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G.O., No. 538

Dated 7th July 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Relief Operations.

Recording Board's Progs. coming to the coll.
of affected districts, Progs. of the Rev. Depart.
requesting the Hon. Secy. to instruct
collectors to adopt, on receipt of telegraphic
information from Govt., certain measures
in regarding to the closing of — rendered
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N.E. Note. The Finance Commr has communicated the order to attach without proposing any modification (vide D.O. from the Revenue Dept attached).

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Relief operations.—Communicating to the Collectors of affected districts, for information and guidance, Government Order, Revenue Department, requesting the Famine Commissioner to instruct Collectors to adopt, on receipt of telegraphic information from Government, certain measures in regard to the closing of — rendered necessary by the favourable character of the south-west monsoon.

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

READ—the following G.O., No. 473, Revenue, dated 18th June 1897 :—

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His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that the rainfall up to date has, in most of the affected districts, been up to the average, and that, so far as can be seen, the prospects of the south-west monsoon are favourable. The cultivation of the early crops, which has already begun in some of the affected tracts, will, as the season advances, absorb considerable numbers of the labourers now employed on relief works, and with a view to ensure that all those, whose circumstances allow of it, return at once to their ordinary avocations, His Excellency in Council resolves to request the Famine Commissioner to direct that the following measures be taken by Collectors on receipt of telegraphic instructions from Government.

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3. Government is also aware from reports which it has received that the task now executed has, in many instances, been allowed to dwindle to a small amount of work. The Famine Commissioner will instruct Collectors therefore to raise the task at once by 25 per cent. generally, and afterwards, from time to time, to still further increase it, with due regard to the intensity of the demand for agricultural labour in various parts of the district, by such percentages as they may think called for, and in both cases to enforce its execution by fines which should not, however, reduce the earnings of workers below the C wage.

4. If, in consequence of these measures, the numbers on any work are reduced to not more than 500, Collectors should close the work in question and should draft to a central work all those willing to go to it.

5. After the receipt of this order, no new relief works should be opened except under the special sanction of Government.

6. In regard to gratuitous relief, Government does not consider it necessary to suggest any steps for its contraction at present. Collectors must close kitchens and abolish relief circles with regard to local circumstances which are best known to them, and His Excellency the Governor in Council considers it enough to direct that, after the receipt of this order, no new kitchens should be opened and no kitchen once closed should be re-opened without the sanction of the Famine Commissioner who will report the ground of the necessity therefor to Government.

7. The number of works and kitchens closed in accordance with the above instructions should be mentioned in the weekly season telegrams.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
" Public Works Department.

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[Signature]
Famine Secretary.

To Collectors of affected districts.
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Famine Secretary.

To Collectors of affected districts.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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Miscellaneous.

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Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
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