

Revenue (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Regarding the question asked by the Honble Mr. P. Ramaswami Sastri, regarding certain revenue cases in the Tanjore Dist. held for redressing arrears of land revenue, and the answer given thereto, at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 17th April 1899.

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Read the following question and answers:—

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

III. With reference to the statement published in the supplement to the *Tanjore District Gazette*, dated the 20th January 1899, containing the particulars noted on the margin in regard to certain revenue sales in that district held for realizing arrears of land revenue, will Government be pleased to institute a similar enquiry to the one suggested in the above questions, and favour the Council with information as to the causes which led to the sales fetching such exceedingly small or almost nominal prices?

The Hon'ble Mr.

III. No information has been collected regarding the plots referred to in this question but it may at once be remarked that in most cases the land sold lies in villages forming part of the Talanayar group which are actually below the mean sea level, and in which boats are used for harvesting the special sorts of paddy which will alone grow in such swampy land. The land is thus probably on the margin of profitable cultivation. In the absence of any complaint by the pattadars concerned Government does not as at present advised consider it desirable to consume further time in local enquiry.

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I. 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?

II. With reference to similar statements published in the *Tanjore District Gazette*, dated the 20th October 1898 and 1st December 1898, showing that 28 plots of land, measuring 51.11 acres and assessed at Rs. 59-2-0, and 57 plots, measuring 76 acres and assessed at Rs. 203, 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?

Answers (Proposed by Board).

" Reports have been received
" by the collector which go to show
" that, except in two cases, the lands
" in question were bought by Govt.
" for nominal prices on account
" of one or other of the following reasons:
" :-

" (i) the land being on the margin
" of cultivation, there was practically
" no demand for it.

" (ii) Combination on the part
" of Kallar ryots anxious to prevent
" outsiders from bidding with a
" view to ultimately taking up the
" land on darkhast.

" In one of the two excepted
" cases a single dry plot of 81.95
" acres held on joint patta by 101
" ~~individual~~ persons and culti-
" vated at 1-1/2 annas per acre.

too large for any one single person to purchase. The collector has been instructed to subdivide and resell the land in convenient lots. In the second case it is stated that the place of sale was changed at the last moment without sufficient notice; the collector is enquiring into the matter.

The collector's enquiry into the other cases having been incomplete, the Board of R. has instructed him to make a further and fuller investigation into the matter.

To. U.S.

It is a question whether the detailed reply above is necessary or ~~is~~ advisable. Perhaps it will suffice if sub-para 2 is omitted altogether and the other portion altered as indicated in pencil.

III is separate qⁿ with this answer
 IV & V are below

- (i) A piece of land measuring 5.03 acres and assessed at Rs. 20-2-0 was sold for Rs. 10-8-0.
- (ii) A piece measuring 5.03 and assessed at Rs. 22-12-0 was sold for Rs. 2.
- (iii) A piece measuring 10.48 acres and assessed at Rs. 47-3-0 was sold for Rs. 55-1-0.
- (iv) A piece measuring 3.07 acres and assessed at Rs. 13-13-0 was sold for Rs. 5.
- (v) Nine pieces of land measuring 4.12 acres and assessed at Rs. 10-8-0 was purchased by Government itself at one anna per lot.

III. With reference to the statement published in the supplement to the Tanjore District Gazette, dated the 20th January 1899, containing the particulars noted on the margin in regard to certain revenue sales in that district held for realizing arrears of land revenue, will Government be pleased to institute a similar enquiry to the one suggested in the above questions, and favour the Council with information as to the causes which led to the sales fetching such exceedingly small or almost nominal prices?

No information has been collected regarding these plots

Answers (proposed by Board)

The collector will be instructed to include the cases referred to in this question in the further enquiry which he has been directed to make but ~~it~~ ^{be} may at once be remarked that in most cases the lands sold are in villages forming part of the talanagars group which owing to their situation suffer from defective irrigation and drainage. The land is thus probably on the margin of profitable cultivation.

are actually below the mean sea level, and in which boats are used for harvesting the special sorts of paddy which will alone grow in such swampy land.

In the absence of any complaint by the pattadars concerned Govt does not consider it desirable to consume further time in local enquiry

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To. U.S.

The above answer will, it is submitted, suffice.

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