

Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2205

DATED 21st May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Considering that the concession allowed to
tree owners by the T. T. Rules for the drawing
of Caddy for domestic consumption should
not be withdrawn until it is proved that
it is really a source of danger to revenue.

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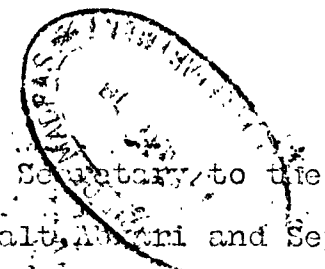
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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3560.



From The Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, and Separate Revenue, Madras.

Mis. No. 1638.

Dated 28th April 1893.

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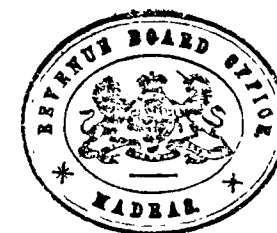
Reporting to Government the causes why the concession granted in rule 1(g) of the T.T. rules regarding the grant of licenses to tree owners to tap for private consumption is not availed of to any appreciable extent in the Presidency, and suggesting the advisability of withdrawing it except in Malabar and South Canara.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

Dated 28th April

1898.

Mis. No. 1631.

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Read again Government Order Mis.No.604, Revenue, dated 7th February 1898.

Read again also Board's Proceedings Mis.No.1314, dated 23rd March 1898, recording pending receipt of replies from -- the other Deputy Commissioners, letter from the Deputy Commissioner, Central Division, reporting why the concession granted in rule 1(g) of the T.T.Rules regarding the issue of licenses for the drawing of toddy required for domestic consumption is not availed of to any appreciable extent in his division.

Read again also Board's Proceedings Routine No.818, dated 28th March 1898, requesting the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division to expedite the report called for in Board's Proceedings, Mis.No.619, dated 18th February 1898 regarding the issue of tree-tapping licenses to tree owners for domestic purposes under rule 1(g) of T.T.Rules.

Read also letter from the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division No.1143, dated 15th April 1898, reporting why the concession granted in rule 1(g) of the tree-tax rules regarding the issue of licenses for the drawing of toddy required for domestic purposes is not availed of to any appreciable extent.

Resolution.

Replying to Government Order Mis.No.604, Revenue, dated 7th February 1898 the Board begs to report that the reasons why the concession contained in rule 1 clause (g) of the T.T.Rules permitting the drawing of toddy for private

consumption is not more largely availed of for the following:-

The concession applies only to those persons, who have little or no use for it being for the most part of the more respectable classes, who, if they drink toddy, do not do so openly. If they have any use for it it is doubtful whether they will avail themselves of the privilege in preference to making arrangements with shopkeepers because of the expense of engaging a private tapper, the difficulty in many places of obtaining the services of one because ~~the~~ the tappers are all adherents of shopkeepers and of the danger of being involved in their malpractices. It is also a fact that that respectable persons, who wish to drink, can always make arrangements for obtaining it through shopkeepers with less expense and publicity than would be involved by availing themselves of the concession.

2. As already reported the concession is availed of to some extent in Malabar and South Canara where circumstances are different. Trees are commonly grown near the houses and tapping for private consumption has been a recognized practice. In these districts the Board would not interfere with the concession but in the rest of the Presidency where it would, if availed of, to any extent be a great source of danger to the revenue and where it has been sufficiently demonstrated, in the Board's opinion, that it is not required, ~~the~~ Board would suggest its withdrawal.

(True extract)

R. M. Shirley

2.5.98

Ag. Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

The Hon'ble N. SUBBA RAO PANTULU:-

XXVII.—In view of the fact that in districts (excepting South Canara and Malabar) where the tree tapping system is in force, rule 1 clause (f) of the tree tax rules for the drawing of toddy required for domestic purposes is not availed for to any appreciable extent, as disclosed by the statement placed on the council table at the last meeting of the Council, will Government be pleased to enquire why the benefit of the rule is not largely availed of by the people?

Yes: 1 (g) in the latest
rule of 3/21
July 1897
no 509 R

Under Rule 1 (f) of the tree tax rules tree tapping licenses are issued on payment of tree tax on the application of treemen for not more than five trees for the drawing of toddy required for domestic consumption but not for sale. This rule ^{has been} is inserted in view to obviate the difficulty which would otherwise be experienced by tree owners who ^{would} have to resort to shops. The rule is not availed of to any appreciable extent in the districts other than S. Canara and Malabar, ^{and this is} so ^{perhaps due to} that men who are tree owners are probably well to do men who do not drink toddy. In these circumstances it is thought that

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that no useful purpose will be served by making the supports enquiring.

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A tree owner may allow a nominee to take the license to tap not more than 5 trees for domestic consumption so it is not quite clear that the concession is not available of because in tree owners, who are well known today drinkers. He is always find plenty of nominees, who are also today drinkers. Perhaps the reason is, not the ignorance of the concession, but the difficulty raised by the abkari officials? The latter is not likely in this connection.

I don't know what the reason is. So far as I am concerned, there would be no harm in referring the question to the A.D. for report. It may be stated that this would be done.

Ms

27/1/98

Answer

"The for^t will make inquiries on the subject."

Under rule (f) license, may be given to nominees of tree owners?

Apparently, such licenses cannot be granted, except to where the trees are in an area for which there is a ^{grant of a} wholesale or retail license, except to the grantee?

SP
27/1/98

Reply

I yes.

II. There are no such areas at present. Please see the para marked in red pencil on page 5 of L.O. no 659 dated 31-7-97, which contains the latest notification. It will be observed that clause (f) appears as clause (g) in the later notification.

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G.O. Misc No 604 of 7. 2. 98

A copy of the question put by the Honble N. Sukha Rao Pantulu at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 1st February '98, together with a copy of the answer given thereto is forwarded to the Board of Revenue for favour of report on the point therein raised.

(True copy)

(sd) G. S. Forbes.
Secy to Govt

B.P. Misc No 1635 D 25.4.98
(C. No 336)

To Secy.

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file.

Please see the Board's
reply to the foregoing reference.
It states that the concession
applies only to treeowners, who
being for the most part of the
more respectable classes, have
little or no use for the toddy
and that even if they require
it, ^{they would find it} ~~it would be~~ more economical
^{and convenient} ~~for them~~ to arrange with the
shopkeepers instead of ^{having to go} tapping
the trees openly.

2. In this connection the Board
suggests the withdrawal of the
concession except in the Melaka
and South Anson districts, on
the ground that it has not been
utilized hitherto and that it would
be a source of danger to the
revenue if it comes to be largely
availed of. It is thought that
the matter may be left statu quo,
until it is shown that there is
any risk in allowing the concession
to

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to continue. The Govt may withdraw
it whenever it sees fit to do so.

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15/5/98

Hru

I think as suggested
above we may leave
matters alone until
it is shown that the
concession is really a
danger to the revenue

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For this will be best.
The concession looks
well on paper & in
no concern of Govt if
people don't take ad-
vantage of it

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A. P. Mice no 1135 of 25.4.98
(C. no 3360)

G.O. Dis. no. 2205 of 21st May 98.

The Government considers
that the concession allowed by
rule (1) clause (8) of the P. T.
rules to ^{to these owners} ~~the owners~~ for the
drawing of toddy for domestic
consumption should not be
withdrawn, until it is proved
that it is really a source of
danger to the revenue.

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