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Kamalápuram	0·9	0·9	18·3	9·4	5·7	3·7	2·7	0·7	0·4
Cuddapah	1·9	4·6	20·8	10·1	6·7	2·6	3·6	0·8	0·3
Badvel	1·6	4·2	14·2	6·1	6·6	3·4	4·9	0·5	0·8
Sidhout	2·4	4·6	19·3	8·2	7·0	3·6	4 5	1·4	1·0
Chitvel	2·2	2·8	13·3	8·0	8·6	10·7	6·5	2·2	1·1
Rajampet	2·9	3·8	15·8	4·0	9·5	6·9	7·6	0·9	2·2
Ráyachóti	1·9	5·7	13·5	13·9	5·3	4·1	3·8	0·6	2·4
Kadiri	2·7	4·9	14·3	5·3	6·1	3·7	2·3	0·3	0·8
Madanapalle	3·2	9·2	11·7	9·0	6·6	7·1	4·0	..	0·4
Vayalpad	2·4	7·5	12·2	12·6	6·3	8·4	4·0	0·4	1·1
Pileru	2·1	3·8	15·0	12·8	7·0	6·2	3·7	0·8	1·1
District average ..	2·2	4·5	14·9	9·2	6·3	4·9	3·8	0·3	1·3
								0·6	0·9

3. Up to September, the monthly cultivation returns showed that sowings were much in arrear, but the latest returns (those for October) showed that a great portion of these arrears had been made good, though there was still a considerable deficiency in the area brought under crop in the Northern and Eastern sections of the district. The very late date at which the crops this year were sown made the later rains of the greatest importance and the probability of their yielding fairly doubtful, but the further reports called for must be awaited before any decided opinion can be formed. These reports should reach the Board by the 15th instant and should be accompanied by a report of the description prescribed in section 14 of the Famine Code.

Tract.	Up to October, area sown thousands of acres.			
	Dry.		Wet.	
	1899.	Average.	1899.	Average.
East	86	101	29	34
North	440	519	22	27
South	462	494	43	45
Total ..	988	1,114	94	106

4. Prices have, as in other Deccan Districts, risen rapidly in Cuddapah since the end of October and those of cholam and cumbu are almost everywhere dearer than the scarcity rates for the district. Ragi, however, is still cheaper than that level except in the eastern taluks and at Vayalpad, Madanapalle and Pulivendla.

5. The Commissioner will proceed to inspect the district after touring through North Nellore and the Kurnool districts, which he is visiting immediately.

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L. D. Srinivasa

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Cuddapah.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. Md. Pahilwan.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT of the prices of the staple food-grains in *Cuddapah* in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.

Stations.	September 16th.	October 14th.	November. 11th.	November. 25th.	December 2nd.
			Rice.		
Jammalamadugu	11·62	9·90	9·07	9·40	9·48
Proddatur	14·94	14·11	13·28	13·28	12·13
Kamalápuram	13·28	10·79	10·79	10·79	10·79
Cuddapah	11·62	10·79	9·96	9·96	9·96
Pulivendla	9·96	10·79	9·54	9·13	8 71
Kadiri	14·11	13·28	11·62	9·96	9·96
Madanapalle	14·11	14·11	12·45	10·37	10·37
Vayalpad	14·11	12·45	13·28	10·42	10·42
Piléru	13·69	12·03	12·49	9·90	9·48
Ráyachóti	13·69	12·03	12·03	11·62	12·03
Pullampet	11·62	11·62	10·79	9·96	9·13
Chitvel	11·62	10·79	10·97	10·97	10·18
Sidhout	13·28	12·45	12·45	10·79	10 79
Badvel	12·03	10·37	10·37	9·54	9·13
Average ..	12·83	11·82	11·36	10·43	10·18
Warning rate ..	..	..	10·6	..	..
Scarcity rate ..	..	..	7·9	..	..
			Ragi.		
Jammalamadugu	27 00	23 10	18·10	18·10	18·10
Proddatur	24·75	21 00	19·50	18·10	17·25
Kamalápuram	24·75	18·00	18·00	16·50	16·50
Cuddapah	22·50	18·00	17·25	16·50	16·50
Pulivendla	23·25	21·00	15·75	16·50	15·75
Kadiri	23·25	21·00	21·00	18·00	18·00
Madanapalle	21·00	20·25	19·50	16·50	13 50
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Ráyachóti	21·00	18·75	21·00	21·00	21·00
Pullampet	20·25	17·25	16 50	15·00	15·00
Chitvel	18·00	16·15	16·50	16·50	15·00
Sidhout	22·50	19·50	17·25	15·00	15·00
Badvel	22·12	19·12	18·37	16·13	15·75
Average ..	22·10	19·39	18·65	17·26	16·58
Warning rate ..	..	..	24·0	..	..
Scarcity rate ..	..	..	16·0	..	..
			Cumbu.		
Cuddapah	15·95	13·05	10·87	10·87	11·60
Pulivendla	..	15·95	14·50	13·05	13·05
Kadiri	21·75	15·95	13·77	13·77	13·77
Madanapalle	18 12	15 58	14·50	13·05	13·05
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Sidhout	15·58	..	13·05	11 60	11·60
Badvel	17·40	14·50	13·05	11·96	12·32
Average ..	17·92	15·02	14·19	13 30	13·16
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Statement of the staple food-grains in *Cuddapah*, &c —*cont.*

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			Cholam (white).		
Proddatur	20·50	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah	18·17	14·22	12·64	12·64	12·64
Kadiri	25·28	19·75	15·01	14·22	14·22
Madanapalle	18·96	15 80	15·80	14·22	14·22
Vayalpad	..	15·80	17·38	15·80	15·80
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Pullampet	18·96	..	..	..	..
Sidhout	18·96	..	15·01	12·64	12 64
Badvel	18·96	16·59	15 80	14·22	14·22
Average ..	19 84	16·19	15·23	14·10	14·10
Warning rate ..	..	..	22·5	..	..
Scarcity rate ..	..	..	15·0	..	..
			Cholam (yellow).		
Jammalamadugu	29·62	20·60	14·80	16·50	16·08
Proddatur	25·84	19·70	16·59	15·01	15 01
Kamalápuram	25·28	17·38	17·38	15·01	14 61
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Sidhout	20·54	14·50	15·80	13·43	12·64
Badvel	22·91	16·98	15·80	13·43	13·43
Average ..	24·06	17·93	16·10	14·88	14·54
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Hon'ble Mr.

I apprehend that Mr. Harding's forecast will prove only too accurate - No normal rain can now be hoped for over the black cotton soil area, & there must be a large failure of crop H.S. 8-12-99.

Mr. H. is certainly premature in regarding certain tracts as "already famine-stricken." That famine threatens is no doubt true. However per Higgins will see. 9/12/99 K.T. 8.12.99.

This B.P. as submitted in draft is circulated per the wish of Mr. Rothfels. Formal Orders will be passed on it when it is officially received.

It will be seen that the Board is disposed to regard Mr. Harding's picture of the state of affairs as overcharged. The Govt. is alert to visit the affected districts. Mr. H. 9.12.99 9/12 7/12/99

To R.S

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Chitvel	2·2	2·8	13·3	8·0	8·6	10·7	6·5	0·9	2·2
Rajampet	2·9	3·8	15·8	4·0	9·5	6·9	7·6	0·6	2·4
Rayachóti	1·9	5·7	13·5	13·9	5·3	4·1	3·8	0·3	0·8
Kadiri	2·7	4·9	14·3	5·3	6·1	3·7	2·3	..	0·4
Madanapalle	3·2	9·2	11·7	9·0	6·6	7·1	4·0	0·4	1·1
Vayalpad	2·4	7·5	12·2	12·6	6·3	8·4	4·0	0·8	1·1
Pileru	2·1	3·8	15·0	12·8	7·0	6·2	3·7	0·3	1·3
District average ..	2·2	4·5	14·9	9·2	6·3	4·9	3·8	0·6	0·9

3. Up to September, the monthly cultivation returns showed that sowings were much in arrear, but the latest returns (those for October) showed that a great portion of these arrears had been made good, though there was still a considerable deficiency in the area brought under crop in the Northern and Eastern sections of the district. The very late date at which the crops this year were sown made the later rains of the greatest importance and the probability of their yielding fairly doubtful, but the further reports called for must be awaited before any decided opinion can be formed. These reports should reach the Board by the 15th instant and should be accompanied by a report of the description prescribed in section 14 of the Famine Code.

Tract.	Up to October, area sown thousands of acres.			
	Dry.		Wet.	
	1899.	Average.	1899.	Average.
East	86	101	29	34
North	440	519	22	27
South	462	494	43	45
Total ..	988	1,114	94	106

4. Prices have, as in other Deccan Districts, risen rapidly in Cuddapah since the end of October and those of cholam and cumbu are almost everywhere dearer than the scarcity rates for the district. Ragi, however, is still cheaper than that level except in the eastern taluks and at Vayalpad, Madanapalle and Pulivendla.

5. The Commissioner will proceed to inspect the district after touring through North Nellore and the Kurnool districts, which he is visiting immediately.

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(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Cuddapah.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

APPENDIX.

Statement of the prices of the staple food-grains in *Cuddapah* in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.

Stations.	September 16th.	October 14th.	November. 11th.	November. 25th.	December 2nd.
			Rice.		
Jammalamadugu	11·62	9·90	9·07	9·40	9·48
Proddatur	14·94	14·11	13·28	13·28	12·13
Kamalápuram	13·28	10·79	10·79	10·79	10·79
Cuddapah	11·62	10·79	9·96	9·96	9·96
Pulivendla	9·96	10·79	9·54	9·13	8·71
Kadiri	14·11	13·28	11·62	9·96	9·96
Madanapalle	14·11	14·11	12·45	10·37	10·37
Vayalpad	14·11	12·45	13·28	10·42	10·42
Piléru	13·69	12·03	12·49	9·90	9·48
Ráyachóti	13·69	12·03	12·03	11·62	12·03
Pullampet	11·62	11·62	10·79	9·96	9·13
Chitvel	11·62	10·79	10·97	10·97	10·18
Sidhout	13·28	12·45	12·45	10·79	10·79
Badvel	12·03	10·37	10·37	9·54	9·13
Average	12·83	11·82	11·36	10·43	10·18
Warning rate	..	..	10·6	..	..
Scarcity rate	..	..	7·9	..	..
			Ragi.		
Jammalamadugu	27 00	23 10	18·10	18·10	18·10
Proddatur	24·75	21·00	19·50	18·10	17·25
Kamalápuram	24·75	18·00	18·00	16·50	16·50
Cuddapah	22·50	18·00	17·25	16·50	16·50
Pulivendla	23·25	21·00	15·75	16·50	15·75
Kadiri	23·25	21·00	21·00	18·00	18·00
Madanapalle	21·00	20·25	19·50	16·50	13·50
Vayalpad	21·00	18·00	19·50	15·00	15·00
Piléru	18·00	20·30	22·86	22·86	19·80
Ráyachóti	21·00	18·75	21·00	21·00	21·00
Pullampet	20·25	17·25	16·50	15·00	15·00
Chitvel	18·00	16·15	16·50	16·50	15·00
Sidhout	22·50	19·50	17·25	15·00	15·00
Badvel	22·12	19·12	18·37	16·13	15·75
Average	22·10	19·39	18·65	17·26	16·58
Warning rate	..	..	24·0	..	..
Scarcity rate	..	..	16·0	..	..
			Cumbu.		
Cuddapah	15·95	13·05	10·87	10·87	11·60
Pulivendla	..	15·95	14·50	13·05	13·05
Kadiri	21·75	15·95	13·77	13·77	13·77
Madanapalle	18·12	15·58	14·50	13·05	13·05
Vayalpad	18·85	14·50	15·95	14·50	14·50
Piléru	17·40	18·15	19·80	19 80	14·25
Ráyachóti	18·85	13·77	15·23	14·50	15·95
Pullampet	17·40	13·77	10·87	11·60	13·05
Chitvel	..	..	14·50	11·60	11·60
Sidhout	15·58	..	13·05	11·60	11·60
Badvel	17·40	14·50	13·05	11·96	12·32
Average	17·92	15·02	14·19	13 30	13·16
Warning rate	..	..	21·0	..	..
Scarcity rate	..	..	14·0	..	..

Statement of the staple food-grains in *Cuddapah*, &c.—*cont.*

Stations.	September 16th.	October 14th.	November. 11th.	November. 25th.	December 2nd.
			Cholam (white).		
Proddatur	20·50	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah	18·17	14·22	12·64	12·64	12·64
Kadiri	25·28	19·75	15·01	14·22	14·22
Madanapalle	18·96	15 80	15·80	14·22	14·22
Vayalpad	..	15·80	17·38	15·80	15·80
Rayachóti	18·96	15·01	15·01	15·01	15·01
Pullampet	18·96	..	..	..	..
Sidhout	18·96	..	15·01	12·64	12·64
Badvel	18·96	16·59	15·80	14·22	14·22
Average	19·84	16·19	15·23	14·10	14·10
Warning rate	..	..	22·5	..	..
Scarcity rate	..	..	15·0	..	..
			Cholam (yellow).		
Jammalamadugu	29·62	20·60	14·80	16·50	16·08
Proddatur	25·84	19·70	16·59	15·01	15·01
Kamalápuram	25·28	17·38	17·38	15·01	14·61
Pulivendla	26·86	20·54	16·59	16·59	15·80
Chitvel	17·38	15·80	15·80	14·22	14·22
Sidhout	20·54	14·50	15 80	13·43	12·64
Badvel	22·91	16·98	15·80	13·43	13·43
Average	24·06	17·93	16·10	14·88	14·54
Warning rate	..	..	22·5	..	..
Scarcity rate	..	..	15·0	..	..

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