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[Despatch Abstract.]

Expenditure on Famine Relief.

Letter from the Govt. of India authorizing the Govt. of Madras to spend up to the limit of 35 lakhs on famine relief, Commd. to the Famine Comm. with the request that he should submit a revised forecast of expenditure with the least possible delay.

Letter to the Govt. of India on the above subject

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The Hon'ble Mr Cotton C.S.I.
The Hon'ble Sir H. Bliss K.C.S.I.
H. E. the Governor

CURRENT No. 6146

Instructions from India in the suspension rules to be received at once.
27/7/97

From The Govt. of India. R. & A. Dept.

Order (Press) 2-2/7/97

Council advise Sanction the Famine Grant.

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2. The Famine Grant should be submitted a revised estimate of expenditure at the end of August

Dated 14th July 1897

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To the Secy
To the Famine Comm

Note. ~~Telegraph from India~~ The Board's estimate of 35 lakhs includes expenditure incurred (4·8 lakhs) prior to 1st April, and its estimate of the requirements from April to September was only 30 lakhs. The Govt of India anticipates that the whole of the 35 lakhs is for the latter period and sanctions it.

SUBJECT.

Authorising the Madras Govt. to spend up to the limit of 35 lakhs on famine relief.

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2. The Board's estimate of 30 lakhs was based on the data given in para 14 of B.P. No. 483 dated 23-6-97 viz an average of 1,50,000 persons on works, of 30000 persons on gratuitous relief and of Rs 50,000 for sweepers' relief. It will be seen from the attached statement that the actuals far exceed the Board's estimated numbers.

applying the Board's calculation in the above B.P. to the actual numbers in april and may the expenditure works up to 11.77 lakhs or say a little over 12 lakhs including spl establishments. The Accountant General has reported that the actual expenditure in these two months was 11.88 lakhs, so that this calculation is not far out. The expenditure in june according to this calculation is 13.8 lakhs, and that for july will be 16.36 lakhs on the supposition that the average of the first two weeks is not exceeded for the month. So that the full 35 lakhs will have been considerably ~~exceeded~~ exceeded by the end of july

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No. 2472 / 122-23

SECY. GOVT. MADRAS 23 JUL 97 REV. DEPT.

FROM

T. W. HOLDERNESS, ESQ., I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Famine),

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Simla, the 14th July *1897.*

Department of Revenue and Agriculture.
(*Famine.*)

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.484 dated 23rd June 1897, submitting a forecast by the Board of Revenue of the probable magnitude and duration of the relief operations now in progress in the Madras Presidency and of the expenditure likely to be incurred in connection with them.

2. The Board of Revenue estimate that a sum of 35 lakhs will approximately be required for expenditure on famine relief from the 1st April to the 30th September 1897. The Government of India are accordingly pleased to authorise the Government of Madras to spend up to the limit of 35 lakhs, without further reference to them for sanction, on famine relief, subject to the relief being administered according to the prescribed tests and conditions.

3. I am to request that a revised estimate of expenditure may be submitted at the end of August.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,

J. Holderness

Deputy Secretary.

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Order (press) No. 624 dt/ 26th July 1897.

, Communicated to the Famine

Commissioner who will be requested to -
submit a revised forecast of expenditure
with the least practicable delay.

2. The latest return ~~(from the Accountant-General)~~ shows that the ex-
penditure in April and May amounted to
11.36 lakhs, and having regard to the
large increase that has since taken -
place in the numbers on relief, the ex-
penditure in June will probably have xxx
been about 13 lakhs and that likely to
be incurred in July cannot be put down x
at anything less than 16 lakhs. It is -
therefore probable that the revised gra
of 35 lakhs now made will have been ex-
ceeded considerably by the end of the -
current month. The Govt of India will b
informed accordingly.

(List from orders)

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Send letters today
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To

The Famine Commr. 27/7/97
" Fin Dept
" P.W.D. 28/7/97
" A-G.

To

The Secy to the Govt of India,
Rev & Agri Dept.

No. 625. 27/7/97

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the
receipt of Mr. Holderness's letter No.2472
/122-25 F, dated ~~14th~~ 14th July 1897, author
izing this Govt to spend up to a limit of
35 lakhs on famine relief from 1st April

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30th September 1897 without any further reference to the Govt of India, subject however to the stipulation that the relief is administered according to the prescribed tests and conditions. The above sum ~~xx~~ of 35 lakhs is the estimate given by the Board of Rev in its Procs of the 19th May last forwarded with my letter No. 484 d/23.6.97, of the probable requirements under famine relief up to 30th September 1897.

2. The Board's estimate of expenditure from the 1st April to 30th September which, by the way, is only 30 lakhs and not 35 lakhs as supposed by the Govt of India, was based on the data given in para 4 of its Procs referred to above, viz, a monthly average of 1,50,000 persons on works, of 30,000 persons on gratuitous relief, and of Rs 50,000 ~~per~~ for the relief of weavers. Owing, however, to the unsatisfactory character of the season till recently in most of the affected tracts, the numbers to whom it has been found necessary to afford relief have far exceeded the Board's estimates and I am to enclose for the information of the Govt of India a statement showing the average numbers actually relieved in the months of April, May June and July as contrasted with the Board's estimate.

3. Applying the calculations adopted by the Board of Rev in para 4 of its Procs. of the ~~23rd ult~~ 19th May to the average numbers actually on relief in April and May, the expenditure in these two months works up to 11·77 lakhs or a little over 12 lakhs inclusive of the cost of special establishments. The latest return ~~from the A G~~ shows that the aggregate expenditure in these two months was 11·38 lakhs, so that the Board's method of calculation is not far out. The actual expenditure in June has not yet been reported to this Govt, but applying the above calculation to the average numbers shown in the enclosed statement, the expenditure for this month cannot have fallen much short of 13 lakhs and that for July will be at least 16 lakhs on the supposition that the averages given in ~~xxx~~ the statement for the first three weeks are not exceeded during the month.. I am therefore to inform the Govt of India that the revised grant of 35 lakhs now made by it will have been considerably ~~xxxxx~~ exceeded by the end of the current month. The Famine Commr has been directed to submit at once a revised estimate of the requirements up to the 30th September which will be forwarded to the Govt of India on receipt.

4. In regard to the stipulation contained in para 2 of the letter now under reply, I am to say ~~accordingly~~ ~~Govt~~ that relief is now administered in accordance with the tests and condi-

ions prescribed in the Famine Code
and that such of the instructions is-
sued in the Procs of this Govt No. 216
of 30.8.97 as were objected to in Mr.
Collectorness's letter No. 2266/116-5 F,
of 14.6.97 have been withdrawn.

RS
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1. Statement showing average numbers actually on relief.

Month.	Relief and Test-workers	Weavers	Persons partaking Relief	Cost according to Board's Estimate
	No of persons	No of persons	No of persons	Rs.
April (average)	126,012	10,731	11,313	(3,80,2[illegible])
May (average)	247,991	19,634 / ~~26,211~~	109,961	7,91,607.
June (average)	360,575	26,211	109,961 / 193340	(13,51,5[illegible]) 17.40,[illegible]
July (average of 1st two weeks)	458,000	33,430.	179,400	[illegible]

2 The date on which the Board's estimate of 30 lakhs was based.

	Persons.	Rs.	
April	1,50,000	~~[illegible]~~	an average of 30000 persons a month.
may	2,50,000	an average of Rs 50,000 a month	
June	2,50,000		
July	1,50,000		
August	70,000		
September	10,000		

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REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 624, 26th July 1897.

JULY.

Expenditure on Famine Relief.

Letter from the Government of India authorizing the Government of Madras to spend up to the limit of 35 lakhs on famine relief, communicated to the Famine Commissioner with the request that he should submit a revised forecast of expenditure with the least practicable delay.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following letter from T. W. HOLDERNESS, Esq., I.C.S., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated 14th July 1897, No. 2472-F—122-23:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 484, dated 23rd June 1897, submitting a forecast by the Board of Revenue of the probable magnitude and duration of the relief operations now in progress in the Madras Presidency and of the expenditure likely to be incurred in connection with them.

2. The Board of Revenue estimate that a sum of 35 lakhs will approximately be required for expenditure on famine relief from the 1st April to the 30th September 1897. The Government of India are accordingly pleased to authorise the Government of Madras to spend up to the limit of 35 lakhs, without further reference to them for sanction, on famine relief, subject to the relief being administered according to the prescribed tests and conditions.

3. I am to request that a revised estimate of expenditure may be submitted at the end of August.

Order—No. 624, Revenue, dated 26th July 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Famine Commissioner who will be requested to submit a revised forecast of expenditure with the least practicable delay.

2. The latest returns show that the expenditure in April and May amounted to 11·39 lakhs, and having regard to the large increase that has since taken place in the numbers on relief, the expenditure in June will probably have been about 13 lakhs and that likely to be incurred in July cannot be put down at anything less than 16 lakhs. It is therefore probable that the revised grant of 35 lakhs now made will have been exceeded considerably by the end of the current month. The Government of India will be informed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Government of Fort St. George.

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Letter, No. 625, 26th July 1897.

JULY.

Informing the Government of India that the revised grant of 35 lakhs now made by it on account of famine relief will have been considerably exceeded by the end of the current month, that a revised estimate of the requirements up to the 30th September has been called for from the Famine Commissioner and will be forwarded on receipt and that relief is administered in accordance with the tests and conditions prescribed in the Famine Code, such instructions as were objected to by the Government of India having been withdrawn.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From

The Hon'ble Mr. G. STOKES, I.C.S.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Revenue and Agricultural Department,

Dated Ootacamund, 26th July 1897.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Holderness's letter, No. 2472-F —122-23, dated 14th July 1897, authorizing this Government to spend up to a limit of 35 lakhs on famine relief from 1st April to 30th September 1897, without any further reference to the Government of India, subject, however, to the stipulation that the relief is administered according to the prescribed tests and conditions. The above sum of 35 lakhs is the estimate given by the Board of Revenue in its Proceedings of 19th May last forwarded with my letter, No. 484, dated 23rd June 1897, of the probable requirements under famine relief up to 30th September 1897.

Miscellaneous.

2. The Board's estimate of expenditure from the 1st April to 30th September which, by the way, is only 30 lakhs and not 35 lakhs as supposed by the Government of India, was based on the data given in paragraph 4 of its Proceedings referred to above, viz., a monthly average of 150,000 persons on works, of 30,000 persons on gratuitous relief and of Rs. 50,000 for the relief of weavers. Owing, however, to the unsatisfactory character of the season till recently in most of the affected tracts, the numbers to whom it has been found necessary to afford relief have far exceeded the Board's estimates and I am to enclose, for the information of the Government of India, a statement showing the average numbers actually relieved in the months of April, May, June and July as contrasted with the Board's estimate.

3. Applying the calculation adopted by the Board of Revenue in paragraph 4 of its Proceedings of the 19th May to the average numbers actually on relief in April and May, the expenditure in these two months works up to 11·77 lakhs or a little over 12 lakhs inclusive of the cost of special establishments. The latest returns show that the aggregate expenditure in these two months was 11·39 lakhs, so that the Board's method of calculation is not far out. The actual expenditure in June has not yet been reported to this Government, but applying the above calculation to the average numbers shown in the enclosed statement, the expenditure for this month cannot have fallen much short of 13 lakhs and that for July will be at least 16 lakhs on the supposition that the averages given in the statement for the first three weeks are not exceeded during the month. I am therefore to inform the Government of India that the revised grant of 35 lakhs now made by it will have been considerably exceeded by the end of the current month. The Famine Commissioner has been directed to submit at once a revised estimate of the requirements up to the 30th September which will be forwarded to the Government of India on receipt.

4. In regard to the stipulation contained in paragraph 2 of the letter now under reply, I am to say that relief is now administered in accordance with the tests and conditions prescribed in the Famine Code and that such of the instructions issued in the Proceedings of this Government, No. 216, dated 30th March 1897, as were objected to in Mr. Holderness's letter, No. 2266-F—116–5, dated 14th June 1897, have been withdrawn.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Enclosures.

(1) Statement showing average numbers actually on relief.

Month.	Relief and test workers.	Weavers.	Persons gratuitously relieved.	Cost according to Board's data.
	Number of persons.	Number of persons.	Number of persons.	Rs.
April (average)	126,012	10,731	11,313	3·86 lakhs.
May (average)	247,991	19,634	48,162	7·92 lakhs.
June (average)	360,575	26,211	109,961	13·81 lakhs.
July (average of first three weeks)	483,208	35,690	193,360	17·40 lakhs.

(2) Data on which the Board's estimate of 30 lakhs was based.

Month.	Number of relief and test-workers.	Weavers relief.	Persons gratuitously relieved.
April	1,50,000	An average of Rs. 50,000 a month.	An average of 30,000 persons a month.
May	2,50,000		
June	2,50,000		
July	1,50,000		
August	70,000		
September	10,000		

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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