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Agricultural Operations and condition of Standing Crops—Eastern Section.—In the Cumbum taluk, cumbu is ripening fast. Paddy, cholam, cumbu, korra, pulses and castor, which form the standing crops, are flourishing. In the Markapur taluk, sowing still went on in almost all parts. The standing cumbu, korra, arika and oil-seed crops that were beginning to wither in the early portion of the fortnight were reviving towards its close. *North Central Section.* Korra, cotton and late cholam were being sown, and chillies were being transplanted. Early cholam, cumbu, korra, arika, paddy, oil-seeds and millet, which form the standing crops, are in good condition. *South Central Section.*—Paddy was being transplanted under the canal. In the Sirvel taluk, the season is most favourable. Cotton, horsegram and late cholam were being sown, and chillies were being transplanted. Korra and cumbu are in ear in parts, and likely to be harvested in about a fortnight. The other standing crops are in excellent condition. In the Nandyal taluk, cotton and arika were being sown on black soils. In some parts korra and early cholam are thriving well, while in the Betamcherla firka, in several villages of which the standing crops were withering fast previous to the heavy rain, there is a slight improvement noticeable in their condition. The Koilkuntla taluk is the worst off in the section. Ploughing and manuring was still going on, in anticipation of further rain. In villages where the rain was sufficiently heavy, for example, on the borders of the Cuddapah district, cotton, cholam and arika were being sown. The few standing crops, chiefly confined to the Owk firka, and consisting of arika and korra, are slowly reviving. *Western Section.* The preparation of black soils for cultivation continued, and cotton and korra were being sown. In the Ramallakot taluk the condition of the standing crops, such as cholam, arika and korra, is good within a radius of 10 miles or so from Kurnool and in several of the villages to the south, and poor, though slightly improving, in the centre of the taluk. In the Pattikonda taluk, the state of affairs is very similar: in the north the standing crops are in pretty fair condition, in the centre reviving to some extent, and in the south moderately good, on the whole, except in a few villages.

Supply of Fodder, Pasture, and Condition of Cattle.—Fodder was, of course, still very scarce, and is likely to be so for the next fortnight or more. Pasture was abundant in the taluks bordering on the Nallamalais, and reviving rapidly in other places. The general condition of cattle in the eastern and north central sections was pretty good, and, in the affected tracts, improving in Sirvel and still very poor in the other taluks. Veterinary Lieutenant Edwards left the district sometime back, but the result of his investigation regarding cattle disease is not known. During the period under report, there was unfortunately a recrudescence of rinderpest in the south central section, resulting in 277 attacks and 171 deaths, according to the information furnished by the village officials. In parts of the western section a severe type of disease prevailed, and at Jaladurgam in the Pyápali firka many a head of cattle succumbed.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The rain that fell towards the end of the fortnight came only just in time to avert a terrible loss of crop in the Koilkuntla, Nandyal, Ramallakot and Pattikonda taluks. The state of the Markapur taluk also has greatly improved. A further down—pour at an early date would be very beneficial to a large area in both the Koilkuntla and Pattikonda taluks.

Food-supplies and the state of the Markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 31st August 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
1. Pattikonda ..	7·49	8·64	13·58	12·85	10·04	10·30	12·22	..	The price of *rice* is falling in Pattikonda and Pyapali and rising elsewhere. The price of *ragi* is stationary in Markapur and Koilkuntla and rising elsewhere. The price of *cholam* is falling in Pattikonda, Pyápali, Nandyal, Koilkuntla and Allagadda and rising elsewhere. The price of *cumbu* is stationary in Markapur and rising elsewhere.
2. Pyápali ..	7·49	7·56	13·58	..	8·56	9·78	12·22	8·46	
3. Kurnool town ..	7·51	7·15	14·19	10·32	8·90	8·56	7·50	..	
4. Nandikotkur ..	7·86	7·50	..	..	9·59	9·24	..	..	
5. Atmakur ..	8·58	8·21	..	..	11·30	9·93	..	..	
6. Nandyal ..	9·29	8·93	13·58	11·61	10·36	10·61	..	..	
7. Kalva	7·50	7·15	..	11·61	10·36	9·24	..	9·06	
8. Koilkuntla ..	8·30	8·30	12·00	12·00	9·06	9·48	..	8·75	
9. Owk	7·47	7·05	12·00	11·62	9·48	8·69	..	..	
10. Allagadda ..	7·86	7·15	12·00	12·25	8·90	9·93	..	..	
11. Giddalur ..	9·13	8·30	13·50	12·75	12·64	11·06	11·60	10·15	
12. Markapur ..	8·30	8·30	13·50	13·50	11·06	..	10·15	10·15	
Average for affected tracts	7·86	7·74	13·12	11·75	9·46	9·57	10·04	8·76	
Average for the whole district ..	8·07	7·85	13·20	12·06	10·02	9·71	10·74	9·31	

Activity of Trade.—Trade was moderately active, except in the north central section and the Koilkuntla taluk of the south central section, where it was dull. The markets were generally well supplied.

Condition of the people.

On Works.—Cholera broke out and caused several deaths on the Gonegundla work, and there were a few cases on some of the other works. Preventive measures were being taken in most places by the medical staff. The general condition of the relief workers was, on the whole, fair. The Surgeon-General inspected about one-third of the gangs working in the neighbourhood of Kurnool, and did not find anything in particular to complain of in their state of health: I imagine that the majority of the bad cases, pointed out by the Sanitary Commissioner a month previously, were immigrants from Hyderabad and had returned to their homes in the interval. My visit to the Gudipad work near Pyápali revealed the fact that the workers, several of whom belonged to the Anantapur district, were subsisting almost entirely on ragi, and, bearing in mind the last sentence of paragraph 3 of B.P., No. 549, dated 4th August 1897, I directed that the price of the grain portion of the wages should be calculated on the basis of two-thirds ragi and one-third cholam, in accordance with the rule laid down in B.P., No. 483, dated 3rd July 1897. Similarly, at the Nossam and other works at the extreme south of the district, to which our higher rates of wages were attracting many labourers from the Cuddapah district, I have thought it necessary to fix prices on the basis of one-half ragi and one-half cholam. I request that my action in this direction may be approved.

In villages.—Cholera was still prevalent, especially in the Pattikonda taluk. The number of attacks and deaths was, however, much less than in the previous fortnight. The reports from the affected tracts show the people to be in tolerably good condition. The Surgeon-General visited the Kurnool town kitchen, and remarked that the inmates had evidently been well looked after.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera, fever and dysentery were the chief diseases, as is usually the case at this time of the year. There were no deaths from starvation.

Remarks.—One of the three taluk relief officers, promised me, reported himself during the period, and was posted to the Pattikonda taluk, where the supervision exercised over the administration of gratuitous relief was previously very insufficient. The Head Assistant Collector has been making a village-to-village inspection of the Koilkuntla taluk, and the Pyápali Deputy Collector has been doing the same in the Ramallakot taluk, for the purpose of checking the grain dole registers.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
(1) Pattikonda	36,955	36,265
(2) Ramallakot	22,749	27,581
(3) Nandyal	15,976	15,581
(4) Koilkuntla	38,228	37,391
(5) Sirvel	18,025	9,725
Total ...	131,933	126,543

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise:—

Taluks.	Number relieved: At Kitchens. Dependants. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Others. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In Poor-houses. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In Villages. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
1. Pattikonda	1,608	1,802	1,220	1,308	..	..	* 1,109 5,266	* 1,226 4,580
2. Ramallakot	922	1,582	..	12	..	..	1,073 17,912	1,094 † 16,807
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	371	329
4. Nandyal	354	397	23	23	..	..	875 ‡ 2,159	791 2,930
5. Koilkuntla	1,319	1,342	88	87	..	..	2,999 2,765	2,774 2,206
6. Sirvel	564	375	14	15	..	..	1,316 1,374	1,476 1,243
Total ..	4,767	5,498	1,345	1,445	..	..	7,743 29,476	7,690 27,566

* The first set of figure represents the number of persons fed in village kitchens and the second set those in receipt of grain doles.

† Includes figures for Kurnool town.

‡ Last fortnight's figures incomplete.

Taluks.	Weavers' Relief. Number of villages in which relief was given. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Number of persons relieved. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Number of cloths manufactured. In the period.	Up to date.
1. Pattikonda	109	109	5,959	6,198	21,783	* 83,548
2. Ramallakot	101	101	4,041	4,372	13,767	57,364
3. Nandikotkur	3	3	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal	† 100	122	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	89	89	1,274	1,368	2,666	7,823
6. Sirvel	102	102	983	1,019	1,786	6,091
Total ..	504	526	12,257	12,957	40,002	1,54,826

* The Deputy Collector, Pyápali, reports that the figure shown in the last fortnightly narrative wrongly shows 300 in excess which has therefore been excluded from this figure.

† Last fortnight's figure was incomplete.

Private charity.—The Head Assistant Collector reports that private charity, which entirely ceased during the hot weather, is again being dispensed to a certain extent in his division. He appears to refer particularly to villages commanded by the canal, where the bulk of the people are in good circumstances.

General remarks.—The Sirvel taluk had an abundance of rain from the 18th *ultimo* onwards, and this no doubt accounts for the large decline in the number of relief workers during the period. Elsewhere in the affected tracts, the heavy rain came too late in the fortnight to have any effect on our numbers.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act for the fortnight ending 31st August 1897.

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.						Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		
1. Pattikonda	155	41,550	155	25,498	185	43,826	1,123	1,26,060	1,123	1,26,060	30	5,810	1,278	1,61,610	1,278	1,45,558	215	49,636	..	155
2. Ramallakot	25	6,100	23	5,800	60	18,280	27	2,260	25	1,960	80	11,230	52	8,360	48	* 7,760	140	29,510	..	21
3. Nandikotkur	2	400	2	400	..	..	3	450	3	450	2	200	5	850	5	850	2	200	..	3
4. Nandyál	11	3,900	11	1,600	33	9,500	28	4,175	28	4,175	192	23,000	39	8,075	39	† 5,775	225	33,100	..	11
5. Koilkuntla	24	4,700	24	4,700	20	6,850	29	3,165	24	2,765	27	3,850	53	7,865	48	* 7,465	47	10,700	..	24
6 Sirvel	65	11,200	59	10,300	19	7,870	16	1,950	16	1,950	3	380	81	13,150	75	12,250	22	8,250	..	65
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	..
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	282	67,850	274	48,298	319	86,676	1,226	1,32,060	1,219	1,31,360	334*	45,070	1,508	1,99,910	1,493	1,79,658	653	1,31,746	.	279

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
1. Pattikonda	2,319	1,12,593	2,319	1,12,593	2,115	79,164	55	2,275	55	2,275	161	11,918	2,374	1,14,868	2,374	1,14,868	2,276	91,082
2. Ramallakot	49	3,245	41	2,705	644	58,363	1	100	1	100	221	15,750	50	3,345	42	2,805	865	74,113
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	1,490	..	..	..	..	17	1,490
4. Nandyál	65	5,039	65	5,039	642	81,419	..	..	..	..	714	65,621	65	† 5,039	65	5,039	1,356	1,50,040
5. Koilkuntla	817	50,794	649	39,283	374	55,611	..	..	..	..	..	..	817	50,794	649	39,283	374	55,611
6. Sirvel	41	2,413	34	1,779	44	1,564	132	6,955	132	6,955	51	5,877	173	9,368	166	8,734	95	7,441
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	106	2,391	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	106	2,391
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	80	2	80	1	50	2	80	2	80	1	50
Total	3,291	1,74,084	3,108	1,61,399	3,925	2,81,512	190	9,410	190	9,410	1,165	1,00,706	3,481	1,83,494	3,298	1,70,809	5,090	3,82,218

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INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.

I was in camp for ten days, and inspected the following places :—

Ramallakot taluk.—Veldurti, Laddagiri, Dhone and Makapuram.

Pattikonda taluk.—Pyápali and Gazuladinne.

Nandyal taluk.—Nandyal and Gazulapalli.

Works.—Laddagiri work, Gudipad work, Bhavikunama work and Sirvel-Gazulapalli station road work.

The Head Assistant Collector was in camp for ten days, and visited the following places :—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Pottipad, Gulladurti, Allur, Mayalur, Rupanagudi, Lingamdinne, Tudumuladinne, Bodemmanur, Nossam, Jammuladinne, Pedda Emmanur, Uyyalavada, Kristipad, Bheemunipad, Koilkuntla, Kalugotla, Uppalur, Revanur and Gundupapala.

Sirvel taluk.—Tellapuri, Kulur, Vantivelagala and Gospad.

Nandyal taluk.—Guntanala, Mitnala, Brahmanapalli, Pusalur and Chapirevula

Works.—Koilkuntla-Nandipad road, Nossam-Koilkuntla road, Mayalur-Uyyalavada road and Koilkuntla-Allagada road (Bheemunipad section).

The Famine Deputy Collector, Pyápali, was on tour throughout the fortnight, and visited the following places :—

Ramallakot taluk.—Ungaralagundla, Kothapalli, Dorapalli, Kocheruvu, Dhone, Aledoddi, Govardhanagiri, Srirangapuram, Kottala, Peremula, Kasipuram, Bingidoddi, Lanjabanda, Dasaridoddi, Narasapuram, Sarpharajpuram, Ramallakot, Madarpuram, Pullagummy, Kalugotla, Uyyalavada, Meedivemula, Narnur, Velduru and Yerraguntla.

The Head-quarters Deputy Collector could not make any inspections, as he had to be in charge of the treasury for some days, and was ill during the rest of the time.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum Division inspected the following places :—

Cumbum.—Giddalur, Cumbum, Páyapali and Chintalapalem.

Markapur.—Nikarampalli, Jangamguntla, Sunkesula, Puchakayalapalli, Gobbur, Thokapalli, Dupad, Visvanathapuram, Lellapalli, Chapalamadugu, Komarole, Rámachandrapuram, Narasayapalem, Boyalapalli, Gurzepalli, Dorimadugu, and Gorugantapad.

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2. The rainfall during the fortnight was good and fairly general. Pattikonda and Nandyal received insufficient rain, but there has since been a further heavy fall in which these taluks participated. These falls have materially altered the condition of the district, and the outlook is now hopeful.

3. There need be no further anxiety about supplies for cattle, as pasture was rapidly reviving. Cattle disease continued to prevail. The report of the Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Department, on the outbreak is being separately dealt with.

4. In spite of the improvement in prospects, prices continued to rise generally, though they were slightly easier in Pattikonda taluk. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures :—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13·2	..	30·0	28·0
Warning	10·6	..	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	7·9	..	15·0	14·0
Current	7·8	12·1	9·7	9·3
August 1802	10·0	15·5	16·7	13·7
„ 1877	5·3	5·3	6·0	5·6

5. The condition of the people was on the whole fair, though cholera was still prevalent. The total number on relief decreased slightly, in spite of a considerable increase on works in Ramallakot; the decrease on works was mainly confined to Sirvel, where the improvement of the season commenced at an earlier date than elsewhere.

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

Up to end of week ending—	Amount disbursed. Rs.
August 14th	3,18,873
„ 21st	3,39,957
„ 28th	3,51,542
September 4th	3,63,073

Applications for over five lakhs still remain to be disposed of, but nearly three lakhs of this was applied for for the purchase of fodder, and it will probably be now found unnecessary to make advances for this purpose. It is to be regretted that so little has been done to dispose of applications for loans for purchase of cattle and seed-grain; the work done in this direction in Sirvel is fair, and in Pattikonda but moderate; in Ramallakot and Nandyal nothing has been done; the Collector should take notice of this.

7. The Collector's action in altering the basis on which wages are fixed is approved.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Kurnool.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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There were excellent falls throughout the Sirvel taluk and, except in some half-dozen villages, throughout the Ramallakot taluk. The whole of Koilkuntla, the western half of Nandyal, and southernmost portion of Pattikonda also fared extremely well. The rainfall in the vicinity of Pattikonda was hardly sufficient, considering the parched state of the ground. The eastern half of Nandyal got no more than a heavy shower, but there was exceptionally good rain, which probably made up for the previous deficiency, at Gazulapalli to the extreme east, just after the close of the fortnight.

Water-supply—For drinking.—The supply was sufficient everywhere. *For Irrigation—Eastern and North Central Sections.* The supply was insufficient, except in the Markapur taluk. *South Central Section.* There was abundance of water all over the Sirvel taluk. The supply was fairly sufficient in the Nandyal taluk, and insufficient, on the whole, in the Koilkuntla taluk. *Western Section.* The supply was adequate in the greater part of the Ramallakot taluk and in the south of the Pattikonda taluk, and inadequate elsewhere.

Agricultural Operations and condition of Standing Crops—Eastern Section.—In the Cumbum taluk, cumbu is ripening fast. Paddy, cholam, cumbu, korra, pulses and castor, which form the standing crops, are flourishing. In the Markapur taluk, sowing still went on in almost all parts. The standing cumbu, korra, arika and oil-seed crops that were beginning to wither in the early portion of the fortnight were reviving towards its close. *North Central Section.* Korra, cotton and late cholam were being sown, and chillies were being transplanted. Early cholam, cumbu, korra, arika, paddy, oil-seeds and millet, which form the standing crops, are in good condition. *South Central Section.*—Paddy was being transplanted under the canal. In the Sirvel taluk, the season is most favourable. Cotton, horsegram and late cholam were being sown, and chillies were being transplanted. Korra and cumbu are in ear in parts, and likely to be harvested in about a fortnight. The other standing crops are in excellent condition. In the Nandyal taluk, cotton and arika were being sown on black soils. In some parts korra and early cholam are thriving well, while in the Betamcherla firka, in several villages of which the standing crops were withering fast previous to the heavy rain, there is a slight improvement noticeable in their condition. The Koilkuntla taluk is the worst off in the section. Ploughing and manuring was still going on, in anticipation of further rain. In villages where the rain was sufficiently heavy, for example, on the borders of the Cuddapah district, cotton, cholam and arika were being sown. The few standing crops, chiefly confined to the Owk firka, and consisting of arika and korra, are slowly reviving. *Western Section.* The preparation of black soils for cultivation continued, and cotton and korra were being sown. In the Ramallakot taluk the condition of the standing crops, such as cholam, arika and korra, is good within a radius of 10 miles or so from Kurnool and in several of the villages to the south, and poor, though slightly improving, in the centre of the taluk. In the Pattikonda taluk, the state of affairs is very similar : in the north the standing crops are in pretty fair condition, in the centre reviving to some extent, and in the south moderately good, on the whole, except in a few villages.

Supply of Fodder, Pasture, and Condition of Cattle.—Fodder was, of course, still very scarce, and is likely to be so for the next fortnight or more. Pasture was abundant in the taluks bordering on the Nallamalais, and reviving rapidly in other places. The general condition of cattle in the eastern and north central sections was pretty good, and, in the affected tracts, improving in Sirvel and still very poor in the other taluks. Veterinary Lieutenant Edwards left the district sometime back, but the result of his investigation regarding cattle disease is not known. During the period under report, there was unfortunately a recrudescence of rinderpest in the south central section, resulting in 277 attacks and 171 deaths, according to the information furnished by the village officials. In parts of the western section a severe type of disease prevailed, and at Jaladurgam in the Pyápali firka many a head of cattle succumbed.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The rain that fell towards the end of the fortnight came only just in time to avert a terrible loss of crop in the Koilkuntla, Nandyal, Ramallakot and Pattikonda taluks. The state of the Markapur taluk also has greatly improved. A further down—pour at an early date would be very beneficial to a large area in both the Koilkuntla and Pattikonda taluks.

Food-supplies and the state of the Markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 31st August 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
1. Pattikonda ..	7·49	8·64	13·58	12·85	10·04	10·30	12·22	..	The price of *rice* is falling in Pattikonda and Pyápali and rising elsewhere. The price of *ragi* is stationary in Markapur and Koilkuntla and rising elsewhere. The price of *cholam* is falling in Pattikonda, Pyápali, Nandyal, Koilkuntla and Allagadda and rising elsewhere. The price of *cumbu* is stationary in Markapur and rising elsewhere.
2. Pyápali ..	7·49	7·56	13·58	..	8·56	9·78	12·22	8·46	
3. Kurnool town ..	7·61	7·15	14·19	10·32	8·90	8·56	7·50	..	
4. Nandikotkur ..	7·86	7·50	..	..	9·59	9·24	..	..	
5. Atmakur ..	8·58	8·21	..	..	11·30	9·93	..	..	
6. Nandyal ..	9·29	8·93	13·58	11·61	10·36	10·61	..	..	
7. Kalva	7·51	7·15	..	11·61	10·36	9·24	..	9·06	
8. Koilkuntla ..	8·30	8·30	12·00	12·00	9·06	9·48	..	8·75	
9. Owk	7·47	7·05	12·00	11·62	9·48	8·69	..	..	
10. Allagadda ..	7·86	7·15	12·90	12·25	8·90	9·93	..	..	
11. Giddalur ..	9·13	8·30	13·50	12·75	12·64	11·06	11·60	10·15	
12. Markapur ..	8·30	8·30	13·50	13·50	11·06	..	10·15	10·15	
Average for affected tracts	7·86	7·74	13·12	11·75	9·46	9·57	10·64	8·76	
Average for the whole district ..	8·07	7·85	13·20	12·06	10·02	9·71	10·74	9·31	

Activity of Trade.—Trade was moderately active, except in the north central section and the Koilkuntla taluk of the south central section, where it was dull. The markets were generally well supplied.

Condition of the people.

On Works.—Cholera broke out and caused several deaths on the Gonegundla work, and there were a few cases on some of the other works. Preventive measures were being taken in most places by the medical staff. The general condition of the relief workers was, on the whole, fair. The Surgeon-General inspected about one-third of the gangs working in the neighbourhood of Kurnool, and did not find anything in particular to complain of in their state of health: I imagine that the majority of the bad cases, pointed out by the Sanitary Commissioner a month previously, were immigrants from Hyderabad and had returned to their homes in the interval. My visit to the Gudipad work near Pyápali revealed the fact that the workers, several of whom belonged to the Anantapur district, were subsisting almost entirely on ragi, and, bearing in mind the last sentence of paragraph 3 of B.P., No. 549, dated 4th August 1897, I directed that the price of the grain portion of the wages should be calculated on the basis of two-thirds ragi and one-third cholam, in accordance with the rule laid down in B.P., No. 483, dated 3rd July 1897. Similarly, at the Nossam and other works at the extreme south of the district, to which our higher rates of wages were attracting many labourers from the Cuddapah district, I have thought it necessary to fix prices on the basis of one-half ragi and one-half cholam. I request that my action in this direction may be approved.

In villages.—Cholera was still prevalent, especially in the Pattikonda taluk. The number of attacks and deaths was, however, much less than in the previous fortnight. The reports from the affected tracts show the people to be in tolerably good condition. The Surgeon-General visited the Kurnool town kitchen, and remarked that the inmates had evidently been well looked after.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera, fever and dysentery were the chief diseases, as is usually the case at this time of the year. There were no deaths from starvation.

Remarks.—One of the three taluk relief officers, promised me, reported himself during the period, and was posted to the Pattikonda taluk, where the supervision exercised over the administration of gratuitous relief was previously very insufficient. The Head Assistant Collector has been making a village-to-village inspection of the Koilkuntla taluk, and the Pyápali Deputy Collector has been doing the same in the Ramallakot taluk, for the purpose of checking the grain dole registers.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
(1) Pattikonda	36,955	36,265
(2) Ramallakot	22,749	27,581
(3) Nandyal	15,976	15,581
(4) Koilkuntla	38,228	37,391
(5) Sirvel	18,025	9,725
Total ...	131,933	126,543

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise:—

Taluks.	Number relieved: At Kitchens. Dependants. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Others. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In Poor-houses. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In Villages. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
1. Pattikonda	1,608	1,802	1,220	1,308	..	..	* 1,109	* 1,226
							5,266	4,580
							1,073	1,094
2. Ramallakot	922	1,582	..	12	..	..	17,912	† 16,607
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	371	329
4. Nandyal	354	397	23	23	..	..	875	791
							‡ 2,159	2,930
							2,999	2,774
5. Koilkuntla	1,319	1,342	88	87	..	..	2,765	2,206
							1,316	1,476
6. Sirvel	564	375	14	15	..	..	1,374	1,243
							7,743	7,690
Total ..	4,767	5,498	1,345	1,445	..	..	29,476	27,566

* The first set of figure represents the number of persons fed in village kitchens and the second set those in receipt of grain doles.

† Includes figures for Kurnool town.

‡ Last fortnight's figures incomplete.

Taluks.	Weavers' Relief. Number of villages in which relief was given. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Number of persons relieved. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Number of cloths manufactured. In the period.	Up to date.
1. Pattikonda	109	109	5,959	6,198	21,783	* 83,548
2. Ramallakot	101	101	4,041	4,372	13,767	57,364
3. Nandikotkur	3	3	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal	† 100	122	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	89	89	1,274	1,368	2,666	7,823
6. Sirvel	102	102	983	1,019	1,786	6,091
Total ..	504	526	12,257	12,957	40,002	1,54,826

* The Deputy Collector, Pyápali, reports that the figure shown in the last fortnightly narrative wrongly shown 300 in excess which has therefore been excluded from this figure.

† Last fortnight's figure was incomplete.

Private charity.—The Head Assistant Collector reports that private charity, which entirely ceased during the hot weather, is again being dispensed to a certain extent in his division. He appears to refer particularly to villages commanded by the canal, where the bulk of the people are in good circumstances.

General remarks.—The Sirvel taluk had an abundance of rain from the 18th *ultimo* onwards, and this no doubt accounts for the large decline in the number of relief workers during the period. Elsewhere in the affected tracts, the heavy rain came too late in the fortnight to have any effect on our numbers.

Loan Transactions.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act for the fortnight ending 31st August 1897.

Taluks.	Other purposes.						Repair and construction of wells.						Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Pattikonda					30	6,810	155	41,550	155	25,498	185	43,826	1,278	1,61,610	1,278	1,45,558	215	49,636
2. Ramallakot					80	11,230	25	6,100	23	6,800	60	18,280	52	8,360	48	* 1,760	140	20,510
3. Nandikothkur					2	200	2	400	2	400	..	..	5	850	5	850	2	200
4. Nandyal					192	28,600	11	8,900	11	1,600	33	9,500	39	8,075	39	† 5,715	225	33,100
5. Koilkuntla					27	3,850	24	4,700	24	4,700	20	6,850	53	7,865	48	* 1,405	47	10,700
6. Sirvel ..					3	380	65	11,200	59	16,300	19	7,870	81	13,150	75	12,250	22	8,250
7. Cumbum					..	..	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	..	..	..	2	350
8. Markapur					..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	9	1,123	1,20,060	1,219	1,31,360	334	45,070	282	67,850	274	48,298	319	86,676	1,508	1,99,910	1,493	1,79,693	653	1,31,746

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.						Purchase of fodder.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	28	29	30	31	32	33	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Pattikonda	55	2,275	55	2,275	161	11,918	2,319	1,12,593	2,319	1,12,593	2,115	79,164	55	2,275	55	2,275	161	11,918
2. Ramallakot	1	100	1	100	221	15,750	49	3,245	41	2,705	644	58,363	1	100	1	100	221	15,750
3. Nandikothkur	..	..	..	..	17	1,490	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	1,490
4. Nandyal	..	..	..	..	714	65,621	65	5,039	65	5,039	642	84,419	..	..	..	..	714	65,621
5. Koilkuntla	132	6,955	132	6,955	..	5,877	817	50,794	649	39,283	374	55,611	132	6,955	132	6,955	..	5,877
6. Sirvel ..	..	..	..	..	51	..	41	2,413	34	1,779	44	1,564	..	..	..	..	51	..
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	106	2,391	..	..	..	..	..	50
8. Markapur	2	80	2	80	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	80	2	80	1	..
Total ..	190	9,410	190	9,410	1,165	1,00,706	3,291	1,74,084	3,108	1,61,399	3,925	2,81,512	190	9,410	190	9,410	1,165	1,00,706

Taluks.	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	34	35	36	37	38	39
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Pattikonda	2,374	1,14,568	2,374	1,14,568	2,276	91,082
2. Ramallakot	60	3,345	42	2,805	865	74,113
3. Nandikothkur	..	..	..	..	17	1,490
4. Nandyal	65	† 5,039	65	5,039	1,356	1,50,040
5. Koilkuntla	817	50,794	649	39,283	374	55,611
6. Sirvel ..	173	9,368	166	8,734	95	7,441
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	106	2,391
8. Markapur	2	80	2	80	1	50
Total ..	3,481	1,83,494	3,298	1,70,809	5,090	3,82,218

* These figures appear to be correct. Explanation will be called for for the discrepancy between them and those reported in the season telegram.
† The Tahsildar will be called upon to explain the discrepancy between these figures and those reported in the season telegram.

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Inspections of the District officers.

Taluks and places visited.

I was in camp for ten days, and inspected the following places:—

Ramallakot taluk.—Veldurti, Laddagiri, Dhone and Malkapuram.

Pattikonda taluk.—Pyápali and Garladinne.

Nandyal taluk.—Nandyal and Gazulapalli.

Works.—Laddagiri work, Gudipad work, Bhavikanama work and Sirvel-Gazulapalli station road work.

The Head Assistant Collector was in camp for ten days, and visited the following places:—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Pottipad, Gulladurti, Allur, Mayalur, Rupanagudi, Lingamdinne, Tudumuladinne, Bodemmanur, Nossam, Jammbuladinne, Pedda Emmanur, Uyyalavada, Kristipad, Bheemunipad, Koilkuntla, Kalugotla, Uppalur, Revanur and Gundupapala.

Sirvel taluk.—Tellapu[illegible], Kullur, Vantivelagala and Gospad.

Nandyal taluk.—Gun[illegible]ala, Mitnala, Brahmanapalli, Pusalur and Chapirevula.

Works.—Koilkuntla-Na[illegible]ipad road, Nossam-Koilkuntla road, Mayalur-Uyyalavada road and Koilkuntla-A[illegible]agada road (Bheemunipad section).

The Famine Deputy Collector, Pyápali, was on tour throughout the fortnight, and visited the following places:—

Ramallakot taluk.—Ungaralagundla, Kothapalli, Dorapalli, Kocheruvu, Dhone, Aledoddi, Govardhanagiri, Srirangapuram, Kottala, Peremula, Kasipuram, Bingidoddi, Lanjabanda, Dasaridoddi, Narasapuram, Sarpharajapuram, Ramallakot, Madarpuram, Pullagummy, Kalugotla, Uyyalavada, Meedivemula, Narnur, Veldurti and Yerraguntla.

The Head-quarters Deputy Collector could not make any inspections, as he had to be in charge of the treasury for some days, and was ill during the rest of the time.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum Division inspected the following places:—

Cumbum.—Giddalur, Cumbum, Páyapali and Chintalapalem.

Markapur.—Nikarampalli, Jangamguntla, Sunkesula, Puchakayalapalli, Gobbur, Thokapalli, Dupad, Visvanathapuram, Lellapalli, Chapalamadugu, Komarole, Rámachandrapuram, Narasayapalem, Bogalapalli, Guruzepalli, Dorimadugu, and Goruguntapad.

Resolution—No. 615, dated 13th September 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was good and fairly general. Pattikonda and Nandyal received insufficient rain, but there has since been a further heavy fall in which these taluks participated. These falls have materially altered the condition of the district, and the outlook is now hopeful.

3. There need be no further anxiety about supplies for cattle, as pasture was rapidly reviving. Cattle disease continued to prevail. The report of the Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Department, on the outbreak is being separately dealt with.

4. In spite of the improvement in prospects, prices continued to rise generally, though they were slightly easier in Pattikonda taluk. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures :—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13·2	..	30·0	28·0
Warning	10·6	..	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	7·9	..	15·0	14·0
Current	7·8	12·1	9·7	9·3
August 1892	10·0	15·5	16·7	13·7
„ 1877	5·3	5·3	6·0	5·6

5. The condition of the people was on the whole fair, though cholera was still prevalent. The total number on relief decreased slightly, in spite of a considerable increase on works in Ramallakot; the decrease on works was mainly confined to Sirvel, where the improvement of the season commenced at an earlier date than elsewhere.

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

Up to end of week ending—	Amount disbursed. Rs.
August 14th	3,18,873
„ 21st	3,39,957
„ 28th	3,51,542
September 4th	3,63,073

Applications for over five lakhs still remain to be disposed of, but nearly three lakhs of this was applied for for the purchase of fodder, and it will probably be now found unnecessary to make advances for this purpose. It is to be regretted that so little has been done to dispose of applications for loans for purchase of cattle and seed-grain; the work done in this direction in Sirvel is fair, and in Pattikonda but moderate; in Ramallakot and Nandyal nothing has been done; the Collector should take notice of this.

7. The Collector's action in altering the basis on which wages are fixed is approved.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Kurnool.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.

Order—No. 813, Revenue, dated 27th September 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
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„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Local and Municipal Department.
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