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[Despatch Abstract.]

Considering that relief works as at present organized have become very attractive as the tasks exacted ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> have become nominal, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> stating that the right way to remedy the evil is not to reduce the wage, but to make the conditions of relief more stringent by prescribing adequate tasks.



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The Hon: Sir G. C. C. C.  
The Hon: Sir H. B. K. K.  
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Forwarded to the  
Revenue Dept. for information  
with reference to the remarks  
made regarding the high  
wages paid to the coolies.

From J. C. Lammie Esq. M. I. C.  
Supt. Engineer. N. Y. C.

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John Cassin Col., R. E.  
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SUBJECT.

Famine works in progress  
in the Ganjam Division—  
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Eng's letter forwarding  
his and Sub D<sup>r</sup> officers'  
Inspection Notes on—  
For the 1<sup>st</sup> fortnight of  
May

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2. The Engraving letter is full  
of mistakes.

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Should not the ordinary wage be increased  
in order to bring it to the

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ms<sup>9</sup> The right way, June  
12/7 it seems to me  
in such cases is not to



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| <p>to lessen the wage, as the H.D. seems to think, for so much wage is evidently necessary for the purchase of so much food, but to make the work unpleasant by increasing the task &amp; cutting down the distance allowance. In ordinary times, the woman's wage is supplementary to the earnings of the man of the family &amp; she has to take what she can get. This is the case, so far as I know, in all countries. But in famine times, the theory is that people are paid, not what they want, but just so much as, at existing prices, will keep them in decent health; and therefore, as a woman does not eat so much as a man, she does not get much smaller wages. The H.D. does not seem to understand this.</p> |     |             |       |

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Agree with Sir H. P. D. This was the first time that our former work was so extensive. Poor records should have the effect of leading to the record.

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## Inspection Notes

### Purushottapur Hill Quarry.

At 12 1/2 miles Ichapur, Berhampur Road, near offtake of Chikati Road. Inspected with Mr. Lacey, the Sub Divisional Officer on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1897.

The work consists in breaking metal for the Local Fund for use on East Coast Railway.

It was started as a Test work on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1897 and will be converted into a Relief work on 14<sup>th</sup> instant.

The Task is 1.75 Cwt. of Metal per unit broken to 1 1/2" gauge.

The Stone is easy to break, and fairly easy to get, but a great deal has already been



been used by the Local  
Fund Department and  
it is not so plentiful as  
is desirable.

The hill is one of the low  
rocky ones common in Gangan  
without much shelter. The  
stone can be dug out with  
pickaxes or mallets.

#### Constitution

Overseer in Charge Sreenivasulu

2 Sub Maistries on Rs 6 per day

11 Head Cooks on Rs 4 — do.

The Overseer employed  
on his own responsibility  
4 peons to keep the people  
at work, but these are  
disallowed by me.

1 Storekeeper on Rs 5/- per month

1 Tappal man on Rs 5/- — do —

Chargeable to "Famine"

All.

All the above are quite raw,  
and it will take time to get  
them into shape.

| Purusottapur Hill Quarry - 8 <sup>th</sup> June 1897 |         |                     |       |          |       |       |               |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|-------|----------|-------|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Gang                                                 | Men     | Working<br>Brothers | Women | Children | Total | Units | Task<br>Cupl. | Buttress<br>Cupl. |
| I                                                    | 30      | 6                   | 42    | 21       | 99    | 234   | 409           | 216               |
| II                                                   | 18      | 19                  | 55    | 7        | 99    | 327   | 572           | 229               |
| III                                                  | 15      | 4                   | 57    | 5        | 75    | 173   | 303           | 189               |
| IV                                                   | 18      | 0                   | 74    | 8        | 100   | 228   | 399           | 216               |
| V                                                    | 31      | 0                   | 49    | 20       | 100   | 242   | 423           | 229               |
| VI                                                   | Absent. |                     |       |          |       |       |               |                   |
| VII                                                  | 15      | 6                   | 62    | 17       | 100   | 210   | 367           | 189               |
| VIII                                                 | 16      | 0                   | 57    | 23       | 96    | 201   | 352           | 135               |
| IX                                                   | 26      | 0                   | 71    | 3        | 100   | 249   | 436           | 162               |
| X                                                    | 15      | 7                   | 38    | 18       | 78    | 165   | 289           | 216               |
| XI                                                   | 19      | 0                   | 28    | 10       | 57    | 142   | 248           | 108               |
| Total                                                | 203     | 42                  | 527   | 132      | 904   |       |               |                   |

In view of the  
1/2 in the  
H.M.



## Payment.

Work was started as a Test on 7<sup>th</sup> June, and will be converted into Relief on 14<sup>th</sup>.

The first payments will be made to day (9<sup>th</sup>).

The wages are B. Class on a basis of  $\frac{1}{2}$  rice,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Ragi are:-

Male: per man — 0-2-1

Male: per Woman — 0-1-11.

or as As 1 and As 5 respectively higher than in ordinary times.

Query: Rie?   
 HS

The work site is not satisfactory. It is at present on the S. Side of the hill from which a great deal of Stone has already been removed. There are better opportunities

But this is where the gangs are!   
 HS

opportunities both for breaking and stacking on the S. Side, and instructions have been given to move the gangs accordingly.

The Stone will be stacked S. of the Chikati road in a Section of 3 square yards, and so arranged that when the space becomes crowded, Metal can easily be conveyed to the stacking ground W. of the Railway about 3 Furlongs distant.

There is little shade in the neighbourhood and sheds are under construction but as most of the laborers live near they will not be much used.

The laborers are principally



principally Reddihis, with  
a few gollas, malas, and  
Urija Dundassis. In fact  
a good many Laborers  
have left the Ichapur Quarry  
work for this, as it is nearer  
their Village Punshottapur.

Water supply is not good.  
There is a drinking water  
Tank N. of the Chikate  
Road, but it is nearly dry.  
So excavation of a large  
well 30 Square has been  
started.

This work has been so  
recently started that  
it is not yet in order.

Witnessed by  
Executive Engineer  
Gangai Division

15/6/97

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## Rudhra Quarry at Ichapur

Inspected with Mr.  
Lacey Sub-divisional Officer  
7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Work consists of breaking  
metal for the Local Fund  
Department.

It was taken over from  
the L. F. D. on 23<sup>rd</sup> May,  
and started as a Relief  
work on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### Constitution

First placed in charge  
of overseer Raghava Sengar,  
who was afterwards  
relieved by overseer  
Ram Narain Poudai  
who is now in charge.  
There are 5 Head Maistries

on Rs 15 per month

19 Sub-Maistries

on Rs 6 per day

78 Head Coolies on

Rs 4 per day

1 Storekeeper on

Rs 8 per month

2 Storewatchers on

Rs 5 per month



1 Well watcher on  
Rs 5 per month

3 Tombow man on  
Rs 3 per month

4 Sweepers on  
Rs 2 per day.

The Overseer is further  
allowed to employ  
1 head masonry on  
Rs 15 to assist in  
office, & one on Rs.  
15 to assist in measure-  
ments.

Task per unit 1.5 cubic  
feet, metal broken to  
1 1/2" gauge. The stone  
is easy to break, but  
difficult to get.

The Hill side is very  
steep, and stone is  
rapidly being exhausted,  
moreover there is hardly  
any room for stacking.

Therefore on the 8<sup>th</sup> two  
head masonry gangs  
(about 3200) were  
transferred to the Deha  
pur Hill Quarry where  
ballast is to be broken  
for the E. Coast Rail  
way. This will relieve  
the Rudhra Quarry.

Moreover it is doubtful  
whether more stone is  
required for the R. H.  
Road. In addition the  
Collector has been asked  
permission to deepen the  
Krishnagar Tank  
in the immediate neigh-  
borhood. This is a  
useful work and will  
employ 1000 laborers;  
and also further relieve  
the Rudhra Quarry.  
Laborers are supposed  
to come at 7.30, with  
an allowance of 1 hour  
for those who have to  
travel 2 1/2 miles. The  
village of  
is 5, and Palasa 4  
miles distant, and  
inhabitants of these  
never commence work  
before 8 or 8.30. Work  
is supposed to cease  
from 12 to 2, but as a  
matter of fact I find  
that many prefer to  
work right on, and  
go away earlier in  
the afternoon.



Payments — The wage is B  
All have been fully  
paid up to 31<sup>st</sup> May,  
and on 7<sup>th</sup> June, pay-  
ment were in progress  
for the period 1 to 3<sup>rd</sup>

June. In the last  
period men were  
getting Rs 1-11, and  
women Rs 1-9. In  
consequence of a slight  
rise in the price of grain  
wages have increased  
to Rs 2. & 1-10 per  
man & woman res-  
pectively.

There are 3 paymasters  
with such wages it  
is not surprising that  
people flock to the works  
so willingly.

Castes. — The majority are  
Reddies with a  
few Gollas, Malas, and  
Uruiya Dundakkis.

Water — There is a good  
supply of water  
from 3 wells within  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile. Each gang  
is given 3 water pots  
& a shed to keep them  
under, and they make

make their own arrange-  
ments about filling  
water as the gangs are  
principally formed by  
villages, this is a far  
more satisfactory ar-  
rangement than em-  
ploying special water-  
men.

### Sanitation & Health.

There are 3 latrines  
for every head main-  
tains gangs, and the people  
are induced as far as  
possible to use them.  
This is always a diffi-  
cult matter. However  
few nuisances appear  
to be committed. There  
has been very little  
sickness on the work.  
On 7<sup>th</sup> there was one  
case of Cholera, and  
the man was sent  
to hospital. There  
was another case  
on 8<sup>th</sup>, a woman, who  
died in her village.  
Some of these cases  
of Cholera are very  
doubtful and Cholera  
is often used by the



the coolies as an excuse for absconding themselves. However when there are so many laborers collected together on a work the presence of a special medical subordinate is desirable, and I pointed this out to the Dist Medical Officer. He agreed and directed the special Hospital assistant attached to the Division to join at Ichapur. But as this Hospital assistant is now on special duty at Surada, where there are 3000 work people collected on the Surada dam, I consider it would be unwise to remove him as any epidemic whether small pox, fever & Cholera at Surada would be quite as disastrous as at Ichapur. There is an apothecary in charge of the Dispensary who ought to visit the work twice a day

& who has I believe had orders to do so. As far as I can ascertain he has hardly ever been on the work, and his absence in cases of illness is remarkable.

| Rudhra Hill Quarry June 197 |     |            |                 |       |          |       |          |              |                                          |
|-----------------------------|-----|------------|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|--------------|------------------------------------------|
| Gang                        | Men | Boys 12-16 | Nursing Mothers | Women | Children | Total | Task Cft | Out turn Cft | Remarks                                  |
| 1 to 16                     | 157 | 56         | 31              | 887   | 182      | 1313  | 4152     | 4042         |                                          |
| 17 to 32                    | 198 | 51         | 0               | 813   | 190      | 1252  | 4144     | 3448         |                                          |
| 33-49                       | 197 | 87         | 2               | 871   | 155      | 1311  | 4422     | 4064         |                                          |
| 50-64                       | 130 | 23         | 3               | 319   | 70       | 535   | 1896     | 1817         | Gangs 49, 51, 56, 58, 59, 62, 64, absent |
| 65-78                       | 186 | 46         | 1               | 601   | 181      | 1015  | 2467     | 1450         | Gang 71 gone to Surashtra per.           |
| Totals                      | 868 | 263        | 37              | 3491  | 778      | 5426  |          |              |                                          |

Inspection of Gangs  
No. I Head Maistry's gang  
1 to 16  
 Muster rolls and abstracts generally up to date. Gangs paid up to 31st May, and under payment 1-3 June.



Condition of cools good.

Water supply good.

No II Head Maistry

Gangs 17-32.

Paid up to 31 May,  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, and  
wages due from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>.

It was in this gang  
that one case of Cholera  
occurred. So day 8<sup>th</sup>

several gangs were  
absent, pleading this  
case as an excuse,  
and some were kept  
back by the Kargis  
of villages to per-

form ceremonies of  
propitiation. On 7<sup>th</sup>  
evening a long string  
of coolies passed near  
the Dungalow, each  
man carrying a bottle  
of liquor. These men  
belonged to the gangs  
absent to day, and  
the liquor was pre-  
sumably for the  
propitiatory oblation.

If the coolies can af-  
ford such luxuries  
for their divinities,  
they must be doing  
pretty well themselves.

at

At the Jommi quarry  
the overseer in charge  
informed me that they  
spent the rest day -  
(Thursday) (as far as  
(I recollect) in taking  
an oil bath. I am  
inclined to think that  
this was his idea of  
dry-humour. The  
rest day here is Satur-  
- day. The mere fact  
that gangs can afford  
to be absent from  
caprice shows that the  
treatment they are re-  
- ceiving is liberal.

Head Maistry III.

Gangs 33-49.

The second case of Cholera  
occurred in this gang.

The condition of coolies  
is good. They have  
been paid up to 31<sup>st</sup>  
and are now being  
paid for the period  
from



from (1-3) June.

Head Maistry No. IV

Gangs 49 to 64.

Payments similar to

No. III

Gangs 49, 51, 56, 58, 59,  
62, 64, absent.

Head Maistry No. V

Gangs 65-78.

Paid last on 7<sup>th</sup> for  
period (1-3) June,

and the Saturday  
dole as well. Gang

71 gone to Purushottapur

The charge under this Head  
maistry is not in such

good order as those  
of the preceding, his

gangs were scattered,  
and among them

was a weakly gang,

with a nominal

Task; who of course

were only passing

the time.

Gangs 1-32 as already  
remarked have been  
transferred to the Eka  
pur Hill quarry -  
where they will have  
to break ballast for  
the East Coast Rail  
way. They objected  
to move at first as  
the new quarry will  
be a little further from  
their villages. How-  
ever the objection was  
short-lived and they  
went. The Task at  
the new quarry will  
be 1.25 Cuft per unit  
broken to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " gauge.  
Lead from 400 to  
300 yds. Water is  
obtainable from the  
bed of the Mahada  
river. Water carts  
will be employed.  
Coolies are coming to



to the work.

General - The coolies

I saw after a very careful inspection were nearly all fit to carry out piece work on the ordinary D. P. W. rates. There are a very small proportion who are out of condition or in some cases decrepid.

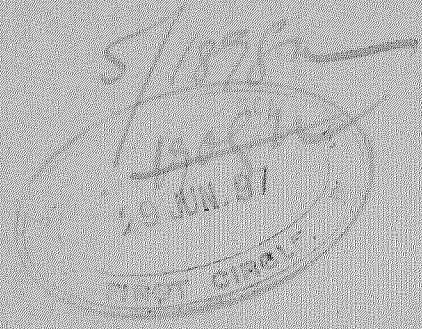
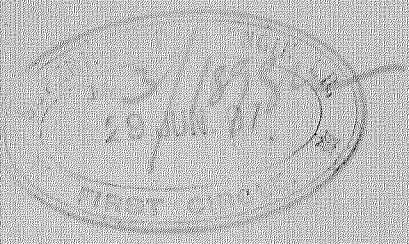
Such people are so year by year, their condition being proportional to the amount of charity they can obtain. These people are formed into a "weak gang" which really does a nominal task, and appears to be the best way of meeting their case. I am not questioning the policy of Relief pursued, and if

if the monsoon fail, I have no hesitation in saying that no people in the South of India will be better prepared to meet scarcity than these of Ganyam.

W. D. Morgan  
17/6 Executive Engineer  
Ganyam Division

7/6/17  
JCL  
2/17





Inspection notes

Mogatkottur Quarry.

Near Sompett - visited 4/6/97  
with Mr Swaminatha Iyer B.A.B.E.E.  
Sub Divisional Officer.

Breaking metal for Local Fund  
Roads.

This was opened as a test  
work on 7<sup>th</sup> instant, and con-  
-verted into a Relief work on 8<sup>th</sup>.

In Charge of Overseer Mr.

Ramachandra Iyer.

The Stone is easy to get, and  
easy to break. Task fixed at 1.75  
Cft per unit, broken to 1 1/2" gauge.

Payments were made daily for  
the first 3 days, and are being  
made today for 10<sup>th</sup>. The pay-  
-master is new to his work.

Constitution.

There are at present 12 gangs  
with one head Cooly on Rs 4 to  
each gang. Submaistries on Rs 1.

All the gangs were inspected  
and the Muster Rolls and  
abstracts, compared for 10<sup>th</sup>.



Gang no 1

|          |    |   |           |                |
|----------|----|---|-----------|----------------|
| Men      | 20 | } | Task      | cft<br>383 1/4 |
| Women    | 55 |   |           |                |
| Children | 29 |   |           |                |
|          |    |   | Outturn   | 386            |
|          |    |   | <hr/> 104 |                |

The Stone used by this gang is so soft that I have ordered it to be transferred to another part of the hill.

Gang no 2.

|                 |    |   |           |        |
|-----------------|----|---|-----------|--------|
| Men             | 13 | } | Task      | 358.75 |
| Nursing Mothers | 14 |   |           |        |
| Women           | 49 |   |           |        |
| Children        | 34 |   |           |        |
|                 |    |   | Outturn   | 283 X  |
|                 |    |   | <hr/> 110 |        |

The reason of the short outturn is want of pick axes and Crowbars all of which are not yet arrived. This gang is breaking the Stone too small.

a queer complaint

Gang no 3.

|          |    |   |           |              |
|----------|----|---|-----------|--------------|
| Men      | 20 | } | Task      | cft<br>402.5 |
| Women    | 60 |   |           |              |
| Children | 30 |   |           |              |
|          |    |   | Actual    | 409.5        |
|          |    |   | <hr/> 110 |              |

Stone is too soft, and gang must be shifted to another part of the hill.

Gang no 4

Head Cooly not present;  
Said to be attacked by Cholera.

|                 |    |   |           |       |
|-----------------|----|---|-----------|-------|
| Men             | 16 | } | Task      | 376   |
| Nursing Mothers | 15 |   |           |       |
| Women           | 49 |   |           |       |
|                 |    |   | Outturn   | 267 X |
|                 |    |   | <hr/> 110 |       |

Gang no 5

Head Cooly had not mustered. As he was <sup>only</sup> appointed yesterday he is new to his work. This gang, and also 3, 4, 6 did not work on 9<sup>th</sup>, through a misunderstanding on the part of the paymaster.

|                 |    |   |           |        |
|-----------------|----|---|-----------|--------|
| Men             | 15 | } | Task      | 399.   |
| Nursing Mothers | 5  |   |           |        |
| Women           | 55 |   |           |        |
| Children        | 30 |   |           |        |
|                 |    |   | Outturn   | 253. X |
|                 |    |   | <hr/> 105 |        |

Gang no 6.

|          |    |   |           |             |
|----------|----|---|-----------|-------------|
| Men      | 20 | } | Task      | cft<br>400. |
| Women    | 59 |   |           |             |
| Children | 31 |   |           |             |
|          |    |   | Outturn   | 299. X      |
|          |    |   | <hr/> 110 |             |

Gang no 7.

|          |    |   |           |            |
|----------|----|---|-----------|------------|
| Men      | 17 | } | Task      | cft<br>378 |
| Women    | 55 |   |           |            |
| Children | 38 |   |           |            |
|          |    |   | Outturn   | 225 X      |
|          |    |   | <hr/> 110 |            |



Gang no 8

|                 |    |                           |                  |  |
|-----------------|----|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| Men             | 20 | } Task <sup>cft</sup> 395 | } outturn 290. X |  |
| Nursing Mothers | 8  |                           |                  |  |
| Women           | 53 |                           |                  |  |
| Children        | 30 |                           |                  |  |
| <hr/>           |    |                           |                  |  |
| 111             |    |                           |                  |  |

Gang no 9.

|                 |    |                                              |
|-----------------|----|----------------------------------------------|
| men             | 20 | } Task <sup>cft</sup> 395.<br>outturn 225. X |
| women           | 53 |                                              |
| nursing mothers | 5  |                                              |
| children        | 32 |                                              |
| <hr/>           |    |                                              |
| 110             |    |                                              |

Gang no 10.

|                 |    |   |      |            |             |   |
|-----------------|----|---|------|------------|-------------|---|
| Men             | 20 | } | Task | cft<br>425 | outturn 225 | X |
| Boys            | 9  |   |      |            |             |   |
| Nursing Mothers | 2  |   |      |            |             |   |
| Women           | 54 |   |      |            |             |   |
| Children        | 25 |   |      |            |             |   |
| <hr/>           |    |   |      |            |             |   |
| 110             |    |   |      |            |             |   |

This gang was only formed yesterday and did not do a full days work.

Gang no 11

|                 |    |   |                         |                           |
|-----------------|----|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Men             | 20 | } | Task <sup>cft</sup> 425 | Outturn 202. <del>X</del> |
| Boys            | 26 |   |                         |                           |
| Nursing mothers | 3  |   |                         |                           |
| Women           | 13 |   |                         |                           |
| Children        | 25 |   |                         |                           |
| <hr/>           |    |   |                         |                           |
| 87              |    |   |                         |                           |

This gang also was formed yesterday

Gang no 12.

|          |    |   |         |            |
|----------|----|---|---------|------------|
| Men      | 11 | } | Task    | cft<br>274 |
| women    | 6  |   |         |            |
| Children | 5  |   |         |            |
| <hr/>    |    |   | outturn | 48. X      |
| 22       |    |   |         |            |

This gang only commenced yesterday after noon, so a "D" wage will be paid, and the 48 cft Carried on to today's account.

The principal reason of the short outturn is that stone is not got with <sup>sufficient</sup> rapidity. The demand for tools from each Sub division is so great that a sufficiently rapid supply is impossible. There are not bandies sufficient in Berhampore to meet the demand, and it is almost impossible to estimate the number of laborers against whom provision must be made. For instance the number <sup>on</sup> of this work increased yesterday from 700 to 1200 and about 400 more came



this morning for admission.

A supply of pickaxes have arrived, and the laborer will now easily do the task.

Such a large number however cannot be retained on this work, as there is not a sufficient quantity of good stone procurable and the quantity of the estimate will soon be exceeded.

The Collector will therefore be asked to transfer a portion of the gangs to the Kunchili quarry where ballast is to be broken for the Railway.

Wage.

The B wage is allowed, calculated on a proportion of  $\frac{1}{2}$  rice to  $\frac{1}{2}$  ragi.

This gives a maximum wage of men 0-2-0

women 0-1-11.

and a minimum of

men 0-1-7.

women 0-1-4.

Seeing that in ordinary times a man's cooly is Rs 2 and a woman's Rs 1-4 to Rs 1-6, it is not singular that there

This is the sort of work that is often made. But the price at which food can be procured must also be considered. Rs

there is such a rush to the works, and such a very large proportion. Indeed as matters are going on now, we may expect nearly the whole District to be on famine Relief shortly.

Caste. Principally Reddikis Patis Dundassis and a few Urija Madis.

Villages. From Sompett — Boragam, and Kunchu Boragam ( $2\frac{3}{4}$  m) is the most distant from the work.

Condition Excellent. There are only a few in poor condition, and these would probably never be otherwise.

Work is generally started at 7.15, and attendance punctual. They work till 12, and then go to their villages until 2, after which work continues until 6.

Only a few (some 50) bring their meals to the work.

Shelter. The hill is rather exposed and it is impossible to find shade.



for all the gangs. Two sheds are provided, which are only occasionally used.

Water. There are 3 golla watermen and 3 water sheds. Water is obtained from a well near the Kitchen on the North side of the road.

A spot was selected by the Collector and a well is being sunk but, as we have gone down 16' with no sign of water and have got into stony soil, it probably will not prove a success.

Latrines. There are 2 latrines which are as usual little patronized, but no nuisance is allowed. For a newly started work, it is in very good order and systematically carried out. The gangs are too scattered, but the nature of the ground does not admit of much concentration.

W. M. N. S. R.

J. C. G.

Compd  
18/6/97

## Pinkabada Quarry.

Inspected on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1897.  
with Mr. Swaminath Aiyar,  
Sub Divisional Officer.  
About 2 miles from  
Mogulkottur quarry and  
one mile from the  
Sornpeta Road.

Breaking metal for the  
L. F. Department  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " gauges.  
Task 1.75 Cubic feet per  
unit.

Started as a Test work on  
7<sup>th</sup> June and converted  
into a Relief work on 12<sup>th</sup>.

The paymaster of Mogul-  
kottur quarry will also  
make payments here.  
On the day the work was  
opened 500 coolies attended  
and by tomorrow number  
will probably have reached  
1000.

Constitution.

D. Veerayya - suboverseer



in charge.

1. Sub mistry on Rs 6 per day.

5. Head Coolies on Rs 4 - do  
As soon as the numbers have increased storewatchers will be appointed.

Caste. Sigidiya (Toddy Brahmans)  
Gottas - Kalugis, no  
Utiyas up to date.

Villages. Jinkabhadra  
Punkili. } about 1  
Palacipuram } mile  
distant.

Water. There is an existing well at the West end of the hill, and another has been dug at the East end. Water supply is good, and is met with near the surface.

Four Utiya Brahmans have been appointed as water carriers and the necessary bamboo sports put up. These people all go away to take their food, and there is no need of a Bazaar. Two sheds have been

erected to shelter them, if necessary, during the heat of the day.

Payments. The "B" wage is paid, and is the same as that at Mogulhattur quarry, i.e.,

Maximum { Men - 0-2-0  
Women - 0-1-11.

Minimum { Men - 0-1-6  
Women - 0-1-4.

Minimum wage was paid on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

All gangs have been paid in full up to 10<sup>th</sup>, and one or two gangs for 11<sup>th</sup>. All will be paid up by 12 o'clock - today and payments will be made in future by the Revenue paymaster.

Condition of coolies.

In gang No. I there were some old people, whose condition may be called "fair". Probably in no year would they be any better. All the other coolies may be said to be in good condition. There has been no sickness.



Jin Kibhadea Hill quarry.

| Date | Gang   | Men | Nursing mothers | Women | Children | Total | Task Cufh. | Out turn Cufh. | Remarks.          |
|------|--------|-----|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|------------|----------------|-------------------|
|      | I      | 15  | 8               | 51    | 31       | 105   | 365        | 362            |                   |
|      | II     | 16  | 5               | 60    | 19       | 100   | 365        | 262            | ✓                 |
|      | III    | 26  | 2               | 53    | 25       | 106   | 417        | 234            | ✗                 |
|      | IV     | 40  | 0               | 35    | 23       | 98    | 442        | 247            | ✗                 |
|      | V      | 20  | 3               | 61    | 26       | 110   | -          | -              | only formed today |
|      | Totals | 117 | 18              | 260   | 124      | 519   |            |                |                   |

11th June.

Remarks on gangs No. I.

This gang had done a good outturn compared with their Task, although they do not appear to be as strong as the other gangs.

No. II.

There were not sufficient tools, and some of the men were also employed on clearing jungle etc.

No. III.

Short outturn due to above reasons. In forming a new gang some of the tools of No. III had to be utilized.

On 10th this gang turned out 379 Cufh against a task of 360.

Gang No. IV.

Short outturn due to above reasons, and also preponderance of men. more men there are the the outturn will be compared with the Task.

Gang No. V.

Only formed today.

There is no reason why full Task should not be performed. It is a fair one, and the people are willing. As soon as they have shaken down I have no doubt it will be turned out.

Probably the head coolies do not exercise sufficient supervision and in the first instance I have ordered that they should be fined for short work.

W.D. 10/6/1900  
By  
4.5



Mukibhadea Hill quarry.



Today

utilizing

On 10<sup>th</sup> this gang  
out 379 Cft against a  
task of 360.

Inspection notes of James R.  
books co Berhampore S.L. Division  
Ganjam Division 1-15<sup>th</sup> June 1907

1<sup>st</sup> June 1907  
Daily Chattrapon  
the Executive Engineer.

This work is under the Local  
Fund overseen Chattrapon  
Mahapatra, sent sent to P. W. D. and  
consists of deepening and clearing  
the drinking water tank of the  
Chattrapon Town. It was taken  
over as a Relief work on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
May from the Local Fund.

Work

The task exacted is 3.93 cft.  
per unit for a B. class wage.  
On the 29<sup>th</sup> May 439 men, 83 boys  
(between 12 & 16), 52 nursing mothers, 1085  
women and 384 children turned out  
18392 cft., the task to be done was  
17935 cft. The work for the 30<sup>th</sup> &  
31<sup>st</sup> was not measured up.

The task has been raised by  
the Executive Engineer to 4.5  
unit.

Family good as mentioned  
over, and means the  
the work can do  
very much higher task



"good condition. Some of the Haddi  
Caste were fat and inclined to  
be lazy. There were some Brahmans  
and Somanthas among the workers.

Payments were made in full up  
to the 29th May.

The Relief workers were being  
regauged according to their villages,  
as they were mixed up; and the  
time allowed for their coming  
to work i.e. one hour for every  $2\frac{1}{2}$   
miles distance from the work,  
could not be readily adjusted with  
a gang of mixed villages.

806 men, 153 nursing mothers, 9926 women  
428 children, total 2379 workers  
were present; they were formed  
into 26 gangs. 13 rated as B. class.  
and 13 as C. class.

They were paid up on the 3rd (Thurs-  
day) up to the 2nd. Thursday being  
a day no workers received  
that day as they

only about 10%  
received relief

payments.

4th June 1917.

At 16 Distry. R. H. C.  
Kalya Canal.

Struck the work during the week  
on the 2nd.

On the 2nd 644 men, 85 nursing mothers, 837 wo-  
men and 316 children, total 1882 -  
workers were present and turned  
out 967 cft. against 1401 required  
to be done. There were 187 depen-  
dents of Relief workers on the rolls.

7th June 1917.

Rudra Hill Quarry  
Ichapore

The work consists in breaking  
metal for the Local Fund; it was  
taken over from the Local Fund  
Department as a famine relief work  
on the 23rd May and opened as  
a regular Relief work on the 25th  
May. The work was taken over  
and opened as a Relief work  
by overseer Raghav Gangar  
of the regular S. Division who  
was relieved by overseer  
Ramanarayana Paudi from  
the Malabar S. Division.

Constitution

There are 70 gangs  
the 5 Head men



her men, 19 the Maistry, on  
 as 6.0 a day, and 78 head coolies,  
 on as 4.0 a day, besides 1 store  
 keeper on Rs 8 a month, 2 watch  
 men on Rs 5/ a month, 1 well-  
 watcher on Rs 5/ a month, 3 ton  
 men and 4 sweepers on as 2.0  
 a day. As the work is a large  
 one the overseer has been ordered  
 to appoint another Head Maistry  
 on Rs 15/ a month, to receive new  
 comers and draft them into  
 existing gangs or form them into  
 new ones; and a Head cooly to assist  
 him in taking measurements.  
 On the 7th 3 Head Maistry's gangs  
 were inspected.

The outturn was as follows:-

### I Head Maistry.

157 men, 56 boys, 12616, 31 nursing mothers,  
 887 women, 182 children, total 1313.  
 Work to be done 4152 cft; work done  
 4042

### Head Maistry

51 Boys, 813 women

190 c.

Work on the 8th

7th June 1901

1900 children = total 1239.

Work to be done = 4144 cft. work  
 done 3448 cft.

### II Head Maistry.

17 men, 87 boys, 2 nursing mothers

87 women 155 children = total 131

Work to be done 4422 cft. work done 4062  
 cft.

The task exacted is 1.5 cft. of  
 metal broken to 1/2" gauge per unit  
 for a B. Class. All coolies were  
 paid a B. Class wage for the  
 previous period. The rate of a  
 B. Class wage at half rate and  
 wage rates for the present week  
 is 2 as. 1 p. per man; and 1 as. 11 p.

The woman's wage is  
 most anomalous. At  
 ordinary times it is 1/2 A  
 below a man. In fact, in  
 the present case, by the  
 of a man.

which means that  
 so long as there is  
 any work, no cooly  
 will willingly leave  
 relief work.

per woman or a man is earning  
 1/2 p. more on a relief work than  
 he would get on any ordinary  
 work at the usual rates of  
 piece work.

### Payments.

They depend on piece  
 and relief work.

A laymaster is appointed  
 every 2 Head Maistry's gangs  
 On the 7th Coolies of Hd. Maistry



gangs I & II were paid up to  
the 31st and had consequently  
6 days' wages due to them; the  
paymaster was supposed to have  
started paymaster payment  
that morning but by 9 A.M. he  
had not arrived on the work.

Payments were started <sup>in</sup> the  
III Head Maistry gang and the  
Relief workers were being paid  
for the period 1st to 3rd.

The musters and extracts were  
all up to date except that in some  
rolls the work done had not been  
entered; the R.D. Maistry was res-  
ponsible for this.

Water is obtained from 3 wells  
about  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles distant from the work.  
Each gang deputes two of their  
number to fetch water, the pots  
being provided by us.

The Castes chiefly employed  
are + Idaricas, there are some  
+ and Malas and  
Some

Payment (cont.)

+ Telugu

Some 50000 Daudasies.

They come chiefly from the villages  
of Ichapore, Ballipada, Lodapada,  
Idapuram, Rattakamma, Telikur,  
Samaripaluker, and other villages,  
the last being the furthest west,  
i.e. 5 miles away.

The <sup>Relief</sup> workers do not live on the  
work and do not bring their de-  
pendants with them.

There were 3 cases of cholera  
among the coolies during the week;  
one man died on the work and the  
others were taken away to their  
villages.

On a large work like this i.e.  
7000 coolies, there ought to be  
a special medical subordinate  
and a temporary hospital shed.  
The overseer has been ordered  
to put up the latter, and the  
Collector and the Executive Engineer  
have been addressed regarding  
the former.

Since this was  
written Jagannathan  
Pundit, H.A. has  
been deputed to the  
work, pending  
appointment of  
another man.

11/5/24



Coolies of Head Maistry IV & V were 8th June 1917. 27  
 suspected.

Whole gangs were absent; one party  
 to a case of Cholera in the Lodaputy  
 village & Tuesday being a festi-  
 val day. On Monday Evening -  
 7th I saw a number of flame!!  
 Coolies going home to their villages  
 after payment with a smile on their  
 face and a bottle of frog in their  
 hands.

They are so  
 well paid that  
 they can afford  
 to leave  
 their  
 work.

In Head Maistry IV, gangs no. 49,  
 51, 58, 59, 62 & 64 were absent.

| Head Maistry Gang | Men | Boys 12-16 | Nursing women | Children | Total | work done | work done |
|-------------------|-----|------------|---------------|----------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Head Maistry I    | 120 | 23         | 3             | 319      | 70    | 535       | 1896 cft. |
| Head Maistry II   | 144 | 31         | 1             | 402      | 141   | 719       | 1961 cft. |
| Head Maistry III  | 262 | 35         | 5             | 660      | 164   | 1126      | 3959 cft. |
| Head Maistry IV   | 106 | 46         | 1             | 601      | 181   | 1015      | 2467 cft. |
|                   |     |            |               |          |       |           | 1817 cft. |
|                   |     |            |               |          |       |           | 1350 cft. |
|                   |     |            |               |          |       |           | 3356 cft. |
|                   |     |            |               |          |       |           | 1450 cft. |

The falling off is probably due also  
 to both being opened at Purusholte  
 nearly 3 miles away.

Payments were made last on  
 the 7th for the period 1918 3rd.  
 and then Saturday dole of the 5th.  
 Saturday being the market day  
 is the off day.

On the 8th Gangs of Head Maistry  
 I & II were sent to break  
 ballast at the Ichapore -  
 Station Hill Quarry for the East  
 Coast Railway. Gang of Head  
 Maistry III was sent on to  
 deepen and clear the Krishna  
 Sagaram drinking water tank  
 of Ichapore. IV and V were re-  
 gauged under one Head Maistry  
 and left at Andro Hill Quarry.

9th June 1917.  
 With Mr. Ing.

Purusholte Hill Quarry  
 at junction of Chikali Road  
 with the Baranpore Ichapore  
 Road. The work consists in  
 breaking ballast for the East  
 Coast Railway.

Overseer Greeniasakorn in  
 charge. It was started at  
 last both on the 7th.



there are 11 gangs under total  
maestros & 11 Head Cooks the  
other establishments consisting  
1 Store Keeper on Rs 5 per mensem  
and one Caphal man on Rs 5/.

The overseer had also appointed  
4 peons to keep the coolies from  
wandering away from the work;  
these were despatched with.

The task is 1.75 cfl. of metal  
broken to a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gauge per met  
unit for a B. Class. The wage  
for a B. Class this week is the  
same as at Ichapore viz 0.2.1  
per man & 0.1.11 per woman

Work.

On the 8th gang No. 6 was absent ~~on the 8th~~  
owing to cholera in the village

| Gangs   | Men | Wom<br>Sing<br>Mothers | Wom<br>men | Child<br>ren | Total | Work<br>done<br>cfl. | Work done<br>cfl. |
|---------|-----|------------------------|------------|--------------|-------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 to 5  | 112 | 29                     | 271        | 61           | 473   | 1915                 | 1077              |
| 7 to 11 | 91  | 13                     | 256        | 71           | 432   | 1691                 | 810               |

Relief workers are generally in  
from; their castes are

Constitution

chiefly Reddies, there are  
some Gollabs, and some  
Dandasis & Bauris.

No payments were made yet.  
Water is at present obtained  
from a well  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile off.

The work was shifted to the  
north side of the hill, where  
there is better stacking ground  
and a gang was sent on to dig  
a well in the drinking water  
tank close by.

12th June 1911

No. 7 Distributary

Relief works were started at  
Dipily; the work consists of ex-  
tending No. 7 Distributary Kushi-  
kalya Canal. Supervisor Mr.  
Sontwein being in charge. The  
first  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile was found to have  
been used as a <sup>burning</sup> ground  
for ~~charcoal~~ cholera corpses; one  
body was found lying unburied  
with the vultures at it. The work  
was started  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile lower down



The Cash was fixed at 9 cts. per unit for a B. Class wage.  
Mr. Hutcheon's subsequent report showed 334 men, 353 women, 11 nursing mothers and 915 children being present on the day. Total 916.

There was a heavy storm on the afternoon of the 12th and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch rain fell.

Relief works at Boirani last Boirani inspected on 22.5.97. The work consists of rebreaking metal stacked along the road which is not broken to the proper size & excavating wells along the road side. The spreading and consolidating had not started.

There are 15 gangs under the 1 Head Maistry, 4 Sub Maistry, and 15 Head Coolies. There are also 4 watchmen one for the wells and three others for the

13th June 97.  
Kallikola Boirani Road.

Constitution

## Work.

I am sorry to say that the Patch overseer Mr. Patch was found to be utterly useless & more stupid than any subordinate I have met. To add to his difficulties & disadvantages he is deaf, & can only speak Tamil.

There being no one to see to the work, I have been obliged to do it myself. Why not dismiss him?

## Payments

The work was converted into a Relief work on the 10th from which date the Revenue Department will be responsible for payments. A Paymaster has come for the work yet.

The Coolies were paid, <sup>last</sup> up to the 5th and had payments from the 6th due to them. The overseer had no money as he had

Wells. and one Tom-Tom man on Rs 4/- a month.

I could get no information about the work as owing to his "misfortune and bad days" the Patch was found drunk, the only information I could get from him was that there was Cholera all round and that the Coolies would not work. The outturn of metal broke was very poor, but the stones were broken to proper gauge and were of fairly hard quality.



13<sup>th</sup> June 1917

his Imprest account, nor had he informed me that he had run short of money. His clerk also having an attack of Cholera left him. Mr Patch can speak neither a word of Telugu or Oriya, but only Tamil and consequently was in rather a bad way. I obtained money from the Purneshottapore Treasury and my Senior Sub. Dy. Clerk <sup>Up. Colais</sup> paid ~~them~~ up for the period 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> on the 14<sup>th</sup>. From the 10<sup>th</sup> the Dy. Tahsildar at Purneshottapore will have to make arrangements.

The coolies are all in good condition, and there are no cases of Cholera among them; although Cholera was prevalent in the village of Boiracui a mile from the work. They were only paid minimum wage for the period 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> for the short outturn of work. The Medical Assistant was present

Condition

present during my inspection of the work and suggested Feltex for the water used by the Relief workers.

15<sup>th</sup> June 1917.

Mukundapore  
Quarry.

Inspected last on 19. 5. 17  
There are two Head Maistry-gangs working here now. Head Maistry gang No I divided into 4 Sub Maistry's gangs and 16 Hd. Cooly gangs.

The condition of the workers is fair, some are in good condition and some show signs of falling off, not what they ought to be after being on a Relief-work for a month and a half.

There is one weak gang No 16 which is rated as C. class.

Head Maistry II has two Sub Maistry's gangs and which are divided into 8 Head Cooly gangs.

The condition of the workers in II gang is not so good.



as in I Gang. But they work harder and generally turn out better work.

The task has been reduced from 1.45 to 1.5 cft. of metal - broken to 1 1/2 gauge per unit for a 15 class. But the workers still turn out barely half the task, their excuse being that they are not regularly paid & are too weak to work.

The work done on the 14th by each of the Ministry gang.

| Men | Boys  | Harbour | Women | Children | Work to be done | Work done |
|-----|-------|---------|-------|----------|-----------------|-----------|
|     | 12-16 | 16-18   |       |          | cft.            | cft.      |
| 79  | 49    | 16      | 50    | 50       | 882             | 423       |
| 95  | 0     | 10      | 101   | 77       | 901             | 490       |
| 78  | 0     | 8       | 121   | 58       | 864             | 314       |
| 101 | 26    | 18      | 63    | 48       | 891             | 316       |

Work.

This is a very miserable. The task must be snatched & of minimum wage only paid. The coolies are simply making a nuisance, not a misfortune of relief. 70% of them are high up in the work by the 14th.

I HD Maistry.

(1) Sub Maistry Gang 4 5-8

(2) " " 9-12

(3) " " 13-16

II HD Maistry.

(1) Sub Maistry 1-4 5-8

(2) " " 5-8

II HD Maistry. { Gang No 9 stopped work on the 9th. 7th. and Gang No 10

Make a pore

Heavy/Contd. No I HD Maistry gang. Payments. Gangs 1 to 4 and gangs 11 to 16 over

The following has been addressed. Payments are made in a regular way. Gangs 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 are paid last on the 11th up to the 6th & had wages from 7th to 14th due to them. Gangs 1 to 4 and gangs 11 to 16 over paid last on 11th up to the 6th & had wages from 7th to 14th due to them. Gangs 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 are paid last on the 11th up to the 6th & had wages from 7th to 14th due to them. Gangs 1 to 4 and gangs 11 to 16 over paid last on 11th up to the 6th & had wages from 7th to 14th due to them.

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The paymasters here are hopeless, they are either not able to do the work or are unwilling to do so. The paymaster for this work has been sent to Durgam & clear off the arrears there, as the paymaster there bolted on the first outbreak of cholera and the Dy. Tahsildar and his clerk are trying to clear off the arrears here. The only man who scores is the local & Bunniah.



on the strength of so many days' wages due to them, advances loans and grain to the Relief workers. Its simplicity of interest being all comprised in one golden sentence "Two pence for every half penny" which greatly simplifies accounts.

There were no deaths from Cholera among the Relief workers although Cholera is prevalent also @ Purnahotta pore. I find this generally to be the case on all Relief works and the result is probably due to open air, fairly hard work, and good water.

The Muster Rolls and extracts were up to date and fairly neatly kept. The

work.

work done was not entered in some Muster Rolls.

Camp Dewigam }  
Dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 1917. }  
Assl. Engr. }  
Berhampore B.P. }  
M. B. C. }  
22/6/17

Hml  
20/6/17





It is a Relief works  
Inspection notes  
1-15 of Jan 97 of  
Perthampore and Dr.  
officer.  
Gampin Division

No 73271

Forwarded to the  
Mr. Mr. Jang and  
Division. The Deputy

Asst. Secy  
21.6.97

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Statement showing the distribution of Officers and Upper Subordinate employees in Territorial works in the Tamil Nadu.

| Division   | Rank of Officers | Rank of work | Amount of Estimate<br>Number of Coolies | Remarks     |
|------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Tamil Nadu | Rank of Officers | Rank of work | 799                                     |             |
| Tamil Nadu | Rank of Officers | Rank of work | 1601                                    |             |
| Tamil Nadu | Rank of Officers | Rank of work | 1157                                    |             |
| Tamil Nadu | Rank of Officers | Rank of work | 1700                                    | Apprentice. |
| Tamil Nadu | Rank of Officers | Rank of work | 1028                                    |             |
| Tamil Nadu | Rank of Officers | Rank of work | 2358                                    |             |
| Tamil Nadu | Rank of Officers | Rank of work | 918                                     |             |

All names of the  
 Sub Divisional Officers  
 are in the list.





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**Statement Showing distribution of officers and Subordinates employed on Junior Relief works in the 1st Circle 1<sup>st</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June 1917.**

| Division     | Names of officers             | Names of Subordinates | Names of works        | No. of permanent employees | Estimated cost | Remarks |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Sub Division | Sub Conductor E. Shum Sub-Div |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 71200                      | 757            |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | - Do - Do -           | 900                        | 809            |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 1000                       |                |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 14854                      | 885            |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 8950                       | 2288           |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 80000                      | 790            |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 4040                       | 2747           |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 1546                       | 777            |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 26980                      | 880            |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 2481                       |                |         |
| Sub Division | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 2500                       |                |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 13200                      | 916            |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 900                        |                |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 2481                       |                |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 2500                       |                |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 13200                      | 916            |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 900                        |                |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 2481                       |                |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 2500                       |                |         |
|              | M R R Ganesa Das              |                       | At Nicole Barani Road | 13200                      | 916            |         |

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Remarks

\* Excludes the No. 2  
the Santhapane quarry which  
has not been reported.

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W.C. De Morgan Esq. M. I. C. E.  
Executive Engineer  
Ganjam Division

To

The Superintending Engineer  
1st Circle.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward  
the inspection Notes as per margin on  
Lamine works inspected

1. Inspection Notes of  
Puru Shottapen Hill Quarry in the period 1-15 June for  
your perusal and trans-  
mission to the Chief Engineer.
2. Do - Rudra Quarry at  
Itchapur.
3. Do - Jinkibadra Quarry.
4. Do - Mogali Kothur Quarry.
5. Do - Jm. Lacey Esq. Ber-  
hampore Sub D. Officer.
6. Statement showing distribution  
of officers Super Sub-  
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Sub D. & Abstract.

Generally speaking  
the Coolies are in excellent  
Condition in fact it is  
only those in the weak  
gangs who can really  
be said to be in poor Con-  
dition. Nearly all the  
others are fit to work on Piecework  
System and in my opinion ought to  
be doing so.

3. The great number that  
have come to the work is

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no doubt to the high wages they receive, and the great <sup>degree</sup> unity with which they are treated. B class coolies receive from Annas 2/1 per man to annas 1/11 or 1/10 and woman 1/11 to 1/10.

4. Take for example the Kavik Quarry which I last inspected on the 25<sup>th</sup> distant

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| The rates of grain were      | Rice              | 9. 10  |
|                              | Ragi              | 11. 30 |
|                              | of 80 Totas A. P. |        |
| The wages for the A Class is | M.                | 2. 1   |
|                              | W.                | 1. 11  |
| Do — B — D                   | M.                | 1. 11  |
|                              | W.                | 1. 10  |
| The minimum wage being       | M.                | 1. 5   |
|                              | W.                | 1. 4.  |

5. In an ordinary Season, the Govern-ment wage would be annas 2 for a man and as 1.6 for a woman Cooly per day; while natives pay probably considerably less. In fact on an average they would earn about the minimum wage.

Bread that is in the ordinary season when they could get more than twice as much grain for the same amount.

6. The remarkable point in this calculation of wages is the close approximation of the man and woman's wage. Under ordinary circumstances, the woman's wage is

Cannot be helped. The wage is the price of grain necessary for subsistence.

is at least pie 6 ( $\frac{1}{2}$  anna) less than the man's. By famine wages calculation, there is only a difference of  $\frac{1}{12}$  of an anna between the two.

7. Under these circumstances it is not singular that Coolies especially women throng to any work, in a most embarrassing way, and can afford to absent themselves when it suits them to do so.

8. The tasks are reasonable, but it is very difficult to exact them fully. In fact it is a rarity to find one task in a gang fully performed.

9. The rules as to fining, although they may look well on paper, render it difficult to inflict fines and the Coolies are quite aware of this. Moreover, as a Cooly may not receive less than a minimum wage and the minimum wage in many cases is as much as the daily wage in an ordinary year, he can idle or work just he feels disposed with comparative impunity.

The minimum wage is less than half the price of the grain necessary for subsistence. The ordinary wage has in ordinary years.

10. It is however some say



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