Revenue (1898) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 328-28 A

Dated 3rd June

[Despatch Abstract.]

Reserved Forest

The draft notification under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act for the constitution of the Sydapuram blocks A and B extension in the Rapur Taluk as a ——, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George and the Bellary Gazettes.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3434.

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Sent Do. 95.

Order No. 3288 / 3rd June 1898.

The draft notification will be published in the Fort St. George and Nellore St. Gazettes, the 31st August 1898 being entered as the date from which reservation shall take effect.

Mls 20/5/98

To the Board. L.R. with 2 plans
" Supdt., G.P. with notifn.
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From The Secretary to the Board of Revenue Land Revenue Madras

Forest No. 161.

Dated 28th April 1898.

Received 8 May

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SUBJECT.

Subj to Govt for approval &c draft notifications under Sec. 16 of the Madras Forest act for the constitution of the Sydapuram blocks A & B extensions in the Kaspur Taluk, Nellore Dist as reserved forests.

P.T.O.

The area of the two blocks is only 450 acres each; but they are extensions of the Sydapuram reserved forest, the reservation of which was approved in G.O. 645, d/ 22.6.92.

2. The notification under section 4 was approved in G.O. 269, d/ 22.4.97.

(Please see page 6 of the order)

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26.5.98.

Confirmed, June 3, 1898.

Res. 4.—

DRAFT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare, under the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882), that, from the 1898, the area, the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule appended to this notification, shall be constituted "reserved forest."

SCHEDULE.

District.	Taluk.	Name of forest.	Boundaries.
Nellore.	Rapúr ..	Sydapuram Block A extension.	*North.*—Starting from the north-east corner of survey No. 611 of Sydapuram on the southern boundary of Sydapuram reserved forest block A, that boundary up to its south-east corner on the west side of survey No. 685. *East.*—Then the west sides of that number and of survey Nos. 686 and 687 (all of Sydapuram) and the west side of survey No. 209 of Turpupundla Ramasagaram up to the south-west corner of the last number. *South.*—Then a straight line west-south-west to cairn No. 1 about three and a half chains north of the eighth survey stone on the west side of survey No. 210 of Turupupundla Ramasagaram counting from and including the one at its southernmost corner; then a straight line to the southernmost corner of survey No. 582 of Sydapuram. *West.*—Then the east sides of that number and of survey Nos. 585, 586, 592, 593, 594, 595 and 611 (all of Sydapuram) to the starting point. REMARKS.—The following public rights of way are admitted :— (i) The cart-track from Griddaluru to Sydapuram to a width of five yards :— This enters the reserve at its north-east corner and running south-west for about one mile one furlong leaves it about one chain south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 586 of Sydapuram. (ii) The foot-path from Sydapuram to Molakalapundla for men only to a width of one yard. This enters the reserve about one chain north of the north-west corner of survey No. 209 of Turpupundla Ramasagaram and running in a south-westerly direction for about one mile leaves it about seventeen and a half chains south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 582 of Sydapuram.
Do.	Rapur ..	Sydapuram Block B extension.	*North.*—Starting from the south-west corner of survey No. 767 of Sydapuram on the eastern boundary of Sydapuram block B reserved forest, the south sides of survey Nos. 767, 768, 771, 772, 773 and 775 to the north-west corner of survey No. 776; then the west side of that number, the west and south sides of survey No. 777, the west sides of survey Nos. 785 and 786, the west and south sides of survey No. 792, the south side of survey No. 791, the south and east sides of survey No. 790, and the east side of survey No. 789 to the easternmost corner of the last number; then the south side of survey No. 536 up to cairn No. 1, about twenty-three chains west-north-west of the north-west corner of survey No. 528-4. *East.*—Then a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 527; then the west side of that number to its westernmost corner; then a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 528-5; then the west sides of that number and of survey No. 528-6 to the south-west corner of the latter number; then a straight line to the west side of survey No. 525 where it is intersected by the Rapúr-Gudúr road. *South.*—Then the Rapúr-Gudúr road up to the south-east corner of the Sydapuram reserved forest block B. *West.*—Then the eastern boundary of that reserved forest to the starting point. REMARKS.—The following public right of way is admitted :— (i) *Cart-track ~~four yards wide~~ from Sydapuram to the patta fields north of the reserve*—This enters the reserve at cairn No. 1 and running along the boundary for about two furlongs leaves it at the north-east corner of survey No. 789 of Sydapuram.

to a width of five yards

and

(Signed) ~~E. A. SMITH,~~
~~Forest Sett. officer.~~

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His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare under the provisions of section 16 of t
which are set forth in the Schedule appended to this

District.	Taluk.	Name of Forest.	Bound
1	2	3	4
Kolaba	Roha	Syda Purcum Block A Extension	North- Starting from the nort Syda purcum on the Southern Reserved Forest Block A, that Corner on the west side of S. No East:- Then the west sides 686 and 687 (all of Syda of S. No. 209 of Tarfe pimdla Southwest Corner of the la South:- Then a straight lin about 3½ chains north of the 8 210 of Tarfe pimdla Ramdaga the one at its Southern most C the Southernmost Corner of S. No West:- Then the east sides 585, 586, 592, 593, 594, 5 to the starting point:

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and of S.No. 528 to the
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Sydapuram received

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E.A. Smith

District Forest officers. Forest Settlement officers.

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Draft NOTIFICATION

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare under the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882 that from the 189 . the area, the boundaries which are set forth in the Schedule appended to this Notification shall be constituted "Reserved Forest."

District.	Taluk.	Name of Forest.	Boundaries.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
Nellore	Rapur	Sydapuram B Block Extension.	North:— Starting from the South-west Corner of S No. 767 of Sydapuram on the Eastern boundary of Sydapuram Block B reserved Forest, the South sides of S Nos 767, 768, 771, 772, 773 and 775 to the North-west Corner of S No. 776; thence the west side of that number to the west and South sides of S No. 777, the west and South sides of S Nos 785 & 786, the west sides of S Nos 791, 792, the South and East sides of S No. 790, and the East side of S No. 789 to the Eastern-most Corner of the last number; thence the South side of S No. 536 up to Cairn No. 1, about 23 chains West-North-west of the North-west Corner of S No. 528/4. East:— Thence a Straight line to the North-	I. The following public right of way is admitted:— East track 5 yards wide from Sydapuram to the Eastern limits of Sydapuram — thence to the North of Sydapuram — Thence to the reserve at Cairn No. 1 and running along the boundary for about 2 furlongs leave it at the Northeast Corner of S No. 789 of Sydapuram.

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...least Corner of S. No 611 of ...boundary of Syda puram re- ...boundary up to its South east 685;	I. The following public rights of way are admitted:- (i) The Cart track from Griddalum to Syda puram to a width of 5 yards:- This enters the reserve at its north east corner and running South west for about 1 mile 1 furlong leaves it about 1 chain South east of the South east corner of S. No 585 of Syda puram.
...that number and of S. Nos: ...puram) and the west side	(ii) The foot path from Syda puram to Mola bala pendla for men only to a width of one yard:- This enters the reserve about one chain north of the north west Corner of S. No 209 of Surpa pendla Ramasagaram and running in a South westerly
...Ramasagaram up to the ...west South west to Cairn No: 1 ...Survey stone on the west side of S. No ...am Counting from and including ...ner; then a Straight line to ...582 of Syda puram.	direction for about 1 mile leaves it about 17½ chains South east of the South east Corner of S. No 582 of Syda puram.
...that number and of S. Nos: ...95 and 611 (all of Syda puram)	E.A. Smith Forest Settlement Officer

District Forest Officer

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed May th.

Proceedings, Forest No. 161, 28th April 1898.

APRIL.

Submitting to Government, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, draft notifications under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act for the constitution of the Sydapuram blocks A and B extensions in the Rapur taluk, Nellore district, as reserved forests.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from E. SCOTT, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 8th January 1898, No. 1205-For. :—

In forwarding a copy of the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, No. 95, dated 10th December 1897, reporting the completion of the settlement of the Sydapuram block A extension, I have the honour to request that Government may be moved to publish the draft notification under section 16 of the Forest Act in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The date from which the reservation should take effect has to be inserted in the notification.

3. Draft notification, claim register, sketch-map, area statement and numerical statement of claims are enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From E. A. SMITH, Esq., Special Deputy Collector on Forest Settlement Duty, Nellore, &c., Districts, to the Collector of Nellore (through the District Forest-officer, Nellore), dated 10th December 1897, No. 95.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the proposed Sydapuram block A extension reserve in the Rapur taluk of the Nellore district.

2. The initial notification under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act proposing to constitute this area into a reserved forest appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th May 1897, and the proclamation under section 6 of the Act was published in the District Gazette of 3rd July 1897. The time allowed for the presentation of claims expired on the 6th October 1897.

3. The block was inspected, perambulated and enquired into by me in November 1897, and three claims were preferred for the following rights :—

(i) Two claims to rights of way.
(ii) One petition by the ryots of Sydapuram to exclude a portion of the reserve for free grazing, &c.

The two claims to rights of way involved in item No. 1 were admitted. The petition by the ryots of Sydapuram to exclude a portion of the reserve was rejected, as they do not possess, neither do they claim, any right to the land. What they have hitherto enjoyed was only the privilege of free grazing on land not then required for any other purpose. According to the village accounts, the available waste outside the reserve excluding porambokes is 304 acres or about 50 per cent. of the occupied area, so far as this village alone is concerned; but taken with its hamlets the percentage of waste to occupied land is still greater. The waste available therefore appears sufficient for all village purposes.

4. During the enquiry it was brought to notice by the karnam that the mica mine of Kuddus Badsha Sahib is included within this proposed extension. As the leases are temporary and made by Government (Forest Department) subject to the mining rules of the Government of India, I did not think it necessary to obtain a claim from the owner of the mine in question.

5. The reserve is thus free of all rights except those stated above.

6. The following are submitted herewith :—

(i) A signed copy of the B. register of claims.
(ii) The draft notification under section 16.
(iii) The sketch-map of the reserve.
(iv) The numerical statement of claims filed and disposed of.

7. The date from which reservation is to take effect has to be inserted in the draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

B. REGISTER of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Sydapuram A block extension, reserved forest, Rapur taluk, Nellore district.

No.	Names of claimants.	Date of presentation of claims.	Nature and extent of claims preferred.	Brief summary of the evidence adduced in support of claims.	Brief summary of the District Forest-officer's arguments and evidence produced by him.	Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 / 3	Beyur Subba Reddi, Chajerla Pichi Reddi and other ryots of Sydapuram.	19th Nov, 1897.	State that survey No. 612 of Sydapuram, measuring about 300 acres called Pallametta where they were grazing their cattle has been included in the proposed reserve and that there is no other land excepting this for grazing cattle, &c., and request to exclude the same from the reserve.	,,,	Besides porambokes there are over 1,000 acres or 50 per cent. of the cultivated area available for grazing, &c., purposes. The claim is therefore objected to.	Petition rejected, as the petitioners do not possess, neither do they claim, a right to the land. What they have hitherto enjoyed was only the privilege of free grazing which is revokable at the pleasure of Government. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 20th November 1897.
2 / 1	Thuggumati Sivayya, karnam-gumasta of Sydapuram.	Do.	Claims on behalf of the public right of way over the cart-track from Griddaluru to Sydapuram.	This enters the reserve at its north-east corner and running south-west for about one mile, one furlong, leaves it about one chain south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 585 of Sydapuram.	Admits claim	Admitted as a cart-track to a width of five yards. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 26th November 1897.
3 / 2	Thuggumati Sivayya, karnam-gumastah of Sydapuram,	Do.	Claims on behalf of the public right of way over the foot-path from Sydapuram to Molakalapundla (hamlet of Sydapuram),	This enters the reserve, about one chain north of the north-west corner of survey No. 209 of Tharpupandla Ramasagaram and running in a south-westerly direction for about one mile, leaves it about seventeen and a half chains south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 582 of Sydapuram. This is used when the Ramasagaram tank is full and wet cultivation has started.	Do.	Admitted as a foot-path for men only to a width of one yard. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 26th November 1897.

Claim 3.—Marked as (i) in the draft notification.

Claim 2.—Marked as (i) in the draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

AREA statement to accompany the final notification of the Sydapuram block A extension.

Taluk.	Area of the taluk.	Extent of Government land, occupied and unoccupied.		Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserves submitted for notification under section 4.	Character of the land proposed for reservation.			Probable extent of land left for grazing purposes in the immediate vicinity of the reserve.
		Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Block.	How much forest.	How much grass land.	
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.		ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	
Rapur ..	381,440	56,172	254,868	* 94,688	16,430	..	Sydapuram block A extension 450,	300	150	..

* Corrected in the Revenue Board's office.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

STATEMENT showing the number of claims filed and disposed of.

Name and number of the block.	Claims to patta and inam lands.						Claims to rights of way.			Claims to shrines or temples and rights of way to them.			Miscellaneous claims.			Total of all claims.		
	Filed.		Admitted.		Rejected.													
	Number of claims.	Extent.	Number of claims.	Extent.	Number of claims.	Extent.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sydapuram block A extension	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	2	1

ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Madras, 25th January 1898, No. 1247.

Forwarded.

READ—the following letter from E. SCOTT, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 8th January 1898, No. 1207-For. :—

In forwarding a copy of the Forest Settlement-officer's letter No. 94, dated 11th December 1897, reporting the completion of the settlement of the Sydapuram block B extension, I have the honour to request that Government may be moved to publish the draft notification under section 16 of the Forest Act in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The date from which the reservation should take effect has to be inserted in the notification.

3. Draft notification, claim register, sketch-map, area statement and numerical statement of claims are enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From E. A. SMITH, Esq., Special Deputy Collector on Forest Settlement Duty, Nellore, &c., Districts, to the Collector of Nellore (through the District Forest-officer, Nellore), dated 11th December 1897, Ref. No. 94.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the proposed Sydapuram block B extension reserve in the Rapur taluk of your district.

2. The initial notification under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act proposing to constitute this area into a reserved forest appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th May 1897, and the proclamation under section 6 of the Act was published in the District Gazette of 6th July 1897. The time allowed for the presentation of claims expired on the 6th October 1897.

3. The block was inspected, perambulated and enquired into by me in November 1897, and two claims were preferred for the following rights :—

(i) One claim to a right of way.

(ii) One petition by the ryots of Sydapuram to abandon the reserve for free grazing, &c.

The claim to a right of way involved in item No. (i) was admitted; but the petition by the ryots of Sydapuram was rejected, as the ryots do not possess, nor do they claim, any right to the land. Sufficient waste is available in this village outside the reserve for free grazing, &c., (*vide* paragraph 3 of my letter No. 95, dated 10th December 1897, reporting on the A block extension).

4. During enquiry and inspection it was found that two mica mines leased out by Kuddus Badsha Sahib and A. Subba Naidu, respectively, are included within the proposed extension; but for reasons stated in paragraph 4 of the letter quoted above, no claims have been taken for these from the owners.

5. The reserve is thus free of all rights except that stated above.

6. The following are submitted herewith :—

(i) A signed copy of the B. register of claims.

(ii) The draft notification under section 16.

(iii) The sketch-map of the reserve.

(iv) The numerical statement of claims filed and disposed of.

7. The date from which reservation is to take effect has to be inserted in the draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

B. REGISTER of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Sydapuram block B Extension reserved forest, Rapur taluk Nellore district.

No.	Names of claimants.	Date of presentation of claims.	Nature and extent of claims preferred.	Brief summary of the evidences adduced in support of claims.	Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Revur Subba Reddi, Chejarla Pichi Reddi and other ryots of Sydapuram.	19th Nov. 1897.	State that survey No. 628 of Sydapuram in which they have been grazing their cattle under Sagada from a long time, has been included in the reserve; and request to exclude the same as there is no other land fit for cultivation.	....	Petition rejected, as the petitioners do not possess, neither do they claim, a right to the land. What they have hitherto enjoyed was only a privilege of free grazing, which is revokable at the pleasure of Government. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 20th November 1897.
2	Thuggumati Firayya, karnam-gumasta of Sydapuram.	Do.	Claims on behalf of the ryots holding lands north of the reserve right of way over the cart-track from Sydapuram to the lands in question, running on the boundary line north of Koreskonda.	This enters the reserve at cairn No. 1 and running along the boundary for about two furlongs leaves it at the north-east corner of survey No. 789 of Sydapuram.	Admits claim .. Admitted as a cart-track to a width of five yards. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 26th November 1897.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

AREA statement to accompany the final notification of the Sydapuram block B extension.

Taluk.	Area of the taluk.	Extent of Government land occupied and unoccupied.		Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserves submitted for notification under section 4.	Character of land proposed for reservation.			Probable extent of land left for grazing purposes in the immediate vicinity of the reserve.
		Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Block.	How much forest.	How much grass land.	
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ENCLOSURE No. 5.

STATEMENT showing the number of claims filed and disposed of.

Name and number of the block.	Claims to patta and inam lands.						Claims to rights of way.			Claims to shrines or temples and rights of way to them.			Miscellaneous claims.			Total of all claims.		
	Filed.		Admitted.		Rejected.													
	Number of claims.	Extent.	Number of claims	Extent.	Number of claims.	Extent.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sydapuram block B extension	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	1	1

ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Madras, 25th January 1898, No. 1248.

Forwarded.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 161 dated 28th April 1898.

The draft notifications received with the letters read above will be submitted to Government, with the request that they may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the reservation to take effect from the 31st August next.

2. It is noted from paragraph 4 of the Forest Settlement-officer's report, dated 10th December 1897, No. 95, that no claims were entertained during settlement in respect of the mica mines included within the proposed extensions on the ground that they are held under temporary leases granted by Government (Forest Department) subject to the mining rules of the Government of India.

3. The blocks lie in the Rapur taluk and cover an aggregate area of 900 acres as finally settled.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Lionel Davidson.

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (two original and
two printed) and two sketch-maps to be returned.

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Government {1898} of Madras.

REVENUE.

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G.O., Nos. 328, 328A, 3rd June 1898.

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Reserved Forest.

The draft notification, under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act, for the constitution of the Sydapuram blocks A and B extensions in the Rapur taluk as a —, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George and the Nellore District Gazettes.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 161, dated 28th April 1898:—

Read—the following letter from E. SCOTT, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 8th January 1898, No. 1205-For.:—

In forwarding a copy of the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, No. 95, dated 10th December 1897, reporting the completion of the settlement of the Sydapuram block A extension, I have the honour to request that Government may be moved to publish the draft notification under section 16 of the Forest Act in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The date from which the reservation should take effect has to be inserted in the notification.

3. Draft notification, claim register, sketch-map, area statement and numerical statement of claims are enclosed.

Enclosure No. 1.

From E. A. SMITH, Esq., Special Deputy Collector on Forest Settlement Duty, Nellore, &c., Districts, to the Collector of Nellore (through the District Forest-officer, Nellore), dated 10th December 1897, No. 95.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the proposed Sydapuram block A extension reserve in the Rapur taluk of the Nellore district.

2. The initial notification under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act proposing to constitute this area into a reserved forest appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th May 1897, and the proclamation under section 6 of the Act was published in the District Gazette of 3rd July 1897. The time allowed for the presentation of claims expired on the 6th October 1897.

3. The block was inspected, perambulated and enquired into by me in November 1897, and three claims were preferred for the following rights:—

(i) Two claims to rights of way.
(ii) One petition by the ryots of Sydapuram to exclude a portion of the reserve for free grazing, &c.

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5. The reserve is thus free of all rights except those stated above.

6. The following are submitted herewith:—

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No.	Names of claimants.	Date of presentation of claims.	Nature and extent of claims preferred.	Brief summary of the evidence adduced in support of claims.	Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claims by the Forest settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1 / 3	Bevur Subba Reddi, Chajerla Pichi Reddi and other ryots of Sydapuram.	19th Nov. 1897.	State that survey No. 612 of Sydapuram, measuring about 300 acres called Pallametta where they were grazing their cattle has been included in the proposed reserve and that there is no other land excepting this for grazing cattle, &c., and request to exclude the same from the reserve.	....	Besides porambokes there are over 1,000 acres or 50 per cent. of the cultivated area available for grazing, &c., purposes. The claim is therefore objected to. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 20th November 1897.
2 / 1	Thuggumati Sivayya, karnam-gumasta of Sydapuram.	Do.	Claims on behalf of the public right of way over the cart-track from Griddaluru to Sydapuram.	This enters the reserve at its north-east corner and running south-west for about one mile, one furlong, leaves it about one chain south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 685 of Sydapuram.	Admits claim .. .. Admitted as a cart-track to a width of five yards. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 26th November 1897.
3 / 2	Thuggumati Sivayya, karnam-gumastah of Sydapuram.	Do.	Claims on behalf of the public right of way over the foot-path from Sydapuram to Molakalapundla (hamlet of Sydapuram).	This enters the reserve, about one chain north of the north-west corner of survey No. 209 of Thurpupundla Ramasagaram and running in a south-westerly direction for about one mile, leaves it about seven-taen and a half chains south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 582 of Sydapuram. This is used when the Ramasagaram tank is full and wet cultivation has started.	Do. .. .. Admitted as a foot-path for men only to a width of one yard. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 26th November 1897.

Claim 3.—Marked as (ii) in the draft notification.

Claim 2.—Marked as (i) in the draft notification.

Enclosure No. 3.—Draft notification.

Enclosure No. 4.

Area statement to accompany the final notification of the Sydapuram block A extension.

Taluk.	Area of the taluk.	Extent of Government land, occupied and unoccupied.		Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserves submitted for notification under section 4.	Character of the land proposed for reservation.			Probable extent of land left for grazing purposes in the immediate vicinity of the reserve.
		Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Block.	How much forest.	How much grass land.	
	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.		Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	
Rapur ..	381,440	56,172	254,868	* 94,688	16,430	..	Sydapuram block A extension. 450,	300	150	..

* Corrected in the Revenue Board's office.

Enclosure No. 5.

Statement showing the number of claims filed and disposed of.

Name and number of the block.	Claims to patta and inam lands.						Claims to rights of way.			Claims to shrines or temples and rights of way to them.			Miscellaneous claims.			Total of all claims.		
	Filed.		Admitted.		Rejected.													
	Number of claims.	Extent.	Number of claims.	Extent.	Number of claims.	Extent.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sydapuram block A extension	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	2	1

Enclosure No. 6.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Madras, 25th January 1898, No. 1247.

Forwarded.

Read—the following letter from E. SCOTT, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 8th January 1898, No. 1207-For. :—

In forwarding a copy of the Forest Settlement-officer's letter No. 94, dated 11th December 1897, reporting the completion of the settlement of the Sydapuram block B extension, I have the honour to request that Government may be moved to publish the draft notification under section 16 of the Forest Act in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The date from which the reservation should take effect has to be inserted in the notification.

3. Draft notification, claim register, sketch-map, area statement and numerical statement of claims are enclosed.

Enclosure No. 1.

From E. A. SMITH, Esq., Special Deputy Collector on Forest Settlement Duty, Nellore, &c., Districts, to the Collector of Nellore (through the District Forest-officer, Nellore), dated 11th December 1897, Ref. No. 94.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the proposed Sydapuram block B extension reserve in the Rapur taluk of your district.

2. The initial notification under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act proposing to constitute this area into a reserved forest appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th May 1897, and the proclamation under section 6 of the Act was published in the District Gazette of 6th July 1897. The time allowed for the presentation of claims expired on the 6th October 1897.

3. The block was inspected, perambulated and enquired into by me in November 1897, and two claims were preferred for the following rights :—

(i) One claim to a right of way.

(ii) One petition by the ryots of Sydapuram to abandon the reserve for free grazing, &c.

The claim to a right of way involved in item No. (i) was admitted ; but the petition by the ryots of Sydapuram was rejected, as the ryots do not possess, nor do they claim, any right to the land. Sufficient waste is available in this village outside the reserve for free grazing, &c., (*vide* paragraph 3 of my letter No. 95, dated 10th December 1897, reporting on the A block extension).

4. During enquiry and inspection it was found that two mica mines leased out by Kuddus Badsha Sahib and A. Subba Naidu, respectively, are included within the proposed extension ; but for reasons stated in paragraph 4 of the letter quoted above, no claims have been taken for these from the owners.

5. The reserve is thus free of all rights except that stated above.

6. The following are submitted herewith :—

(i) A signed copy of the B. register of claims.

(ii) The draft notification under section 16.

(iii) The sketch-map of the reserve.

(iv) The numerical statement of claims filed and disposed of.

7. The date from which reservation is to take effect has to be inserted in the draft notification.

Enclosure No. 2.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Sydapuram block B Extension reserved forest, Rapur taluk, Nellore district.

No.	Names of claimants.	Date of presentation of claims.	Nature and extent of claims preferred.	Brief summary of the District Forest-officer's arguments and evidence produced by him.	Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	6	7
1	Bevur Subba Reddi, Chajerla Pichi Reddi and other ryots of Sydapuram.	19th Nov. 1897.	State that survey No. 528 of Sydapuram in which they have been grazing their cattle under Sagada from a long time, has been included in the reserve; and request to exclude the same, as there is no other land fit for cultivation.	Besides poramboke there are over 1,000 acres or 50 per cent. of the cultivated area available for grazing, &c., purposes. The claim is therefore objected to.	Petition rejected, as the petitioners do not possess, neither do they claim, a right to the land. What they have hitherto enjoyed was only a privilege of free grazing, which is revokable at the pleasure of Government. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 20th November 1897.
2	Thuggumati Sivayya, karnam-gumasta of Sydapuram.	Do.	Claims on behalf of the ryots holding lands north of the reserve right of way over the cart-track from Sydapuram to the lands in question, running on the boundary line north of Korsakonda.	Admits claim	Admitted as a cart-track to a width of five yards. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 26th November 1897.
..	....	....	This enters the reserve at cairn No. 1 and running along the boundary for about two furlongs leaves it at the north-east corner of survey No. 789 of Sydapuram.	....	....

Enclosure No. 3.—Draft notification.

Enclosure No. 4.

Area statement to accompany the final notification of the Sydapuram block B extension.

Taluk.	Area of the taluk.	Extent of Government land occupied and unoccupied.		Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserves submitted for notification under section 4.	Character of land proposed for reservation.			Probable extent of land left for grazing purposes in the immediate vicinity of the reserve.
		Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Block.	How much forest.	How much grass land.	
	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.			Acs.	Acs.	
Rapur ..	381,440	56,172	254,868	* 94,688	16,430	..	Sydapuram block B extension Acs. 450	300	150	..

* Corrected in the Revenue Board's office.

Enclosure No. 5.

Statement showing the number of claims filed and disposed of.

Name and number of the block.	Claims to patta and inam lands.						Claims to rights of way.			Claims to shrines or temples and rights of way to them.			Miscellaneous claims.			Total of all claims.		
	Filed.		Admitted.		Rejected.													
	Number of claims.	Extent.	Number of claims.	Extent.	Number of claims.	Extent.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sydapuram block B extension	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	1	1

Enclosure No. 6.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Madras, 25th January 1898, No. 1248.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 161, dated 28th April 1898.

The draft notifications received with the letters read above will be submitted to Government, with the request that they may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the reservation to take effect from the 31st August next

2. It is noted from paragraph 4 of the Forest Settlement-officer's report, dated 10th December 1897, No. 95, that no claims were entertained during settlement in respect of the mica mines included within the proposed extensions on the ground that they are held under temporary leases granted by Government (Forest Department) subject to the mining rules of the Government of India.

3. The blocks lie in the Rapur taluk and cover an aggregate area of 900 acres as finally settled.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (two original and
two printed) and two sketch-maps to be returned.

Order—No. 328, Revenue, dated 3rd June 1898.

Forest No. 95.

The draft notification will be published in the Fort St. George and Nellore District Gazettes, the 31st August 1898 being entered as the date from which reservation shall take effect.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with two plans.
„ the Superintendent, Government Press, with notification.

Endorsement No. 328A.

Copy to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

(Signed) N. E MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare, under the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882), that, from the 31st August 1898, the areas, the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule appended to this notification, shall be constituted "reserved forest."

Schedule.

District.	Taluk.	Name of forest.	Boundaries.
Nellore.	Rapúr ..	Sydapuram block A extension.	*North.*—Starting from the north-east corner of survey No. 611 of Sydapuram on the southern boundary of Sydapuram reserved forest block A, that boundary up to its south-east corner on the west side of survey No. 685. *East.*—Then the west sides of that number and of survey Nos. 686 and 687 (all of Sydapuram) and the west side of survey No. 209 of Turpupundla Ramasagaram up to the south-west corner of the last number. *South.*—Then a straight line west-south-west to cairn No. 1 about three and a half chains north of the eighth survey stone on the west side of survey No. 210 of Turupupundla Ramasagaram counting from and including the one at its southernmost corner; then a straight line to the southernmost corner of survey No. 582 of Sydapuram. *West.*—Then the east sides of that number and of survey Nos. 585, 586, 592, 593, 594, 595 and 611 (all of Sydapuram) to the starting point.

Remarks.—The following public rights of way are admitted:—
(i) The cart-track from Griddaluru to Sydapuram to a width of five yards:—This enters the reserve at its north-east corner and running south-west for about one mile and one furlong leaves it about one chain south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 585 of Sydapuram.
(ii) The foot-path from Sydapuram to Molakalapundla for men only to a width of one yard.—This enters the reserve about one chain north of the north-west corner of survey No. 209 of Turpupundla Ramasagaram and running in a south-westerly direction for about one mile leaves it about seventeen and a half chains south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 582 of Sydapuram.

Do.	Rapur ..	Sydapuram block B extension.	*North.*—Starting from the south-west corner of survey No. 767 of Sydapuram on the eastern boundary of Sydapuram block B reserved forest, the south sides of survey Nos. 767, 768, 771, 772, 773 and 775 to the north-west corner of survey No. 776; then the west side of that number, the west and south sides of survey No. 777, the west sides of survey Nos. 785 and 786, the west and south sides of survey No. 792, the south side of survey No. 791, the south and east sides of survey No. 790, and the east side of survey No. 789 to the easternmost corner of the last number; then the south side of survey No 536 up to cairn No. 1, about twenty-three chains west-north-west of the north-west corner of survey No. 528-4. *East.*—Then a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 527; then the west side of that number to its westernmost corner; then a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 528-5; then the west sides of that number and of survey No. 528-6 to the south-west corner of the latter number; then a straight line to the west side of survey No. 525 where it is intersected by the Rapúr-Gudúr road. *South.*—Then the Rapúr-Gudúr road up to the south-east corner of the Sydapuram reserved forest block B. *West.*—Then the eastern boundary of that reserved forest to the starting point.

Remarks.—The following public right of way is admitted:—
(i) *Cart-track from Sydapuram to the patta fields north of the reserve to a width of five yards.*—This enters the reserve at cairn No. 1 and running along the boundary for about two furlongs leaves it at the north-east corner of survey No. 789 of Sydapuram.

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