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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

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Total	21,686	11,044

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluku.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.
1. Pattikonda	63	..	147	..	..	..	122	Nil.
2. Ramallakot	401	263	..	..	..	..	187	Nil.
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	1,136	130
4. Nandyal	74	..	7	..	..	..	1,096	114
5. Koilkuntla	716	224	45	13	..	..	45	Nil.
6. Sirvel	..	..	Nil.	Nil.	..	..	364	Nil.
Total	1,254	487	199	13	..	..	1,258	130
							1,692	114

* The first set of figures represent the number of persons fed in village kitchens and the second set those in receipt of grain-doles.
† Includes figures for Karnool town.

Taluku.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers' relief.			
	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Number of persons relieved		Number of cloths manufactured	
			Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	In the period.	Up to date.
1. Pattikonda	43	12	1,519	1,046	6,206	98,662
2. Ramallakot	56	3	1,795	1,337	4,845	93,566
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..
4. Nandyal	6	..	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	67	..	809	518	2,999	18,216
6. Sirvel	..	..	400	1,387	2,822	15,145
Total	172	15	4,523	4,288	16,872	2,25,579

† The figures of which this total is made up appear to have been arrived at in accordance with the method of calculation laid down in B.P., No. 594, dated 27th August 1897, and to include cases of recoveries made from defaulters during the fortnight.

Private charity.—Private charity is being dispensed to destitute persons in villages as in ordinary times. The Reddi of Vuyzalanada in the Koilkuntla taluk was feeding a number of persons hitherto in receipt of gratuitous relief from Government.

General remarks.—There were but three relief works open on 29th October, the date to which the figures in the above statements relate, and these as well as all other relief measures were stopped on 31st idem. Amongst the weavers relieved, there are still some defaulters from whom cloths and carpets are due.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluku and Places visited.

I left Karnool for a few days during the fortnight, but owing to a bad attack of fever was unable to do any inspection in connection with the famine.

The Head Assistant Collector spent twelve days in camp. He visited places in all three taluku of his division and the relief works near Koilkuntla.

The Famine Deputy Collector, Pyapali, was on tour throughout the period.

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

ending first October 1903.

Taluka.	Repair and construction of wells.												Other purposes.				Total.				Number of wells.			
	Applications accepted.				Applications pending.				Loans disbursed.				Applications accepted.				Applications pending.				Constructed or under construction	Number.		
	Number.		Amount.		Number.		Amount.		Number.		Amount.		Number.		Amount.		Number.		Amount.					
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
1. Pattikonda ..	158	43,080	158	26,653	1,127	1,211,40	1,127	1,211,40	1,127	1,211,40	..	..	1,285	1,64,220	1,285	1,47,793	..	..	..	..	158	..		
2. Ramallakot ..	32	7,500	30	7,200	30	2,760	28	2,460	28	2,460	..	..	62	10,260	58	9,660	..	..	..	..	28	..		
3. Nandikotkur ..	2	400	2	400	4	550	4	550	4	550	..	..	6	950	6	950	..	..	..	..	3	..		
4. Nandyal ..	11	3,900	11	1,850	36	4,995	36	4,810	36	4,810	..	..	47	8,895	47	6,990	..	..	..	..	11	..		
5. Koilkuntla ..	24	4,700	24	4,700	29	3,175	29	3,175	29	3,175	..	..	53	7,875	53	7,575	..	..	..	..	24	..		
6. Sirvel ..	65	10,700	59	10,300	16	1,950	16	1,950	16	1,950	..	..	81	12,660	75	12,450	..	..	..	..	65	..		
7. Cumbum ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
8. Markapur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Total ..	292	70,280	284	51,103	1,242	1,34,570	1,240	1,34,115	1,240	1,34,115	..	..	1,534	2,04,850	1,524	1,85,218	..	..	..	..	289	..		

Taluka.	Purchase of fodder.												Cattle and seed-grain.				Total.				Applications pending.			
	Applications accepted.				Loans disbursed.				Applications accepted.				Applications pending.				Applications accepted.				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	40	41				
1. Pattikonda ..	2,439	1,17,425	2,439	1,17,425	..	..	534	17,819	534	17,819	106	6,800	2,273	1,35,244	2,073	1,35,44	..	..	..	..	..	..		
2. Ramallakot ..	116	6,879	108	6,104	..	..	131	9,300	131	9,300	320	16,004	247	16,779	239	16,004	..	..	..	..	..	..		
3. Nandikotkur ..	159	8,919	134	7,649	..	..	92	7,625	92	7,625	4	410	251	16,544	226	15,274	..	..	..	..	..	..		
4. Nandyal ..	970	61,995	836	53,824	..	..	139	7,455	139	7,455	..	..	970	61,995	836	53,824	..	..	..	..	..	..		
5. Koilkuntla ..	36	1,889	36	1,889	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	175	9,314	175	9,314	..	..	..	..	..	..		
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Total ..	3,720	1,97,107	3,553	1,86,891	..	..	899	42,909	899	42,909	433	33,657	4,619	2,40,016	4,452	2,29,800	..	..	..	..	..	..		

6 BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), No. 708, 13TH Nov. 1897.

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(Signed)

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Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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" Sanitary Commissioner.

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Miscellaneous.

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G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
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" the Public Works Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Accountant-General.

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