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SECTION I.—Statement showing the average fall of rain in each district during the month of April 1898 and also the total fall from 1st April 1898 up to the month, compared with the corresponding figures of the preceding year and with the averages of the 25 years ending 1894-95.

Districts.	Average rainfall for twenty-five years ending 1894-95.		1897-98.			1898-99.		
	In the month.	From 1st April up to the month.	In the month.		From 1st April up to the month.	In the month.		From 1st April up to the month.
			Number of rainy days.	Rainfall.		Number of rainy days.	Rainfall.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	INCHES.	INCHES.		INCHES.	INCHES.		INCHES.	INCHES.
1. Ganjám	0·85	0·85		0·72	0·72	2	0·89	0·89
2. Vizagapatam .. Littoral ..	0·79	0·79	2	0·63	0·63	1	0·88	0·88
3. Gódávari .. Agency ..	1·51	1·51	1	1·70	1·70	2	1·48	1·48
4. Kistna	0·34	0·34	3	0·37	0·37	1	0·25	0·25
5. Kurnool	0·28	0·28	1	0·34	0·34	1	0·34	0·34
6. Bellary	0·41	0·41	1	0·56	0·56	2	1·27	1·27
7. Anantapur	0·59	0·59	2	0·98	0·98	3	1·85	1·85
8. Cuddapah	0·53	0·53	1	0·39	0·39	2	1·04	1·04
9. Nellore	0·38	0·38	..	..	..	2	1·83	1·83
10. Madras *	0·22	0·22	..	0·01	0·01	1	0·28	0·28
11. Chingleput	0·62	0·62	..	0·07	0·07	..	..	..
12. South Arcot	0·35	0·35	1	0·16	0·16	..	0·07	0·07
13. North Arcot	0·61	0·61	1	0·41	0·41	1	0·74	0·74
14. Salem	0·48	0·48	1	0·21	0·21	1	0·81	0·81
15. Coimbatore	1·09	1·09	1	0·44	0·44	4	2·76	2·76
16. Trichinopoly	1·82	1·82	3	1·38	1·38	3	2·40	2·40
17. Tanjore	1·25	1·25	1	0·80	0·80	3	2·06	2·06
18. Madura	0·87	0·87	2	0·98	0·98	2	1·16	1·16
19. Tinnevelly	1·87	1·87	4	2·22	2·22	3	2·32	2·32
20. Nilgiris	1·80	1·80	7	4·64	4·64	3	2·08	2·08
21. Malabar	3·41	3·41	5	4·31	4·31	6	3·45	3·45
22. South Canara	3·29	3·29	5	3·94	3·94	4	3·31	3·31
	1·48	1·48	3	1·85	1·85	4	2·32	2·32

* Average of 80 years ending 1892.

River Freshes.—The Gódávari 5·1 feet over the upper sill of Dowlaishweram lock. There were freshes in the rivers in Cuddapah, Coimbatore and in parts of Anantapur and Salem. Slight in Vizagapatam, Nellore, Trichinopoly and in parts of South Arcot and North Arcot. *Nil* elsewhere.

Supply to tanks.—Sufficient in Ganjám, Gódávari and Kistna. Slight in Kurnool and in parts of Vizagapatam, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and Madura. *Nil* elsewhere.

SECTION II.—Statement showing the extent of cultivation (Government and Minor Inam) for the month of April 1898.

Districts.	In the month.			Up to the month of the previous year.				Average of the five previous years including last year for the corresponding period.			
	First crop.		Second crop.	First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.	
	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Ganjám .. { Government ..	42	258	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ganjám .. { Inam ..	2	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	44	269	4	2	2	..	..	69	91	19	85
Vizagapatam .. { Government ..	122	3,026	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vizagapatam .. { Inam ..	113	1,023	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	235	4,049	..	..	..	..	..	37	734	..	..
Gódávari .. { Government ..	38	678	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gódávari .. { Inam ..	10	301	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	48	879	..	..	..	..	..	1,290	1,337	..	..
Kistna .. { Government ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kistna .. { Inam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kurnool .. { Government ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kurnool .. { Inam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary .. { Government ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary .. { Inam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Anantapur .. { Government ..	341	221	..	..	..	..	..	134	444	..	..
Anantapur .. { Inam ..	37	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	378	257	..	..	..	..	..	134	444	..	..
Cuddapah .. { Government ..	1,216	835	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah .. { Inam ..	317	411	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,533	1,246	25	..	..	..	..	4,480	8,435	2	17

Section II.—Statement showing the extent of cultivation (Government and Minor Inam) for the month of April 1898—*cont.*

Districts.	In the month.				Up to the month.				Up to the month of the previous year.				Average of the five previous years including last year for the corresponding period.			
	First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.	
	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.
Nellore .. Government ..	747	471	..	..	747	471	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nellore .. Inam	101	83	..	..	101	83	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nellore .. Total ..	848	554	..	..	848	554	..	..	1,132	2,119	..	..	1,018	1,529	..	..
Chingleput .. Government ..	201	1,400	..	..	201	1,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chingleput .. Inam	11	206	..	..	11	206	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chingleput .. Total ..	212	1,606	..	..	212	1,606	..	..	730	5,032	..	18	5,824	4,292	..	48
South Arcot .. Government ..	1,965	2,276	97	51	1,965	2,276	97	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot .. Inam	54	109	7	..	54	109	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot .. Total ..	2,019	2,385	104	51	2,019	2,385	104	51	3,567	3,473	48	152	4,401	3,381	16	53
North Arcot .. Government ..	1,453	2,229	..	..	1,453	2,229	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Arcot .. Inam	35	225	..	..	35	225	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Arcot .. Total ..	1,488	2,454	..	..	1,488	2,454	..	..	917	1,114	..	..	1,594	1,432	..	..
Salem .. Government ..	10,295	6,079	..	..	10,295	6,079	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salem .. Inam	259	209	..	..	259	209	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salem .. Total ..	10,554	6,288	..	..	10,554	6,288	..	..	8,640	3,516	..	..	11,678	4,619	48	89
Coimbatore .. Government ..	24,490	1,646	..	..	24,490	1,646	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coimbatore .. Inam	2,174	231	..	..	2,174	231	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coimbatore .. Total ..	26,664	1,877	..	..	26,664	1,877	..	..	45,651	3,337	..	42	56,121	2,787	..	8
Trichinopoly .. Government ..	172	842	29	2	172	842	29	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trichinopoly .. Inam	..	16	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trichinopoly .. Total ..	172	858	29	2	172	858	29	2	259	934	14	112	482	1,028	26	64
Tanjore .. Government ..	267	123	46	130	267	123	46	130	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tanjore .. Inam	35	..	2	16	35	..	2	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tanjore .. Total ..	302	123	48	146	302	123	48	146	341	754	274	974	540	408	172	339

Section II.—Statement showing the extent of cultivation (Government and Minor Inam) for the month of April 1898—*cont.*

Districts.	In the month.				Up to the month.				Up to the month of the previous year.				Average of the five previous years including last year for the corresponding period.			
	First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.	
	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.
Madura .. Government ..	2,739	5,135	..	..	2,739	5,135	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madura .. Inam	112	289	..	..	112	289	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madura .. Total ..	2,851	5,424	..	..	2,851	5,424	..	..	1,848	7,648	..	..	2,846	3,666	38	4
Tinnevelly .. Government ..	2,863	11,763	..	..	2,863	11,763	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tinnevelly .. Inam	135	347	..	..	135	347	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tinnevelly .. Total ..	2,998	12,110	..	..	2,998	12,110	..	..	8,843	14,773	..	..	18,501	14,001	..	..
Nilgiris .. Government ..	..	684	..	..	..	684	..	..	12	720	..	..	17	996	..	..
Malabar .. Government ..	22,926	52,419	932	..	22,926	52,419	932	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malabar .. Inam	10	522	..	..	10	522	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malabar .. Total ..	22,936	52,941	932	..	22,936	52,941	932	..	24,492	63,794	535	5	21,642	54,716	286	47
South Canara. Government ..	9,330	10,967	..	..	9,330	10,967	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Canara. Inam	250	143	..	..	250	143	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Canara. Total ..	9,580	11,110	..	..	9,580	11,110	..	..	9,567	11,645	..	..	8,514	17,156	..	..
Grand Total .. Government ..	79,207	100,952	1,125	185	79,207	100,952	1,125	185	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total .. Inam	3,655	4,162	17	16	3,655	4,162	17	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total .. Total ..	82,862	105,114	1,142	201	82,862	105,114	1,142	201	108,813	125,748	884	1,367	139,178	106,472	607	754

Section III.—Statement showing the average prices of the principal food-grains and salt for the month of April 1898.

Districts.	Number of seers of 80 tolas per rupee.															
	Second-sort rice.			Cholam.			Cumbu.			Ragi.			Salt.			
	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of the five years ending 1899-96.
Circars. 1. Ganjám	13 0	12·7	18·0	..	..	..	..	..	..	14·3	14·3	29 3	11·6	11·6	13·0
Circars. 2. Vizagapatam.	12·3	12·3	15·5	..	..	..	..	..	28·9	17·7	17·7	28·0	11·9	11·9	13·1
Circars. 3. Godávari	9·9	10·3	15·6	16·6	16·7	27·6	18·9	18·9	27·4	16·1	15·9	28 3	11·6	11·5	11·7
Circars. 4. Kistna	9·9	10·4	14·8	13·6	14·0	28·2	18·8	18·8	27·4	16·5	14·9	28·6	12·5	12·3	13·0
Deccan. 5. Kurnool	9·3	9·3	13·0	19·1	19·1	28·6	12·3	13·9	22·3	19·3	18·8	27·8	12·1	12·0	12·2
Deccan. 6. Bellary	9·1	8·8	12·5	20·5	21·6	29·0	23·9	..	23·9	26·2	23·4	36·7	12·4	12·3	11·7
Deccan. 7. Anantapur	9 6	9·6	14·0	17·6	19·0	30·2	..	..	..	18·7	18·0	32·9	12·1	12·0	12·1
Deccan. 8. Cuddapah	9·1	9·4	13·9	16·7	17·2	28·2	17·6	17·6	26·8	19·0	17·6	31·9	12·3	12·3	12·7
Carnatic. 9. Nellore	8·9	9·0	14·2	13·6	13·5	24 8	13·4	14·8	28·4	14·2	13·4	27·5	12·7	12·7	13·0
Carnatic. 10. Madras	8·3	8·9	12·4	11·5	11·8	20·7	15·1	11·9	22·5	15·4	15·1	24·8	12·3	12·3	13·4
Carnatic. 11. Chingleput.	9·2	9·4	15·6	..	..	..	..	..	..	15·4	15·1	25·5	12·1	12·1	12·7
Carnatic. 12. South Arcot	10·7	10 9	15·4	..	..	..	..	..	..	16·2	16·5	26·9	12·7	12·6	12·8
Central. 13. North Arcot.	10·1	9·9	15·4	12·8	13·6	25·9	14·2	14·2	25·6	16·1	15·6	29 6	12·6	12·5	12·7
Central. 14. Salem	9·6	9·6	14·0	14·8	14·9	25·4	16·2	17·3	25·6	16·8	16·6	30·3	13·5	13·5	13·7
Central. 15. Coimbatore	9·8	9·7	13·6	14 9	14·7	22·8	16·3	17·3	24·7	17·4	16·9	27·9	12·4	12·1	12·3
Central. 16. Trichinopoly.	9·4	9·5	14·7	12 3	12·8	35·6	14·6	14·6	26·1	16·1	15·4	27·8	12·6	12·5	12·8
South .. 17. Tanjore	11·1	10·9	15·1	..	..	..	16·8	16·8	26·3	17·3	16·8	26 7	13·6	13·6	13·6
South .. 18. Madura	10·0	10·1	14·9	14·5	14·5	31·2	15·3	15·6	23·0	15·6	15·9	28·9	12·7	12·8	13·7
South .. 19. Tinnevelly	10·2	10·1	14·0	13·4	14·6	22·8	14·6	14·3	22·3	14·8	15·7	25·7	13·5	13·5	14·1
20. Nilgiris	7·7	7·7	11·1	..	..	..	..	..	..	15·4	14·7	21·2	10·3	10·4	11·3
West Coast. 21. Malabar	10·6	9·9	13·1	..	..	..	..	..	..	20·2	20·2	29·1	11·8	11·7	12·3
West Coast. 22. South Canara	11·1	11·4	14·1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13·9	14·0	14·2

Condition of the Market.

Compared with the previous month, the prices of the staple food-grains were generally either stationary or easier, but they were still much higher than the averages of ten normal years previous to 1895-96. The price of cumbu in Kistna, Kurnool and Nellore, and that of ragi in Ganjám, were dearer than scarcity rates. The price of salt was generally stationary.

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The statements read above, showing the rainfall, cultivation and prices of food-grains and of salt in the several districts of the Presidency during April 1898, will be published.

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