

Revenue (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

According to the reply given to certain questions asked by the Hon. P. Ratnam Subramanyam Pillai at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 9th March 1897.

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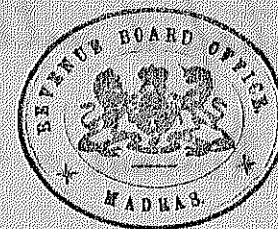
Submitting draft replies to certain questions which the Honourable. P. Ratnasabapathi Pillai proposes to ask at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on 9th March 1899.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

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Read Official Memorandum from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, No 52, dated 20th February 1899.

Resolution

The Board submits the following draft replies to the questions which the Honourable. P. Ratnasabhapati Pillai proposes to ask at the next Legislative Council. It suggests that the replies may be forwarded to the Public Works Department for counter-initials before they are adopted:-

Since changed Reply to Question ~~XII~~ ^{XI} (a). The practice varies.
 to XI (b) No. The proper remedy for any landholder whose crops may be injuriously affected

affected as alleged is to ^{AOK} file a complaint to the local officers and if dissatisfied with their order, to appeal to the Board of Revenue or the Superintending Engineer as the case may be.

Reply to Question ~~XIII~~ (d). The Government is not prepared to direct a general inquiry into the matter, but it may mention for the Honourable Members information that it has recently called on the Board of Revenue to report whether it is desirable to define more clearly than is at present the case the circumstances in which poremboke lands on the margin of rivers or irrigation works under the control of the Public Works Department may be leased out by that Department (Government Order 4050, dated 10th October 1898).

(True Extract)

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For Secretary

To the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding for favour of remission of a very early date, ~~the~~ question proposed to be asked by the Hon'ble P. Ratnasabhapati Pillai at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 7th March 99.

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Memorandum No. 81

READ—the following paper :—

Questions proposed to be asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 7th proximo by the Hon'ble MARY P. Ratna Subhapathi Pillai *avargal* VIII to X, XII & XVIII.

FORWARDED to the Departments of the Secretariat *concerned* for favour of remarks at a very early date as to whether there is any *prima facie* objection to the admissibility of the questions.

If there is no objection, it is requested that draft answers may be forwarded so as to reach the undersigned before 5 pm. on Saturday the 4th March 1899

FORT ST. GEORGE,

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A. Subasingam
for Secretary to Government.

To the Departments of the Secretariat concerned *Revenue*
with Questions

VERY URGENT.

GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

With the permission of His Excellency the President, the Hon'ble P. RATNA-SABHAPATI PILLAI will ask the following questions at the ensuing meeting of the Council to be held on the 9th day of March 1899 :—

Revenue Department.

VIII. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the reasons which influenced it in converting Negapatam, which had been for a long series of years the headquarters of a Sub-Collector, into a Head Assistant's division?

(b) Whether, in view of the importance of the varied interests of the Negapatam division, such as Sea-customs, Port, Marine, Shipping, Trade, Emigration, Land-customs, and of the circumstance that the place is the seat of a growing Railway workshops, and of a large European community which renders the presence of a Justice of the Peace necessary, Government will be pleased to revert to the old arrangements, and make it a Sub-Collectorate?

IX. With reference to the statement published in the Tanjore District Gazette for September 1898 showing that 37 plots of land, measuring 136 acres and assessed at Rs. 296, were sold for arrears of Government revenue and purchased by Government itself at one anna per plot, will Government be pleased to inquire into the circumstances attending the sale and furnish the Council with information as to why no one offered to bid, and Government was obliged to purchase the lands for a nominal price?

X. With reference to similar statements published in the Tanjore District Gazette, dated the 20th October 1898, and 1st December 1898, showing that 23 plots of land, measuring 51.11 acres and assessed at Rs. 59-2-0, and 57 plots, measuring 76 acres and assessed at Rs. 208, respectively, were sold for arrears of Government revenue and purchased by Government itself at one anna per plot, will Government be pleased to inquire into the circumstances attending the sales and furnish the Council with similar information as is requested in the preceding question?

XII. With reference to Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 308 (Land Revenue), dated the 16th November 1898, promulgating certain rules for calculating the capitalized value of all permanent periodical payments to or by Government, under which in the case of such dues payable to Government the capitalized value shall be not less than thirty times the annuity, but which in the case of dues payable by Government shall not be more than twenty times the annuity, will Government be pleased to move the Government of India in view to placing both the cases on a footing of equality?

XIII. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether the accretions to the river margins formed by the action of the current are under the control of the Public Works Department or the Revenue Department?

(b) Is Government aware that such lands formed as *Padugai* on the margins of the Cauvery and its branches have been dealt with by the Public Works Department without reference to the Revenue Department, and leased out for the rearing of bamboo and other shady growths, which affect injuriously the cultivation and crops of the adjoining landholders?

(c) Where the land is scooped out by the action of the current of a river at one point, and formed at another, does not Government think that the owner of the former land has a reasonable claim to the latter?

(d) If Government is not in possession of the required information, will it be pleased to direct a general enquiry into the matter, and call for a report on such cases in the villages of Alavandipuram, Tenampadugai, Papanasam, and Govindagudy, &c., in the taluk of Kumbakonam?

XVIII. (a) With reference to G.O., No. 680, Revenue, dated the 14th November 1898, and the Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 351, dated the 20th December 1898 (Land Revenue), will Government be pleased to state the circumstances under which it has been found necessary to transfer the power to issue distraint notices No. I under Madras Act II of 1864, hitherto exercised by the Tahsildars, to village headmen?

(b) If Government has decided to try the experiment of the change, will it be pleased to call for reports from the District officers at the close of the current fasli as to the way in which the new procedure has been working?

O. M. no. 52.

To
The Board of Rev (Land Rev)

The marginally ^{noted} questions
proposed to be asked by the Hon.
P. Ratnasabhapati Pillai at
the meeting of the Legislative
Council to be held on the 9th
March 1899 will be forwarded
to the Board of Rev for draft
replies which should reach
the Govt. office by the 2nd
March.

XIII (a) (b) + (c).

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To the Under Secretary.

Questions XIII (a) (b) & (d) proposed to be asked by the Hon. P. Rattasabhapati Pillai at the meeting of the Leg. Council to be held on the 9th March 1899 were forwarded to the Board of Revenue for draft replies. These are now submitted by the Board, and they have been embodied in the paper below in the form of Questions and Answers.

2. In addition to the answer suggested by the Board to question XIII (d), it states that it may be mentioned for the information of His H. M. that "It has recently called

"on the Board of Rev. to report
"whether it is desirable to
"define more clearly than is
"at present the case the
"circumstances in which
"perambule lands on the main
"fin of rivers or irrigation
"works under the control of
"the P.W.D. may be leased

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For orders as to whether

this may be added to the draft answer.

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Yes: certainly add it
JP

3. The Board of Revenue suggests that these replies may be forwarded to the P.W.D. for counter initials before they are adopted. It is for

consideration whether the answer to question XIII (b) should not be merely

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The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASAMHAPATI, PILLAI Avargal:—

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The Hon'ble Mr.

(a) The practice varies according to the character and extent of the accretion and other circumstances.

(b) The answer to this part of the question is in the negative. If a landholder's crops are injuriously affected in the manner stated, he should represent the matter to the Revenue or Public Works Department authorities concerned.

(c) The rights of parties in cases of alluvion and diluvion are regulated by law and custom. The Hon'ble Member's question does not admit of a categorical answer.

(d) The Government can see no sufficient reason for directing a general inquiry into the matter. It has recently called on the Board of Revenue to report whether it is desirable to define more clearly than is at present the case the circumstances in which *poramboke* lands on the margin of rivers or irrigation works under the control of the Public Works Department may be leased out by that Department.

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