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Water-rate.—Communicating to certain Collectors Government Order, Revenue Department, informing that in places where the general water-rate rules do not apply, dry crops systematically irrigated should pay the full —.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

Read—the following G.O., No. 735, Revenue, dated 3rd December 1898 :—

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 4137, dated 7th July 1898 :—

Read—the following G.O., No. 345, Revenue, dated 15th June 1898 :—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), No. 95, dated 28th February 1898 :—

Read—the following letter from J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Masulipatam, 27th April 1897, R.C. No. 1674-Ver. :—

I have the honour to inquire whether the rates of water-tax sanctioned in B.P., No. 115 (Revenue Settlement), dated 4th June 1896; No. 202, dated 21st August 1896; Mis. No. 4014, dated 15th August 1896; and No. 146, dated 19th February 1897, for occasional and systematic irrigation at regular intervals of first and second dry crops in the delta and uplands are applicable to crops similarly watered under the following sources having special rates :—

(1) Collair lake, the irrigation under which is charged as for the delta but with a standard of Rs. $3\frac{3}{4}$ per acre for one wet crop (Rs. 5 minus a deduction of one-fourth for lift), B.P., Mis. No. 3162 (Revenue Settlement), dated 25th June 1896.

(2) The river-fed tanks in Divi island, the irrigation under which is charged as for the upland second-class sources, that is, at Rs. 3 per acre of wet crop on dry lands (B.P., Mis. No. 6964, Revenue Settlement, dated 19th December 1895).

(3) The Muniyer project, the irrigation under which is charged as for the delta but with a standard rate of Rs. 4 per acre for single wet crop.

A draft of the Standing Order I propose to issue consolidating the orders governing the different rates of tirvajasti is enclosed for the Board's approval.

ENCLOSURE.

TABLE showing the rates of charge for water taken for irrigation of dry lands.

Items.	Delta.	Uplands.		Collair lake.	River fed tanks in Divi island, Bander taluk.	Muniyer project.	Dondapad tank in Vintur-konda taluk.
		Under first-class tanks, river or spring channels.	Second-class tanks, river or spring channels.				
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
First wet crop	5 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	3 12 0	3 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0
Second wet crop	5 0 0	2 0 0	1 8 0	3 12 0	1 8 0	4 0 0	2 8 0
First dry crop irrigated occasionally ..	2 8 0	2 0 0	1 8 0	1 14 0	1 8 0	2 0 0	2 8 0
First dry crop systematically irrigated at regular intervals	3 12 0	3 0 0	2 4 0	2 13 0	2 4 0	3 0 0	3 12 0
Second dry crop irrigated occasionally ..	2 8 0	2 0 0	1 8 0	1 14 0	1 8 0	2 0 0	2 8 0
Second dry crop systematically irrigated at regular intervals	3 12 0	2 0 0	1 8 0	2 13 0	1 8 0	3 0 0	3 12 0

Reference on the above, dated 7th June 1897.

The Collector of Kistna is requested to quote the authorities under which the existing rates for the Muniyer project and the Dondapad tank have been fixed.

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Kistna.

Read—the following letter from J. K. BATTEN, Esq., Acting Collector of Kistna, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Masulipatam, 7th October 1897, Ref. No. 1674-Ver. :—

In reply to Board's Reference on General Register No. 3306 of 1897, dated 7th June 1897, I have the honour to state that the water-rate of Rs. 5 per acre for irrigation under the Dondapad tank was fixed in G.O., Mis. No. 4278, Revenue, dated 30th October 1895, communicated in B.P., Mis. No. 6002 (Revenue Settlement), dated 8th November 1895.

The Board's sanction does not appear to have been obtained for fixing the rate under the Muniyer project at Rs. 4. In January 1896 the Executive Engineer, Kistna Northern Division, inquired whether the water-rate to be charged was Rs. 4 or Rs. 5, and suggested that the rate might be notified to the persons concerned. In his letter, Dis. No. 38-Tour of 1896, dated 13th February 1896, Mr. Atkinson gave the following reply :—

"Muniyer is not deltaic and is not subject to special water-rate rules. The charge for its irrigation will be only Rs. 4. No notification is necessary."

Read—the following letter from R. MORRIS, Esq., M.A., Acting Collector of Kistna, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Masulipatam, 17th January 1898, No. 1674-Ver. :—

In continuation of my letter, R.C. No. 1674-Ver. of 1897, dated the 7th October 1897, sent in reply to Board's Reference on G.R. No. 3306 of 1897, dated the 7th June last, I have the honour to request that early orders may be passed on my letter, R.C. No. 1674-Ver. of 1897, dated the 27th April 1897, submitting for approval a table of tirvajasti rates applicable to this district.

Resolution—No. 95, dated 28th February 1898.

The letters read above relate to an inquiry made by the Collector of Kistna whether the differential water-rates sanctioned in B.P., No. 202, dated 21st August 1896, and No. 146, dated 19th February 1897, for occasional and systematic irrigation of dry lands are applicable to lands irrigated from the following sources in his district which are subject to special rates :—

- Collair lake.
- River-fed tanks in the Divi island.
- Dondapad project.
- The Muniyer project.

He submits, for approval, a tabular statement showing the rates which, following the proceedings quoted above, he proposes to charge for wet and dry crops under these sources.

2. The Board, as at present constituted, is dissatisfied with the complications and uncertainty which attend the rule making a difference of water-rate depend on whether a dry crop is watered regularly or occasionally, but as the rules stand, the Collector's proposed application of them appears to be correct and is accordingly approved, subject to the following remarks:—

(1) The rates for the first two sources will be liable to revision at the re-settlement of the district.

(2) As regards the Divi island, the rates of Rs. 3 and Rs. $1\frac{1}{2}$ proposed by the Collector for first and second wet crops apply only to dry lands temporarily converted to wet. For permanent wet cultivation, two-thirds of the delta water-rates should, as hitherto, continue to be charged with reference to B.P., No. 6964, dated 19th December 1895, approved in G.O., Mis. No. 190, Revenue, dated 16th January 1896.

(3) The Dondapad tank is an old ruined tank in the Vinukonda taluk which was recently repaired (*vide* G.O., Mis. No. 1534, Revenue, dated 19th March 1892, and Mis. No. 348, Revenue, dated 27th January 1893, communicated in B.P., No. 3081, dated 29th March 1892, and No. 697, dated 2nd February 1893). In his letter disposed of in B.P., No. 4963, dated 21st September 1895, the Collector recommended that for fasli 1305, which was the first year in which irrigation was available, water-rate might be charged at the special rate of Rs. 2 per acre. This recommendation was supported by the Board, but Government in its Order, No. 4278, dated 30th October 1895, directed that the water-rate for that year might be fixed at "half the full rate, i.e., Rs. $2\frac{1}{2}$." The Collector has, therefore, in his present statement taken the full water-rate as Rs. 5 and worked out the other rates accordingly. The Board, however, considers that, as the tank is not in the delta, but in an upland taluk, the full water-rate should be only Rs. 4, which is the rate fixed for first-class sources outside the delta. The sanction of Government is solicited for adopting, in respect of irrigation under this source, the scale of rates prescribed in the appendix to Board's Standing Order No. 4 for first-class sources.

(4) In the case of the "Muniyér project" also, the scale above referred to should be adopted, as the source is outside the delta.

3. The Collector's attention will, in this connection, be drawn to B.P., No. 347, dated 7th May 1897, prescribing consolidated charges to be levied in certain special cases.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
" the Collector of Kistna.

Copy to the Deputy Commissioner, No. III Party.

Order—No. 345, Revenue, dated 15th June 1898.

Irrigation No. 8.

The Government considers that the intermediate water-rate of Rs. 3 per acre, the introduction of which was sanctioned in G.O., No. 3038, dated 30th July 1896, should not apply anywhere except to those parts of the Presidency to which the general water-rate rules are applicable, and that where it does apply it should be governed in its application by the scale fixed in paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 162, dated 18th March 1898. The Board of Revenue will accordingly make the necessary alterations in the special rules for the levy of water-rate in the Gódávári and the Kistna deltas appended to its Standing Order No. 4.

2. Following the above principle, the charge for irrigation under the four sources in the Kistna district referred to in the Board's Proceedings read above will be as follows:—

(1) *Collair Lake*.—The levy of water-rate on lands under this source being governed by special orders, no change in consequence of the intermediate water-rate should be made.

(2) *River-fed tanks in the Divi Island*.—For temporary irrigation under this source which is charged as for the second-class sources of the upland taluks, the scale prescribed in paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 162, dated 18th March 1893, for second-class sources should be adopted, while for permanent wet cultivation two-thirds of the delta water-rates should be charged as previously.

(3) and (4) *Dondapad and Muniyér Projects*.—These being outside the delta, the scale for first-class sources of irrigation prescribed in G.O., No. 162, dated 16th March 1898, should be adopted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. S. RUSSELL,
for Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).
" Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Resolution—Mis. No. 4137, dated 7th July 1898.

With reference to the above order, the Board begs instructions as to whether it is the intention of Government that, in places where the general water-rate rules do not apply, dry crops systematically irrigated should pay full water-rate as directed in B.P., No. 480, dated 15th October 1889, and No. 272, dated 9th September 1890, recorded in G.O., No. 792, Revenue, dated 9th October 1890, or be charged half rates like dry crops occasionally irrigated.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—No. 735, Revenue, dated 3rd December 1898.

The Board of Revenue will be informed that, in places where the general water-rate rules do not apply, dry crops systematically irrigated, should pay the full water-rate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement).

RESOLUTION—No. 457, dated 13th December 1898.

Communicated to the Collectors of Gódávári and Kistna for information and guidance.

2. The following alterations will be made in the rules for levying water-rate in the Kistna and Gódávári deltas appended to Board's Standing Order No. 4:—

(a) In rule I, clause (3), omit the words "if the crop is watered only occasionally and Rs. 3-12-0 an acre if it is irrigated systematically at regular intervals."

(b) In clause (5) of the same rule, omit the words "provided that the crop is watered only occasionally; if it is systematically irrigated at regular intervals, the charge will be Rs. 3-12-0."

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(c) Enter the following as clause (8) to rule I:—"Dry crops systematically irrigated will be charged the same rates as wet crops."

3. The system of intermediate rates is inapplicable also to the Rushikulya project in Ganjam and the Periyar project in Madura, under which special rates of water charge are levied. B.P., No. 181, dated 2nd March 1897, extending the concession of intermediate rates to the Periyar project is cancelled.

(True Copies and Extract.)

N. B. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To the Collector of Godavari
" " of Kistna
" " of Madura
" " of Ganjam } (Divisional officers and Tahsildars).

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