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[Despatch Abstract.]

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SUBJECT.

Relief Works: Communicating to the Supty: Engr. I Circle, Pros. Financial Dept Statement the Accountant General has already been requested to place a sum of 1.12 lakh at the disposal of the Collr of Kanara for famine relief passing orders on Application from the Board of Revenue for allotment of funds in Connection with certain works.

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G.O., No. 450, 4th June 1897.

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Relief Charges.

Stating that the Accountant-General has already been requested to place a sum of 1·12 lakh at the disposal of the Collector of Ganjám for expenditure on famine relief, and passing orders on the application of the Board of Revenue for allotment of funds in connection with certain works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

G.O., No. 320, Revenue, dated 12th May 1897.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 28th April 1897, No. 324:—

Read—telegrams from the Collector of Ganjám, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatrapur, 19th and 20th April 1897.

Read—letter from H. D. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjám, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatrapur, 16th April 1897, Dis. No. 320-F.

Read—letter from H. D. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjám, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatrapur, 20th April 1897, C. No. 719-F.

Resolution—dated 28th April 1897, No. 324.

Submitted to Government.

2. In the papers read above, the Collector of Ganjám submits proposals for starting relief works in the district, and requests sanction for the same and allotment of funds therefor. He also applies for funds for gratuitous and other relief purposes, and requests further that sanction may be accorded for the expenditure actually incurred on account of "famine relief" in 1896–97.

3. The relief works proposed to be started and the funds required for them are—

	Amount of estimate.	Funds now applied for.
	Rs.	Rs.
(*a*) Surplus channel from Rushikulya canal below Chatrapur road	6,000	6,000
(*b*) Silt clearing in Chilka lake canal	5,500	5,500
(*c*) Construction of Kallikóta and Boirani road	71,240	12,000
(*d*) Breaking ballast for East Coast Railway	80,000	15,000
		38,500

The first three are Public Works Department works, and of these estimates for (*a*) and (*b*) have not yet been sanctioned. Item (*b*) is stated to be not very suitable for relief work, but is apparently the only work available in a badly affected tract. Item (*c*) is a sanctioned work, for which a sum of Rs. 15,000 has been allotted for the current year, part of which has already been spent, and the Collector estimates that Rs. 12,000 more will be required. It is requested that the Public Works Department may be directed to start these works as relief works and that the necessary funds may be allotted.

4. The fourth work mentioned above is the one referred to in the correspondence ending with G.O., No. 210, Revenue, dated 26th March 1897. The East Coast Railway seems to have provided Rs. 17,500 for the work in its budget for the current year. The requirements of the railway in this and future years embrace, however, work costing Rs. 80,000 at ordinary rates, and the Collector requests an allotment of Rs. 15,000 for expenditure in April and May, which may be sanctioned. The Board considers that this, as well as other relief works in the district should be placed under the control of the Public Works Department, the staff of that department being strengthened for the purpose as early as possible. Meanwhile, the Collector will require an allotment of, say, Rs. 10,000, to cover the cost of works which will be carried out by other agency until the Public Works Department takes over charge. Any unspent balance will be transferred to the Public Works Department with the charge of the works.

5. As regards the funds required for gratuitous and other relief operations, the Collector's application covers only the requirements for the month of April. Considering, however, the amount of expenditure estimated under these heads in the Board's Proceedings, printed in G.O., No. 147, Revenue, dated 9th March 1897, the Board thinks that the following sums may be placed at the disposal of the Collector at once:—

	Rs.
Gratuitous relief	50,000
Weavers' do.	25,000
Establishments	25,000
Total ...	1,00,000

The sum of Rs. 2,000 required for loans for purchase of seed grain may also be sanctioned.

6. The actual expenditure in 1896–97 under "Famine relief" is reported to be only Rs. 3,364–5–8 as against an estimate of Rs. 22,000 (*vide* Board's Proceedings printed in G.O., No. 147, Revenue, dated 9th March 1897). The short expenditure was due to the fact that hardly any relief works were found necessary during the year, that relief to weavers was not started till after the close of the year and that gratuitous relief was administered on a limited scale. The actuals quoted include a sum of Rs. 806–4–7, which, the Collector states, is the excess over the normal cost of the Local Fund works undertaken as a test work by the Local Fund staff and which is therefore, under paragraph 5-I of the Government of India's Resolution, communicated with G.O., No. 750, dated 26th December 1896, debitable to famine relief; but it seems, however, doubtful whether, under the terms of G.O., No. 133, Financial, dated 8th February 1897, the refund to the Local Fund proposed by the Collector is necessary.

7. It is requested that the orders of Government on these Proceedings may be communicated to the Collector by wire.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Ganjám.

Order—No. 320, Revenue, dated 12th May 1897.

Miscellaneous.

The recommendations of the Board of Revenue are approved. Orders will issue in the Financial Department for placing at the Collector's disposal a sum of Rs. 1,12,000 as particularized below for expenditure on famine relief in 1897–98:—

	Rs.
Gratuitous relief	50,000
Weavers' do.	25,000
Establishments	25,000
Expenditure on works prior to being taken over by the Public Works Department	10,000
Seed-grain advances	2,000
Total ..	1,12,000

2. An allotment of Rs. 38,500 will also be sanctioned in the Financial Department for the four works mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings. All relief works in the district will be carried out by the Public Works Department.

3. Sanction is accorded for the expenditure of Rs. 2,558-1-1 incurred in 1896-97 and detailed in statement No. 1 appended to the Collector's letter of the 16th April 1897. The adjustment of the accounts between Local and Provincial suggested in paragraph 5 of this letter will be considered later on.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
„ Financial Department.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Accountant-General.
„ Local and Municipal Department.

Telegram from the Chief Secretary to Government, to the Accountant-General, dated 15th May 1897.

Number 352. Place one lakh twelve thousand rupees at disposal Collector, Ganjám, for famine relief.

Endorsement to Public Works Department, dated 15th May 1897.
„ of „ „ „ 26th „ „

ORDER—No. 450, Financial, dated 4th June 1897.

The Accountant-General has already been requested in telegram, No. 352, dated 15th May 1897, to place a sum of 1·12 lakh at the disposal of the Collector of Ganjám for expenditure on famine relief.

2. As regards the four works referred to in paragraph 2 of the Revenue Department proceedings read above, allotments of ·05 lakh, ·02 lakh and ·10 lakh will, it has been ascertained, be provided by the Public Works Department under *33. Famine Relief* for items (*a*) Surplus channel from Rushikulya canal below Chatrapur road, (*b*) Silt-clearing in Chilka lake canal, and (*d*) Breaking ballast for East Coast Railway, respectively. The Board requires on these accounts a total assignment of ·265 lakh, but a further allotment is not at present feasible and the application should be renewed later on.

3. For the item (*c*) Construction of Kallikota and Boirani road, on account of which the Board asks for a sum of ·12, there is no provision in the estimates under *33. Famine Relief*. It would be premature at the present stage to make re-appropriation and the expenditure will be covered hereafter, if necessary.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Famine Commissioner.
„ Accountant-General.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following:-

Proceedings of Government in the Financial Department No. 450 dated 4th June 1897.

Copy attached.

Order thereon No. 1919 W dt 15.7.97

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer I Circle with reference to G.O.No. 1325 W dated 10th May 1897.

2. The allotments referred to in paragraph 2 of the Proceedings quoted above, have been provided in the budget estimate for 1897-98 under "33. Famine Relief".

3. A sum of Rs. 31,034 has been provided in the current year's Provincial Civil Works Budget for the Kallikota-Boirani road, as an ordinary public work. The question of making a reappropriation under "33. Famine Relief" will, as decided in para 3 of the Proceedings in the Financial Department, be deferred for the present.

(True Extract)

C. W. Gardiner.
Under Secretary to Government.

The Superintending Engineer I Circle.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Consltg. Engineer for Railways.
,, Examiner, P.W. Accounts.
,, Financial Department.
,, Revenue Department.