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Udayagiri Taluk.								
Narravada	31	25	..	..	..	..	..	..

10. *Private Charity.*—Rs. 106-6-3 out of the sum of Rs. 1,000 received from the Madras Committee of the Charitable Relief Fund was spent during the fortnight by the Sub-Collector and the Deputy Collector, Atmakúr, in relieving deserving poor. Only twenty-seven coolies are working on zemindari works.

11. *General Remarks.*—There has been rain during the fortnight throughout the affected taluks, the quantity varying from 0·86 inches at Udayagiri to 1·69 at Podili. Several irrigation tanks now contain one or two months' supply, and drinking water is everywhere available. Pasture has been considerably improved by the rain.

12. Prices are very much the same as they were a fortnight ago. There was a satisfactory fall in the price of ragi in Atmakúr and Udayagiri, and of cholam in Darsi and Podili. In Kanigiri prices are unchanged.

13. The numbers on the works rose from 1,016 to 1,120. There was little change at the work on the Podili-Cumbum road, but on the Pamúr work the number rose

from 465 to 641, while at Narravada there was a fall from 373 to 292. The fall in the numbers at Narravada is undoubtedly due to the commencement of ploughing on dry lands, and for the same reason the numbers are now falling at Pamúr—road work as shown below :—

	Number of workers.
8th June	600
9th „	743
10th „	801
11th „	618
12th „	530
13th „	381

On the Podili-Cumbum road 163 were at work on the 13th instant.

14. I visited all the works during the fortnight. The coolies were, without exception, in first rate condition. At Pamúr, a child, 1½ years of age, of a Mahomedan woman on the work was very thin and emaciated, though the mother looked well-fed and healthy. I have instructed the hospital assistant at Pamúr to see the child once every two days, and if any nourishment is required to be given it, the Sub-Collector will provide it from the funds received from the Madras Committee of the Charitable Relief Fund. Similar action has also been taken with regard to two sickly babies at Pathapad, a village near which the Podili-Cumbum road work is going on at present. These are the only cases showing signs of distress I saw anywhere, and I am perfectly satisfied, from what I have seen in my tour, that to grant any relief in excess of what has been allowed on the works would be a waste of funds. I reduced the rates very slightly at Narravada having regard to the improvement in prices and to the desirability of getting the works closed as soon as possible. I made no change at the other works as ploughing had not commenced in the neighbourhood to the same extent it had at Narravada. The gangs are able to earn very fair wages on all the works. For instance, a gang of eleven men, eleven women and four children on the Podili-Cumbum road earned Rs. 6-2-4 in three days or Rs. 2-0-9 per diem. This allows As. 1-6 for each male adult, Anna 1-2 for each female adult and anna 1 for each child, and is in excess of the wage allowed in the Famine Code with ragi at 16 seers per rupee.

15. The Sub-Collector reports that, of 1,000 coolies from the Podili division who were working on the Bezwada-Madras State Railway near Ongole, about 600 have left the work within the fortnight, though they were paid at high rates.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.								Repair and construction of wells.								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.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Kandukur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	725	..	..	13	725	..	..	..	..	27	1,660	..	..	..	..
Atmakúr	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	130	3	210	8	1,660	5	340	2	130	3	210	35	7,274	8	1,660	..	..
Udayagiri	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1,580	8	670	39	5,614	8	670	12	1,580	8	670	61	12,788	47	7,274	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	1,710	24	1,605	47	7,174	26	1,735	14	1,710	11	880	123	21,722	55	8,934	..	..

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	40	41	42	43	44	45
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Atmakúr	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	110	..	..	..	..	..	..
Udayagiri	12	500	6	210	74	3,817	26	1,320	..	..	..	..	1	120	1	120	12	500	6	210	75	3,937	27	1,320
Total ..	12	500	6	210	74	3,817	26	1,320	2	110	..	..	1	120	1	120	14	610	6	210	75	3,937	27	1,320

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Total .. 96 5,682

* Payment of second instalment. Amount. Rs. 4,074 1,230 650 1,320 7,174

Inspections of the District Officers—Taluks and places visited—

SUB-COLLECTOR.

Darsi division.

Darsi.
Kuruched.
Sankarapuram.
Vempad.
Mundlamur.

Pasapugall.
Pulipad.
Venkatachellapuram.
Budanampad.

Ongole taluk.

Addanki.
Trovagunta.
Yedugundlapad.

Velampalli.
Medaramitta.
Timmayapalem.

Podili division.

Rayavaram.

Tarlupad.

ATMAKÚR DEPUTY COLLECTOR.

Atmakúr taluk.

Chiramana.
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Udayagiri taluk.

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COLLECTOR.

Udayagiri taluk.

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Patapad.
Baduguleru.
Gariwenapenta.

Kaljulapad.
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RESOLUTION—No. 211, dated 18th June 1898.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. During the fortnight, the rainfall in the affected portion of the district was decidedly good, although it was lighter in Kanigiri and Udayagiri than elsewhere. This rain has enabled the ryots to commence ploughing and has improved the water-supplies and has promoted the growth of some pasture. Prices continue to show a tendency to fall throughout the affected area, and are cheaper than the scarcity rates everywhere for the dry grains except cumbu.

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3. In Kanigiri alone has the number of relief-workers materially increased, whilst in Udayagiri there has been a considerable decrease. There is, however, a great discrepancy between the figures in the statement, and those quoted by the Collector in his general remarks. From the latter the numbers appear to be decreasing in all three taluks. The Collector has satisfied himself, by personal inspection that no relief more than is now offered is anywhere necessary, and on one work he reduced the rates for piece-work slightly. It appears that the relief workers were earning more than they would be paid for tasked work under the Famine Code at the prices now ruling.

4. The Collector does not make any further suggestions as to the closing of the works, but it appears to the Board that, unless the season takes a turn for the worse, it should be possible to stop all forms of relief by the end of the current month. The Collector will be requested to report on this point at a very early date.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Nellore (Divisional-officers—Tahsildar).
Copy to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle.
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	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.
Udayagiri Taluk.								
Narravada	31	25	..	..	..	..	..	..

10. *Private Charity.*—Rs. 106–6–3 out of the sum of Rs. 1,000 received from the Madras Committee of the Charitable Relief Fund was spent during the fortnight by the Sub-Collector and the Deputy Collector, Atmakúr, in relieving deserving poor. Only twenty-seven coolies are working on zemindari works.

11. *General Remarks.*—There has been rain during the fortnight throughout the affected taluks, the quantity varying from 0·86 inches at Udayagiri to 1·69 at Podili. Several irrigation tanks now contain one or two months' supply, and drinking water is everywhere available. Pasture has been considerably improved by the rain.

12. Prices are very much the same as they were a fortnight ago. There was a satisfactory fall in the price of ragi in Atmakúr and Udayagiri, and of cholam in Darsi and Podili. In Kanigiri prices are unchanged.

13. The numbers on the works rose from 1,016 to 1,120. There was little change at the work on the Podili-Cumbum road, but on the Pamúr work the number rose

from 465 to 641, while at Narravada there was a fall from 373 to 292. The fall in the numbers at Narravada is undoubtedly due to the commencement of ploughing on dry lands, and for the same reason the numbers are now falling at Pamúr—road work as shown below :—

	Number of workers.
8th June	600
9th „	743
10th „	801
11th „	618
12th „	530
13th „	381

On the Podili-Cumbum road 163 were at work on the 13th instant.

14. I visited all the works during the fortnight. The coolies were, without exception, in first rate condition. At Pamúr, a child, 1½ years of age, of a Mahomedan woman on the work was very thin and emaciated, though the mother looked well-fed and healthy. I have instructed the hospital assistant at Pamúr to see the child once every two days, and if any nourishment is required to be given it, the Sub-Collector will provide it from the funds received from the Madras Committee of the Charitable Relief Fund. Similar action has also been taken with regard to two sickly babies at Pathapad, a village near which the Podili-Cumbum road work is going on at present. These are the only cases showing signs of distress I saw anywhere, and I am perfectly satisfied, from what I have seen in my tour, that to grant any relief in excess of what has been allowed on the works would be a waste of funds. I reduced the rates very slightly at Narravada having regard to the improvement in prices and to the desirability of getting the works closed as soon as possible. I made no change at the other works as ploughing had not commenced in the neighbourhood to the same extent it had at Narravada. The gangs are able to earn very fair wages on all the works. For instance, a gang of eleven men, eleven women and four children on the Podili-Cumbum road earned Rs. 6–2–4 in three days or Rs. 2–0–9 per diem. This allows As. 1–6 for each male adult, Anna 1–2 for each female adult and anna 1 for each child, and is in excess of the wage allowed in the Famine Code with ragi at 16 seers per rupee.

15. The Sub-Collector reports that, of 1,000 coolies from the Podili division who were working on the Bezwada-Madras State Railway near Ongole, about 600 have left the work within the fortnight, though they were paid at high rates.

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.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		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.		
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.		
Kandukur	..	..	13	* 725	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	725	..	..	..	..
Atmakúr	2	130	3	210	8	1,560	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	130	3	210	8	1,560	..	27
Udayagiri	12	1,580	8	670	39	5,614	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1,580	8	670	39	5,614	..	34
Total ..	14	1,710	24	1,605	47	† 7,174	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	1,710	24	1,605	47	7,174	..	61

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	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
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Kandukur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Atmakúr	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	110	..	..	1	120	2	110	..	..	1	120
Udayagiri	12	500	5	210	74	3,817	..	..	..	..	21	1,745	12	500	5	210	95	5,562
Total ..	12	500	5	210	74	3,817	2	110	..	..	22	1,865	14	610	5	210	96	‡ 5,682

* Payment of second instalment.

	Number.	Amount.
		Rs.
† Pending enquiry	24	4,074
Referred to the Registration Department for encumbrance certificate..	9	1,230
Enquiry completed and pending for further references in Taluk office.	3	550
Referred to the Revenue Inspectors for sub-division	11	1,320
Total ..	47	7,174

	Number.	Amount.
		Rs.
‡ Pending enquiry	25	1,510
Referred to the Registration Department for encumbrance certificates.	36	1,700
Cases in which enquiry was completed and encumbrance certificates have to be applied for	35	2,472
Total ..	96	5,682

Inspections of the District Officers—Taluks and places visited—

Sub-Collector.

Darsi division.

Darsi.
Kuruched.
Sankarapúram.
Vempad.
Mundlamur.
Pasupugall.
Pulipad.
Venkatachellapuram.
Budanampad.

Ongole taluk.

Addanki.
Trovagunta.
Yedugundlapad.
Velampalli.
Medaramitta.
Timmayapalem.

Podili division.

Rayavaram.
Tarlupad.

Atmakúr Deputy Collector.

Atmakúr taluk.

Chiramana.
Kavali Yedamalli.
Anamasamudram.
Anamasamudram.
Hastinapuram.
Atmakúr.
Duttalur.
Solualregada.
Udayagiri.
Dasaripalli.
Vadlamudipalli
Nandipad.
Yepalagunta.
Timmayapalem.

Udayagiri taluk.

Duttalur.
Narravada.
Ramapuram.
Varigunlapad.

Kanigiri taluk.

Pamúr.
Narramarella.
Kanigiri.
Challagarigala.

Collector.

Podili division.

Pataped.
Badugulern
Gariwenapenta.
Kaljulapad.
Rayavaram.

Resolution—No. 211, dated 18th June 1898.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. During the fortnight, the rainfall in the affected portion of the district was decidedly good, although it was lighter in Kanigiri and Udayagiri than elsewhere. This rain has enabled the ryots to commence ploughing and has improved the water-supplies and has promoted the growth of some pasture. Prices continue to show a tendency to fall throughout the affected area, and are cheaper than the scarcity rates everywhere for the dry grains except cumbu.

Station.	June. Average expected.	June. 1898 to 15th.
	Inches.	Inches.
Dársi	2·55	1·07
Poddili	...	1·69
Kanigiri	1·78	0·91
Udayagiri	1·28	0·86
Atmakúr	1·04	1·63

3. In Kanigiri alone has the number of relief-workers materially increased, whilst in Udayagiri there has been a considerable decrease. There is, however, a great discrepancy between the figures in the statement, and those quoted by the Collector in his general remarks. From the latter the numbers appear to be decreasing in all three taluks. The Collector has satisfied himself, by personal inspection that no relief more than is now offered is anywhere necessary, and on one work he reduced the rates for piece-work slightly. It appears that the relief workers were earning more than they would be paid for tasked work under the Famine Code at the prices now ruling.

4. The Collector does not make any further suggestions as to the closing of the works, but it appears to the Board that, unless the season takes a turn for the worse, it should be possible to stop all forms of relief by the end of the current month. The Collector will be requested to report on this point at a very early date.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Nellore (Divisional-officers—Tahsildar).
Copy to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

Order—No. 369, Revenue, dated 1st July 1898.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Local and Municipal Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

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