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

READ—the following letter from V. VENUGOPAL Chetty, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Nellore, in charge, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 15th April 1897, No. 1256:—

I have the honour to forward the programme of famine-relief works for 1897-98 with the three prescribed statements.

2. The total amount provided is Rs. 23,88,811, which is expected to be sufficient to provide labour for 21.74 per cent. of the total population of the district against 20 per cent. in the previous year's programme and 16.4 per cent. of the year before.

3. The following abstract shows the extent of works provided for each taluk:—

Taluk or division.	Total population.	Number provided for	Percentage.
Ongole	225,000	41,656	18.5
Kandukur	148,000	31,283	21.
Kanigiri	131,000	16,915	12.88
Podili division	68,000	12,737	18.60
Darsi	85,000	10,172	12.
Gudur taluk	136,000	42,247	31.
Rapur	61,000	21,002	34.60
Venkatagiri division	56,000	14,045	24.91
Polur division	70,000	17,296	24.85
Atmakuru taluk	101,000	14,096	13.93
Udayagiri taluk	100,000	27,783	27.72
Nellore taluk	198,000	49,881	24.95
Kavali taluk	83,000	19,002	22.86
Total	1,462,000	318,315	21.

Though the total provision for the district exceeds 20 per cent. provision for three taluks and two divisions falls short especially in Kanigiri and Atmakuru taluks and Darsi division only for 12.88, 13.93 and 12 per cent., respectively. Atmakuru aside, which is partly traversed by the excess provision in Udayagiri, it is to be noted that provision for labour is most needed, viz., Kanigiri and Darsi. that it is impossible to provide more works incapable of any useful works. It is possible and Darsi, the works may be supplemented by.

4. Out of the total provision of Rs. 23,88,811, Rs. 12,59,355 represents large works. Of these, works for only Rs. 4,39,650 have been sanctioned. Road works represent a little more than 50 per cent. of the sanctioned works, the remainder being apportioned between irrigation and other works. The District Board Engineer however says that estimates for almost all the repair works provided in the programme are ready and that sanction for their execution can be obtained at a short notice.

RESOLUTION—dated 17th June 1897, No. 446.

The abstract of the programme of famine relief works for 1897-98 received from the Collector of Nellore will be submitted as revised by the Board for the information of Government.

2. The programme provides for—

	LAKHS.
Fifteen new irrigation works to cost	3 00
Repairs to existing irrigation works to cost	3 07
Fourteen thousand eight hundred and thirty feet of new roads to cost	0 12
Repairs to existing roads to cost	8 93
Works intended to improve the supply of drinking-water to cost	3 35
Other miscellaneous works including Rs. 80,800 likely to be advanced under the Land Improvement Loans Act to cost	5 17

The total provision made comes up to Rs. 23,93,761 and the works are calculated to provide employment for a period of three months for 21.7 per cent. of the population of the district. But the provision is not adequate in the taluks and divisions noted in the margin, as it can meet only from 12 to 19 per cent. of the population. The Board must admit that it is easier to find fault with the inadequacy of the programme, than to suggest how it may be amplified.

A great number of proposed new roads, which used some years ago to appear in the programme, and made up for all deficiencies, were removed therefrom, because it was admitted that the roads, if partially constructed by famine labour, could not possibly be completed and maintained by the resources at the disposal of the Local Boards.

In poor, backward proprietary tracts,—such as Podili, Darsi and Kanigiri,—it is difficult to suggest any suitable relief works of sufficient magnitude, other than the repair or construction of roads.

The Board is unable to do more than point out to the Collector the serious extent to which his programme is inadequate, and urge upon him the necessity of discovering some wider field for the employment of famine labour.

In Ongole, the provision made, though better than in the last year's programme, is still below the mark and needs further amplification. It is observed that in this taluk, three of the works stated to be out of repair under Public Works Department, and two in Atmakuru, are not provided for.

Nor has any provision been made for land improvements to be executed with the aid of State loans in any of the taluks or divisions noted in the margin.

3. At the end of statement A are shown five large works to cost approximately Rs. 66,512 and five small works to cost Rs. 12,000. These additional works might be utilized for famine relief, should necessity arise.

4. Estimates are stated to be ready for about 42 per cent. of the total provision exclusive of the land improvements for which no estimates are required. The Board, however, entertains serious doubt whether the estimates prepared for small works in proprietary estates (clearing prickly-pear, improving drinking-water supply, &c.) are in a shape fit to be submitted for sanction. Each village should be visited, and its estimates be checked and revised by a trustworthy officer, before sanction is asked for. Even then there will be great difficulty in carrying out the works under the rules of the Famine Code.

5. Of the amount provided for large works, estimates to the amount of Rupees 3,73,250 (about 35 per cent.) have been sanctioned, and are ready for execution. This provision is seriously inadequate and the Collector should use every effort to bring a large number of additional works, both large and small, under sanction with the least possible delay.

6. The following omissions and mistakes are noticed in the programme:—

Statement A.—(a) Totals for irrigation and for miscellaneous works are omitted.

(b) The taluk totals of small works are wrongly entered in the following cases:—

Taluk.	Column.	Figures entered.	Correct figures.
Kandukur	7	86,898	87,758
Do.	8	21,108	21,968
Kanigiri	7	55,210	54,660
Kavali	7	84,576	85,076

(c) The district total under column 7 is consequently 11,34,406 and not 11,29,456.

Statement B.—(d) The undermentioned amounts provided for new irrigation works in statements A and C are wrongly included also in this statement B which is only intended to show the expenditure proposed for the repair of the existing works and not for new works:—

Ongole taluk	Rs.
Kanigiri	20,000
Gudur	57,450
Udayagiri	38,500
Nellore	28,975
	1,43,000

It should therefore be deducted from this statement.

(e) The number of works shown as out of repair under Public Works Department in the Kanigiri as well as Nellore taluk is only 2, but the numbers for which repairs are proposed, are respectively 7 and 12. This discrepancy needs explanation. The revised statement promised will, it is hoped, explain the defects noticed above.

Statement C.—(f) In the Ongole taluk, the lengths of a new sanctioned road and of two small roads are shown in this statement as 12,680 and 1,412 feet, respectively, while they are shown in statement A as 2,680 and 2,150 feet. It is presumed that 12,680 and 2,150 are correct figures. In either case the estimated cost is high; if the works include masonry, the cost of the masonry should be deducted.

(g) In the Kanigiri taluk the number and the provision of small irrigation works are entered in this statement as 5 and 23,000, while the corresponding entries in statement A are 6 and 27,450.

(h) In Kavali taluk the grand total in column 25 against "small" is 67,076 and not 66,576.

(i) The number of persons provided for is—in Kandukur taluk 9,361 and not 9,246 against "small"; in Polur division 12,667 and not 12,000 against "not sanctioned"; in Kavali taluk 8,943 and not 8,877 against "small".

(j) The district total of the sum provided for the supply of drinking-water in column 19 is Rs. 3,65,291 and not Rs. 3,64,791.

7. The work of constructing underground channels in Venkatagiri must involve masonry, for which skilled labour will be required; the work would therefore seem to be unsuited for a famine relief work.

All the necessary corrections have been made in this office. The Collector will be requested to see that these mistakes are likewise corrected in his office copy and that they do not occur in future.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Collector of Nellore.

End. A. F. Eccleston.

APPENDIX.
FORM III.—ABSTRACT statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Nellore district for the year 1898-99.

Taluk.	Population by census of 1891 in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily in the event of serious famine.	Class of works.	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.		Irrigation works.		Forest-fencing works.		Road works.	
				Number provided for: on.	Total per centage of population.	New.	Repairs.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Ongole taluk	225	45,048	Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements	5,347 10,429 24,672 1,208	18.5	1	20,000	8	6,071	1	12,680 ft.
Kandukur taluk	148	29,695	Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements	4,667 15,031 9,361 2,346	21	1	20,000	8	6,071	2	2,150 ft.
Kanigiri taluk	131	26,244	Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements	31,399 4,960 4,000 7,955	12.88	6	30,070	5	4,148	3	14,830 ft.
Polur division	68	13,693	Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements	16,915 6,600 1,600 5,537	18.60	7	57,450	5	4,148		
Darsi division	85	16,926	Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements	12,737 1,733 2,668 5,773	12						
			Total	10,172							

Form III.—Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Nellore district for the year 1897-98.—*cont.*

Taluka.	Population by census of 1891 in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily 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 works.	Number provided for on.	Total per-centage of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.
						4	5	6	Number.								Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	2	3														
Gudur taluk ..	136	27,201	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	23,666 17,715 868	 31	.. .. .. .. ..	1 1	38,500 38,500	2 60 .. 62	Rs. 28,000 23,282 .. 57,282	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..
Rapur taluk ..	61	12,262	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	1,333 3,334 13,868 2,667	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. 89 .. 39	 25,139 .. 25,139	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..
Venkatagiri divi- sion.	56	11,277	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	3,333 10,712	 34.60	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. 25,139	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..
Polar division ..	70	13,916	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	12,687 5,296	 24.91	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..
Atmakur taluk ..	101	20,230	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	8,845 4,551 700	 13.93	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. 46,587	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..

Form III.—Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Nellore district for the year 1897-98—*cont.*

Taluka.	Road works—cont.			Miscellaneous works.						Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.
	Repairs.		Drinking-water supply.	Others.		Total.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.					
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Gadur taluk	1	20,000	..	..	.. 2	91,000	.. 2	91,000	.. 6	1,77,500	..	..
	6	16,500	.. 115	55,491	48	31,590	103	87,081	229	1,32,863	.. 32	22,820
	..	..	..	..	11	6,500	11	6,500	11	6,500	..	..
Total ..	7	36,500	115	55,491	61	1,29,090	176	1,84,581	246	3,16,863	32	22,820
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Esapur taluk	1	10,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10,000	1	10,000
	1	25,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	25,000	..	..
	3	11,400	.. 55	14,954	69	52,520	124	67,474	166	1,04,013	89	38,051
	..	..	..	..	..	20,000	..	20,000	..	20,000	..	..
Total ..	5	46,400	55	14,954	69	72,520	124	87,474	168	1,59,013	90	48,051
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Venkatagiri division	1	25,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	25,000	..	..
	3	12,000	.. 28	52,520	.. 4	15,820	.. 32	68,340	35	80,340	.. 32	68,340
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	4	37,000	28	52,520	4	15,820	32	68,340	36	1,05,340	32	68,340
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Polar division	10	95,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	95,000	.. 7	5,000
	..	..	.. 83	35,119	.. 20	4,600	.. 103	39,719	103	39,719	78	36,219
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	10	95,000	83	35,119	20	4,600	103	39,719	113	1,34,719	85	40,219
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Atmakur taluk	2	28,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	66,340	.. 3	38,340
	5	16,800	.. 46	7,340	.. 15	1,747	.. 61	9,087	84	34,134	21	19,319
	..	..	..	..	..	5,250	..	5,250	..	5,250	..	..
Total ..	7	44,800	46	7,340	15	6,997	61	14,337	89	1,05,724	24	57,659

* The number of works not reported by the Divisional officer.

Form III.—Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Nellore district for the year 1897-98—*cont.*

Taluk.	Population by census of 1891 in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily 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 works.	Number provided for on.	Total percentage of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Udayagiri taluk ..	100	20,045	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	10,606 9,863 6,814 600 27,783	{ 27.72	2 2 .. 4	38,975 1,800 .. 40,775	.. 33 .. 33	.. 30,906 .. 30,906	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..
Nellore taluk ..	108	89,582	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	21,273 9,333 19,275 .. 49,881	{ 24.95	2 2	1,43,000 1,43,000	.. 1 26 27	70,000 24,899 .. 94,399	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..
Kavali taluk ..	83	16,621	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	3,200 4,625 8,943 2,400 19,068	{ 22.86	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. 31 .. 31	29,976 29,976 .. 29,976	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..
District total ..	1,463	2,92,742	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Grand Total ..	68,619 1,09,292 1,40,472 10,781 8,19,164	{ 21.74	2 6 8 15	1,43,000 1,27,475 29,250 2,99,725	.. 6 238 244	1,36,840 1,70,443 .. 3,06,783	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	1 .. 2 3	12,680 ft. .. 2,166 ft. 14,830 ft.	7,900 4,860 .. 12,550

Form III.—Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Nellore district for the year 1897-98—cont.

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Road works—cont.										Miscellaneous works.										Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
Repairs.		Drinking-water supply.		Others.		Total.																	
Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27												
Udayagiri taluk		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.				
3	78,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
2	35,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
5	11,600	12	4,175	..	2,822	..	6,797	..	78,800	3	78,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
..	..	..	..	..	4,500	..	4,500	..	78,975	4	78,975	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
10	1,25,400	12	4,175	27	7,122	39	11,297	86	2,08,378	16	41,948	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Total ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Nellore taluk		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.				
2	46,550	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
21	51,470	70	27,620	..	41,074	..	68,694	206	1,44,563	1	70,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
23	68,020	70	27,620	89	41,074	159	68,694	211	3,74,113	33	2,96,514	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Total ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Kavali taluk		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.				
1	24,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
2	25,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
7	2,600	31	19,250	50	15,250	81	18,000	..	24,000	1	3,700	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33,940	3	8,940	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
10	51,600	81	19,250	51	42,190	82	61,440	123	1,43,016	5	22,166	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Total ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
District total		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.				
15	2,83,750	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
26	4,34,750	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
67	1,69,650	701	3,65,291	747	5,16,562	1,448	6,79,853	1,763	10,53,546	738	4,43,247	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
108	8,93,150	701	3,65,291	752	5,16,562	1,453	8,81,853	1,823	23,93,761	760	9,59,977	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Grand Total ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				

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