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The hospital assistant attached to the local fund dispensary at Jammalamadugu visited on 23rd February 1897 the kitchen at Mallambhavi relief camp on the Jammalamadugu-Muddanur road work and made a remark that green-gram mixed with some vegetable should be used for children in the morning and that in the evening a mixture of dhol and vegetables should be used. On being asked his reasons for prescribing such diet, he states that he prescribed green-gram in the place of red-gram for the morning meal as the parents of the children said that they used to do so during the hot season and as green-gram was also cheaper than red-gram and that he prescribed the use of vegetables as it was very necessary for the health of children. A copy of the hospital assistant's letter is enclosed. The matter was referred for the opinion of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, and he recommended the discontinuance of green-gram and the use of vegetables.

2. The cost of the vegetables will be about 3 pies each meal; but the Famine Code does not allow their use except to those under special treatment (*vide* section 124 of the Code). I request the Board's orders as to whether the extra expenditure should be incurred for children on all works.

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From M.R.Ry. S. RAJAGOPAL, First-class Hospital Assistant in charge of Local Fund Dispensary, Jammalamadugu, to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Cuddapah, dated 13th March 1897, No. 38 :—

With reference to your foot-note No. 821, dated 11th March 1897 (herewith returned), I beg to submit that I recommended green-gram in the place of red-gram for the morning meal as the parents of the children informed me that they used to give it to children during the hot season and as it was cheaper than red-gram. I thought that this substitution was not objectionable.

2. I recommended the use of fresh vegetables as it was very essential for the keeping up of the good health of the children as it was antiscorbutic. This involves no great expenditure. Three pies in the morning and three pies in the evening being quite enough.

Resolution—dated 26th April 1897, Mis. No. 2951.

Referred to the Sanitary Commissioner for favour of opinion whether any deviation from the scale of diet laid down in sections 122 and 124 of the Famine Code is necessary. He is requested to state whether the substitution of green for red gram when desired would be in any way objectionable, and whether the addition of vegetables to the kitchen ration might not be left as it is. The medical officer can order special diet for special cases.

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READ—also the following letter from Surgeon-Lieut.-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Famine Secretary, Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 1st June 1897, No. 1184-S. :—

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2. The Famine Commissioner will doubtless remember, if he inspected the Adóni kitchen when at Adóni on the 31st December 1896, that in my remarks in the visitors' book I took occasion to point out that variation in the nature of pulse given was not only advisable by way of affording variety but was likely to be cheaper. As to vegetables, I urged their necessity and proposed that, in default of these being afforded by Government, a correct field was opened for private enterprise; *as those partaking of the diet devoid of vegetables must in the long run suffer.* In my memorandum No. T-1, dated 27th January 1897 embodied in B.P., dated 18th February 1897, No. 144, I have *inter alia* advised the modifying of all diets so as to make an allowance for vegetables. In view of this fully expressed opinion, I have not thought it necessary to further urge the subject upon the attention of Government.

3. So far as the Famine Code is concerned, seeing that it simply prescribes "pulse," there would seem no reason why variations should not be made. In the case above mentioned, I advised that the *lal-lal* bean (the *anumulu* of the Telugu and the *mutchekottai* of the Tamil) should be occasionally employed as part of the total quantity of pulse. These beans are obtainable in the distressed districts and are more nutritious than either yellow or green dhol. The sword bean (Tamil *averakai* Telugu *tum-tumkai*) the common pea (*puttani*), Bengal gram (*kadalai*) and the guar bean (Tamil *kethevarai*) might also be used when sufficiently cheap.

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Exd. P. Seetharam.

NOTE FOR THE SECRETARY.

The Member's letter clearly shows that vegetables are now being allowed to children at Melankani & he asks whether this is right the Board asks the Sanitary Comm. whether this addition might not be left as it is, and justifies the addition on the ground that it is within the competence of the medical officers. The Sanitary Comm. says that it is necessary & his letter is communicated to all collectors. The effect of this, I submit, is to order the addition of vegetables.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 5175

From

The Hon. Secy to Govt
of the Governor

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FOR ORDERS.

I do not see that the RD have ^{directed} ordered vegetables to be allowed for children, except in special cases where the medical officer orders it. I think the Pro might be "recorded".

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The General Comm
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The effect of the RD appears to be that ⁽ⁱ⁾ green gram, lab-lab bean, sword bean, common Bengal gram, or guar bean may occasionally be substituted for yellow dhal under the orders of the medical officer ^{and (ii)} and the vegetables may be allowed for children.

Section 122 ~~of~~ prescribes pulse but does not specify the kind of pulse to be allowed; and as all the above come under the designation ^{of pulse} there is no objection to replacing yellow dhal by any of them though there may be more costly. So instruction (i) above need not be objected to. But section 124 distinctly says that vegetables should not be allowed ~~but~~ except for

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
Exd. Shaik Karim.
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