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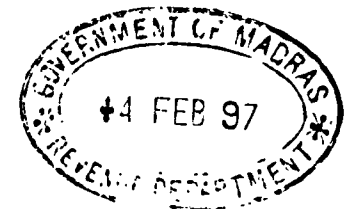
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ABSTRACT OF SEASON REPORTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 30TH JANUARY 1897.

RAINFALL AND PRICES OF THE STAPLE FOOD-GRAINS.

Districts.	RAINFALL IN INCHES.			PRICES IN SEERS (OF 80 TOLAS) PER RUPEE.											
	In the week.	Up to the end of the week from 1st April.		Rice.			Ragi.			Cholam.			Cumbu.		
		1896-97.	Average of 25 years.	Average for Jan.*	Last week.	This week.	Average for Jan.*	Last week.	This week.	Average for Jan.*	Last week.	This week.	Average for Jan.*	Last week.	This week.
<i>Circars.</i>															
Ganjam ..	..	32.8	43.6	18.1	10.0	10.0	25.7	15.1	14.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vizaga- patam. { A. ..	..	54.0	56.2	15.3	9.8	9.8	29.1	17.3	17.1	..	16.3	16.1	31.4	17.5	17.5
{ L. ..	..	24.3	40.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Godavari ..	..	23.6	38.2	15.6	10.1	9.9	28.8	15.6	15.8	26.2	16.0	16.3	28.5	15.9	15.8
Kistna ..	..	25.5	32.8	14.5	10.6	10.4	28.1	17.9	17.9	23.3	16.5	16.3	22.9	15.5	14.0
<i>Deccan.</i>															
Kurnool ..	..	15.7	27.4	13.0	9.4	9.4	28.0	16.7	16.2	28.3	15.4	15.4	24.5	12.7	12.7
Bellary ..	..	14.3	22.6	12.6	9.3	9.3	35.2	17.4	16.9	29.4	14.0	13.8	..	..	..
Anantapur.	..	14.9	23.1	13.9	9.4	9.4	34.0	16.9	16.6	30.4	14.1	13.6	27.5	15.0	13.4
Cuddapah ..	..	17.9	28.4	14.0	9.4	9.3	31.4	17.8	17.8	28.5	14.5	14.5	29.1	14.6	14.8
<i>Carnatic.</i>															
Nellore ..	..	35.2	34.2	14.1	11.8	11.9	26.9	20.9	20.9	23.9	19.7	20.4	23.1	16.7	16.6
Chingleput.	..	53.4	43.9	14.6	11.7	11.9	25.8	16.4	16.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madras ..	..	69.1	48.8	12.2	10.2	10.2	24.8	16.6	16.4	..	..	..	29.5	22.1	22.4
South Arcot.	..	41.5	42.0	15.4	14.0	14.4	29.7	23.0	22.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Central.</i>															
North Arcot.	..	33.2	37.2	15.3	11.7	11.8	30.2	18.9	18.8	26.6	16.2	15.6	26.6	16.9	17.3
Salem ..	..	29.8	30.5	14.0	12.1	11.9	30.2	22.1	21.5	24.8	19.0	18.7	26.6	21.0	19.9
Coimbatore.	..	27.2	24.6	13.6	11.5	11.6	28.1	22.1	22.1	22.5	18.3	18.0	27.0	23.2	23.0
Trichinopoly.	..	34.3	33.0	14.2	12.0	12.0	28.4	24.7	24.7	33.5	18.0	18.0	27.1	23.0	23.0
<i>South.</i>															
Tanjore ..	..	45.0	43.0	15.1	13.4	13.5	28.6	25.4	25.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Padukottai.	..	33.1	..	..	12.4	12.4	..	25.2	25.3	..	27.0	26.7	..	27.3	26.8
Madura ..	..	28.2	28.6	14.0	12.0	12.2	30.2	23.4	23.4	29.9	18.2	18.0	27.5	21.1	21.3
Tinnevely.	..	35.2	23.8	13.5	11.7	11.8	27.3	21.1	21.1	23.3	19.4	19.4	21.7	18.6	18.6
<i>Nilgiris.</i>															
Nilgiris ..	..	85.9	59.8	10.8	8.5	8.5	21.3	15.1	15.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>West Coast.</i>															
Malabar ..	..	133.5	112.2	13.4	11.2	11.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Canara	..	157.9	141.6	14.0	12.4	12.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Travancore.	..	56.7	63.7	..	10.2	10.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

A. Agency, L. Littoral, tracts. * Averages for ten normal years previous to fasli 1305 (1895-96).

DISTRICT REPORTS.

GANJAM.

No water for irrigation and supply insufficient for drinking. Greengram being sown, ragi being transplanted in places. Sugarcane in fair condition, but ragi and greengram poor in places. Pasture scarce and fodder sufficient. Cattle generally good. Prospects bad. Markets moderately supplied. No exports or imports by sea; exports and imports of food-grains by rail 2,455 and 1,844 maunds, respectively. 129 emigrants, including children under the Act, and 93 free emigrants including children to ports beyond Presidency, but within British India; 287 free emigrants including children to ports in British Burma. Batta paid to 125 helpless poor.

VIZAGAPATAM.

Water for cultivation only obtainable by baling from wells; drinking water insufficient in parts. Sown ragi and greengram ~~and~~, and transplanted ragi and chillies in parts. Only wet crop is vested sugarcane, tobacco, ragi, horsegram and cholam; outturn poor or middling. Har- scarce and fodder very dear, but procurable. Cattle not visibly suffering. Pasture very Assistant Collector reports that some of the working classes in Palkonda taluk are in need of labour, necessary. Food-grains imported by sea 139 bags; imported from Jeypore 5,996 carts, also consider- Emigrants to Burma 553.

GODAVARI.

Water-supply insufficient in parts; Godavari 5.9 feet over upper sill of Dowlaishweram lock; irrigable discharge 63 per cent. Land being ploughed for second-crop paddy and for second-crop paddy, cholam, ragi and tobacco being harvested; outturn of wet paddy bad, rest middling. Cattle generally insufficient but fodder sufficient. Cattle good. Physique of labouring classes good, but they have not sufficient work in two upland taluks. No intimation received of relief works being started at Bhadrachalam. Cocanada: exports rice 8,649, paddy 430, cholam 250; imports rice 193, paddy 32, cholam 133 bags of 164 lb.

KISTNA.

Water-supply sufficient for drinking throughout; scarcity apprehended parts Palnad. Kistna 3.50 feet below anikat; discharge sufficient for 24 per cent. of irrigable area. Ploughing for late dry crops and seed-beds in Tenali. Standing crops generally good. Harvested paddy, in uplands middling, generally good. Prices rising owing to exportation. Season fair.

KURNOOL.

Water-supply for drinking diminishing in parts. River 2.3 feet below crest of Sunkesala anikat; discharge sufficient for 44 per cent. of irrigable area and insufficient for second-crop cultivation. Trans- late crops fading in parts of Pattikonda, Ramallakot, Nandikotkur and Koilkuntla. Harvested oil- seeds, paddy, arika, bad to fair in Markapur; cholam fair to middling in Nandikotkur, bad to middling fair to middling in Nandikotkur. Pasture scanty and fodder insufficient except in Nandikotkur, generally good. Demand for employment not locally met in parts Pattikonda. Condition of people workers in Koilkuntla due to harvest and rigorous enforcement of rules regarding fining. Loans disbursed Rs. 450; weavers relief nil.

BELLARY.

Drinking water sufficient everywhere except in parts of Alur, Bellary, Harpanahalli and Hada- galli. Ploughing in Bellary and Hadagalli; sowing paddy under channels and wells in Rayadrug- and Harpanahalli; withered in Alur and Hospet. Harvested cotton in Adoni, Alur, Rayadrug, Kudligi, Harpanahalli and Hadagalli, yield middling to fair Adoni, bad to middling elsewhere; oil- middling in Kudligi. Pasture only in Harpanahalli and along river channels; fodder insufficient except in Harpanahalli and hill-grass being used in Bellary, Rayadrug and Hospet. Cattle generally healthy, but getting emaciated in Bellary, Rayadrug and Hospet. Health of people and relief workers generally good. Demand for employment locally met in Rayadrug, Harpanahalli and Kudligi. Increase of numbers on relief due to deepening of famine; one new work, with kitchen, opened in Adoni taluk. Land improvement loans sanctioned Rs. 19,095, disbursed Rs. 8,860; agriculturists loans sanctioned Rs. 2,022, disbursed Rs. 2,232. Wells constructed one, under construction one.

ANANTAPUR.

Water-supply sufficient for drinking except in parts of Tadpatri, Gooty, Dharmavaram and Madakasira and insufficient for irrigation. Ploughing and sowing paddy, cholam, and ragi continued in parts, under wells and *nalas*. Standing wet crops under wells and *nalas* generally good, but ragi and cholam suffering from want of water in parts of Kalyandrug; dry crops fair in Dharmavaram, Hindupur and Madakasira, bad in Kalyandrug, fair to bad in Tadpatri and Anantapur, fading in Gooty and want rain in Penukonda; white cholam fading in Gooty and Tadpatri. Harvested paddy in Tadpatri, fair to average; ragi fair in Tadpatri, middling in Anantapur; sugarcane fair to average

in Penukonda and Hindupur; castors, cotton and horsegram bad in Anantapur and Kalyandrug, bad to middling Madakasira; cotton fair Tadpatri, poor Gooty. Pasture scarce and fodder insufficient. Cattle generally good, but non-working cattle suffering in Tadpatri and Dharmavaram for want of fodder and water. Public health generally good in villages and fair on relief works. Labouring classes find employment in fields and on loan works. Prospects unfavourable. Loans sanctioned Rs. 13,525, disbursed Rs. 10,990; 259 wells under construction.

CUDDAPAH.

No fresh supply save canal-fed tanks; channels flowing in eastern section and moderately in southern and northern; supply in wells sufficient save in parts of Proddatur and Cuddapah. Standing crops good under tanks, channels, wells and Kurnool-Cuddapah canal. Dry crops fading for want of rain. Ploughing, sowing, weeding, transplanting and baling in progress. Paddy, ragi and cotton harvested, outturn middling to fair; cholam bad. Pasture moderately obtainable, fodder inadequate and dear. Condition of cattle good generally. Prospects remain unaltered. Rayachoti Tahsildar apprehends necessity for starting works about close of February.

NELLORE.

Fair supplies in tanks. No flow over the Nellore and Sangam anikats during the week; discharge at the Nellore anikat and the Kanigiri reservoir sufficient to irrigate 32 and 23 per cent. of the respective ayakats and adequate. Ploughing and sowing generally, and transplanting ragi in parts. Standing crops generally thriving. Harvested paddy, varagu and oil-seeds; outturn of paddy middling to fair and of rest fair to average. Pasture and fodder generally sufficient. Condition of cattle generally good.

CHINGLEPUT.

Most of the tanks retain full supplies; supply in wells good. Ploughing, sowing, weeding and transplanting continue. Standing crops generally in good condition. Harvested paddy, ragi, varagu and cholam; outturn middling. Pasture sufficient; fodder available. Condition of cattle generally good.

MADRAS.

Water-supply and fodder sufficient. Pasture good. Imports: rice 41 tons, other grains 147 tons.

SOUTH ARCOT.

Water-supply insufficient in parts of three taluks. Ploughing, sowing, weeding and transplanting in progress. Standing crops in good condition. Harvested paddy, ragi, varagu, cholam, groundnuts, horsegram and other pulses; outturn paddy fair, of rest middling. Pasture sufficient, but fodder scanty in one taluk. Condition of cattle good.

NORTH ARCOT.

Water-supply insufficient for drinking purposes in Punganur. Supply in tanks generally fair, but insufficient in parts of Chendragiri, Gudiyattam, Arcot and Punganur. Ploughing, sowing, weed- ing, manuring, transplanting and baling going on. Standing crops generally good, but cholam, paddy and sugarcane are reported to be fading in parts of Chendragiri, and paddy diseased in parts of Vellore. Paddy, groundnuts, varagu, cholam, cumbu, sugarcane, pulses and ragi harvested; outturn middling to fair. Pasture generally available, but fodder insufficient in parts. Condition of cattle generally good. General prospects good, except in Punganur, west Chendragiri and east Gudiyattam.

SALEM.

Water-supply generally insufficient. Sowing and transplanting in parts. Standing crops gener- ally in good condition, but paddy fading in parts of Uttankarai. Harvested paddy, ragi, cholam and cumbu; outturn middling to average. Pasture and fodder generally available, but pasture decreasing in parts. Condition of cattle good.

COIMBATORE.

Water-supply generally sufficient. Paddy sown on wet land in two taluks. Standing crops generally in good condition. Harvested paddy, outturn fair; cholam and cumbu middling. Pasture and fodder available. Condition of cattle generally good.

TRICHINOPOLY.

No flow over the Upper and Grand anikats. Sowing, transplanting and weeding of paddy continue. Standing crops good. Harvested paddy, cumbu, cholam and ragi; outturn middling to average. Pasture and fodder sufficient. Condition of cattle good.

TANJORE.

Average discharge into the Cauvery and Vennar regulators sufficient to irrigate 1 per cent. of the irrigable areas. No water passed over the Lower anikat; 2.5 feet of water in the South Rajan channel Sowing and transplanting in parts. Standing crops generally in good condition. Paddy, ragi, varagu and groundnuts harvested; outturn fair to average. Pasture and fodder generally sufficient. Condition of cattle generally good.

PUDUKKOTTAI.

Sowing and transplanting in parts. Standing crops generally good. Harvested paddy, ragi, cholam, varagu, horsegram, blackgram, redgram, greengram and groundnuts; outturn bad to average. Pasture and fodder sufficient. Condition of cattle good.

MADURA.

Transplantation going on in parts. Standing crops generally good. Paddy, varagu, samai, ragi, cumbu and horsegram harvested; outturn generally fair. Pasture sufficient; fodder available. Condition of cattle good.

TINNEVELLY.

Discharge at Srivaikuntam anikat sufficient to irrigate 51 per cent. of irrigable area. No flow over anikat; supply adequate for standing crops. Ploughing, transplanting and weeding continue. Paddy sown on wet land and gingelly on dry, and cholam under wells in parts. Standing crops generally good. Paddy, ragi, cholam, cumbu harvested; outturn middling. Pasture sufficient and fodder available. Condition of cattle good.

NILGIRIS.

Water-supply insufficient in Gudalur. Ploughing and weeding continue. Standing crops good generally. Harvested paddy, coffee and barley with fair outturn. Pasture and fodder sufficient. Condition of cattle good.

MALABAR.

Standing crop in good condition generally. Harvest progressing; outturn generally fair. Pasture scarce in parts; fodder available. Health of cattle generally good.

SOUTH CANARA.

Water-supply insufficient. Ploughing for and sowing or transplanting third rice crop, cultivation for gingelly and sowing dry grains going on in parts. Standing crops generally in good condition; suffered in parts for want of rain. Harvest progressing; outturn fair to average. Fodder sufficient; pasture getting scanty. Cattle generally good.

TRAVANCORE.

Harvest going on. Water-supply sufficient. Pasturage normal. Condition of cattle good.

SEASON TELEGRAM TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA.

Week ending January 30th. No rain except a few trivial showers Hill tracts Ganjam and in Tinnevely. Water-supplies continue adequate in Carnatic and Southern and parts Central districts, as well as under large works elsewhere. Sowing under irrigation from large works and wells continue. Standing crop in southern half of Presidency good; elsewhere unless protected by irrigation bad or lost. Harvest proceeding West Coast, Central, Southern and Carnatic districts with moderate yield; elsewhere except under irrigation works poor or bad. Pasturage very scarce and fodder very dear in parts Circars and Deccan; elsewhere supplies moderate. Cattle in bad condition parts Deccan. Prices rather dearer Circars, parts Deccan, Central districts and West Coast; stationary or slightly easier elsewhere. Relief workers 32,111, kitchen inmates 2,872, weavers relieved 7,255, all in Deccan; 125 gratuitously relieved Ganjam. Prices by which wages regulated: Kurnool 15½, Bellary 14½, Anantapur 13½, Cuddapah 16½ seers.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT showing the number of persons receiving relief.

Districts.	Relief workers.		At kitchens.		Weavers.	
	Last week.	This week.	Last week.	This week.	Last week.	This week.
Kurnool	3,136	3,620	335	263	..	..
Bellary	18,739	22,860	1,548	2,112	745	741
Anantapur	724	3,306	56	373	..	..
Cuddapah	2,293	2,325	131	124	6,220	6,514
Total	24,882	32,111	2,070	2,872	6,974	7,255

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