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now that the work has been transferred to the intermediate system, and as non-dependents cannot be admitted. The people on the work were all in good condition at the time of my inspection. I also inspected the Pedarikatla work during the fortnight. There, too, the condition of the people was satisfactory. I noticed, however, some babies in a village about seven miles from the work in a very bad state. The parents were attending the work, but the children had not been going to the kitchen. The work was, as already reported in this office letter, No. 26, camp, dated 12th April, transferred to the Podili-Cumbum road on the 7th instant. I have since introduced the intermediate system retaining the kitchen as I think it is necessary. I toured through some of the villages in the south-west of the Kanigiri taluk during the fortnight, and saw no signs of distress anywhere and I consider that any relief necessary in this taluk before the South-West monsoon will be much less than was hitherto anticipated. I was at the Narravada work on the 14th instant. A few of the workers did not look very fit, but generally there was nothing in their condition to call for remarks. I visited the kitchen and afterwards inspected the houses of some of the children who did not look as if they were getting quite enough to eat. The number of houses inspected was four and the results are given below :—

Name of head of family.	Caste.	Members in the family.	Whether on work or not.	Whether at kitchen or not.	Available food in the house.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Kallu Pottivadu ..	Mala ..	Father	On work.	..	(1) Cholam ears equal to 20 seers of cholam.
		Mother	..	..	(2) 1 seer of paddy.
		A child aged 6	..	In kitchen.	(3) 8½ seers of ragi flour.
		A child aged 4	..	..	(4) Ragi 13½ seers.
		A child aged 2	..	..	(5) Cholam flour 3 seers.
		A cripple aged 50 at home ..	..	..	(6) Cumbu ½ seer.
					(7) Cholam 20 seers.
Nanda Pichivadu ..	Do. ..	Father	On work.	..	140 tolas of cholam flour.
		Mother	..	..	A small pot of onions.
		Son aged 9	Do.	..	Weaver at home.
		Son aged 15			
		Child aged 5	..	In kitchen.	
		Child aged 3			
		Child aged 2	..	..	
		Uncle aged 30	..	..	
		His son aged 9	On work ..	..	
Pokur Lakshmugodu.	Do. ..	Father	Do.	..	140 tolas of cholam and ragi flour.
		Son aged 6	..	In kitchen.	41 seers of ragi.
		Son aged 4	..	..	1 seer of oil-seeds.
		Son aged 2	..	..	2 seers of cholam.
		Daughter aged 6	..	..	10 seers of aruka.
		Brother aged 35	On work ..	..	
Harala Narisigodu ..	Madiga.	Father	Do.	..	3 seers of ragi.
		Mother			
		Son aged 2 years	..	In kitchen.	1 seer of ragi flour.
		Daughter aged 15	On work ..	..	8 eggs.
		Daughter aged 10	Do.	..	3 tolas of tamarind.
		Son aged 6	..	In kitchen.	
		Aunt	..	..	
		Grandmother—old and blind at home.	..	..	

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.								Other purposes.								Total.								Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		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.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21						
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.								Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
Kandukur	5	780	16	1,015	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	780	16	1,015	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kanigiri	8	1,030	8	515	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1,030	8	515	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Atmakúr	13	2,280	12	1,060	21	2,710	..	..	..	..	12	1,550	13	2,280	12	1,060	21	2,710	..	..	12	1,550	..	..	21	9
Udayagiri	..	..	..	..	74	11,160	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	11,160	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Total	26	4,090	36	2,590	95	13,870	..	..	..	..	12	1,550	26	4,090	36	2,590	95	13,870	..	..	12	1,550	..	..	21	39

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.								Purchase of fodder.								Total.							
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1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39						
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Total	..	..	..	..	64	4,462	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	3,730	..	..	..	..	..	..	107	8,192	..	..

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

Sub-Collector—

Podili division ... Chinarikatla.

Ongole taluk ... Pernamitta. Santanutalapad. Cheemakurti. Uppalapadu.

Podili division ... Talamalla. Podili. Kambalapad.

Deputy Collector of Atmakúr—

Udayagiri taluk ... Chinamachanur. Udayagiri. Duttalur. Narravada. Yepulagunta. Nandavaram.

Collector—

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Resolution—No. 156, dated 23rd April 1898.

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6. The condition of the people is reported by the Collector to be generally good.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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Nanda Pichivadu ..	Do. ..	Father	On work.	..	140 tolas of cholam flour. A small pot of onions. Weaver at home.
		Mother			
		Son aged 9	Do.	..	
		Son aged 15			
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		Child aged 3			
		Child aged 2	..	..	
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		His son aged 9	On work ..	..	
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		Son aged 6	..	In kitchen.	
		Son aged 4	..	..	
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		Daughter aged 6	..	..	
		Brother aged 35	On work ..	..	
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		Mother	..	In kitchen.	
		Son aged 2 years	On work ..	..	
		Daughter aged 15	Do.	..	
		Daughter aged 10	..	In kitchen.	
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		Aunt	..	..	
		Grandmother—old and blind at home.			

8. Measures of Relief.—

Works.—In what taluks open and comparison of numbers—

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Kanigiri Taluk.			
Narramarella near Pamur	915	181	The figure represents the numbers working on the 11th instant, and the fall was due to the transfer of the work to the intermediate system. The numbers have since risen and were 347 on the 12th.
Nandanavanam	127	50	This work was closed on the 12th.
Podili Division.			
Podili-Cumbum road	1,663	1,233	Task work with a kitchen. The fall in numbers is attributed by the Podili Deputy Tahsildar, partly to ragi harvest and partly to the approach of the hot weather.
Udayagiri Taluk.			
Nellatur	480	..	Work closed.
Narravada	703	366	The fall is as elsewhere due to ragi harvest.
Total ..	3,888	1,830	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependents.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Kanigiri Taluk.								
Narramarella	61	47	..	..	..	..	..	..
Podili Division.								
Pedarikatla	41	30	..	..	..	..	..	..
Udayagiri Taluk.								
Narravada	47	43	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	149	120	..	..	..	..	..	..

9. *Private Charity.*—Calls for no remarks. The works in progress in the Venkatagiri estate are—

(1) The repairs of the Kankanampad tank in Kanigiri taluk,
(2) Rajampalli tank, and
(3) Polelapad tank.

10. *General Remarks.*—This report deals only with the Sub-Collector's and Atmakúr Deputy Collector's divisions. There has been a considerable fall in the number of labourers, due I think, almost entirely to harvest operations.

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		Son aged 6	..	..	
		Aunt	..	..	
		Grandmother—old and blind at home.			

Loan Transactions.—Statements of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.

Narravada

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.				Other purposes.				Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		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
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Kandukur	5	780	16	1,015	..	..	..	..	5	780	..	..	16	1,015	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kanigiri	8	1,030	8	515	..	..	..	..	8	1,030	..	..	8	515	..	..	33	4,260	..	21
Atmakúr	13	2,280	12	1,060	12	1,550	..	..	13	2,280	12	1,550	12	1,060	21	2,710	74	11,160	..	9
Udayagiri	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	11,160	107	15,420	..	30
Total	26	4,090	36	2,590	12	1,550	..	..	26	4,090	12	1,550	36	2,590	95	13,870	107	15,420	..	30

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.								Total.			
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	34	35	36	37	38	39
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Kandukur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kanigiri	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Atmakúr	..	..	..	..	29	2,820	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	4,840
Udayagiri	..	..	..	..	35	1,642	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	3,352
Total	..	..	..	..	64	4,462	..	..	..	..	..	..	107	8,192

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

Sub-Collector—

Podili division ... Chinarikatla.

Ongole taluk ... Pernamitta. Santanutalapad. Cheemakurti. Uppalapadu.

Podili division ... Talamalla. Podili. Kambalapad.

Deputy Collector of Atmakúr—

Udayagiri taluk ... Chinamachanur. Udayagiri. Duttalur. Narravada. Yepulagunta. Nandavaram.

Collector—

Podili division ... Podili. Pathapad. Challagirigela.

Kanigiri taluk ... Kanigiri. Sankavaram. Mogallur. Musunur. Chendrasekarapuram. Dubagunta. Nagalavaram. Pamur.

Udayagiri taluk ... Duttalur. Narravada. Ramapuram. Variguntapad.

Resolution—No. 156, dated 23rd April 1898.

Submitted to Government.

2. During the fortnight there was no material change in the situation.

3. The Board is entirely unable to reconcile the statement that in Podili "the standing crops—cholam and cumbu—are in good condition," and that in Darsi "cumbu, korra and cholam are on the ground and are fair," either with previous reports, or with the statement that there are no such standing crops in Ongole or Atmakúr. If, as the Board surmises, the reference is to small areas recently sown under wells, this should have been clearly stated. Every care should be taken to make the information regarding harvests and standing crops intelligible.

4. Prices are fluctuating. The price of ragi has fallen, while that of other grains has risen. The Collector's remark that the prices are almost stationary in the Atmakúr division is not understood; cholam was dearer by nearly a seer per rupee in Udayagiri; ragi cheaper by more than three-quarters of a seer in Atmakúr and about one and three-quarter seers in Udayagiri, and cumbu cheaper by three-quarters of a seer in Udayagiri.

5. There was a large decrease in the numbers on works, from 3,888 in the previous fortnight to 1,830 in the fortnight under review. Later reports show that the numbers fell to 876 on the 16th instant. The large decrease is ascribed by the Collector almost entirely to harvest operations. The intermediate system appears to have reduced the numbers very considerably at first on the Narramarella work. The remark that the fall in numbers on the Podili-Cumbum road was due partly to the approach of the hot weather is not understood. The Collector has introduced the intermediate system on this work, but has retained the kitchen as he considers it necessary.

The Rajah of Venkatagiri appears to have started three tank-repair works in his estate, one of the tanks being stated to be in Kanigiri taluk. The situation of the two other tanks should be reported, as also the numbers on the works, if ascertainable.

6. The condition of the people is reported by the Collector to be generally good.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

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

ORDER—No. 271, Revenue, dated 12th May 1898.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

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(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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" the Public Works Department.
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