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OCTOBER.

Fortnightly Narrative.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Ganjám district for the period ending 30th September 1897.

To The Famine Commr
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

W. J. H. LEFANU, Esq.,
(Famine Commissioner.)

READ—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Ganjám district for the period ending 30th of September 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.

	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
	INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight	5·13	3·98
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General remarks on the previous subjects.—The rain during the fortnight has been copious and general, and it has improved the prospects considerably. Paddy crop promises a good outturn. The price of ragi is falling rapidly.

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 25th of September 1897.

Stations.	Rice.				Ragi.		Corresponding prices of 1889.	
	End of last period.		End of current period.		End of last period.	End of current period.	Rice.	Ragi.
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Chatrapur	7·50	8·00	7 75	8·25	10 00	10·50	11·00	20 00
Berhampur	7·00	8·00	7·25	8·50	10·62	10·20	11 00	22·50
Ichchhápuram	7 50	8·00	7·50	8·00	10·80	10·80	10·25	20·00
Sómpéta	8·25	9·83	8 25	9·45	11 81	11·13	11 60	23·00
Parlákimedi	6·75	..	7 85	..	10·40	11·70	12·00	33·00
Tekkali	7·10	..	7·10	..	11·42	11·42	12 00	30 00
Narasannapéta	7·50	..	7 87	..	10 62	13·12	12·00	27 00
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Total ..	88·65	67·37	90·77	67·70	131·98	139·52	134·35	310·71
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	MDS.	MDS.
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By sea	...	2,718

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On works.—The numbers on relief-works are much reduced owing to agricultural operations, weeding and harvesting of ragi. The recent fall in prices will cause a still further reduction.

In villages.—The condition of people in villages is improving. Labour is available for them in the fields. As early ragi is being harvested now, the cooly classes can get on without Government aid with a few exceptions. A few Kapu Savaras in Parlákimedi taluk, and some of the lower classes, especially Samanthias, elsewhere, are in receipt of relief.

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Chicacole division	86
Total ...	176

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Tekkali taluk ...	Kotabommali.
	Kasibugga.
Purushottapur taluk.	Hinjilli.
Ichchhápuram taluk.	Ichchhápuram.
Pedda Kimedi taluk.	Bramarapuram.
Parlákimedi taluk.	Varanasy.
	Sarvakota.
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MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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11. East Coast Railway quarry, Ichchhápuram taluk ...	203	* ...
Total ...	8,809	5,881

* Closed.

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
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Ichchhápuram ..	..	.. 7	32	10	..	..	1,432	720
Ganjám	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,603	1,349
Purushottapur ..	..	..	110	67	..	..	1,044	1,161
Tekkali	..	..	286	50	..	..	215	101
Narasannapéta ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Parlákimedi	..	..	741	295	..	..	1,007	445
Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	7	1,786	847	..	..	11,956	8,949

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers' relief.			
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Bodogoda	51	14	..	..	..	..
Peddakimedi	141	113	42	..	422	2,071
Berhampur	191	190	1,143	900	1,257	14,562
Sómpeta	228	193	1,048	1,048	1,582	35,640
Ichchhápuram	146	87	881	268	694	2,811
Ganjám	240	278	214	..	643	6,695
Purushottapur	168	185	1,146	169	818	11,236
Tekkali	39	14	1,688	1,296	2,314	20,392
Narasannapéta	..	..	426	198	1,349	6,531
Parlákimedi	95	50	787	310	9,216	9,216
Chicacole	..	..	360	126	437	3,226
Total ..	1,718	1,475	9,826	5,175	19,382	124,807

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed grain.						Other purposes.						Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		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.	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										
Berhampur													469	32,918	1,194	56,301	469	32,918							1,194	56,301	469	32,918		
Goomsur													180	11,193	326	15,000	180	11,193							326	15,000	180	11,193		
Chicacole													22	1,349	69	2,624	22	1,849							69	2,624	22	1,849		
Total													671	45,460	1,579	73,925	671	45,460							1,579	73,925	671	45,460		
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Chicacole													22	1,349	69	2,624	22	1,849							69	2,624	22	1,849		
Total													671	45,460	1,579	73,925	671	45,460							1,579	73,925	671	45,460		
Berhampur													1,375	63,674	1,194	56,301	469	32,918							1,194	56,301	469	32,918		
Goomsur													363	16,530	326	15,000	180	11,193							326	15,000	180	11,193		
Chicacole													60	2,704	69	2,624	22	1,849							69	2,624	22	1,849		
Total													1,798	82,808	1,579	73,925	671	45,460							1,579	73,925	671	45,460		

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.

The Principal Assistant Collector has visited 18 villages; the Senior Assistant Collector 5 villages, the General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, 21 villages and the Head-quarters Deputy Collector 12 villages in their respective divisions.

I have visited the following places:—

Ichchhápuram.	Rambha.
Berhampur.	Johomi.
Chatrapur.	Humma.
Golantra.	

The improvement shown in the last fortnight continues to be sustained, and it is now possible to foresee an early closing of all relief operations in this district.

With the exception of a few Savarahs in Tekkali and Parlákimedi, the sub-division is free from distress. Relief operations cease in Goomsur from the 1st instant with the exception of a few persons retained for grain doles on the list of the Taluk officers. Several circles have been closed in the Berhampur and Chatrapur divisions.

Distress is now limited to the coast strip from Kallikot to some miles south of Ichchhápuram, portions of the Peddakimedi estate and the Savarahs of Mandasa and Parlákimedi.

I shall be able to dispense with all Circle Inspectors and Taluk relief officers from 15th October, on which date I also intend to close all works. Orders have already been issued to strike off all A and B class labourers from the works from the 1st October, as these are in good condition and ample work is available in the fields.

All weavers' depôts have already been closed for advances and remain open with reduced establishments only for receipt of outstanding cloths due from weavers.

Prices, though still high, show a decided tendency to fall, especially in the case of ragi, which is now being harvested. The ragi crop in Goomsur is reported to be good; in other parts it has suffered greatly from disease. It is hoped that the recent rain will have washed away the grasshoppers which are said to be causing damage to the paddy crop in the various parts of the district. Up to date the paddy, though late, looks very flourishing, and, if the season continues to be favourable, an early fall in the price of rice seems probable. Even if further rains fail entirely, a 12-anna crop is not improbable—the danger rather lies in a possible excess of rainfall or cyclonic storms.

RESOLUTION—No. 668, dated 15th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was heavy, and, as elsewhere, prospects depended very considerably upon a cessation of rain.

3. Prices exhibited a slight fall on the last Saturday of the period, but the prices of ragi fell considerably since that date. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee. Rice.	Ragi.
Normal	17·0	30·0
Warning	13·6	22·5
Scarcity	10·2	15·0
Current	8·0	11·6
September 1889	11·2	24·7
„ 1878	9·1	13·0

4. The condition of the people was improving. Numbers on works fell by one-third owing to the demand for agricultural labour. The numbers on gratuitous relief fell by 29 per cent.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is shown by the subjoined figures :—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	Rs.
September 11th	77,446
„ 18th	88,273
„ 25th	93,440
October 2nd	97,470

6. The Collector intends to close all works on 15th October, on which date also gratuitous relief will be practically closed.

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Famine Secretary.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department. ✓
„ Collector of Ganjám.
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Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.				Other purposes.				Total.				Number of wells.	
	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.		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Berhampur									201	20,305	179	18,796	473	53,563							
Goomsur									4	720	4	720	1	125							
Chicacole									205	21,025	183	19,515	474	53,678							
Total																					

Taluks.	Cattle and seed grain.								Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	28	29	30	31	32	33			34	35	36	37	38	39
Berhampur	1,375	63,674	1,194	56,301	469	32,918			1,375	63,674	1,194	56,301	469	32,918
Goomsur	363	16,550	326	15,000	180	11,193			363	16,630	326	15,000	180	11,193
Chicacole	60	2,704	69	2,624	22	1,349			60	2,704	69	2,624	22	1,819
Total	1,798	82,808	1,579	73,925	671	45,460			1,793	82,808	1,579	73,925	671	45,460

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.													
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.									
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.								
	22	23	24	25	25	27								
Berhampur														
Goomsur														
Chicacole														
Total														

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

The Principal Assistant Collector has visited 18 villages; the Senior Assistant Collector 5 villages, the General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, 21 villages and the Head-quarters Deputy Collector 12 villages in their respective divisions.

I have visited the following places:—

Ichchhápuram.	Rambha.
Berhampur.	Johomi.
Chatrapur.	Humma.
Golantra.	

The improvement shown in the last fortnight continues to be sustained, and it is now possible to foresee an early closing of all relief operations in this district.

With the exception of a few Savarahs in Tekkali and Parlákimedi, the sub-division is free from distress. Relief operations cease in Goomsur from the 1st instant with the exception of a few persons retained for grain doles on the list of the Taluk officers. Several circles have been closed in the Berhampur and Chatrapur divisions.

Distress is now limited to the coast strip from Kallikot to some miles south of Ichchhápuram, portions of the Peddakimedi estate and the Savarahs of Mandasa and Parlákimedi.

I shall be able to dispense with all Circle Inspectors and Taluk relief officers from 15th October, on which date I also intend to close all works. Orders have already been issued to strike off all A and B class labourers from the works from the 1st October, as these are in good condition and ample work is available in the fields.

All weavers' depôts have already been closed for advances and remain open with reduced establishments only for receipt of outstanding cloths due from weavers.

Prices, though still high, show a decided tendency to fall, especially in the case of ragi, which is now being harvested. The ragi crop in Goomsur is reported to be good; in other parts it has suffered greatly from disease. It is hoped that the recent rain will have washed away the grasshoppers which are said to be causing damage to the paddy crop in the various parts of the district. Up to date the paddy, though late, looks very flourishing, and, if the season continues to be favourable, an early fall in the price of rice seems probable. Even if further rains fail entirely, a 12-anna crop is not improbable—the danger rather lies in a possible excess of rainfall or cyclonic storms.

Resolution—No. 668, dated 15th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was heavy, and, as elsewhere, prospects depended very considerably upon a cessation of rain.

3. Prices exhibited a slight fall on the last Saturday of the period, but the prices of ragi fell considerably since that date. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee. Rice.	Ragi.
Normal	17·0	30·0
Warning	13·6	22·5
Scarcity	10·2	15·0
Current	8·0	11·6
September 1889	11·2	24·7
„ 1878	9 1	13·0

4. The condition of the people was improving. Numbers on works fell by one-third owing to the demand for agricultural labour. The numbers on gratuitous relief fell by 29 per cent.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is shown by the subjoined figures :—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	Rs.
September 11th	77,446
„ 18th	88,273
„ 25th	93,440
October 2nd	97,470

6. The Collector intends to close all works on 15th October, on which date also gratuitous relief will be practically closed.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 903, Revenue, dated 1st November 1897.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
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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