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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
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SEASON REPORT FOR MAY 1897.

SECTION I.—Statement showing the average fall of rain in each district during the month of May 1897 and also the total fall from 1st April 1897 up to the month, compared with the corresponding figures of the preceding year and with the averages of the 25 years ending 1894-95.

Districts.	AVERAGE RAINFALL FORTY-TWO YEARS ENDING 1894-95.		1896-97.		1897-98.			
	In the month.	From 1st April up to the month.	In the month.		From 1st April up to the month.	In the month.	From 1st April up to the month.	
			Number of rainy days.	Rainfall.		Number of rainy days.	Rainfall.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	INCHES.	INCHES.		INCHES.	INCHES.		INCHES.	INCHES.
1. Ganjam	2.59	3.44	4	1.88	2.76	3	1.30	2.02
2. Vizagapatam	2.73	3.52	4	2.20	2.73	5	3.42	4.05
3. Gódvári	3.32	4.83	4	2.38	3.60	5	2.36	4.06
4. Kistna	1.75	2.09	1	0.81	0.92	5	2.88	3.25
5. Kurnool	1.52	1.80	1	0.69	0.77	2	1.54	1.88
6. Bellary	1.38	1.79	2	1.07	1.52	3	1.53	2.09
7. Anantapur	1.92	2.51	4	2.06	2.20	4	1.88	2.86
8. Cuddapah	2.19	2.72	4	2.49	2.75	2	1.25	1.64
9. Nellore	1.86	2.24	3	1.67	1.90	2	1.17	1.17
10. Madras	1.39	1.61	1	0.70	0.84	2	1.42	1.43
11. Chingleput	2.11	2.73	..	..	..	1	0.18	0.25
12. South Arcot	2.03	2.38	1	0.16	0.16	1	0.84	1.00
13. North Arcot	2.51	3.12	2	0.84	0.84	3	1.87	2.28
14. Salem	2.83	3.81	4	2.21	2.21	3	1.88	2.09
15. Coimbatore	4.09	5.18	5	2.91	2.93	8	4.75	5.19
16. Trichinopoly	3.38	5.20	5	2.52	2.78	7	4.42	5.80
17. Tanjore	3.16	4.41	5	2.77	2.82	4	4.46	5.26
18. Madura	2.28	3.15	1	0.66	0.76	2	1.56	2.54
19. Tinnevely	2.23	4.10	4	2.21	2.62	3	2.03	4.25
20. Nilgiris	1.62	3.42	3	1.71	2.25	1	0.77	5.41
21. Malabar	5.47	8.88	5	2.69	3.52	9	5.20	9.51
22. South Canara	8.49	11.78	9	7.49	10.01	7	6.16	10.10
	6.80	8.28	7	5.78	7.81	5	3.76	5.61

* Average of 80 years ending 1892.

River freshes.—The Gódvári 5.5 feet over the upper sill of Dowleishwaram lock and the Kistna 3.1 feet below the anicut. Fair in Tanjore. Slight in Ganjam, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, South Arcot, North Arcot, Salem and Coimbatore. *Nil* elsewhere.

Supply to tanks.—Fair in parts of Coimbatore. Sufficient in Tanjore. Insufficient or slight in the Circars, Bellary, Anantapur, Nellore, South Arcot, North Arcot and Trichinopoly. *Nil* elsewhere.

SECTION II.—Statement showing the extent of cultivation (Government and Minor Inam) for the month of May 1897.

Districts.	IN THE MONTH.		UP TO THE MONTH.				UP TO THE MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.				AVERAGE OF THE FIVE PREVIOUS YEARS INCLUDING LAST YEAR FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD.			
	First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.	
	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
Ganjam	ACS. 451	ACS. 768	ACS. 616	ACS. 807	ACS. 614	ACS. 774	ACS. 584	ACS. 818	ACS. 592	ACS. 1,416	ACS. 911	ACS. 19	ACS. 83	ACS. 12
Vizagapatam	ACS. 65	ACS. 39	ACS. 331	ACS. 479	ACS. 436	ACS. 1,079	ACS. 436	ACS. 8,228	ACS. 1,288	ACS. 3,919	ACS. 125	ACS. 62	ACS. 62	ACS. 12
Gódvári	ACS. 134	ACS. 159	ACS. 465	ACS. 638	ACS. 6510	ACS. 2,987	ACS. 6,510	ACS. 1,142	ACS. 570	ACS. 3,399	ACS. 3,755	ACS. 62	ACS. 62	ACS. 12
Kistna	ACS. 7,604	ACS. 2,422	ACS. 7,604	ACS. 2,422	ACS. 8,150	ACS. 4,129	ACS. 8,150	ACS. 4,129	ACS. 570	ACS. 3,399	ACS. 3,755	ACS. 62	ACS. 62	ACS. 12
Kurnool	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..
Bellary	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..
Anantapur	ACS. 2,149	ACS. 304	ACS. 2,149	ACS. 304	ACS. 2,621	ACS. 2,030	ACS. 2,621	ACS. 2,030	ACS. 1,065	ACS. 1,230	ACS. 1,239	ACS. 1,239	ACS. 1,239	ACS. 1,239
Cuddapah	ACS. 4,475	ACS. 1,419	ACS. 4,475	ACS. 1,419	ACS. 5,919	ACS. 3,867	ACS. 5,919	ACS. 3,867	ACS. 10,815	ACS. 10,277	ACS. 9,488	ACS. 9,488	ACS. 9,488	ACS. 9,488
Total	ACS. 5,894	ACS. 4,273	ACS. 5,894	ACS. 4,273	ACS. 7,805	ACS. 5,503	ACS. 7,805	ACS. 5,503	ACS. 10,815	ACS. 10,277	ACS. 9,488	ACS. 9,488	ACS. 9,488	ACS. 9,488

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SECTION III.—Statement showing the average prices of the principal food-grains and salt for the month of May 1897.

NUMBER OF SEERS OF 80 TOLAS PER RUPEE.															
Districts.	Second-sort rice.			Cholam.			Cumbu.			Ragi.			Salt.		
	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of the five years ending 1899-00.
Circars.	11-0	10-7	17-7	..	..	..	17-0	15-6	28-7	15-3	16-7	13-3	11-8	11-9	13-1
	9-9	9-6	15-3	..	..	..	15-0	16-7	26-8	14-7	14-8	14-8	12-2	12-2	13-1
	10-2	9-9	16-4	16-7	14-9	27-0	12-9	13-0	22-2	16-7	16-1	14-1	11-5	11-4	11-5
	10-5	10-0	14-7	14-2	12-9	22-8	12-2	12-2	23-9	16-1	15-4	15-4	12-4	12-4	12-7
	9-3	9-0	13-0	13-2	12-9	27-9	12-2	12-2	23-9	16-1	15-4	15-4	11-9	11-7	12-1
Decan.	8-9	8-8	12-4	12-1	12-0	28-4	..	..	..	14-6	14-9	14-9	11-4	11-7	12-1
	9-5	9-4	14-1	13-9	13-5	30-9	14-1	14-1	26-5	17-4	17-0	17-0	12-0	12-0	11-8
	8-9	8-8	14-1	14-3	14-1	28-8	13-0	12-7	28-5	17-7	17-7	17-7	12-2	12-2	12-4
	10-4	10-3	14-3	15-5	15-3	24-8	13-0	12-8	22-4	17-6	17-0	17-0	12-7	12-7	13-2
	10-5	10-3	12-5	12-8	11-0	20-5	..	..	..	16-4	16-4	16-4	12-3	12-3	13-4
Carnatic.	12-0	11-4	15-8	..	..	20-0	..	..	19-4	16-3	16-5	16-5	12-0	12-0	12-5
	13-3	12-3	16-2	..	..	..	20-3	19-1	28-0	20-6	19-6	19-6	12-7	12-7	12-6
	11-2	11-0	15-2	16-1	16-2	26-1	16-5	16-2	25-3	18-2	18-2	18-2	12-6	12-6	12-6
	11-3	10-8	14-1	17-1	17-3	25-3	18-5	17-7	24-5	21-4	20-6	20-6	13-3	13-3	13-6
	11-1	10-7	13-1	16-5	16-4	22-5	19-8	18-7	25-8	20-3	20-0	20-0	12-1	12-1	12-2
Central.	11-7	11-1	14-5	18-6	16-8	35-8	22-6	20-0	25-3	22-7	20-7	20-7	12-4	12-3	12-7
	12-6	11-5	14-9	19-3	16-8	35-8	22-6	20-0	25-3	22-7	20-7	20-7	12-4	12-3	12-7
	12-9	11-7	14-9	19-3	16-8	35-8	22-6	20-0	25-3	22-7	20-7	20-7	12-4	12-3	12-7
	12-9	11-7	14-9	19-3	16-8	35-8	22-6	20-0	25-3	22-7	20-7	20-7	12-4	12-3	12-7
	12-9	11-7	14-9	19-3	16-8	35-8	22-6	20-0	25-3	22-7	20-7	20-7	12-4	12-3	12-7
Southern	11-7	11-0	13-8	17-6	16-6	24-4	18-7	16-6	26-1	22-2	20-0	20-0	12-6	12-7	13-6
	8-8	8-6	10-9	..	..	..	..	..	..	17-2	18-6	18-6	13-6	13-6	14-1
	10-2	9-5	12-9	..	..	..	..	..	..	19-5	19-5	19-5	10-4	10-1	11-1
	10-4	10-3	13-9	..	..	..	..	..	..	19-5	19-5	19-5	11-7	11-7	12-0
	10-4	10-3	13-9	..	..	..	..	..	..	19-5	19-5	19-5	13-8	13-6	13-8
West Coast.	11-0	10-3	13-9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	10-4	10-3	13-9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	10-4	10-3	13-9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	10-4	10-3	13-9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	10-4	10-3	13-9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

CONDITION OF THE MARKET.

Compared with the previous month, the price of *rice, second sort*, rose throughout the Presidency, and was especially marked in Ganjam, Kistna, Chingleput, South Arcot, Salem, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Madura, Tinnevely and Malabar. There was, with the exception of few districts, a general rise in the price of the *staple dry food-grains* also, most marked in the case of cholam in Gódvári, Kistna, Trichinopoly and Tinnevely; in the case of cumbu in Vizagapatam, South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Madura and Tinnevely; and in the case of ragi in Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Gódvári, Kistna, Kurnool, Nellore, South Arcot, Salem, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Madura, Tinnevely and the Nilgiris. The price of *salt* was generally stationary.

Compared with the averages of ten normal years previous to 1895-96, the prices of all the grains continued high throughout the Presidency. The price of dry grains was, as a rule, in the northern half of the Presidency, nearly twice the normal.

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The statements read above, showing the rainfall, cultivation and prices of food-grains and of salt in the several districts of the Presidency during May 1897, will be published.

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