

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 87-878.

DATED 11th February 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Reserved Forest.

Ordering, with remarks, the publication in the Fort St. George Gazette and the Krishna D. Gazette of the Draft notified under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act for the constitution of the Guttikonda extension N. I, in the Pattenapalle taluk, as a—

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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 898



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Forest No 28

Read again S.O. 4013 mis (full) 7.10.96

also Cuo 898/97 (full)

Order No 87 d/11th February 1897.

From

The Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Madras.

As the extent of land left outside the reserve for extension of Cultivation is now reported to be amply sufficient for the requirements of the villagers, the draft notification forwarded with B.P. No 416 & 7.9.96 will be published in the Fort St George and Krishna St. Gazette, the 15th April 1897 being entered as the date from which reservation shall take effect

Forest No. 85 mis

Dated 28th January 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government with remands letter from the Collector of Krishna reporting that there is sufficient waste land for Cultivation excluding the portion required for the reservation of Guttikonda Extension No. 1

* The above S.O. No 4013 will have to be published

To the Bd. GR with map & enclosure

.. Supl. of P with notification

Encl. No 87 d/11-2-97.

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Post St. George #11, February 1897
 or DRAFT NOTIFICATION. 15 April

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare, under the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882, that from the 1891, the area, the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule appended to this notification shall be constituted "reserved forest."

SCHEDULE.

District.	Taluk.	Name of Forest.	Boundaries.
Kistna.	Sattenapalle.	Guttikonda extension I.	<i>North.</i>—Starting from the south-east corner of survey No. 12 of Gullapalli, the south side of survey No. 2 to its south-east corner; then a straight line in a north-easterly direction to a point one hundred and twenty links almost west of the south-west corner of survey of No. 15; then another straight line south of the south-west corner No. 15 to a point one hundred and forty links west of Ulinda vagu; then a third north-east running almost parallel to the vagu to a point one hundred and fifty links south-west by west of the point where the Ulinda vagu crosses the boundary of the reserve; then a fourth north-east by east to a point in the western surveyed boundary of Pedanevalipuri village, two hundred links north-east by east of the point ~~where~~ the Ulinda vagu crosses the boundary of the reserve. <i>East and south.</i>—From the last-named point the western surveyed boundary of the Pedanevalipuri, Tripurapuram and Narasingapad villages up to a survey stone at the south-west corner of the Narasingapad agharam; then a line south-west by south along the boundary between Sattenapalle and Narsaraopet taluks up to the top of Konabodu. <i>West.</i>—From the last-named point the Guttikonda reserved forest boundary up to the south-east corner of survey No. 420; then the south sides of survey Nos. 419, 417 and 379 up to the south-east corner of the last number; then the east sides of survey Nos. 379 and 377 up to the north-east corner of the latter number; then a straight line in a northerly direction to the starting point.

REMARKS.—I. The following public right of way is admitted:—

(1) The foot-path two yards wide for men only from Gullapalli to Tripurapuram. This enters the reserve eighteen chains south-west of the south-east corner of survey No. 37 of Gullapalli and running in a south-easterly direction for about seven furlongs leaves the reserve at the trijunction of Tripurapuram and Narasingapad agharams with Gullapalli.

II. The District Board road which passes through the reserve is excluded from it to a width of 22 yards on either side from its centre.

(Signed) A. W. LUSHINGTON,
District Forest-officer.

(Signed) **E. A. SMITH,**
Forest Sett.-officer.

Acting Secretary,

6205/11-27-71



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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 26th January

1896

Forest No. 85

Miscellaneous.

READ again Board's Proceedings Forest n^o. 416 dated 7th September 1896.
in p^o 4013 mis 7.10.96 also the following Board's Proceedings Forest n^o. 1398 Mis dated 17th October 1896, or Government Order n^o. 4013^o. Mis dated 7th October 1896.

Communicated to the Collector of Kistna for early report.

2. In forwarding the draft notification the Collector drew attention to the discrepancy between the Tahsildar's figures and those given by the Forest Settlement Officer, but pointed out that all the lands suitable for the extension of Cultivation had been excluded. It is possible that some things may be elicited by an examination into the cause of the discrepancy.

Read also Endorsement by the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle

circle dated 14th January 1897, R. C. No. 1249,
forwarding letter from the Collector of Fiskia dated
8th January 1897 No. 1767. x in original

Resolution.

Submitted to Government with reference
to Government Order Revenue No. 4013 dated
7th October 1896.

2. As remarked in the Proceedings Communicating the
above order, the Board's attention was drawn by the
Collector to the discrepancy between the Tahsildar's
figures and those given by the Forest Settlement
Officer, but the Board submitted the notification to
Government as the Collector then pointed out that all
the land suitable for extension of Cultivation had been
excluded. The Collector now reports that there is an
area of 2066 acres outside the Reserve available for
extension of Cultivation; he considers this area ample
(vide paras 7 to 10 of the Collector's letter) and even thinks
that the exclusion made at Settlement with the Con-
currence of the District Forest Officer and referred to
in para 3 of Board's Proceedings 416 dated 7th September
1896 is unnecessary as there are within the portion many
rocky hillocks which are not suited for Cultivation.
The Board however would not make any alteration
in the boundary already finally settled.

3. The letter quoted in para 8 of the Collector's letter
cannot be traced in this office as it is not known with
what

what covering endorsement of the Conservator, the Collector's
letter has been forwarded to the Board. In giving reference
to previous letters, it would be well if the subject matter
were also given so as to facilitate reference in this office.

(True Copy and Extract).

Recd
Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department ✓
with Collector's letter in original & 2 maps to be returned.
Copy to the Collector of Fiskia,
thru' the Conservator of Forests, northern circle.

4013 No.
7.10.96

Government {1897} of Madras.
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G.O., Nos. 87, 87A, 11th February 1897.

FEBRUARY.

Reserved Forest.

Ordering, with remarks, the publication in the Fort St. George and the Kistna District Gazettes of the draft notification under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act for the constitution of the Guttikonda extension No. I, in the Sattenapalle taluk, as a —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 4013, Revenue, dated 7th October 1896:—

Read—again G.O., No. 397, Revenue, dated 6th June 1894.

ABSTRACT.—Approving and ordering to be published in the Fort St. George and Kistna District Gazettes, the draft notification under section 4 of the Forest Act for the proposed constitution of the Guttikonda extension block (No. I) as a reserved forest and reiterating certain principles for guidance in the selection of reserves.

Read—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 416, dated 7th September 1896:—

Read—the following letter from E. A. SMITH, Esq., Special Deputy Collector on Forest Settlement Duty, Nellore, &c., Districts, to the Collector of Kistna-Masulipatam (through the District Forest-officer, Kistna), dated Dhone, 24th March 1896, No. 373:—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the proposed Guttikonda extension I in the Sattenapalle taluk of your district.

2. The initial notification proposing to constitute this area into a reserved forest appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 12th June 1894, and the proclamation under section 6 of the Madras Forest Act appeared in the *Kistna District Gazette*, dated 1st December 1894, and the time allowed for the presentation of claims expired on the 1st March 1895.

3. Mr. J. T. Lever was originally appointed to settle this block and after him Mr. R. H. L. Lushington. In notification No. 453 published at page 1241 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 5th November 1895, I was appointed Forest Settlement-officer.

4. The reserve was inspected, perambulated and enquired into by me in February last and two claims were preferred for certain rights of way which have been admitted.

5. With the concurrence of the District Forest-officer, the western boundary of the reserve has been altered so as to exclude land fit for extension of cultivation, the area outside the reserve being considered insufficient for the purpose.

According to village accounts, the total area of the village including the unassessed waste is 5,651.84 acres and the occupied land (2,856.24 acres), and that included in reserves amount to 5,316.49 acres, leaving an available balance of 335.35 acres, viz. (229.35 assessed waste + 106.0 unassessed), or about 12 per cent. of the occupied area. The villagers complain that a large portion of this is unfit for cultivation.

6. The reserve is thus free of all rights except the two rights of way referred to above.

7. The following are submitted herewith:—

- (a) A signed copy of the B register of claims.
- (b) The draft notification under section 16.
- (c) The sketch-map of the reserve.

8. The date from which reservation is to take effect has to be inserted in the draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

B. REGISTEE of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Guttikonda extension I reserved forest, Sattenapalle taluk, Kistna district.

No. of claims.	Names of claimants.	Date of presentation of claim.	Nature and extent of claims preferred.	Brief summary of the evidence adduced in support of claims.	Brief summary of the District Forest-officer's arguments and evidence produced by him.	Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Srigiri Razu (onkaram, Karanam-gumastah of Gullapalli.	23rd Feb. 1896.	Claims on behalf of the public the foot-path from Gullapalli to Tripurapuram.	This enters the reserve eighteen chains south-west of the south-east corner of survey No. 17 of Gullapalli and running in a south-easterly direction for about seven furlongs leaves the reserve at the junction of Tripurapuram and Narasingapad agharams with Gullapalli.	The District Forest-officer admits claim.	Admitted to a width of two yards for men only. (Sd.) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 16th March 1896.
2	The District Forest-officer, Kurnool.	6th Mar. 1895.	Claims on behalf of the District Board the Local Fund road that passes through the reserve.			The District Board road which passes through the reserve will be excluded from it to a width of 22 yards on either side from the centre. (Sd.) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 16th March 1896.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by the Collector of Kistna, dated 23rd April 1896, Dis. No. 2394.

Forwarded to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

2. The figures given by the Forest Settlement-officer in paragraph 5 of his letter do not tally with those given by the Tahsildar—see paragraph 7 of this office letter embodied in Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 421, dated 27th June 1894. However as the area omitted appeared suitable for cultivation, and the remainder does not so and as the line now taken straightens the boundary of the reserve, the District Forest-officer was agreeable to its exclusion.

3. The area of the reserve is therefore reduced to 1,015 acres.

4. The statement of area and condition is enclosed.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT of area and condition.

Total area of the taluk.	Extent of occupied and unoccupied Government land in the taluk.	Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserve submitted for notification under section 16.	Character of land proposed for reservation.	Sketch-map.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SQ. MLS Sattenapalle taluk, 714	Occupied ACS. Unoccupied 144,685	ACS. 59,947	ACS. 2,260	ACS. Guttikonda extension I .. 1,015	Albizia amara, Acacia, sundra and Grewia.	Forms enclosure to Collector's letter, Dis. No. 2394, dated 14th April 1896.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Jilugumilli, 5th May 1896, R. C. No. 1986.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 416, dated 7th September 1896.

Submitted to Government for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the 31st December next being recommended as the date from which the reservation shall take effect.

2. The point of entry of the only foot-path admitted within the reserve not being described with sufficient precision, the Board has made the necessary correction in the settlement records.

3. The exclusion made at settlement and concurred in by the District Forest-officer has the Board's approval.

4. The proposed extension covers an area of 1,015 acres as finally settled.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (one original and two printed)
and a sketch-map to be returned.

„ Collector of Kistna.
„ Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.
„ Forest Settlement-officer, Kistna, &c., Districts.

Order—Mis. No. 4013, Revenue, dated 7th October 1896.

It is observed that the issue of a notification under section 4 in regard to the proposed extension was sanctioned on the representation of the Collector that there were "over 1,000 acres remaining for extension of cultivation" in the village, but it now appears from the Forest Settlement officer's letter, dated 24th March 1896, that the area open for cultivation is only 335 acres of which a large portion seems to be poramboke while the villagers complain that much of it is unfit for cultivation. In the light of these observations, the Board is requested to report whether the area left open for cultivation is really sufficient.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with map.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 85, dated 26th January 1897 :—

Read—again Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 416, dated 7th September 1896.

Read—also the following Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1398, dated 17th October 1896 :—

Resolution—Mis. No. 1398, dated 17th October 1896.

Communicated to the Collector of Kistna for early report.

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Read—also the following letter from J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated Masulipatam, 8th January 1897, Dis. No. 1767-Forest :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1398, dated 17th October 1896, I have the honour to report as follows.

2. There is some difficulty in ascertaining the exact facts as to area of Gullapalli village, due to the haphazard figures entered in the adangal under the head of "Unsurvey."

3. The areas given in the abstract at foot of the adangal are as follows :—

	ACS.
Assessed	3,185.59
Unassessed	1,833.69
Unsurvey	2,466.25
Inams	942.53
Total	8,428.06

4. Then again another abstract at foot gives—

	ACS.
Cultivation { Authorized	2,313.01
Unauthorized	105.15
Total	2,418.16
Inams	47.59
Total	2,465.75

5. The surveyed area of the village amounts to 5,501.47 acres, which appears to be made up thus—

	ACS.
Assessed	3,185.59
Unassessed	1,833.69
Inams	47.59
Porambokes	434.60
Total	5,501.47

6. Out of this unassessed but surveyed area, 795 acres are taken up for the Guttikonda extension (1) reserve and 222 acres for Janapad reserve, leaving 816 acres; the balances of those two reserves are in the unsurveyed areas, viz.—

	ACS.
Guttikonda extension (1)	220
Janapad	222
Total	442

7. As shown in paragraph 3, the adangal abstract gives 2,466.25 acres of unsurveyed area attached to the village; whereas in the body of the adangal an area of 2,534 acres of waste (exclusive of 40 odd fields under cultivation) is given under karnam No. 546, the only unsurveyed number in the village.

8. From my letter Dis. No. 1275-Forest, dated 8th November 1896, it will be seen that the area of Guttikonda main reserve lying in Sattenapalle taluk (i.e., in Gullapalli village) amounts to 3,560 acres, whilst 220 and 222 acres have been included in the Guttikonda extension (1) and Janapad reserves (vide paragraph 6), and 520 acres still remain excluded according to the District Forest officer's measurements.

9. From the above it will be seen that—

Assessed area is (excluding cultivation)	ACS.
Unassessed (outside reserve) is (excluding cultivation)	3,186
Unsurveyed (do.) is (do.)	816
	520
Total	4,522
Whilst the area under cultivation is	2,466
Balance	2,056

10. This should be ample for extension of cultivation; and it seems hardly necessary to exclude the portion adjoining fields Nos. 10, 12, 14, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, 36 and $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, as suggested by the Forest Settlement officer and acceded to by the District Forest officer under a false impression; the more so as there are many rocky hillocks included in that area, which could not possibly do for cultivation. On the other hand the bulk of the unassessed area left outside is cultivable.

11. A tracing is herewith sent for reference showing the surroundings of Gullapalli village, and the reserve map returned.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 14th January 1897, R.C. No. 1249.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 85, dated 26th January 1897.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 4013, Revenue, dated 7th October 1896.

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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ORDER—No. 87, Revenue, dated 11th February 1897.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with maps and enclosure.
„ the Superintendent, Government Press, with notification.

Endorsement No. 87A.

Copy to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
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