

Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 7

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the Board's suggestion that Dy. Supts of
Districts may be instructed to note the defects dis-
covered in the Birth & Deaths registers and the oral
explanations furnished by the Village Officers in the
village inspection book in *munaculas* and to send a
copy of their remarks to the *Tahsildars* for necessary action.

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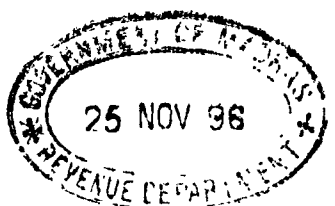
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From The Board of Revenue,
Revenue Settlement, Land Re-
-Cords and Agriculture.
Madras

No. 5903 mds.

Orders

Deputy Inspectors of Vaccination have been permitted to examine village births and deaths registers. The Sanitary Comr. proposes that, when these officers discover any points calling for explanation, they should be authorized to take written explanations from the village officer concerned, and forward them to the Tahsildar for disposal.

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2. The Board of Rev objects, and rightly, to village officers being called upon for written explanation in this manner and suggests that the officers of the vaccination Dept should be asked to note their remarks in village-inspection book, and that the village officer concerned be required to send an extract therefrom and his own explanation to the Tahsildar.

3. It is submitted that the Board's suggestion may be approved.

SUBJECT

Submitting to Government, Revenue Department, remarks on Sanitary Commissioner's proposal that Deputy Inspectors of vaccination should be authorized to demand explanation from village officers in case where errors or omissions are discovered in registers of births and deaths.

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Read again G.O. ²⁵²⁷
29-6-96

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note: G.O. (Dress) of 5th Jan. 1897, No 7.

The Board's suggestions in para 2 of its Propo read above are approved.

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G.O., No. 7, 5th January 1897.

JANUARY.

Births and Deaths Registers.

Approving the Board's suggestion that Deputy Inspectors of Vaccination may be instructed to note the defects discovered in the — and the oral explanations furnished by the village officers in the village inspection book in the vernacular and to send a copy of their remarks to the Tahsildar for the necessary action.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 2527, Revenue, dated 29th June 1896:—

Read—the following letter from Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Fort St. George, 8th June 1896, No. 1120-S:—

I have the honour to forward herewith letter No. 3514, dated 23rd November 1895, from the Collector of Coimbatore, in which he advocates the requiring of Deputy Inspectors of Vaccination when inspecting birth and death registers to at once secure from the village officers such explanation as to defects discovered as they may wish to offer to be forwarded to the Revenue officer concerned, with disposal of the case. It is calculated that in this manner much unnecessary delay and correspondence would be obviated, and that, consequently, the inspection of registers would have a more effective sequel than at present. Believing that the arrangement would prove of benefit if adopted throughout the Presidency, I circulated the letter to all Collectors asking whether they were willing to adopt it. In the accompanying statement will be found a list of officers who assented and dissented respectively. Those replying in the negative plead that the action would degrade village heads. Laying aside any question of the relative pay and official position of the two classes, I cannot see if it does degrade a village head to have work, for which he is responsible, inspected and commented upon by a Deputy Inspector of Vaccination, that merely requiring the Deputy Inspector's comments should also be accompanied by the village officer's reply thereto can in any measure alter the position to the disadvantage of the latter. On the opposite, it would appear that the village head is given a safeguard, in that the Deputy Inspector would at once relinquish any attempt at unfavourable comments when met by an explanation that he might consider would be accepted as valid by the deciding Revenue officer. Indeed, I consider that by this method village heads will be saved the worry incident to inquiries that might hang fire for months on end, and pass through various stages of affirmation and denials on the part of both parties concerned. In any case, so long as the decision is left in the hands of the Revenue officer and not that of the Inspecting officer, the mode of transmission selected ought to matter little to village heads.

2. As the consensus of opinion is decidedly in favour of the proposal, I would suggest, for the consideration of Government, that it would be advisable to adopt the ruling by an explicit order.

ENCLOSURES.

ABSTRACT of replies received from the Collectors of districts to a reference made by this office on the advisability of Deputy Inspectors of Vaccination demanding explanation from village officers in cases where errors or omissions are discovered in registration of births or deaths.

Districts.	Approving the proposal that Deputy Inspector should be furnished with explanation on the spot by village officers as to supposed cases of neglect of registration.	Disapproving the proposal that Deputy Inspectors should be furnished with explanation on the spot by village officers as to supposed cases of neglect of registration.
Anantapur	Yes	Has no objection to Deputy making verbal inquiries.
Bellary	Do.	No.
Chingleput	Yes	No.
Coimbatore	Yes	No.
Cuddapah	Do.	Has no objection to Deputy making (verbal ?) inquiries.
Ganjām	Do.	
Gódvári	Do.	
Kistna	Do.	
Kurnool	Do.	
Madura	Do.	
Malabar	Do.	
Nellore	Yes	
North Arcot	Do.	
Salem	Do.	
South Arcot	Do.	
South Canara	Do.	
Tanjore	Do.	
Tinnevely	Do.	
Trichinopoly	Do.	
Vizagapatam	Do.	

From H. BRADLEY, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, dated 23rd November 1895, Dis. No. 3514-Rev.

With reference to your letter No. 1391-S, dated 17th August 1895, I have the honour to inform you that it is impossible to fix the responsibility for errors in registration of births and deaths, unless particulars are given of the hamlets and houses in which the omissions occurred.

2. I think it would be better if the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination were to be instructed to take the explanations of the village officers as soon as errors or omissions are discovered. This would be much more satisfactory as the village officers are nearly always present with them and the effect would be much better. The explanations could then be dealt with in the usual course. This would also remove all doubt from the accuracy of the Deputy Inspector's figures, as they would be verified upon the spot.

3. I am issuing a short circular demanding more attention to registration of vital statistics.

No. 714.

Referred to the Revenue Department for remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22nd June 1896.

(Signed) W. W. PHILLIPS,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

Order—Mis. No. 2527, Revenue, dated 29th June 1896.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 5903, dated 23rd November 1896:—

Read—G.O., Mis. No. 2527, Revenue, dated 29th June 1896.

Resolution—Mis. No. 5903, dated 23rd November 1896.

From the correspondence printed in G.O., No. 1204, dated 26th June 1879, it appears that the examination of birth and death registers by Deputy Inspectors of Vaccination was intended to facilitate their duties in regard to the general sanitary inspection of villages and not for the purpose of checking the accuracy of the registers. As regards supervision of these registers Government has quite recently observed in paragraph 12 of its order, No. 476, dated 21st September 1896, that it must rely chiefly on Revenue officers. There is, however, no objection to Deputy Inspectors of Vaccination, when examining birth and death registers, making *oral* inquiries of village officers regarding any defects they may discover in the registers. But the Board considers it inexpedient to permit *written* explanations or depositions being demanded, as such a course may have the effect of giving the Deputy Inspectors some authority over village officers—a result which the Board would deprecate. In this connection it is observed that in paragraph 5 of his memorandum printed at pages 9 to 13 of G.O., No. 476, Revenue, dated 21st September 1896, the Sanitary Commissioner proposed a complete reorganisation of the Vaccination department, with a view to secure the services of men who could be given some authority over village officers, but that the proposal did not commend itself to Government.

2. The object aimed at by the proposal now made by the Sanitary Commissioner is to avoid unnecessary delay and correspondence. To secure this, the Board considers that Deputy Inspectors of Vaccination may be instructed to note the defects discovered in the registers and the oral explanations furnished by the village officers in the village inspection book, which, it is believed, is maintained in each village with reference to Board's Proceedings (Land Revenue), No. 737, dated 23rd December 1892. The Deputy Inspectors should be required to record their remarks in the vernacular and send a copy thereof at once to the Tahsildar. If the village officers also are directed to submit copies of these remarks to the Tahsildar, within, say, 48 hours, with their own explanation in the matter, the Tahsildar will be in a position to take the necessary action at once.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with original enclosures returned.

ORDER—No. 7, Revenue, dated 5th January 1897.

Miscellaneous.

The Board's suggestions in paragraph 2 of its Proceedings read above are approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
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