Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

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G.O., No. 2757-8

DATED 29th June

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the P.W.D ~~Director~~ to call upon the controlling officers of the open lines of Railway in the Madras Presidency to issue instructions for reporting to the Village Munsiffs concerned all births and deaths that occur within railway station limits in the same way as the Agent & Manager, Madras Railway has done.

Informing the Govt of India that at present there are no special arrangements by which the duty of reporting births & deaths occurring within railway station limits is imposed on any railway employé, and that steps will be taken for the registration of births and deaths as soon as passed into law.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

Memo:
From The Public Works Dept.

Order

No. 23 R/m/O

Dated 14th May
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding to Govt. P.D. ... original the replies received fro... Railway Administrations re... registration of Births & Deaths ... outside the Municipal Towns.

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Copy of letter from the Secretary Engineer for Railways, Madras, No. 1011 dated 8th April 1898.

In connection with the difficulty found to exist in the registration of vital statistics within railway limits outside Municipal Towns which has been brought to the notice of the Govt of India, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to let me know what arrangements are in force on the Railways in regard to reporting (1) Births and (2) Deaths occurring within Railway limits and whether you can now issue departmental instructions requiring Station Masters to record births and deaths occurring in a station to the village Munsiff of the village in which the station is situated.

Southern Mahratta Railway Company, (Ld.)

No. 3611

AGENT'S OFFICE,

DHARWAR, 14th April 1898.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.1011, dated the 8th Instant, regarding the registration of vital statistics within Railway limits outside Municipal Towns, I have the honour to enclose a printed copy of Circular No.VII of 1896 issued by me on the subject in response to a similar request from the Collector and District Magistrate, Belgaum.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Agent.

(Enclosure 1)

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GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
Revenue Department,
20. 5. 1898.

To

The Undersecretary to Government,
Railways Department.

Sir,

A copy of letter No.1011 d/8 April 1898, forwarding the registration of vital statistics within Railway limits.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
S. S. Rice
for Undersecretary to Govt.

MEMORANDUM.

Received by Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras. For G.No.3611/98, dated 20.5.98.

Required for reference the under-mentioned papers:—

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SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

DHARWAR, *24th April 1896.*

Circular No. VII.

Reporting Births, Deaths and Outbreaks of Infectious Diseases.

Reports have been received from the Civil authorities that difficulty has been experienced in getting reports of Births and Deaths from Railway employés at out-stations. Save in Municipal limits, there is no legal authority for compelling any person to report a birth or a death, but, as a matter of good feeling, the Agent desires that all employés should assist the local authorities in carrying out this part of their duties. Any outbreaks of infectious diseases should be similarly reported.

J. BURN MURDOCH, MAJOR, R. E.,

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East Coast Railway.

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From,

The Manager,

To,

The Consulting Engineer for Railways,
Madras.

Dated, Waltair ,, April 98.

Sir,

In reply to your NO. 1011 of 8th current, I have the honor to state that there are no rules or orders now in force on this line, under which domestic occurrences births and deaths in the families of the staff living within station premises are to be reported to the civil authorities, except only in the cases of deaths caused by accidents in the execution of duty, as per accident rules appendix C Part II of the old edition of the General Rules.

2. I would add that I can, if required, issue departmental instructions requiring station masters to report the births and deaths occurring in a station to the munsiff of the village in which the station is situated.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A.M. Monteath

Major, R.E.

Manager.

In your reply please quote the number and date of this letter.

No. 2/3708

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From

THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,

BEZWADA-MADRAS RAILWAY,

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Dated Madras, the _____ 189 .

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No 9094

From

The AGENT and [illegible]

H. M. [illegible] Co., Ltd.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

Dated Secunderabad, (Deccan) 5th May 1898

No. 2216.

Enclosure. Received 7.5.98

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 126 dated 24th ultimo, I have the honor to observe that as this Railway runs thro the Nizam's territories where it is understood that births and deaths are not registered the suggestion contained in your letter cannot be carried out with any practical result.

2. I would however suggest that the Railway Magistrate may be given the position of Registrar and let his headmen at each station report to him the occurrence of births and deaths within Railway limits. The Registrar could then supply the Government

Government of India with the Statistics half yearly or yearly as may be required.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed[ient] Servt,
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Agent & Manager

(No. I.)

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 10th May 1898

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From The Agent and Manager.
M.R.C.

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Madras.

SIR,

Referring to your letter No 1011 of the 8th inst, I have the honor to inform you that instructions have been issued to report to the Village Munsiffs all births and deaths that occur within station limits.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servt.

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Agent & Manager

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.

MEMORANDUM.

Dated ~~Madras,~~ Octacamund the 17th May 1898.

With reference to para 2 of G. O. No. 213 Revenue, dated 19th April 1898, the undersigned has the honour to forward herewith, in original, the replies which have been received from Railway Administrations to the reference made to them on the subject.

2. The replies from the South Indian and Nilgiri Railways will be forwarded on receipt.

Joint Secretary.

To,

The Revenue Department,

with original papers referred to.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

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Encl: of
~~From~~
The Public Works Dept.
Railway Branch.

Order

No. 24 R/W
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Dated 18 May

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SUBJECT.

Transferring to the Rev: Dept: letter from the Agent & Chief Engineer, Nilgiri Railway, re: re-porting of births & deaths on the Nilgiri Railway.

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The Nilgiri Railway,

No. 2153.

Coonoor, 13th May 1898.

FROM

THE AGENT AND CHIEF ENGINEER,

NILGIRI RAILWAY,

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To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your No. 1011 of April 8th 1898 I have the honor to inform you that it appears to apply to open lines only.

There are no arrangements on this Railway for reporting births and deaths.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.

W. J. Wicksteed

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No 24. Rev (1) dt 18th May 98

Transferred to
Revenue Department in
Continuation of Memorandum
No 23 Rev dated 17 May 1898.

Secretary

Joint Secretary to Govt

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213 dt 19-4-98
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Read again fo. 218/19-4-98
Read also P.W. Memo: No. 23 Rev/O
dt 17-5-98 (Cno 3616)
" also P.W. Endt. No. 24 Rev/O dt 18.5.98
(Cno 3707)

Note

In March last the Govt of India enquired what arrangements were in force in this Presidency for the registration of vital statistics within Railway limits outside municipal towns, whether these arrangements were satisfactory, and if not, what improvements it was desirable to make therein. When passing orders on the above reference, the Govt observed that a Railway Station was a place of "public resort" within the meaning of Sec 13 (2) of the Bill for the registration of births and deaths in rural tracts and that there was sufficient provision in this Bill for the registration of vital

vital statistics within Railway limits, but that until the Bill passed into law, the duty of reporting to the village Munsiff of the village in which the Station was situated, births and deaths occurring within the Station limits might be imposed on Station Masters by executive orders. The P. W. D (Railway) was requested to ascertain whether the Railway authorities had any objection to the arrangement, and enquiries were accordingly made in that Dept. of the several railway Administrations (1) what arrangements were in force in regard to reporting births and deaths occurring within Railway limits and (2) whether departmental instructions could be issued requiring Station Masters to report these occurrences to the Munsiff of the village in which the Station was situated.

2. With the currents read above, the P. W. Dept forwards the replies of the several railway authorities, with the exception of the South Indian Railway the reply from which is still due. These replies are summarised in the Statement appended. From this it will appear that at present there exist no arrangements by which the duty of reporting births and deaths within Station limits (except deaths by accident) is definitely laid down on any body, that the Agent of the Madras Railway Company has issued the necessary instructions in the matter, while the Manager, East Coast Railway intimates that he will, if required, issue the requisite orders. The Agent, S. M. Ry. encloses a copy of a circular issued by him directing all employés of

of the railway to assist the Civil authorities in registering births and deaths within Station limits. Within the territory traversed by the Nizam's State Railway, this Govt is not concerned and the Bezwada – Madras and the Nilgiri Railways are not yet in working order.

3. It is submitted that, pending the passing of the "Bill for the registration of vital Statistics in rural tracts" into law, the Railway Dept be requested to instruct the Agents or Managers of the several open railway lines in the Presidency to instruct Station Masters to see that all deaths within Station limits (outside a Municipality) are reported to the Munsiff of the village in which the Station is situated.

The annexed draft order and letter are submitted for approval.

RS
18-6-98

Issue as now revised
SB 24/6/98

	Name of Railway.	Abstract of reply.
1.	Southern Mahratta Railway.	Encloses a printed copy of a circular issued in 1896 ~~directing~~ desiring all employés of the railway to assist the locals authorities in the ~~registration of births~~ registration of births and deaths.
2.	East Coast Railway.	Reports that there are no rules or orders at present in force, under which births and deaths occurring within station limits, except deaths caused by accident, ~~are to~~ are to be reported to the Civil authorities; but adds that if required instructions will be issued ~~direct~~ requiring Station masters to report births and deaths occurring within station limits to the Munsif of the village in which the station is situated.
3.	Bezwada-Madras Railway.	In the Public Division ~~all births and deaths within railway limits are not regularly reported to the village Munsif~~ Reports that there should be no difficulty in arranging for Station masters to report births and deaths once construction works are closed, but that this would not be practicable while gangs of imported labour, in many cases of totally different customs and speaking a different language to the station master are at work. Extracts from the enclosures forwarded.

...to the Engineer-in-chief's letter No. on the Subject discussion [illegible] and deaths within Railway limits are regularly reported to some village munsiff by the members of the family in which the event occurs; and that no such arrangement exist in the Tanjore, Ongole & Bapatla divisions

	Name of Railway	Abstract of Reply.
4.	Nizam's State Railway.	Births and deaths are not now registered, but it is suggested that the Railway Magistrate may be given the powers of Registrar and the Headman at each station to report to him the occurrence of births and deaths within railway limits. The lines traversed by this line are in the Nizam's territory with which this Govt has, it is understood, nothing to do
5.	The Madras Railway.	Instructions have been issued by the Agent to report to the village munsiff all births and deaths that occur within station limits.
6.	The Pilgrim Railway.	There are no arrangements for reporting births and deaths, but the line is not yet open.
7.	S. I. R.	Not received.

The duty of reporting all births & deaths occurring in their village lies on the village Karnam and in some cases, on the heads of villages in this Presidency.

Read again Ep. 213 & 19-4-98 (bulk)
" also P.W. Memorandum No. 23. R Rn. 17-5-98 (Cen 3616).
Read also P.W. Endt. No. 24 R Rn 6 / 18-5-98 (Cen. 3707)

Order Mis. No. 2757/d/29th June 98.

It appears from the replies of the several Railway administrations read above that there is at present no general rule or order imposing the duty of reporting such occurrences, births and deaths within railway limits on any railway employé. The Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, however, intimates that as suggested in para 2 of Ep. 213 / 19-4-98, instructions have been issued to report to the village munsiffs concerned all births and deaths that occur within Station limits. The Controlling officers of the other open lines of railway in

in the Presidency will be requested in the P. W. D. (Railway) to issue similar instructions in the matter.

2. The following letter will be despatched to the Govt of India with reference to its letter no. 519 Home Dept (Sanitary), dated 14-3-98.

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S/S 24/6/98

To the P. W. D. (Railway)
" Bd of Rev (L. R). Encl 2/7/98

Letter no. 2758. 1/29-6-98.

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India
Home Dept (Sanitary)

Sir,

Referring to Mr Under Secretary Walton's letter no. 519 dt 14-3-98, I am directed to state, for the information of the Govt of India, that at present there exist no special arrangements by which the duty of reporting ~~the occurrence to the Civil authorities when they happen within railway limits outside the municipal towns in the Presidency~~ such occurrence is imposed on any railway employé. Sec. 13 (2) of the draft Bill for the registration of births and deaths in rural tracts, forwarded with my letter dated 19 April 1898 no. 215, however, provides that "in the case of persons being born or dying in a ~~steamboat or~~ or other place of public resort,

The duty of reporting all births & deaths occurring ~~within railway limits~~ outside municipal towns, rests on the village ~~officers~~ and accountants ~~and in some cases on~~ the heads of villages.

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resort, it shall be the duty of the owner, keeper or person in charge thereof to give the information required under Sections 9 and 11 within the time and in the manner specified therein"; and A railway Station being a place of "public resort" and the Station Master being "the person in the charge" ~~of~~ the draft Bill, ~~as it stands~~, makes sufficient provision for the registration of Vital Statistics within railway limits. ~~His Lordship is of opinion~~ that until the bill is passed into Law the duty of reporting specially births and deaths occurring within Station limits may be imposed on Station Masters by executive orders and arrangements with this object are being made with the heads of Railway administrations in this Presidency. ~~for the issue of such orders~~. The marginally noted Heads of this Govt embodying the correspondence that has taken place on the subject is enclosed for information.

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