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Madakasira	10·80	9·72	19·40	16·49	..	..	..	..	
Average	9·15	8·48	16·02	13·61	12·32	10·77	13·38	11·11	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is very active in Hindupur and active in Madakasira—ragi and cholam have been exported from the former and ragi from the latter. It is also said to be active in Dharmavaram taluk. The export of food-grains from Hindupur to the Bombay Presidency is very considerable. Cholam is imported into Tadpatri from Nellore (Venkatagiri) and rice from Guntur, Coimbatore and Salem.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Good generally. The Famine Deputy Collector, Gooty, reports that he found boys and girls on the Puttur work suffering from conjunctivitis to a large extent on account of the high winds. The attention of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer has been drawn to this matter.

In villages.—Good generally.

Sickness and Mortality.—In Penukonda taluk, fever and small-pox are prevalent, while in Dharmavaram and Madakasira, only small-pox is prevalent. There were eighteen attacks and one death in the latter taluk. A few cases of diarrhoea have occurred at cusba Tadpatri.

No deaths from starvation.

Remarks.—The large exports of grain from the local markets will, it is feared, bring on an undesirable diminution in the supply of village food stocks. The ryots, in consequence, are holding fast to their little stores, especially in the two southern taluks. The prices have risen considerably all over the district, and it is possible that the demand for seed grain and the distribution of money for the purpose has also contributed to the rapid rise.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

Works.—In what taluks open and comparison of numbers.—

Taluks.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Tadpatri	19,315	22,112
Gooty	17,443	18,348
Anantapur	8,135	7,809
Dharmavaram	8,068	9,177
Kalyandrug	600	791
Penukonda	1,833	1,559
Hindupur	457	491
Total	55,901	60,87

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

Taluks,	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers' relief.			
			Number of persons relieved		Number of cloths manufactured	
	Last fortnight	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Tadpatri	} Not given.	..	1,228	1,712	2,308	8,156
Gooty		..	..	..	..	..
Anantapur		104	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram		94	..	..	..	..

Jamabandi has not yet been begun and more Circle Inspectors are wanted to relieve the Revenue Inspectors. I have already wired to the Board for additional hands.

Complaints of delays in payments still continue. Enquiry shows that it is attributable to various causes, such as delay in the delivery of extract nominal rolls by overseers, incorrect preparation of rolls, delay in making payments by Paymasters, want of funds with Paymasters and Tahsildars, &c. I have directed the Paymasters to report all cases of delay on the part of the overseers direct to the Executive Engineer, Famine Sub-division. I have given also Assistant Paymasters for large works and hope that delays by Paymasters will, in future, be of less frequent occurrence. I am also addressing the Executive Engineer, Bellary, to arrange for a more prompt recoupment of the Tahsildars' imposts. I have directed the Divisional officers and Tahsildars to muster gangs when inspecting works to check the attendance. This seems very necessary to prevent manipulation of names by head coolies as has been noticed in one or two instances in the Gooty division.

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INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and Places visited—

Head Assistant Collector.	Famine Deputy Collector, Gooty.	Famine Deputy Collector, Anantapur.	Collector.
<i>Dharmavaram taluk.</i>	<i>Gooty taluk.</i>	<i>Anantapur taluk.</i>	
Nagasamudram.	Gooty	Somandoddi.	Guntakal.
Dharmavaram.	Limmancherla.	Pamaraiji.	Anantapur
Mamillapalli.	Guntakal.	Vadiempeta.	Kandukur.
Kanaganapalli.	Konakondla.	Kotheir.	
Elukuntla.	Goolapelli.	Gurladinna.	
Tugarkunta.	Wagtekurur.	Mortad.	
Pattapaliem.		Kammur.	
Bhadrapuram.	<i>Tadpatri taluk.</i>	Aravakur.	
Nasanakota.	Tadpatri.	Kudera.	
Perur.	Sajjaladivna.	Talapur.	
Dubbarapalli.	Hussainpuram.	Brahmanayeleru.	
Muthavakunta.	Virapuram.	Bommaparti.	
Basampalli.	Kottapalli.	Gondireddipalli.	
Kanumukkala.	Rayavenotampalli.	Marur.	
Penukonda.	Kondapuram.	Hampapuram.	
	Arakatavemala.	Kandakur.	
	Surepalli.	Anantapur.	
<i>Gooty taluk.</i>	Kaduvakal.		
Guntakal.	Cherlapulli.		
	Maddipalli.		
	Kummanamala.		
	Chalavemala.		

RESOLUTION—dated 31st July 1897, No. 541.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was extremely deficient, an average of two inches being expected, while only two showers of 0.83 and 0.13 were received at Hindupur and Kalyandrug. The rest of the district had received no fall for a month, but since the date of the report good falls have been reported as follows:—

	INCHES.
Gooty	2.15
Yadiki	1.72
Tadpatri	0.77
Anantapur	2.58
Madakasira	1.65

These will be of the greatest benefit to the areas over which they fell, but they appear to have been local, and the greater part of the district is still parched and dry. In the latter areas agricultural operations are at a standstill, and there can be but little hope of any of the unprotected standing crops being saved. The rain in the two northern taluks was insufficient for the cultivation of the black-cotton soils. Pasture may be locally revived by the recent rains, but is generally scarce. The Collector will be informed that the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee is unable to increase the number of fodder depôts; the quantity of fodder they can supply is limited, and it is with difficulty that the requirements of the existing depôts can be met. The Famine Commissioner agrees with the Collector that the present establishment in charge of depôts is unnecessarily expensive; instructions on this point have been issued separately.

3. Prices continued to rise during the fortnight, the result, apparently, of external influences to a great extent, considerable quantities of grain having been exported to the Bombay Presidency. The price of cholam at Sholapur and Dhulia, respectively, was 7.4 and 6.6 measures for a rupee, against an average of 10.9 in Anantapur. At such a price grain from Tadpatri could be laid down at Sholapur at

9.4 measures a rupee and at Dhulia at 8.3 measures a rupee. The temptation to export must be great. Cholam rose by $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and ragi by 18 per cent. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.
Normal	13.2	32.0	30.0
Warning	10.6	24.0	22.5
Scarcity	7.9	16.0	15.0
Current	8.5	13.6	10.9
July 1892	10.6	20.2	18.5
" 1877	5.8	6.3	6.2

4. The condition of the people was generally good. The numbers on works increased by about 8 per cent., while there was a slight increase in the numbers on gratuitous relief. Orders have been passed on the Karadikonda affair in B.P., dated 27th July 1897, Mis. No. 5854. Three additional Circle Inspectors have been sent to the district; if he requires more the Collector should apply by letter. It is trusted that the Collector will be able to make satisfactory arrangements to prevent further delays in the payment of coolies. Instructions as to the mustering of gangs have been issued in B.P., dated 22nd July 1897, No. 523.

5. The following figures show the progress made in the disbursement of loans:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
June 19th	2,07,194
" 26th	2,21,264
July 3rd	2,34,396
" 10th	2,41,387
" 17th	2,56,899

The pace is not fast enough for the work that has to be done. With a Special Deputy Collector for loans work the issue should be much faster.

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Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

- " Collector of Anantapur.
- " Sanitary Commissioner.
- " Chairman, Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee.

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Kalyandrug ..	10·80	9·72	15·52	13·58	13·39	11·33	14·42	..	
Dharmavaram ..	8·64	8·10	14·55	12·36	13·39	11·33	..	..	Cholam, white.—There is rise in all stations except Gooty. Under yellow cholam, there is also rise in all stations.
Penukonda ..	8·64	8·64	16·49	14·55	12·36	11·33	..	..	
Hindupur ..	9·72	8·64	18·43	16·49	12·87	11·33	..	..	Cholam, white.—There is rise in all stations except Gooty. Under yellow cholam, there is also rise in all stations.
Madakasira ..	10·80	9·72	19·40	16·49	..	..	..	..	
Average ..	9·15	8·48	16·02	13·61	12·32	10·77	13·38	11·11	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is very active in Hindupur and active in Madakasira—ragi and cholam have been exported from the former and ragi from the latter. It is also said to be active in Dharmavaram taluk. The export of food-grains from Hindupur to the Bombay Presidency is very considerable. Cholam is imported into Tadpatri from Nellore (Venkatagiri) and rice from Guntur, Coimbatore and Salem.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Good generally. The Famine Deputy Collector, Gooty, reports that he found boys and girls on the Puttur work suffering from conjunctivitis to a large extent on account of the high winds. The attention of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer has been drawn to this matter.

In villages.—Good generally.

Sickness and Mortality.—In Penukonda taluk, fever and small-pox are prevalent, while in Dharmavaram and Madakasira, only small-pox is prevalent. There were eighteen attacks and one death in the latter taluk. A few cases of diarrhoea have occurred at cusba Tadpatri.

No deaths from starvation.

Remarks.—The large exports of grain from the local markets will, it is feared, bring on an undesirable diminution in the supply of village food stocks. The ryots, in consequence, are holding fast to their little stores, especially in the two southern taluks. The prices have risen considerably all over the district, and it is possible that the demand for seed grain and the distribution of money for the purpose has also contributed to the rapid rise.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

Works.—In what taluks open and comparison of numbers.—

Taluks.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Tadpatri ..	19,315	22,112
Gooty ..	17,493	18,348
Anantapur ..	8,135	7,809
Dharmavaram ..	8,068	9,177
Kalyandrug ..	600	791
Penukonda ..	1,833	1,559
Hindupur ..	457	491
Total ..	55,901	60,287

Complaints of delays in payments still continue. Enquiry shows that it is attributable to various causes, such as delay in the delivery of extract nominal rolls by overseers, incorrect preparation of rolls, delay in making payments by Paymasters, want of funds with Paymasters and Tahsildars, &c. I have directed the Paymasters to report all cases of delay on the part of the overseers direct to the Executive Engineer, Famine Sub-division. I have given also Assistant Paymasters for large works and hope that delays by Paymasters will, in future, be of less frequent occurrence. I am also addressing the Executive Engineer, Bellary, to arrange for a more prompt recoupment of the Tahsildars' imprests. I have directed the Divisional officers and Tahsildars to muster gangs when inspecting works to check the attendance. This seems very necessary to prevent manipulation of names by head coolies as has been noticed in one or two instances in the Gooty division.

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INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and Places visited—

Head Assistant Collector.	Famine Deputy Collector, Gooty.	Famine Deputy Collector, Anantapur.	Collector.
<i>Dharmavaram taluk.</i>	<i>Gooty taluk.</i>	<i>Anantapur taluk.</i>	
Nagasamudram. Dharmavaram. Mamillapalli. Kanaganpalli. Elakuntla. Tagarkunta. Pattapaliem. Bhadrapuram. Nasnakota. Perur. Dabbarapalli. Muthavakunta. Basampalli. Kanumakkala. Penukonda.	Gooty. Timmancherla. Guntakal. Konakondla. Goolapaliem. Wagrakarur. <i>Tadpatri taluk.</i> Tadpatri. Sajjaladivna. Hussainpuram. Virapuram. Kottalpalli. Rayavenotampalli. Kondapuram. Arukatavemala. Surrepalli. Kaduvakal. Oherlapulli. Maddipalli. Kummanamala. Chalavemala.	Somandoddi. Pamaraiji. Vadiempeta. Kotheir. Garladinna. Mortad. Kammur. Aravakur. Kudera. Talapur. Bbrahmanayeleru. Bommaparti. Gondireddipalli. Marur. Hampapuram. Kandakur. Anantapur.	Guntakal. Anantapur Kandukur.
<i>Gooty taluk.</i>			
Guntakal.			

Resolution—dated 31st July 1897, No. 541.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was extremely deficient, an average of two inches being expected, while only two showers of 0.83 and 0.13 were received at Hindupur and Kalyandrug. The rest of the district had received no fall for a month, but since the date of the report good falls have been reported as follows:—

	INCHES.
Gooty	2.15
Yadiki	1.72
Tadpatri	0.77
Anantapur	2.58
Madakasira	1.65

These will be of the greatest benefit to the areas over which they fell, but they appear to have been local, and the greater part of the district is still parched and dry. In the latter areas agricultural operations are at a standstill, and there can be but little hope of any of the unprotected standing crops being saved. The rain in the two northern taluks was insufficient for the cultivation of the black-cotton soils. Pasture may be locally revived by the recent rains, but is generally scarce. The Collector will be informed that the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee is unable to increase the number of fodder depôts; the quantity of fodder they can supply is limited, and it is with difficulty that the requirements of the existing depôts can be met. The Famine Commissioner agrees with the Collector that the present establishment in charge of depôts is unnecessarily expensive; instructions on this point have been issued separately.

3. Prices continued to rise during the fortnight, the result, apparently, of external influences to a great extent, considerable quantities of grain having been exported to the Bombay Presidency. The price of cholam at Sholapur and Dhulia, respectively, was 7.4 and 6.8 measures for a rupee, against an average of 10.9 in Anantapur. At such a price grain from Tadpatri could be laid down at Sholapur at

9.4 measures a rupee and at Dhulia at 8.3 measures a rupee. The temptation to export must be great. Cholam rose by $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and ragi by 18 per cent. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.
Normal	13.2	32.0	30.0
Warning	10.6	24.0	22.5
Scarcity	7.9	16.0	15.0
Current	8.5	13.6	10.9
July 1892	10.6	20.2	18.5
" 1877	5.8	6.3	6.2

4. The condition of the people was generally good. The numbers on works increased by about 8 per cent., while there was a slight increase in the numbers on gratuitous relief. Orders have been passed on the Karadikonda affair in B.P., dated 27th July 1897, Mis. No. 5854. Three additional Circle Inspectors have been sent to the district; if he requires more the Collector should apply by letter. It is trusted that the Collector will be able to make satisfactory arrangements to prevent further delays in the payment of coolies. Instructions as to the mustering of gangs have been issued in B.P., dated 22nd July 1897, No. 523.

5. The following figures show the progress made in the disbursement of loans:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
June 19th	2,07,194
" 26th	2,24,264
July 3rd	2,34,396
" 10th	2,44,387
" 17th	2,56,899

The pace is not fast enough for the work that has to be done. With a Special Deputy Collector for loans work the issue should be much faster.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Anantapur.

" Sanitary Commissioner.

" Chairman, Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee.

ORDER—No. 700, Revenue, dated 18th August 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.

" the Public Works Department.

" the Financial Department.

" the Local and Municipal Department.

" the Accountant-General.

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