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G.O., No. 4974

DATED 16th December 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording Board's Progs reporting to certain questions asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 13th December 1898 regarding the charge of water-rate on certain plantain cultivations even with spontaneous flow of water.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting replies to certain questions to be asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 13th December 1898 regarding the charge of water-rate on certain plantain cultivations even with spontaneous flow of water.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

Dated 7th December 1898.

No. 7048 Misc:

READ Official Memorandum from Government, Revenue Department, No.302, dated 2nd December 1898.

Resolution

With reference to the Official Memorandum read above, the Board begs to state that the Collectors of Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Salem and Coimbatore were wired to on the subject of Clause (a) of the question, and they have replied as follows:—

Question VII (a)

Is it a fact that plantain cultivations on the margins of the Cauvery and its branches in Trichi-nopoly, Tanjore and other districts are charged with water-rates, even where the flow of the water to the plantations is spontaneous ?

2. Collector of Tanjore. "Spontaneous flow for plantains on river-banks charged Mannargudi and Mayavaram, but not Tanjore, Kumbakonam, Nannilam. Regarding remaining Taluks, enquiry not made, cultivation being small.

3. Collector of Salem. "Plantain cultivation on banks Cauvery and other rivers is not charged water-rate when water flows spontaneously".

4. Collector of Coimbatore. "Few such cases here. No water-rate charged".

5. The Collector of Trichinopoly has not yet replied. His report will be submitted to Government as soon as

6. In regard to Clause (b) of the question, it is, the Board believes, fairly certain that in most cases plantains benefit by the river water. They might, it is true, be damaged if water were to stand round the stems for a long time; but it is believed that as a rule water does not stand round the stems for more than 3 or 4 days at a time. In answer to a reference by the Board (B.P.No.18, dated 31st January 1896) regarding the number of months in the year during which plantain gardens are usually irrigated, the Collector of Tanjore has reported as follows:-"Plantain gardens in the deltaic portions are not usually irrigated. They are, for the most part, found on padugai lands which generally receive water by percolation and occasionally by the overfloodings of rivers. Such high floods occur only in about three months in the year and they never last for more than three or four days at a time."

Question 7 11(b):

Is Government aware that water in such cases is injurious to the plantations, and will Govt be pleased to issue orders for the remo- ~~water~~ rates, if the answer to clause (a) of this question be in the affirmative?

7. In reference to the Judgment of the High Court in S.A. No. 973 of 1895 quoted in Board's Proceedings (L.R.) No.143, dated 5th ~~March~~ May 1897, the charge of water-rate made in the Mannargudi and Mayavaram Taluks in Tanjore District appears to be erroneous. The Board will make enquiries as to the reasons which have led the jamabandi officers in those Taluks to impose the charge.

(True Extract)

R. B. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To.

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

approved K.S. 8-12-98

Question proposed to be asked by the Hon'ble P. Ratnasabhapati Pillai Avargal at the Meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 18th Decr. 1899.-

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VII (a) Is it a fact that plantain cultivations on the margins of the Cauvery and its branches in Trichinopoly, Tanjore and other districts are charged with water rates even where the flow of the water to the plantations is spontaneous?

(b) Is Government aware that water in such cases is injurious to the plantations, and will Government be pleased to issue orders for the remova[l] of the rates, if the answer to clause (a) of this question be in the affirmative?

Suggested reply.-

(a) From enquiries made by the Board of Revenue [illegible] it appears that as a general rule no water rate is charged for the spontaneous flow of water to plantain gardens or the margins of the Cauvery and its branches. There appear to have been cases in the Mannargudy and ---

Tiruvaveram taluks of Tanjore, where a charge has been made, and the Board has ordered an enquiry into these cases.

(b) The Government is not aware that water in such cases is injurious to the plantations, ~~[illegible]~~ Cases of involuntary flow occur usually at times of floods which seldom last more than 3 or 4 days.

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Question proposed to be asked by the Hon'ble P. Rat-
-nasabhapati Pillai at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 13th Decr: 1894.

VII. (*a*) Is it a fact that plantain cultivations on the margins of the Cauvery and its branches in Trichinopoly, Tanjore and other districts are charged with water rates, even where the flow of the water to the plantations is spontaneous?

(*b*) Is Government aware that water in such cases is injurious to the plantations, and will Government be pleased to issue orders for the removal of the rates, if the answer to clause (*a*) of this question be in the affirmative?

To the Under Secy.

No information appears available in the Office on the point raised by the Hon'ble Member. It is therefore submitted that the proposed question may be referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

A draft Om. to the Board is submitted below.

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O.M. no. 302

The Board of Revenue is requested to be good enough to submit at a very early date a brief memorandum on the accompanying question proposed to be asked by the Hon'ble P. Ratnasabhapati Pillai at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 13th instant.

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To the Board of Rev, Rev. Sett.; with a copy of the question.

P.C. 7/12/87.

The Hon'ble ~~M.R.Ry.~~ P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI, avargal:—

VII. (*a*) Is it a fact that plantain cultivations on the margins of the Cauvery and its branches in Trichinopoly, Tanjore and other districts are charged with water rates, even where the flow of the water to the plantations is spontaneous?

(*b*) Is Government aware that water in such cases is injurious to the plantations, and will Government be pleased to issue orders for the removal of the rates, if the answer to clause (*a*) of this question be in the affirmative?

The Hon'ble Mr.

VII. (*a*) From inquiries made by the Board of Revenue ~~of the Collectors of Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Salem and Coimbatore,~~ it appears that as a general rule no water-rate is charged for the spontaneous flow of water to plantain gardens on the margins of the Cauvery and its branches. There appear to have been cases in the Mannárgudi and Máyavaram taluks of Tanjore where a charge has been made; and the Board has ordered an inquiry into these cases.

(*b*) The Government is not aware that water in such cases is injurious to the plantations.

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