2,770
	Not received.																	

Note.—Amounts marked (1), (2), Rs. 100 in (3) and Rs. 250 in (4) were disbursed during the fortnight.

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2. There is still some harvesting going on in various parts of the district, but the yield is poor, otherwise field work is confined to the land under the canal and irrigated from wells. The standing crop that was sown late, after the November rainfall, is already fading and in parts not expected to come to maturity. Even in the eastern section of the district, these crops require more rain, and of that there is practically no probability. The Collector could, however, make his reports clearer by summarising his remarks in the order of the natural, instead of the administrative, divisions of the district in so far as they relate to the state of the country.

No change is reported in the outlook for the cattle, nor can any improvement be hoped for till the next monsoon.

3. Prices are again rising, but the markets appear to be well supplied, and imports from Kistna are stated to be active. The rise of prices has, however, in places been sharp and the condition of those tracts should be closely watched. Distress may declare itself with a rush, and find the District officers unprepared. They should meet it half way.

4. There has again been a large decrease of the number of relief-workers in Koilkuntla, owing to severe fining, which appears to have been carried on before the Executive Engineer had satisfied himself whether the task imposed was a fair one, taking all the circumstances into consideration, including distance, which may have rendered the workers weak within the definition issued by Government in G.O., No. 43, Revenue, dated 26th January 1897. Though there has been a continued desertion of the works at Owk, they were not visited by the Divisional Officer during the fortnight. This should be explained, more especially as that officer has been relieved of his ordinary duties in order that he may be free to supervise relief operations solely. That officer's inspections seem to have been chiefly confined to the main roads and villages on them.

5. The condition of the Head Assistant Collector's division evidently demands the direct attention of the Collector and should be inspected by him as soon as he has visited those parts of the western section of the district that he mentions. In regard to the proposed road from Kodumur to Yemiganur in Bellary he should endeavour to act in concert with the Collector of Bellary in order that the road, if taken in hand, may, if possible, be completed throughout. From a report prepared by the Sanitary Commissioner whilst at Pattikonda, it is clear that a large proportion of the working classes there are in poor or bad condition and the opening of relief works in that neighbourhood has been none too soon. The Board, however, doubts the advisability of, at present, putting in hand the Pattikonda-Molagavali road and considers that it would be better to concentrate work on the road from Tuggali to Asperi. It is presumed that the Collector has appointed qualified men as paymasters on all the works, as under G.O., dated 25th November 1896, No 668, this portion of the staff must be supplied by the Revenue Department and it is the duty of the Divisional Officers and Tahsildars to see that payments are properly made. For every large work, or group of works, a civil officer should also be appointed as laid down in section 55 of the Code. He may ordinarily be the Tahsildar.

6. No mention is made in the narrative of the action taken to offer relief in the villages lying amongst the hills between Pattikonda and Owk.

7. The Collector need not await any orders from the Board regarding the relief to be offered to weavers, but should, in the light of remarks made in B.P., No. 46 of 1896, draw up suitable schemes for local use at Pattikonda.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

R. V. Ramaswami
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Kurnool.
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Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture was sufficient in the Cumbum division and on hills and in canal and spring channel villages, but not available elsewhere.

Fodder was sufficient in Cumbum and Nandikotkur divisions and in the Nandyal and Sirvel taluks, but was running short elsewhere except in canal villages. It was sold very dear everywhere.

The little fodder available in the red soil villages of Pattikonda taluk was purchased by the ryots of Alúr taluk of Bellary district. Hill grass continued to be used extensively. Cattle were driven in large numbers to the Nallamalas for grazing. Condition of cattle normal everywhere, except in parts of Pattikonda, Ramallakota, and Koilkuntla taluks, where they are becoming weak; improving in Sirvel taluk owing to fresh fodder. Rinderpest continued to be slightly prevalent in parts of Nandikotkur and Kalwa.

Food supplies and the state of the markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 31st January 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholum.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of this fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of this fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of this fortnight.	
Pattikonda ..	8·64	9·72	..	..	(w) 13·39 (y) 15·45	(w) 12·87 (y) 14·42	..	12·22	Prices in cholum are rising at Pattikonda, Pyapali, Kurnool, Nandyal and Owk. Prices in ragi and cumbu are also rising in Nandyal, Koilkuntla and Owk. Prices in rice are stationary at all stations except at Pattikonda.
Pyápali	8·64	8·64	..	..	(y) 16·48	(y) 13·39	..	11·28	
Kurnool	8·58	8·58	14·19	14·19	(w) 15·07 (y) 16·44	(w) 14·38 (y) 14·04	11·87	11·87	
Nandikotkur ..	9·29	9·29	..	..	(w) 16·78 (y) 16·44	(w) & (y) 16·44	..	..	
Atmakúr ..	10·01	10·01	..	..	(w) & (y) 16·44	(w) & (y) 17·12	..	..	
Nandyal	10·01	10·01	18·06	16·77	w) 17·12 (y) 16·09	(w) 16·09 (y) 15·41	14·37	12·50	
Kálava	8·58	8·58	..	..	(w) 16·44 (y) 17·81	(w) 16·44 (y) 17·81	..	..	
Koilkunta ..	9·96	9·96	17·25	16·50	(w) & (y) 14·22	(w) & (y) 14·22	13·05	13·05	
Owk	9·96	9·96	16·50	15·00	(y) 15·40 (w) 15·80	(w) 13 83 (y) 13·43	11·60	11·60	
Allagadda ..	8·58	8·93	16·12	16·77	(y) 13·01	(w) 15·07 (y) 13·70	..	..	
Giddalore ..	8·71	8·71	15·00	15 00	(w) 15·01	(y) 15·41	14·50	14·50	
Markapur ..	10·79	10·79	19·50	19·50	..	..	14·50	14·50	
Average ..	9·31	9·43	16·66	16·25	(w) 15·59 (y) 15·78	(w) 15·16 (y) 15 03	13·31	12·69	

Activity of Trade.—Trade was moderately active and grain freely sold in the markets. Rice and cholum were imported into Kurnool and Nandyal towns in large quantities from Guntúr, Bezwada and other places. Accurate statistics for the fortnight under report cannot be had. Of late exports from Kurnool have become larger than imports. Certain merchants of Anantapur have been purchasing grains at Pyápali for export.

Condition of the people.

(1) *On works.*—The health of people on the several works was fairly good and usual sanitary arrangements and medical aid continued.

The following works were in progress during the fortnight :—

I. (i) Owk-Tadpatri road.
(ii) Owk-Banganapalle road.
(iii) Owk Union road.
II. Bellary road near Kodumur.
III. Koikuntla-Nossam road.
IV. Maddikera-Nancherla station road.

Of these, the Kodumur work still continued under the supervision of the Minor Irrigation Overseer, while the rest were supervised by the Public Works Department.

The Koilkuntla-Nossam road work was closed as there were only sixteen coolies working and there was sufficient local demand for labour in the parts served by the relief work.

The number of coolies on the Owk works again fell to 1,282 owing partly to harvests and partly to the severe fining inflicted on some of the gangs which were employed in "cutting side drains—hard gravel" during the fortnight. The Executive Engineer has been asked to ascertain and report whether the officer in charge satisfied himself by personal inspection that the task prescribed was not beyond the competency of the gangs fined and whether the task should not be re-adjusted to the capacity of the several gangs. On the suggestion of the Engineering officer in charge and the Deputy Tahsildar of Owk, the work spots of the three sections were shifted so as to be within easier reach of the coolies that attended the work.

The coolies on the works in the Pattikonda taluk were paid B, C, or D class wages and no deductions prevailed during the fortnight.

(2) *In villages.*—Condition of people in the *Cumbum* and *Nandikotkur divisions* was good as there was sufficient local demand for labour throughout. The condition of people in the *Kurnool division* was fair, except in the black soil villages of Pattikonda taluk. Besides the two works in that taluk already mentioned, a work on the Pattikonda-Molagavalli station road near Hosúr should have been opened by this time, but no report as to whether it attracted workers has yet come.

With a view to provide work for the coolies now employed on the Kodumur work where the supply of stones is soon expected to be exhausted and also for the people in the affected villages towards the northern frontier of the taluk, the Divisional Officer proposed the taking up of the road from Kodumur to Yemmiganúru in Bellary district, of which 18 miles lie in this district and run by the side of the affected villages and the Executive Engineer has been requested to have an estimate ready at a very early date. Nothing serious has been reported about the condition of the people in those villages either by the Tahsildar or by the Divisional Officer; I am however proceeding to these parts to satisfy myself as to their exact condition and requirements, and shall be able to report on them in detail in my next fortnightly.

In the *Nandyal division* the condition of people is generally good in Nandyal taluk and fair in Sirvel taluk owing to harvests in several villages. The temporary Deputy Tahsildar of Allagadda having reported that there was some distress in the villages lying at the foot of the Nallamalas in his taluk, the Executive Engineer was requested to take immediate steps to open a test-work on the Alamur-Rudravaram road near Alamur after getting the necessary estimates prepared therefor. As already reported to the Board, the forest work opened near Bandlagada, five miles off Matgalpad, did not attract any labourers. The Tahsildar of Sirvel reports that a work was also opened on the 28th at Allagadda on the Allagadda-Koilkuntla road, but attracted no workers, though the fact of its opening was duly announced in about 55 villages.

The Tahsildar of Sirvel has just wired that 35 coolies have since attended. The detailed report of the Head Assistant Collector, who was on the spot, is awaited. Pending the report called for by Government as to the suitability of the task imposed for embankment work in connection with the closing of works in the Sirvel taluk, the opening of a test-work on the Rampur pass road near Chennur was considered advisable, and the Executive Engineer was accordingly requested to start the work at a very early date.

The Head Assistant Collector notes in his fortnightly that the fact that the coolies are engaged in harvests all round explains their not coming to works at Allagadda and Koilkuntla and recommends that, except those at Owk, the other relief works in his division be kept in abeyance for about a month; but this suggestion I am not disposed to support. His detailed report on the organization and conduct of these works is, however, awaited. In spite of the harvests that are in progress the poorer classes of the Owk division are reported to be suffering to some extent from want of employment. The poorer classes in other parts of Koilkuntla taluk were in fair condition. None have yet come forward to accept at the notified rates, the relief sanctioned for weavers in Kurnool town. The Sanitary Commissioner, who was on tour in Pattikonda taluk, reported that several weavers were in need of relief and recommended the offer to them of certain rates which are higher than those sanctioned for Kurnool. The Board was accordingly addressed on the subject for orders as to whether the Adóni rates should be introduced into Pattikonda which adjoins the Adóni taluk; and early orders thereon are requested.

The information required in B.P., dated 21st January 1897, Mis. No. 435, regarding the particulars of the fluctuations of the jail population in this district has been called for from the sub-jail officers and will be included in future fortnightly narratives.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths were reported from want of food. Public health was generally good, except that fever and small-pox prevailed here and there in the Koilkuntla taluk.

Remarks.—The condition of people generally does not give cause for very serious anxiety at present owing to the existence of demand for labour in most parts on account of harvests. The cooly classes are coming in crowds into the Nandikotkur taluk from the Nizam's Dominions as well as from the adjacent taluks of this district; and it is reported that there is so far sufficient demand for labour for all of them.

Measures of relief.

1. *On Works.*—In what taluks open, and comparison of numbers.

Taluks.	Number employed. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Koilkuntla	2,089	* 1,282
Sirvel	...	35
Pattikonda	888	† 2,303
Total ...	2,977	3,620

* Fall is due to harvest and severe fining on coolies.
† Increase is due to the opening of another work at Maddikera.

2. *Gratuitous relief.*—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise.

Taluks.	Numbers relieved at kitchens. This fortnight.	Last. fortnight.
Koilkunta	80	68
Pattikonda	183	32
Total ...	263	100

3. *Private Charity.*—Nil.
Remarks.—Nil.

Inspections—Taluks and places visited.

I did not take charge till last week and was unable to leave Kurnool. I am very shortly proceeding on tour as already stated. No places were visited by Mr. Mullaly between 16th and the date of his handing over charge.

The Assistant Collector in charge of Ramallakota taluk did not make any tour, as he too only recently took charge.

The Kurnool Division Deputy Collector, who has charge of Pattikonda taluk, visited the following villages:—Kodumur, Devanakonda, Pattikonda, Jonuagiri, Vooppalapalli, Nallahalli, Vengalampalli, Tuggali, Ratana, Kappatralla, Duppanagurthi, Kotakonda and Kumur. Owing to his being engaged in conducting abkári sales he was unable to visit more.

The Cumbum Deputy Collector visited the following villages:—Mundlapad, Tallapalli, Rajupeta, Nallagunta, Komarole, Allinagram, Timmareddaypalli, Basavapuram, Paticherla, Penchikalapaud, Mokshagoondum, Jangamguntla, Teppayapalyam, Devarajughatta, Gobbur, Takapally, Rajampally, Yenuguladinnepad, Chattametta, Nagalavarlam, Nekereinpalli, Chimmyarazampalli, Darimadugu and Vemalakota.

The inspections of the Head Assistant Collector were as follows:—16th Koilkunta, to enquire into a defalcation case, 20th returned to Nandyal. 25th Allagadda, inspecting the fields of Battalur, Nallagetla, Chintagunta and Padakandla on the way. Between 25th and 30th, from Allagadda to Koilkuntla *viâ* Bhimmipad, Koilkuntla, Chintagunta, Amadala and Somderdinne.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector of Nandikotkur inspected the villages of Gadidemadu and Nandikotkur.

Loan Transactions.—Statement showing particulars of Loan Transactions up to the end of the fortnight under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Other purposes.						Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21									
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Pattikonda						19,140												43,675												
Nandikotkur				250	62	10,270								600	263	400		400												
Nandyal	3	375	(3) 400	(3) 400	45	10,380								400	46	10,270		10,270												
Sirvel	4	900	(4) 650	(4) 650	34	6,275								650	39	11,730		11,730												
Koilkuntla	3	250	1	90	16	3,800								90	12	6,275		6,275												
Markapur															16	3,800		3,800												
Cumbum																														
Rámallakóta																														
Total	10	1,525	9	1,390	169	48,865	28	1,120	24	1,120	2	100	22	1,050	12	1,050	1	60	9	1,350	1	250	208	26,185	10	1,625	10	1,640	377	75,050	1	21

Not received.

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Note.—Amounts marked (1), (2), Rs. 100 in (3) and Rs. 250 in (4) were disbursed during the fortnight.

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2. There is still some harvesting going on in various parts of the district, but the yield is poor, otherwise field work is confined to the land under the canal and irrigated from wells. The standing crop that was sown late, after the November rainfall, is already fading and in parts not expected to come to maturity. Even in the eastern section of the district, these crops require more rain, and of that there is practically no probability. The Collector could, however, make his reports clearer by summarising his remarks in the order of the natural, instead of the administrative, divisions of the district in so far as they relate to the state of the country.

No change is reported in the outlook for the cattle, nor can any improvement be hoped for till the next monsoon.

3. Prices are again rising, but the markets appear to be well supplied, and imports from Kistna are stated to be active. The rise of prices has, however, in places been sharp and the condition of those tracts should be closely watched. Distress may declare itself with a rush, and find the District officers unprepared. They should meet it half way.

4. There has again been a large decrease of the number of relief-workers in Koilkuntla, owing to severe fining, which appears to have been carried on before the Executive Engineer had satisfied himself whether the task imposed was a fair one, taking all the circumstances into consideration, including distance, which may have rendered the workers weak within the definition issued by Government in G.O., No. 43, Revenue, dated 26th January 1897. Though there has been a continued desertion of the works at Owk, they were not visited by the Divisional Officer during the fortnight. This should be explained, more especially as that officer has been relieved of his ordinary duties in order that he may be free to supervise relief operations solely. That officer's inspections seem to have been chiefly confined to the main roads and villages on them.

5. The condition of the Head Assistant Collector's division evidently demands the direct attention of the Collector and should be inspected by him as soon as he has visited those parts of the western section of the district that he mentions. In regard to the proposed road from Kodumur to Yemiganur in Bellary he should endeavour to act in concert with the Collector of Bellary in order that the road, if taken in hand, may, if possible, be completed throughout. From a report prepared by the Sanitary Commissioner whilst at Pattikonda, it is clear that a large proportion of the working classes there are in poor or bad condition and the opening of relief works in that neighbourhood has been none too soon. The Board, however, doubts the advisability of, at present, putting in hand the Pattikonda-Molagavali road and considers that it would be better to concentrate work on the road from Tuggali to Asperi. It is presumed that the Collector has appointed qualified men as paymasters on all the works, as under G.O., dated 25th November 1896, No. 668; this portion of the staff must be supplied by the Revenue Department and it is the duty of the Divisional Officers and Tahsildars to see that payments are properly made. For every large work, or group of works, a civil officer should also be appointed as laid down in section 55 of the Code. He may ordinarily be the Tahsildar.

6. No mention is made in the narrative of the action taken to offer relief in the villages lying amongst the hills between Pattikonda and Owk.

7. The Collector need not await any orders from the Board regarding the relief to be offered to weavers, but should, in the light of remarks made in B.P., No. 46 of 1896, draw up suitable schemes for local use at Pattikonda.

8. The attention of the Government will be drawn to the reported influx of people from the Nizam's Dominions into the Nandikotkur taluk. The influx from other parts of the district points to the necessity for affording them employment near their homes.

9. The Collector is requested to give his earliest attention to the disposal of the large number of loan applications pending in Pattikonda and if necessary he should apply for further assistance in order that there may be no delay in this matter. It is hoped that future reports will be complete in regard to loan operations.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Kurnool.
Copy to the Collector of Bellary.
" " Sanitary Commissioner.

Order—No. 321, Revenue, dated 12th May 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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