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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

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Read—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Rev. Sett., L. Rds. and Agri.), No. 18, dated 31st January 1896.

Abstract.—With reference to Gódávari Collector's report that plantain gardens in his district are only watered from March to June, requesting other Collectors to report for how many months in the year, and at what intervals, plantain gardens are usually irrigated.

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Read—also the following papers:—

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| From the Collector | of Anantapur, | dated | 11th Apr. | 1896, | Dis. No. | 1316. |
| ,, ,, | of Bellary ,, | | 28th Mar. | ,, | ,, ,, | 1105. |
| ,, ,, | of Chingleput ,, | | 10th July | ,, | ,, ,, | 1958. |
| ,, ,, | of Coimbatore ,, | | 29th Feb. | ,, | ,, ,, | 676-Rev. |
| ,, ,, | of Cuddapah ,, | | 23rd May | ,, | ,, ,, | 72-Tour. |
| ,, ,, | of Ganjám ,, | | 20th Mar. | ,, | ,, ,, | 369. |
| ,, ,, | of Kistna ,, | | 27th Aug. | ,, | ,, ,, | 3725-Ver. |
| ,, ,, | of Kurnool ,, | | 12th May. | ,, | ,, ,, | 612-Ver. |
| ,, ,, | of Madras ,, | | 1st Apr. | ,, | No. 695. | |
| ,, ,, | of Madura ,, | | 25th July | ,, | Dis. No. 2492. | |
| ,, ,, | of Nellore ,, | | 19th Apr. | ,, | No. 1521-Ver. | |
| ,, ,, | of North Arcot ,, | | 15th ,, | ,, | Dis. No. 1291-Ver. | |
| ,, ,, | of Salem ,, | | 21st ,, | ,, | No. 1878. | |
| ,, ,, | of South Arcot ,, | | 30th ,, | ,, | ,, 728-Ver. | |
| ,, ,, | of Tanjore ,, | | 23rd May | ,, | ,, 1064-Rev. | |
| ,, ,, | of Tinnevelly ,, | | 19th June | ,, | Dis. No. 1058-Genl. Rev. | |
| ,, ,, | of Trichinopoly ,, | | 11th ,, | ,, | ,, ,, | 950-Rev. |
| ,, ,, | of Vizagapatam ,, | | 6th May | ,, | ,, ,, | 869. |

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Resolution—No. 130, dated 19th March 1898.

In his letter, dated 25th September 1895, the Collector of Gódávari recommended that the order issued in B.P., No. 217, dated 21st March 1892, directing that only a single wet rate should be charged for the irrigation of cocoanut gardens unless water was taken for a number of months sufficient for raising two crops, might be extended to plantains on the ground that plantain gardens are irrigated in his district for only four months in the year and that the water consumed is not equal to that required for two rice crops. The Board, however, declined in its Proceedings, No. 354, dated 4th November 1895, to accept the Collector's recommendation for the following reasons: that in every district, for many years past, plantain gardens have been charged the same water-rate as two wet crops; that these gardens generally stand for two or three years and even if grubbed in the first year they remain on the ground from 8 to 10 months and require more water than cocoanut topes; that it would leave the door open to doubt and dispute if the charge were made to depend on the period during which Government water is taken; and that the propriety of reducing the charge was not apparent in cases where Government irrigation is available for the whole year.

2. The Collector of Gódávari again requested the Board to reconsider its orders and to reduce the charge to at least one and a half times the single rate in the delta, in which the practice is to charge twice the single water-rate. He admitted that plantain gardens last for five years and more according to the care and attention bestowed on the crop, but observed that in deciding the water-rate for a crop, the



period for which water is actually used and not that for which water is available should form the basis. On receipt of the above communication the Board in its Proceedings, No. 18, dated 31st January 1896, called upon the Collectors of all other districts except the Nilgiris, Malabar and South Canara, to report, for how many months in the year and at what intervals plantain gardens are usually irrigated in their respective districts.

3. The papers read above contain the replies of Collectors to the Board's reference. An abstract of the Collectors' reports is given in a tabular form in the annexed statement from which it will be seen that in the majority of the districts the crop is irrigated for more than seven months and generally twice a week except in the rainy season.

In the Kistna district also which adjoins Gódávari, it is stated that plantain gardens require water for eight months, twice or thrice a week in hot weather and once a week at other times.

4. In these circumstances the Board considers that no change in the existing practice in the matter of charging water-rate on plantain gardens which are irrigated from Government sources, is called for, especially as the crop is a very lucrative one and the ryots have been used to the charge for a long time.

(True Extract.)

P. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To the Collectors of all districts except the Nilgiris, Malabar and South Canara.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. C. Parthasarathy.

# APPENDIX.

| | District. | Taluk. | Period for which water is taken. | Interval at which the crop is irrigated. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | Tanjore .. .. .. .. | Delta .. .. .. .. .. | .... | .... | No water taken for irrigation. |
| 1 | Salem .. .. .. .. | Manavri plantains .. .. .. .. | .... | .... | Do. |
| 2 | Tanjore .. .. .. .. | Máyavaram .. .. .. .. | Three months .. | .... | .... |
| 3 | Ganjám .. .. .. .. | Berhampur .. .. .. .. | Four months .. | Occasionally .. .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 3 | Gódávari .. .. .. .. | Goomsur .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Do. .. .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 3 | Vizagapatam .. .. .. | All taluks .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | .... | .... |
| 3 | North Arcot .. .. .. | Wet lands in the district .. .. | Do. .. | A week or ten days .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 3 | South Arcot .. .. .. | Wallajapet .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Once or twice a month .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 3 | Kurnool .. .. .. .. | Chidambaram .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Once in three or four days .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 4 | | Nandyal .. .. .. .. | Six months .. | Once in ten days .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 4 | North Arcot .. .. .. | Palmanér .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Once a week .. .. .. .. .. .. | The question is affected by the nature of the soil and the variety of the plant. |
| 4 | | Gudiyáttam .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Do. .. .. .. .. .. .. | Do. do. |
| 4 | | Vellore .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Do. .. .. .. .. .. .. | Do. do. |
| 4 | | Arcot .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Do. .. .. .. .. .. .. | Do. do. |
| 4 | | Madurántakam .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Every alternate day for three months and at an interval of two or three days for the rest. | Plantains grown in black loam lands retain moisture for a considerable period and accordingly watering at intervals of fortnight is considered sufficient. |
| 4 | Chingleput .. .. .. | Chingleput .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | At an interval of three or four days .. .. | .... |
| 4 | | Tiruvallúr .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Thrice a month .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 4 | | Conjeeveram .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Twice a week in the hot season and once a week at other times. | .... |
| 4 | | Ponnéri .. .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Once in every fortnight .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 5 | Vizagapatam .. .. .. | Dry lands in the whole district .. | Seven months .. | Twice a week .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 5 | Kistna .. .. .. .. | All taluks .. .. .. .. | Eight months .. | Twice or thrice a week in hot weather and once a week at other times. | .... |
| 6 | Ganjám .. .. .. .. | Chicacole .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Once a week .. .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 6 | Kurnool .. .. .. .. | Cumbum .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Do. .. .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 6 | Chingleput .. .. .. | Saidapet .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Twice a week .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 6 | South Arcot .. .. .. | All but Chidambaram .. .. .. | Do. .. | Once in three or four days .. .. .. | .... |
| 6 | Tinnevelly .. .. .. | All taluks .. .. .. .. | Nine to ten months. | Five to ten days according to the capacity of the soil to retain moisture. | .... |
| 6 | Salem .. .. .. .. | Do. .. .. .. .. | Do. | Once or twice a fortnight and sometimes oftener. | .... |
| 7 | Madura .. .. .. .. | Dindigul .. .. .. .. | Do. | Seven to ten or fifteen days according to the nature of the soil. In the hottest part of the year twice a week. | The period of irrigation varies from six to nine months in the year and sometimes to last even throughout the year. |
| 7 | | Palni .. .. .. .. .. | Do. | Do. do. .. | Do. |
| 7 | | Periyakulam .. .. .. .. | Do. | Do. do. .. | Do. |
| 7 | | Madura .. .. .. .. .. | Do. | Once a month to once a fortnight according as the soil is sandy or loam. | During rainy month when sufficient water collects in the trenches no water is taken. |
| 7 | Coimbatore .. .. .. | All taluks .. .. .. .. | Do. | Once a week to once a fortnight in the dry season and longer intervals when there is no rain. | .... |
| 7 | Kurnool .. .. .. .. | Pattikonda .. .. .. .. | Do. | Once a week .. .. .. .. .. .. | .... |



| | District. | Taluk. | Period for which water is taken. | Interval at which the crop is irrigated. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 | Nellore .. .. .. .. | All taluks .. .. .. .. | Whole year .. | Twice a week to once a month .. .. .. | If there be ordinary rainfall no irrigation is required from October to December. |
| 8 | Cuddapah .. .. .. .. | Do. .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Once a week in rainy season and twice a week at other seasons. | .... |
| 8 | Kurnool .. .. .. .. | Nandikotkur .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Once in four days .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 8 | | Ramallakot .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Twice or thrice a week .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 8 | | Markapur .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Twice a week .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 8 | Bellary .. .. .. .. | All taluks except Alur and Rayadrug. | Do. .. | Seven to fifteen days .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 8 | Anantapur .. .. .. | All taluks .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Eight or ten days .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 8 | Madura .. .. .. .. | Tirumangalam .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Once a month to once a fortnight according as the soil is sandy or loam. | This is grown to a very limited extent in the district. |
| 8 | | Mélúr .. .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Once a week in black soil and twice a week on sandy soils. | .... |
| 8 | Madras .. .. .. .. | Madras .. .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Every alternate day in sandy soil and five or seven days in clayey. | In the rainy season no water is taken. |
| 8 | Trichinopoly .. .. .. | All taluks .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Once a week or ten days for nine months and once a month during the remaining months. | .... |
| 8 | North Arcot .. .. .. | Polur .. .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Twice a week .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 8 | | Chandragiri .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Do. .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 8 | | Chittoor .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Do. .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 8 | | Wandiwash .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Do. .. .. .. .. .. | .... |
| 8 | Tanjore .. .. .. .. | Pattukkóttai .. .. .. .. | Do. .. | Once in four days to once in fortnight .. .. | .... |

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