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2. With reference to its remarks in paras 3 (2) of the R.O. and 3 (7), the attention of the Board is drawn to G.O. no 11 dated 7-1-97.

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

READ—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 5th November 1896, Mis. No. 5506.

ABSTRACT.—Recording Government Order, Revenue Department, stating that the time has arrived when it is necessary that the Commissioner should visit the affected districts.

RESOLUTION—dated 1st January 1897, No. 1.

The programmes of famine relief works for the year 1896-97 received from the Collectors of Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur and Bellary were submitted to Government, with the Proceedings of the Board noted on the margin. Relief works having been since opened in parts of those districts owing to the unfavourable character of the season, the Collectors were, in Board's Proceedings, No. 1931 R., dated 17th December 1896, called upon to submit revised quarterly statements as required by section 49 of the Famine Code; and the first batch of the statements are due by the 1st week of this month. With a view to ascertain how far revision of the programmes had been effected in the affected districts and how far the works included in them would be suitable to present requirements, the Commissioner took the opportunity of his recent tour in the districts to examine the Collectors' programmes, and the results of his examination are given below.

2. *Cuddapah*.—The revision of the programme for Cuddapah not having been completed, no detailed criticism could be made. The Collector has been instructed to arrange the several works talukwar and to see if they will suffice to engage 20 per cent. of the population. It is not likely that the whole number will come on at once, nor will all of them attend at all; but, nevertheless, it is necessary to be prepared for any sudden emergency. From the programme submitted to Government in April last, it will be seen that works, costing in all Rs. 27,98,149, were proposed as shown below, and these works were expected to give employment to 24.75 per cent. of the population of the district for a period of three months. But estimates have as yet been prepared only for works costing much less than half the above amount.

Class of works.	Cost of works sanctioned.	Cost of works for which estimates are ready.	Cost of works for which estimates are not ready.	Total cost.
I. Irrigation— (1) Major (2) Minor	Rs. 1,43,080 ..	Rs. 64,196 1,50,380	Rs. 8,88,984 95,132	Rs. 10,96,260 2,45,512
Total ..	1,43,080	2,14,576	9,84,116	13,41,772
II. Roads ..	..	7,70,515	3,73,830	11,44,645
III. Forest works ..	..	8,200	1,10,120	1,18,320
IV. Miscellaneous ..	..	16,577	* 1,76,835	* 1,93,412
Total ..	..	7,95,592	6,60,785	14,56,377
Grand Total ..	1,43,080	10,10,168	16,44,901	27,98,149

* Includes Rs. 1,66,375 on account of loans under the Land Improvement Loans Act, &c.

(1) Out of a total number of 26 new major irrigation works and 67 old works to be repaired included in the programme costing an aggregate sum of Rs. 10,96,260, only 3 of the former and 14 of the latter have been sanctioned, the total cost being Rs. 1,43,080. Estimates have been prepared for a further sum of Rs. 64,196. For the three affected taluks of Jammalamadugu, Pulivendla and Proddatur, the programme includes works costing Rs. 3,34,694 as shown below. None of the works in the Proddatur and Pulivendla taluks have been sanctioned, while in Jammalamadugu only one new work estimated at Rs. 2,850, and repairs estimated to cost Rs. 630, have been sanctioned. This state of things clearly shows that the Public Works Department has not done much in the investigation of, and in the preparation of estimates for, large irrigation works, notwithstanding that the Famine Code requires that primary importance should be given to this class of works, being more remunerative than any other class. It is, on the other hand, an unfortunate fact that the three taluks concerned are unsuited to extended irrigation except so far as the canal channels can be utilized. The Collector is requested, however, to urge upon the Public Works Department the importance of the matter in view to a sufficient number of works in convenient places being estimated for and to the necessary sanction being obtained as soon as possible.

Taluku.	New works.		Repairs.		Total.	
	Number.	Cost.	Number.	Cost.	Number.	Cost.
1. Jammalamadugu	1	Rs. 2,850	6	Rs. 44,490	7	Rs. 47,340
2. Proddatur	4	2,00,432	10	29,522	14	2,29,954
3. Pulivendla	4	51,000	4	6,400	8	57,400
Total	9	2,54,282	20	80,412	29	3,34,694

(2) As regards minor irrigation works, the Commissioner observes that estimates are generally ready for them, but the works are very few in the most affected taluks, especially Jammalamadugu and Proddatur, which have only 8 and 7 such works costing Rs. 3,746 and Rs. 2,525, respectively. For Pulivendla, however, 48 works are provided with a total cost of Rs. 28,832. In the absence of sufficient employment on major works, the Collector should endeavour to give as much work as possible on minor irrigation works. Estimates for the remaining works should be prepared without delay, and the sanction of the Board should be applied for in all cases in which it has not already been obtained.

(3) Nearly 11½ lakhs are provided in the programme for road works, but none of them had been sanctioned at the time of the Commissioner's inspection. If all the work is to be thrown on roads, Government will have to make good many years' revenue of the Local Boards. Moreover, new roads are not likely to be of much use, except such as are railway feeders, as they cannot be maintained in an efficient state after the period of distress is over. The Collector should impress on the different Boards the necessity of sanctioning all the estimates in a lump.

(4) The provision for forest works includes forest demarcation in Badvel and forest roads in the same and five other taluks with other minor works costing each under Rs. 5,000. Roads in remote jungly places, some reserve fencing and a few forest roads may be useful, but practically no estimates have been submitted for this class of works. The Collector should see to their prompt preparation. In the three affected taluks, however, there are no forests worthy of the name.

(5) The Collector was requested at the time of the Commissioner's inspection to examine his programme and revise it, if necessary, with reference to the foregoing remarks. Estimates for all the works should be got ready together with maps, including the taluk ones, and the departments concerned should be addressed for the necessary sanction.

3. Anantapur.—Compared with the programme submitted in June last, the revised figures prepared for the Commissioner's inspection for the Anantapur district show an increase of cost, amounting to about Rs. 1,38,000, which is distributed more or less over all the taluks. Almost the whole of the increase appears under irrigation and roads, while the provision under miscellaneous works is nearly the same as in the original programme, as shown below:—

Items.	As per original programme.	As per revised figures.	Difference.
I. Irrigation	Rs. 2,98,014	Rs. 3,72,873	+ Rs. 74,859
II. Roads	9,37,519	9,99,886	+ 62,367
III. Miscellaneous—			
(1) Land Improvement	68,558	68,558	
(2) Others	29,343	30,363	+ 1,020
Total	13,33,434	14,71,480	+ 1,38,046

(1) The total amount provided for irrigation works in Tadpatri is Rs. 84,845. Of these one work is for Rs. 45,400, viz., the Pinnapalli tank, for which estimates are ready; but it is quite as good as collection of metal. This is all the Public Works Department has done. For minor irrigation works Rs. 39,455 are provided, but estimates are only ready for thirteen small works costing Rs. 12,003. The balance of estimates should be prepared. Rs. 1,64,600 are provided for road works. The estimates are ready and ten works costing Rs. 1,07,300 have been sanctioned. Miscellaneous works costing Rs. 11,357 are also provided for, but estimates are not ready except for one of them costing Rs. 300. They should be got ready without delay.

(2) In the Gooty taluk, the Public Works Department has no large works and only one small one is proposed for Rs. 2,500, and even for this no estimate is ready. The Executive Engineer should be asked to prepare the estimate. The total of irrigation works contemplated for this taluk is Rs. 54,041. The Collector has estimates ready for three large and eleven small works costing, respectively, Rs. 34,450 and Rs. 14,091; and estimates should be got ready for the remaining four small works costing Rs. 3,000. Rupees 1,97,420 are provided for sixteen road works. Estimates are ready for fourteen works costing Rs. 1,88,300, and have to be prepared for the remaining two works to cost Rs. 9,120. In all these estimates which are rough and ready, carting is included but not separately calculated out. The actual amount available for employment of famine labour is less than the total amount of the estimate. Carting should not be paid for as famine work. The quarries also are not specified. This should be done in all cases. The miscellaneous works provided for total up to Rs. 17,656, but for only three of twenty-one works are estimates ready. The estimates for the remaining works should be prepared.

(3) In the Anantapur taluk irrigation works are proposed for Rs. 21,598. The Public Works Department have no major works except a small unsanctioned one for Rs. 198, for which the estimate is ready. The Collector proposes 18 minor irrigation works, and estimates for five works, costing Rs. 13,090, are ready. Estimates should be prepared for the remaining works. Road works for Rs. 1,51,834 are proposed. The estimates are ready and sanctioned. There is no provision for miscellaneous works in this taluk.

(4) In Kaliyandrug, it is proposed to spend Rs. 20,627 on irrigation works. The Public Works Department has one estimate ready and sanctioned for Rs. 1,100. The Collector proposes 35 minor works costing Rs. 19,527, of which estimates are ready for 14 works costing Rs. 11,727. The remaining estimates should be got ready.

Rupees 1,62,250 are provided for road works. The estimates are ready for eight works costing Rs. 1,07,850; and for two works more, costing Rs. 54,400, estimates should be got ready. As in the last-mentioned taluk, no miscellaneous works are provided for in this taluk also.

(5) In Dharmavaram, it is proposed to spend Rs. 42,471 on irrigation works. The Public Works Department has estimates ready, but not sanctioned for two works costing Rs. 16,533, and estimates for four small works, costing Rs. 3,781, ready and sanctioned. The Collector proposes forty minor irrigation works costing Rs. 22,157. For ten of these, costing Rs. 11,457, the estimates are ready, and for thirty, costing Rs. 10,700, they should be prepared. Road works for Rs. 83,400 are proposed. Three estimates for Rs. 38,700 are ready and sanctioned, and estimates have to be prepared for six works costing Rs. 44,700. As in the last two taluks, no miscellaneous works are proposed for Dharmavaram.

(6) For Penukonda, the revised programme contains a provision of Rs. 31,820 for twenty-nine irrigation works. The Public Works Department has two estimates for Rs. 3,407 ready and sanctioned. The Collector proposes twenty-seven works to cost Rs. 28,413. Estimates are ready for one large work to cost Rs. 7,087, and for fourteen small ones costing in all Rs. 16,326. Estimates have to be prepared for twelve works to cost Rs. 5,000. Rupees 79,000 are put down for road works. For ten works, costing Rs. 57,000, estimates are ready and sanctioned, and for four works, costing Rs. 22,000, they have to be prepared. For two miscellaneous works Rs. 1,350 are proposed. The estimate is ready for one of them costing Rs. 1,000, while it has to be prepared for the remaining work.

(7) In Hindupur Rs. 79,710 are put down for irrigation works. The Public Works Department has two estimates ready for Rs. 20,906, of which one for Rs. 8,740 is sanctioned. The Collector proposes sixty small works to cost Rs. 35,014 and estimates, amounting to Rs. 20,964, for twenty-one works are ready. For the remaining thirty-nine works they should be prepared. Road works to the amount of Rs. 84,082 are proposed. Estimates are ready for four works costing Rs. 56,456 and have to be prepared for thirteen works costing Rs. 27,626. As already pointed out in all estimates, the quarries should be shown and the amount for carting separately estimated. No miscellaneous works are provided for in this taluk.

(8) In Madaksira, Rs. 37,561 are drawn for irrigation. The Public Works Department has estimates ready, but not sanctioned for two works aggregating Rupees 4,000. The Collector proposes fifty-five works to cost Rs. 33,561 and has twelve estimates ready for Rs. 11,857. No miscellaneous works are proposed for this taluk.

(9) The remaining estimates for Hindupur and Madaksira may lie over till estimates wanting for other taluks are ready.

(10) Under Board's Proceedings, dated 13th June 1893, No. 231 (Settlement), no provision has been made for forest fencing, or, in fact, for any forest works. This order has been superseded by the Famine Code (see note under Appendix I). If the Collector can propose any useful forest fencing, he may do so.

(11) Loans are proposed as follows:—

Taluks.	Amount.
	Rs.
1. Tadpatri	1,100
2. Gooty	30,870
3. Anantapur	5,870
4. Kaliyandrug	3,000
5. Dharmavaram	3,988
6. Penukonda	6,913
7. Hindupur	8,417
8. Madaksira	8,370
Total	68,558

Of the above amount, Rs. 6,045 were actually advanced upto the 1st instant. Very little can be spent in the black cotton taluks, where the need is greatest.

(12) The Collector's estimates provide for more than enough to keep 20 per cent. of the population going for three months, and are generally sufficient for anything that is likely to be required upto June 1897.

4. *Kurnool*.—The following table compares the provision made in the programme submitted with Board's Proceedings, No. 70, dated 22nd April 1896, with the revised figures examined by the Commissioner:—

Items.	As per original programme.	As per revised programme.	Difference.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
I. Irrigation—			
Major	5,98,300	6,62,800	+ 64,500
Minor	81,620	75,305	- 6,315
Roads	8,30,990	12,70,577	+ 4,39,587
Forest works	1,04,764	2,57,848	+ 1,53,084
Miscellaneous	5,24,900	5,24,900	..
Total	21,40,574	27,91,430	+ 6,50,856

(1) Under major irrigation works, a total provision of Rs. 6,62,800 is made, out of which Rs. 4,18,400 relate to the Thokapalli project. This work was sanctioned in 1892 and actually started (*vide* G.O., No. 364 I., dated 9th April 1892). It is, however, in the non-affected taluk of Markapur. The Public Works Department can employ very little labour at present. For Pattikonda and Koilkuntla the programme provides nothing under major works, while for Ramallakot and Nandyal Rs. 4,700 and Rs. 4,000 are provided, but no estimates are ready for these works. In the latter taluk it is possible that some big tank repairs will also be provided.

(2) For Sirvel, Rs. 37,400 for new works and Rs. 5,200 for repairs are provided, but estimates are ready only for Rs. 10,075. For Nandikotkur, Rs. 1,05,000 are put down, with a possible addition of Rs. 78,000, but it is not known whether estimates have been prepared for any of the works concerned. Rupees 10,100 are set down for Cumbum, but of this amount it is doubtful if Rs. 7,000, which relates to the Kathwa channel, will be sanctioned.

(3) Under minor irrigation, a total provision of Rs. 75,305 is made. The provision for Pattikonda amounts to Rs. 21,125, but this amount is divided between 69 works, and the supervision would be very costly. Estimates are ready for Rs. 13,808. The tank restoration party will undertake the preparation of estimates for the remaining works in this taluk. In Ramallakot, twelve works costing Rs. 10,341 are provided; but a great deal of supervision would be necessary. Estimates are mostly ready for these works. In Nandikotkur, eight minor works to cost Rs. 2,783 are provided for and estimates are ready for them. It is hardly worth while considering these works as so much supervision would be necessary. In Nandyal, Rs. 5,715 are provided for fifteen minor works, for most of which estimates are ready; but these works also would involve excessive supervision. The total provision made for Koilkuntla is Rs. 15,575, of which estimates are not ready for Rs. 5,500. In Sirvel also, estimates are not ready for any of the works for which a total provision of Rs. 5,197 is made in the programme. A provision of Rs. 10,849 and of Rs. 3,720 appears against the taluks of Cumbum and Markapur, respectively. Estimates are ready for only one work in the former and for only Rs. 2,870 in the latter taluk. With respect to minor irrigation works generally the first difficulty is that the works available are very few, and secondly that they require scattered supervision.

(4) A total provision of Rs. 2,57,868 is made for forest works, of which Rupees 2,31,784 are for fencing and Rs. 26,084 are for trenching. The estimates for fencing are in a very primitive stage, while there are no estimates for trenching. The programme includes also the planting of some date and other trees. The forest work would be useful for the villages along the foot of the Nallamalais outside the influence of the Canal.

(5) The statement in the margin shows the distribution of Rs. 12,70,577 provided for road works in the taluks threatened at the time of the Commissioner's inspection. Cumbum was not considered and Markapur might have been also omitted.

Taluks.	Rs.
1. Pattikonda	2,65,365
2. Ramallakot	2,32,759
3. Markapur	1,60,646
4. Nandyal	64,240
5. Koilkuntla	1,49,646
6. Sirvel	1,56,117
7. Markapur	2,51,804
Total	12,70,577

(6) It seems that the Public Works Department must come largely to the assistance of the Revenue Department not only in supervising the execution of works but also in preparing estimates, and it is urgent to get sanction for every project which has at all reached the stage of examination of estimates and approval.

There is a great deal of money put down for building chavadies and pounds, but the difficulty of supervision is so much that they need not be considered. Estimates are also not forthcoming, generally for those works which are not well suited to famine labour. The village improvements proposed have not been estimated for, but would be good only when sudden demand for local employment has to be met. They are not worth consideration. There is a large amount set down for improving water-supply which may come in handy under Revenue superintendence, but only when water is absolutely wanted, as it is impossible to supervise such works according to the requirements of the Famine Code.

5. Bellary.—The revised figures for Bellary provide works costing in all Rs. 27,68,427, of which nearly 83 per cent. relate to road works. The provision under the Land Improvement Loans Act, Rs. 2,38,733 are provided. It is extremely doubtful whether such a large amount will be lent in the present year, the total amount advanced from April up to the end of November last being Rs. 2,180-8-0. For miscellaneous works a provision of Rs. 1,43,779 has been made; but it is most unlikely that all these works will be undertaken during the year. The total amount provided in the programme is more than double the sum of money required for the maintenance of 20 per cent. of the population of the district for three months.

(1) To provide for 20 per cent. of the population of the Adóni taluk, for three months, would cost Rs. 2,41,500, while the total provision made amounts to Rupees 3,22,741. The amount provided for Land Improvement Loans, namely, Rs. 24,137, may be deducted, as it is improbable that this sum will be lent. That leaves Rupees 2,98,604. This may again be reduced by Rs. 2,033 set down for miscellaneous works, leaving a net provision of Rs. 2,96,571. The latter sum is made up of Rs. 17,192 for irrigation and Rs. 2,79,379 for road works. There is only one large irrigation work, viz., the Gudikal tank, which is estimated to cost Rs. 8,102. The estimate for this work is ready, but has not yet been sanctioned. The estimate is an old one, which is under correspondence, and has to be revised. This ought to be pressed on. The Public Works Department has also one estimate for the Balasuladoddi tank, which is sanctioned and being worked as a test work. There are estimates amounting to Rs. 5,220 unsanctioned for (1) Mandagiri tank (Rs. 3,420) and (2) Devibetta tank (Rs. 1,800). These estimates were prepared in the last famine and must be revised. They are under correspondence with the Executive Engineer since the 17th November. Their completion should be hastened and sanction obtained. No minor irrigation works are included in the programme. This is a black soil taluk, and badly irrigated. There is a work—the construction of a tank at Madavaram—the estimate for which, supposed to amount to Rs. 20,000, was promised in three months, which expire in January. The Executive Engineer is said to approve of the project; it should be pushed on and sanction obtained. As already stated the taluk is one of the black cotton soil taluks in which irrigation works are few. Mr. Russell's map only shows

nine tanks in the taluk, and of these only one is of any importance. The main-stay of the taluk is, for famine purposes, road-repair; and the total amount provided for this purpose is Rs. 2,79,379. Seven estimates, totalling Rs. 2,00,043, are ready and sanctioned; one for Rs. 29,300 is ready but has not yet been sanctioned. For another, costing Rs. 14,731, the estimate is not ready; its preparation should be expedited. Small works for a total sum of Rs. 35,305 are provided, but estimates are ready and sanctioned for only three of them, costing Rs. 10,603, while for five more works, costing Rs. 24,702, estimates are ready but have not been sanctioned. The arrangements for the estimates for Adóni are fair. The distress is, however, likely to last certainly for five months, not for three months only. No effort should be spared to discover other objects on which further money can be profitably spent. If the Madavaram project were sanctioned, it would be a great boon, for it is a work on which A-class labour could be employed freely; and although in a corner of the taluk, with proper hutting arrangements, coolies would be likely to come to the work. Adóni also, though badly off, is not so seriously affected as Alúr. A small cotton harvest may be expected there, which will put some funds in the hands of the coolies.

(2) Twenty per cent. of the population of the Alúr taluk comes to 17,600 persons. To maintain these for three months would cost Rs. 1,32,000. The total provision in the programme comes to Rs. 4,04,022, from which Rs. 54,508 under Land Improvement loans may be deducted. This leaves Rs. 3,49,514, the whole of which is for road works. Four large estimates, totalling Rs. 2,22,550, are ready and sanctioned, while three other estimates, amounting to Rs. 47,879 which are ready have not yet been sanctioned, and for four more works, costing Rs. 87,860, estimates have not yet been framed. These should be prepared without delay. There are also three smaller road works costing Rs. 8,110, for which estimates have been prepared and sanctioned. Estimates have yet to be prepared for two small works costing together Rs. 5,775, while an estimate for Rs. 4,340 for one small work requires sanction. This taluk is the worst in the district. It has already nearly 10,000 coolies on works, and 17 per cent. of the population would be only 17,600. This number is likely to be exceeded as time goes on. In 1891, 3,900 coolies were on the average employed in this taluk for a period of ten months commencing from December 1891 to September 1892, the maximum number being 10,537 in June and the minimum 454 in September; and prices are already nearly 11 per cent. higher than they were at the dearest time in 1891 and 1892. There seems to be no prospect of any employment in Alúr on irrigation works, where the only works are ruined and probably not worth restoration.

(3) The Bellary taluk would require Rs. 2,70,000 to provide for 36,000 persons being 20 per cent. of the population. This taluk, however, differs from Alúr in that, while the whole of the latter taluk is affected, nearly half of Bellary has had a fair crop. The total provision for this taluk in the programme is Rs. 5,66,243. Deducting from this Rs. 94,090 put down against Land Improvement Loans as not likely to be lent in this taluk, the security being generally insufficient, and deducting also Rs. 1,29,149 provided for miscellaneous works, the net provision would come to Rs. 3,43,004, of which Rs. 1,877 only are for irrigation works; while the remaining Rs. 3,41,127 are for road works; of the sum provided for irrigation works only Rs. 977, for which the estimate is under revision, can be depended on, the remaining Rs. 900 having been struck out of the programme as unsuited for the employment of famine labour. The only thing which can be hoped for, in the way of irrigation works in this taluk, is the filling up of an old channel at Desunur. On this, Rs. 2,720 can be spent, the estimates having been prepared and sanctioned; but the site is not in the affected part of the taluk. The Sógur project, which is to cost Rs. 3,50,000, has not been investigated. The time which investigation would take, places this project out of the range of practical famine relief. Under roads, estimates are ready and sanctioned for twelve works, costing Rs. 2,94,357, while they have to be prepared for two works, to cost Rs. 15,590. Seven estimates for small works, totalling Rs. 26,380, are ready and sanctioned, while one estimate for Rs. 4,800 has to be prepared. It is not likely that so many as 36,000 persons would require employment on famine relief works in the Bellary taluk up to July next. So the provision for this taluk may pass.

(4) Rayadrug is not so badly off, there having been generally fair crops in the taluk, except in the north-east corner. It would cost Rs. 1,18,500 to provide for 15,000 people, or 20 per cent. of the population for three months. The total provision in the programme is Rs. 3,25,598, of which Rs. 26,647 are for agricultural loans, and Rs. 4,029 for miscellaneous improvements, both of which items may be excluded so that the net provision will be Rs. 2,94,922. For irrigation works Rs. 30,734 are provided. The Public Works Department has an unsanctioned estimate ready for Rs. 11,410 for the Veparalla supply channel, which should be submitted for sanction. Three estimates for Rs. 3,270 for small works are ready and have been sanctioned, while three other estimates, amounting to Rs. 4,210, require sanction. These should also be sent up for sanction. Three more estimates, aggregating Rs. 10,650, have yet to be prepared. Under minor irrigation, one estimate for Rs. 494 is ready, while another for Rs. 700 is not yet ready. Six estimates for road works, aggregating Rs. 2,45,188, are ready and sanctioned, and one for Rs. 19,000 has not yet been prepared. The preparation of this estimate can lie over, as the affected taluks claim precedence.

(5) The taluk of Hospet is affected all over the eastern block, which adjoins Bellary, as also the western corner next to Hadagalli. Twenty per cent. of the population amounts to 18,000 souls, to provide for whom for three months, would cost Rs. 1,39,500. The programme provides Rs. 12,738 for irrigation works and Rs. 2,32,744 for road works, besides Rs. 1,550 for land improvement loans, which is small and may be struck out. No large irrigation works are included in the programme. One estimate for Rs. 5,000 is ready and has been sanctioned, while another for Rs. 1,230 which is ready has not yet been sanctioned; and estimates have yet to be framed for works costing Rs. 6,508. All these works are under the Public Works Department. The Collector has no minor irrigation works to prepare estimates for in this taluk. Nine large estimates for road works, aggregating Rs. 2,02,115, are ready and sanctioned; as also those for eight smaller works amounting to Rs. 30,629. The provision for the present is sufficient.

(6) In Kudligi, only the Hanisi firka is at present likely to be affected. Twenty per cent. of the population comes to 18,000 souls and Rs. 1,41,000 would be required to maintain them for three months, while the programme provides Rs. 3,03,861. The provision of Rs. 6,302 for land improvement loans may stand. Only Rs. 4,520 are provided for irrigation works. One estimate for Rs. 1,520 is ready but not sanctioned, while estimates have yet to be prepared for the remaining Rs. 3,000 which appertain to three works. All these works are under the control of the Public Works Department, the programme providing for no irrigation works under the Collector. More ought to be done in this direction. Under road works ten estimates are ready and sanctioned for Rs. 2,81,099, while one for Rs. 11,940 has to be prepared.

(7) In Harpanahalli, only eight villages on the north of the taluk are at all affected. Twenty per cent. of the population, amounting to 16,000 souls, could be maintained for three months at a cost of Rs. 1,23,000, while the programme for this taluk provides works to the extent of Rs. 2,81,587 including Rs. 11,090 relating to loans. Of this latter sum, Rs. 6,000 may be omitted, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,75,587. This amount must be further reduced by Rs. 5,900 put down for miscellaneous improvements which are not likely to be of use. The net provision will thus be Rupees 2,69,687, of which Rs. 12,080 are for irrigation and Rs. 2,52,517 are for roads. The Public Works Department has no large irrigation works. Two estimates for small works, totalling Rs. 5,075, are ready and sanctioned; and three estimates for Rs. 3,030 are ready, but have not yet been sanctioned, while one estimate for Rs. 830 has yet to be prepared. The Collector has no estimates ready under minor irrigation; but there are three works costing Rs. 3,035 for which estimates can be prepared. Six estimates for road works, costing Rs. 1,71,169, are ready and sanctioned, while five estimates for Rs. 81,348 remain to be prepared. The provision made for this taluk is sufficient.

(8) In Hadagalli, 20 per cent. of the population amounts to 20,000 persons, and these can be maintained for three months at a cost of Rs. 1,56,000. The taluk is slightly affected throughout. The programme provides for Rs. 3,17,343 and odd. Deducting from this Rs. 2,663 provided for miscellaneous works and retaining only Rs. 10,000

out of the Rs. 20,414 put down for land improvement loans, the balance will be only Rs. 3,04,261, which is ample for the requirements of the taluk. Of this amount, Rs. 17,548 are for irrigation and Rs. 2,76,713 for roads. The Public Works Department has only one big work, costing Rs. 8,290, for which the estimate is not ready. It should be prepared promptly. A small work which has been estimated to cost Rs. 780 has to be sanctioned. Estimates have to be framed for four works, costing Rs. 7,428. Only two small minor irrigation works, costing Rs. 1,050, have been included in the programme by the Collector; but no estimate is ready for either of the works. Nine estimates for roads, aggregating Rs. 2,76,713, are ready and sanctioned. The provision for this taluk is probably sufficient if the irrigation estimates are prepared and sanctioned.

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