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The report is less gloomy
than I had anticipated -
The Telugu ryots have
a saying that Cholera
thrives on wind & dew -
I wish we knew whether the
dews were heavy - In some
years I have seen the crops
drenched with dew though no
rain had fallen for over a month -
In other years the dews entirely
fail - Dew is one of the
agricultural factors that we
don't understand or take
sufficiently into account -

Season. Submitting to Govern-
ment report from the collector of
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

Dated 12 th. December 1899 189 .

No. 411 Press.

The Hon. Mr. Nicholson.

Read again the following Board's Memorandum No. 3088 Routine,
dated 11th November 1899 :-

Having in view the fact that on much of the red soils of Anantapur the usual ^{sowing} savings could not be made until very late in the season, and that the October rainfall over much of the more northerly parts of the District was considerably below the average, the Collector is requested to submit a report at a very early date on the condition and prospects of the crops, more especially in the Gooty and Tadpatri taluks. The report should reach the Board within 15 days from this date.

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(Sd.) C. Benson.

Dy. Director for Secretary.

To

The Collector of Anantapur.

Read also the following letter from Bannatyna Macleod Esq.,

Collector of Anantapur, Ref. on B & G No. 896 dated 5th December 1899 :-

With reference to B.P. No. 3088 Routine, dated 11th November 1899, I have the honour to report on the condition of the crops in the two northern taluks of Gooty and Tadpatri.

2. The principal crops in these two taluks are Paddy and Ragi on wet and well lands and Korra, Cholum, Cambu, Castor and cotton on dry lands. There is no anxiety about the crops on wet lands.

3. A statement showing the area sown, harvested, likely to be harvested &c. as regards the different principal crops in the two taluks is enclosed.

4. During the current Fasli, there was rain in the middle of April; but there was no further copious rainfall till September.

The fall in June, July and August though not much as shown in the margin, was ^{not} ~~not~~ opportune

and the signs of the time

were also encouraging.

Most of the red soil

	June up to the month	July in the month	August.
Gooty	3.73	1.05	0.14
Tadpatri	1.76	.19	0.20

lands were cultivated with cholum, korra and cambu; but after the sowings, the rains began to hold off disappointing all expectations and so the crops raised began to droop: the copious fall

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crops consequently did not

thrive well; they became stunted and yielded a very poor out-

turn, and in a few villages of Tadpatri taluk, they entirely

withered as shown in the accompanying statements.

5. After the September rains which were most opportune for late crops such as cotton, white cholum and korra, there was extensive cultivation. The table given in the margin compares the cultiva-

Taluks	Cultivation up to the end of October of Fasli 1309		Cultivation of the corresponding period in Fasli 1308.	
	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet
Gooty	327,211	6772	313,528	6391
Tadpatri	192,686	7775	195,592	7485

the corresponding period of Fasli 1308.

6. The late crops raised with the aid of the September rains fared well till about the middle of October and then owing to very deficient rainfall in October their condition

Rainfall in - No. of rainy days. has been very much affected. The state

Gooty .70

Tadpatri 1.74

of white cholum and korra is very bad; and that of castor and cotton, which can hold out for some time longer, cannot now be definitely stated. These are expected to yield an out-

turn of 5 and 7 annas respectively in the Gooty taluk. In Tadpatri, the average outturn of cotton crop is calculated at 6 annas.

7. The extent of cultivation of white cholum in the Gooty taluk is 42,569 acres or 49.4 per cent of the total cultivated extent. This crop is likely to wither. The Tahsildar of Gooty who estimates the outturn at 3 annas states that his estimate is liable to modification, since he expects the crop to wither. The outturn of this crop in the villages of the Tadpatri taluk varies from 2 to 12 annas. The number of villages where the yield is estimated at 2 to 4 annas being greater, the average outturn for the taluk is arrived at 6 annas.

8. Korra has suffered much in the Gooty taluk where the crop on 61,334 acres or nearly 25 per cent of the total cultivated area of the taluk has yielded only an outturn of 3 annas and the crop still standing on 56,862 acres is expected to yield an average outturn of only 2 annas. In Tadpatri, this crop is reported to have already fared much worse; on 10,364 acres, it has entirely failed and it is likely to fail on a further extent of 6,491 acres. The yield on 17,887 acres already brought under harvest is estimated at an average of 6 annas and that of the crop still standing on 18,339 acres is calculated at 6 annas.

9. The outturns now reported are only rough estimates and regular inspection of crops, village by village, is being systematically done in view to recommend dry remissions for

the really affected areas. I have also inspected some villages of the Gooty taluk from the 21st. to 24th November and from my personal observation of the condition of the crops and the poor resources of the ryots owing to a succession of almost bad years, I think that dry remissions may well be given this year and I will submit my proposals in due course.

10. The reports from the other Divisional Officers have not yet been ^{received; reports have been sent} sent and my report about these two Divisions will be submitted shortly.

Resolution.

The report read above will be submitted for the information of Government.

3. The rainfall of October in the Gooty and Tadpatri taluks having, as shown below, proved an almost entire failure this year and the weekly season reports received from the Collector having shown that the crops were withering in parts of these taluks, the Board called for careful estimates of the probable extent of the failure and of the yield of the crops. The rainfall of the year in these taluks has been as follows, compared with the averages expected :-

Period	Uravakonda average in.	Gooty 1899 Average in.	Gooty Average in.	Yadiki 1899 Average in.	Yadiki Average in.	Tadpatri 1899 Average in.	Tadpatri Average in.	Tadpatri 1899 in.
April and May	2.8	3.2	2.1	2.7	2.0	0.8	1.8	1.6
June to September	11.9	14.3	15.2	14.5	14.1	6.7	15.0	10.7
October	4.8	0.9	5.2	0.7	4.6	1.5	5.3	1.7
November	1.9	0.4	1.5	0.4	1.6	0.0	1.7	0.0
December	0.2	--	0.1	--	0.2	--	0.3	--

Most of the South West monsoon fell rainfall fell in August and September so that the sowings were very late. The area sown up to the end of October was, however, well up to the average, as shown below for first crop :-

	Dry		Wet	
	Gooty acs.	Tadpatri. acs.	Gooty acs.	Tadpatri acs.
1899	327,211	192,686	6,772	7,775
1900	316,266	195,526	7,057	7,522

The return for November, giving revised figures, confirms this statement and shows a total area of 583,500 acres of crop as sown up to that month. The main-stay of the two taluks is the dry crops; the crops on the wet land and under wells being principally paddy and ragi. These last as will be seen from the abstract of the figures reported by the Collector, which is given below, will probably yield a very fair, if not quite an average crop.

3. ^{With} In the case of the dry crops, the case is otherwise. In Tadpatri, 28% of the cereal, and 22% of the principal industrial (money) crops have failed or are expected to fail, whilst the yield of the remainder is put down at about half an average crop. In Gooty, there has as yet been no complete failure, about half the area occupied by cereals has been harvested and is reported to have yielded a four-anna crop. What cereals still stand are chiefly late sown korra and the late sown cholam on the black-cotton soil, the yield of which is put at 1/6th of a normal crop, and even that yield is stated to be doubtful. The castors and cotton are rather more promising, and are expected to yield half a crop.

Taluk.	name of crop.	area sown.	crops failed & likely to fail		crops harvested		crops standing	
			acres	percent	acres	percent	acres	percent
Tadpatri	Paddy	6,626	6	"	70	12	6,550	10
	other cereals	142,146	39,955	28	24,238	7	77,953	6
	Cotton	34,856	7,613	22	"	"	27,243	6
Gooty	Paddy & ragi	8,862	"	"	3,558	9	5,304	10
	other cereals	215,155	"	"	115,729	4	99,431	2
	Castors & cotton	72,037	"	"	"	"	72,037	6

This statement omits reference to a considerable area under pulses, indigo &c.

4. Reports are awaited regarding crop prospects in the other parts of the district, but the failure of the October rainfall was serious only in Kalyandurg and Anantapur,

though there has been little or none elsewhere since the end of that month.

5. Although prices have risen very rapidly in the district of late and rates for ^{cholan}ragi and ^{ragi}cholan are now close on the scarcity rate generally, as shown in the statement appended, this rise has been caused to a large extent by demand for export and there has been a material fall during the last two weeks. The Collector appears to think that the situation can be met by the grant of dry remissions. He has been warned that such remissions can only be granted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the S.O. and his proposals will be awaited. In the meanwhile, he should issue instructions to encourage the taking of loans for land improvements, and, if necessary, apply for additional funds, so that these operations may be made effective means of supplementing the resources of the local employers of labour, towards carrying out improvements which will be productive in the future.

(True copies and Extract)

C. N. S.

Dy. Director for Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Collector Anantapur

Statement of the prices of the staple food-grains in Anantapur in years of 80 tolas per rupee, on certain dates.

Stations	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	16 th	14 th	18 th	9 th	16 th	14 th	18 th	9 th
Madakavira	12.96	11.88	10.26	10.80	29.10	24.50	18.62	18.62
Hindupur	11.88	11.88	9.72	9.72	24.25	22.31	17.46	18.43
Pennkonda	11.88	11.34	9.18	10.26	23.28	23.28	15.52	17.46
Dharmavaram	11.88	11.34	9.72	9.72	23.28	23.28	15.52	16.49
Kalyandurg.	14.04	12.96	11.34	11.34	24.25	23.28	16.49	17.46
Anantapur	12.96	11.88	9.72	10.80	22.31	23.28	17.46	19.10
Uravakonda	10.80	10.80	10.80	10.80	"	17.10	15.52	17.46
Gooty	10.80	10.80	10.26	9.18	24.25	19.40	17.46	17.46
Rogalcheru	10.80	10.80	9.72	9.72	24.25	17.46	16.49	16.49
Dapatri	14.04	12.96	9.72	10.26	27.16	20.37	15.52	17.46
St. Average.	12.20	12.56	10.04	10.26	24.68	21.43	16.61	17.64.
Warning rate.			10.6				24.0	
Scarcity rate.			7.9				16.0	

	Cholan (white.)				Cholan (yellow.)			
Hindupur.	24.72	17.5	13.39	14.42	-	-	-	-
Pennkonda	22.66	16.48	12.87	13.90	-	-	-	-
Dharmavaram.	22.66	16.48	12.36	13.39	23.69	17.51	16.48	16.48
Kalyandurg.	20.60	16.48	12.36	14.42	26.78	22.66	14.42	16.48
Anantapur	22.66	21.63	14.42	17.51	23.69	24.72	15.45	18.54
Uravakonda.	24.72	13.39	12.36	13.39	-	14.42	14.42	16.48
Gooty	19.57	12.36	12.36	12.36	22.66	15.45	14.42	15.30
Rogalcheru	24.72	16.48	13.39	13.39	24.72	16.48	14.42	14.42
Dapatri	26.78	16.48	13.39	"	27.81	18.54	16.48	17.51
St. Average	23.23	16.37	12.99	14.10	24.89	18.54	15.16	16.46
Warning rate			22.5				22.5	
Scarcity rate.			15.0				15.0	

C. N. S.

Dy. Director for Secretary

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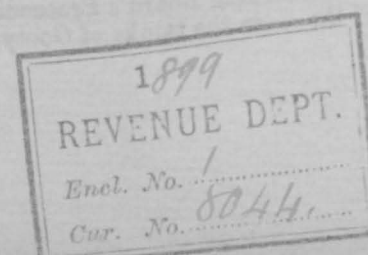
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Recording Board's Proceedings submitting report on the condition of the crops and state of the — in the taluks of Gooty and Tadpatri in the Anantapur district.



GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 411, dated 12th December 1899 :—

The Hon'ble Mr. F. A. NICHOLSON.

Read—again B.P., Routine No. 3088, dated 11th November 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Collector of Anantapur to report at a very early date on the condition and prospects of various crops more especially in the Gooty and Tadpatri taluks.

Read—the following letter from B. MACLEOD, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Collector of Anantapur, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 5th December 1899, Ref. on B. & G. No. 896 :—

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3. A statement showing the area sown, harvested, likely to be harvested, &c., as regards the different principal crops in the two taluks is enclosed.

4. During the current fasli, there was rain in the middle of April; but there was no further copious rainfall till September. The fall in June, July and August though not much as shown in the margin* was most opportune and the signs of the time were also encouraging. Most of the red-soil lands were cultivated with cholam, korra and cumbu; but after the sowings, the rains began to hold off disappointing all expectations and so the

	June.		In July.	
	Up to the month.	In the month.	In July.	August.
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crops raised began to droop; the copious fall in September as shown in the margin * was not of much use to them as it then was too late; the crops consequently did not thrive well; they became stunted and yielded a very poor outturn, and in a few villages of Tadpatri taluk, they entirely withered as shown in the accompanying statement.

	This year.	Last year.	Fasli 1306.
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5. After the September rains which were most opportune for late crops such as cotton, white cholam and korra, there was extensive cultivation. The table given in the margin † compares the cultivation of fasli 1309 up to the end of October with the area cultivated during the corresponding period of fasli 1308.

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	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
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Tadpatri ..	192,686	7,775	195,592	7,485

6. The late crops raised with the aid of September rains fared well till about the middle of October and then owing to very deficient ‡ rainfall in October, their condition has been very much affected. The state of white cholam and korra is very bad, and that of castor and cotton, which can hold out for some time longer, cannot now be definitely stated. These are expected to yield an outturn of 5 and 7 annas, respectively, in the Gooty taluk. In Tadpatri, the average outturn of cotton crop is calculated at 6 annas.

7. The extent of cultivation of white cholam in the Gooty taluk is 42,569 acres or 49.4 per cent. of the total cultivated extent. This crop is likely to wither. The Tahsildar of Gooty who estimates the outturn at 3 annas states that his estimate is liable to modification since he expects the crop to wither. The outturn of this crop in the villages of the Tadpatri taluk varies from 2 to 12 annas. The number of villages where the yield is estimated at 2 to 4 annas being greater, the average outturn for the taluk is arrived at 6 annas.

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10. The reports from the other Divisional-officers have not yet been received; urgent reminders have been sent and my report about those two divisions will be submitted shortly.

STATEMENT showing the area of the principal crops and their outturn in Tadpatri and Gooty taluks.

Names of crops.	Estimated area.					Estimated outturn of crop.	
	Sown.	Failed.	Likely to fail.	Harvested.	Likely to come to harvest.	Harvested.	Likely to come to harvest.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Tadpatri Taluk.</i>							
Paddy	ACS. 4,492	ACS. ..	ACS. 6	ACS. 3	ACS. 4,483	ANNAS. 10	ANNAS. 10
Ragi	2,134	..	..	67	2,067	12	10
Korra	53,081	10,864	6,491	17,887	18,339	6	6
Cholam	89,065	2,600	..	6,351	59,614	10	6
Cotton	34,856	..	7,613	..	27,243	..	6
Total	183,628	12,964	34,610	24,308	111,746	..	..
<i>Gooty Taluk.</i>							
Paddy	5,806	..	..	1,550	4,256	11	10
Cholam	86,170	..	..	43,601	42,569	5	3
Cumbu	10,789	..	..	10,789	..	4	..
Ragi	3,056	..	..	2,008	1,048	8	8
Korra	118,196	..	..	61,334	56,862	3	2
Castor	25,045	..	..	..	25,045	..	5
Cotton	46,992	..	..	..	46,992	..	7
Total	296,054	..	..	119,282	176,772	..	..

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Period.	Uravakonda.		Gooty.		Yadiki.		Tadpatri.	
	Average.	1899.	Average.	1899.	Average.	1899.	Average.	1899.
April and May	INCHES. 2.8	INCHES. 3.2	INCHES. 2.1	INCHES. 2.7	INCHES. 2.0	INCHES. 0.8	INCHES. 1.8	INCHES. 1.6
June to September	11.9	14.3	15.2	14.5	14.1	6.7	15.0	10.7
October	4.8	0.9	5.2	0.7	4.6	1.5	5.3	1.7
November	1.9	0.4	1.5	0.4	1.6	..	1.7	..
December	0.2	..	0.1	..	0.2	..	0.3	..

Most of the south-west monsoon rainfall fell in August and September so that the sowings were very late. The area sown up to the end of October was, however, well up to the averages as shown below for first crop:—

	Dry.		Wet.	
	Gooty.	Tadpatri.	Gooty.	Tadpatri.
1899	ACS. 327,211	ACS. 192,686	ACS. 6,772	ACS. 7,775
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3. With the dry crops, the case is otherwise. In Tadpatri, 28 per cent. of the cereal and 22 per cent. of the principal industrial (money) crops have failed or are expected to fail, whilst the yield of the remainder is put down at about half an average crop. In Gooty, there has as yet been no complete failure. About half the area occupied by cereals has been harvested, and is reported to have yielded a 4 anna crop. What cereals still stand are chiefly late-sown korra and the late cholam on crop. What cereals still stand are chiefly late-sown korra and the late cholam on crop. What cereals still stand are chiefly late-sown korra and the late cholam on crop. The black cotton-soil, the yield of which is put at one-sixth of a normal crop, and even that yield is stated to be doubtful. The castors and cotton are rather more promising, and are expected to yield half a crop:—

Taluk.	Name of crop.	Area sown.	Crops failed and likely to fail.		Crops harvested.		Crops standing.	
			Extent.	Percent- age.	Extent.	Rate of yield.	Extent.	Rate of yield expected.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tadpatri	Paddy and ragi	ACS. 6,626	ACS. 6	..	ACS. 70	12	ACS. 6,550	10
	Other cereals	142,146	39,955	28	24,238	7	77,953	6
	Cotton	34,856	7,613	22	..	..	27,243	6
	Castors and cotton	72,037	..	..	3,558	9	5,804	10
Gooty	Paddy and ragi	8,862	..	..	115,724	4	99,431	2
	Other cereals	215,155	..	..	..	..	72,037	6
	Castors and cotton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

4. Reports are awaited regarding crop prospects in the other parts of the district, but the failure of the October rainfall was serious only in Kalyandrug and Anantapur, though there has been little or none elsewhere since the end of that month.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASAR,
Secretary.

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

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT of the prices of the staple food-grains in Anantapur in seers of 80 tolas per rupee on certain dates.

Stations.	September 16th.	October 14th.	November 18th.	December 9th.	September 16th.	October 14th.	November 18th.	December 9th.
	<i>Rice.</i>				<i>Ragi.</i>			
Madakasira	12-96	11-88	10-26	10-80	29-10	24-50	18-62	18-62
Hindupur	11-88	11-88	9-72	9-72	24-25	22-31	17-46	18-43
Penukonda	11-88	11-34	9-18	10-26	23-28	23-28	15-52	17-46
Dharmavaram	11-88	11-34	9-72	9-72	23-28	23-28	15-52	16-49
Kalyandrug	14-04	12-96	11-34	11-34	24-25	23-28	16-49	17-46
Anantapur	12-96	11-88	9-72	10-80	22-31	23-28	17-46	19-10
Uravakonda	10-80	10-80	10-80	10-80	..	17-10	15-52	17-46
Gooty	10-80	10-80	10-26	9-18	24-25	19-40	17-46	17-46
Rayachervu	10-80	10-80	9-72	9-72	24-25	17-46	16-49	16-49
Tadpatri	14-04	11-88	9-72	10-26	27-16	20-37	15-52	17-46
District average ..	12-20	12-56	10-04	10-26	24-68	21-43	16-61	17-64
Warning rate ..	10-6				24-0			
Scarcity rate ..	7-9				16-0			
	<i>Cholam (white).</i>				<i>Cholam (yellow).</i>			
Hindupur	24-72	17-51	13-39	14-42	..	..	..	..
Penukonda	22-66	16-48	12-87	13-90	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	22-66	16-48	12-36	13-39	23-69	17-51	16-48	16-48
Kalyandrug	20-60	16-48	12-36	14-42	26-78	22-66	14-42	16-48
Anantapur	22-66	21-63	14-42	17-51	23-69	24-72	15-45	18-54
Uravakonda	24-72	13-39	12-36	13-39	..	14-42	14-42	16-48
Gooty	19-57	12-36	12-36	12-36	22-66	15-45	14-42	16-30
Rayachervu	24-72	16-48	13-39	13-39	24-72	16-48	14-42	14-42
Tadpatri	26-78	16-48	13-39	..	27-81	18-54	16-48	17-51
District average ..	23-23	16-37	12-99	14-10	24-89	18-54	15-16	16-46
Warning rate ..	22-5				22-5			
Scarcity rate ..	15-0				15-0			

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(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
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Season.—Submitting to Government report from the Collector of Anantapur on the condition of the crops and state of the — in the taluks of Gooty and Tadpatri.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

The Hon'ble Mr. F. A. NICHOLSON.

READ—again B.P., Routine No. 3088, dated 11th November 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Collector of Anantapur to report at a very early date on the condition and prospects of various crops more especially in the Gooty and Tadpatri taluks.

READ—the following letter from B. MACLEOD, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Collector of Anantapur, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 5th December 1899, Ref. on B. & G. No. 896 :—

With reference to B.P., Routine No. 3088, dated 11th November 1899, I have the honour to report on the condition of crops in the two northern taluks of Gooty and Tadpatri.

2. The principal crops in these two taluks are paddy and ragi on wet and well lands and korra, cholam, cumbu, castor and cotton on dry lands. There is no anxiety about the crops on wet lands.

3. A statement showing the area sown, harvested, likely to be harvested, &c., as regards the different principal crops in the two taluks is enclosed.

4. During the current fasli, there was rain in the middle of April; but there was no further copious rainfall till September. The fall in June, July and August though not much as shown in the margin* was most opportune and the signs of the time were also encouraging. Most of the red-soil lands were cultivated with cholam, korra and cumbu; but after the sowings, the rains began to hold off disappointing all expectations and so the crops raised began to droop; the copious fall in September as shown in the margin † was not of much use to them as it then was too late; the crops consequently did not thrive well; they became stunted and yielded a very poor outturn, and in a few villages of Tadpatri taluk, they entirely withered as shown in the accompanying statement.

5. After the September rains which were most opportune for late crops such as cotton, white cholam and korra, there was extensive cultivation. The table given in the margin ‡ compares the cultivation of fasli 1309 up to the end of October with the area cultivated during the corresponding period of fasli 1308.

6. The late crops raised with the aid of September rains fared well till about the middle of October and then owing to very deficient § rainfall in October, their condition has been very much affected. of September rains fared well till about the middle of October and then owing to very deficient § rainfall in October, their condition has been very much affected. The state of white cholam and korra is very bad, and that of castor and cotton, which can hold out for some time longer, cannot now be definitely stated. These are expected to yield an outturn of 5 and 7 annas, respectively, in the Gooty taluk. In Tadpatri, the average outturn of cotton crop is calculated at 6 annas.

7. The extent of cultivation of white cholam in the Gooty taluk is 42,569 acres or 49.4 per cent. of the total cultivated extent. This crop is likely to wither. The Tahsildar of Gooty who estimates the outturn at 3 annas states that his estimate is liable to modification since he expects the crop to wither. The outturn of this crop in the villages of the Tadpatri taluk varies from 2 to 12 annas. The number of villages where the yield is estimated at 2 to 4 annas being greater, the average outturn for the taluk is arrived at 6 annas.

8. Korra has suffered much in the Gooty taluk, where the crop on 61,334 acres or nearly 25 per cent. of the total cultivated area of the taluk has yielded only an outturn of 3 annas and the crop still standing on 56,862 acres is expected to yield an average outturn of only 2 annas. In Tadpatri, this crop is reported to have already fared much worse; on 10,364 acres it has entirely failed and it is likely to fail on a further extent of 6,491 acres. The yield on 17,887 acres already brought under harvest is estimated at an average of 6 annas and that of the crop still standing on 18,339 acres is calculated at 6 annas.

9. The outturns now reported are only rough estimates and regular inspection of crops, village by village, is being systematically done in view to recommend dry remissions for the really affected areas. I have also inspected some villages of the Gooty taluk from the 21st to 24th November and from my personal observation of the condition of the crops and the poor resources of the ryots owing to a succession of almost bad years, I think that dry remission may well be given this year and I will submit my proposals in due course.

10. The reports from the other Divisional-officers have not yet been received; urgent reminders have been sent and my report about those two divisions will be submitted shortly.

STATEMENT showing the area of the principal crops and their outturn in Tadpatri and Gooty taluks.

Names of crops.	Estimated area.					Estimated outturn of crop.	
	Sown.	Failed.	Likely to fail.	Harvested.	Likely to come to harvest.	Harvested.	Likely to come to harvest.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Tadpatri Taluk.</i>							
Paddy	ACS. 4,492	ACS. ..	ACS. 6	ACS. 3	ACS. 4,483	ANNAS. 10	ANNAS. 10
Ragi	2,134	..	..	67	2,067	12	10
Korra	53,081	10,364	6,491	17,887	18,339	6	6
Cholam	89,095	2,600	20,500	6,351	59,614	10	6
Cotton	34,856	..	7,613	..	27,243	..	6
Total	183,628	12,964	34,610	24,308	111,746	..	..
<i>Gooty Taluk.</i>							
Paddy	5,806	..	..	1,550	4,256	11	10
Cholam	86,170	..	..	43,601	42,569	5	2
Cumbu	10,789	..	..	10,789	..	4	..
Ragi	3,056	..	..	2,008	1,048	8	8
Korra	118,196	..	..	61,334	56,862	3	2
Castor	25,045	..	..	..	25,045	..	5
Cotton	46,992	..	..	..	46,992	..	7
Total	296,054	..	..	119,282	176,772	..	..

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The report read above will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall of October in the Gooty and Tadpatri taluks having, as shown below, proved an almost entire failure this year and the weekly season reports received from the Collector having shown that the crops were withering in parts of these

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taluks, the Board called for careful estimates of the probable extent of the failure and of the yield of the crops. The rainfall of the year in these taluks has been as follows compared with the averages expected :—

Period.	Uravakonda.		Gooty.		Yadiki.		Tadpatri.	
	Average.	1899.	Average.	1899.	Average.	1899.	Average.	1899.
	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.
April and May ..	2.8	3.2	2.1	2.7	2.0	0.8	1.3	1.6
June to September ..	11.9	14.3	15.2	14.5	14.1	6.7	15.0	10.7
October ..	4.8	0.9	5.2	0.7	4.6	1.5	5.3	1.7
November ..	1.9	0.4	1.5	0.4	1.6	..	1.7	..
December ..	0.2	..	0.1	..	0.2	..	0.3	..

Most of the south-west monsoon rainfall fell in August and September so that the sowings were very late. The area sown up to the end of October was, however, well up to the averages as shown below for first crop :—

		Dry.		Wet.	
		Gooty.	Tadpatri.	Gooty.	Tadpatri.
1899 ..	ACS.	327,211	192,686	6,772	7,775
Average ..	ACS.	316,266	195,526	7,057	7,522

The return for November, giving revised figures confirms this statement and shows a total area of 583,500 acres of crop as shown up to that month. The mainstay of the two taluks is the dry crops, the crops on the wet land and under wells being principally paddy and ragi. These last, as will be seen from the abstract of the figures reported by the Collector, which is given below, will probably yield a very fair, if not quite an average, crop.

3. With the dry crops, the case is otherwise. In Tadpatri, 28 per cent. of the cereal and 22 per cent. of the principal industrial (money) crops have failed or are expected to fail, whilst the yield of the remainder is put down at about half an average crop. In Gooty, there has as yet been no complete failure. About half the area occupied by cereals has been harvested, and is reported to have yielded a 4 anna crop. What cereals still stand are chiefly late-sown korra and the late cholam on the black cotton-soil, the yield of which is put at one-sixth of a normal crop, and even that yield is stated to be doubtful. The castors and cotton are rather more promising, and are expected to yield half a crop :—

Taluk.	Name of crop.	Area sown.	Crops failed and likely to fail.		Crops harvested.		Crops standing.	
			Extent.	Percentage.	Extent.	Rate of yield.	Extent.	Rate of yield expected.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tadpatri	Paddy and ragi ..	ACS. 6,626	ACS. 6	..	ACS. 70	12	ACS. 6,550	10
	Other cereals ..	142,146	39,955	28	24,238	7	77,953	6
	Cotton ..	34,856	7,613	22	..	..	27,243	6
	Paddy and ragi ..	8,862	..	..	3,558	9	5,804	10
Gooty	Other cereals ..	215,155	..	..	115,724	4	99,431	2
	Castors and cotton ..	72,037	..	..	..	..	72,037	6

4. Reports are awaited regarding crop prospects in the other parts of the district, but the failure of the October rainfall was serious only in Kalyandrug and Anantapur, though there has been little or none elsewhere since the end of that month.

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5. Although prices have risen very rapidly in the district of late, and rates for cholam and ragi are now close on the scarcity rate generally as shown in the statement appended, this rise has been caused to a large extent by demand for export and there has been a material fall during the last two weeks. The Collector appears to think that the situation can be met by the grant of dry remissions. He has been warned that such remissions can only be granted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Order and his proposals will be awaited. In the meanwhile, he should issue instructions to encourage the taking of loans for land improvements, and, if necessary, apply for additional funds so that these operations may be made an effective means of supplementing the resources of the local employers of labour towards carrying out improvements which will be productive in the future.

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Secretary.

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

STATEMENT of the prices of the staple food-grains in Anantapur in seers of 80 tolas per rupee on certain dates.

Stations.	September 16th.	October 14th.	November 18th.	December 9th.	September 16th.	October 14th.	November 18th.	December 9th.
	Rice.				Ragi.			
Madakasira ..	12.96	11.88	10.26	10.80	29.10	24.50	18.62	18.62
Hindupur ..	11.88	11.88	9.72	9.72	24.25	22.31	17.46	18.43
Penukonda ..	11.88	11.34	9.18	10.26	23.28	23.28	15.52	17.46
Dharmavaram ..	11.88	11.34	9.72	9.72	23.28	23.28	15.52	16.49
Kalyandrug ..	14.04	12.96	11.34	11.34	24.25	23.28	16.49	17.46
Anantapur ..	12.96	11.88	9.72	10.80	22.31	23.28	17.46	19.10
Uravakonda ..	10.80	10.80	10.80	10.80	..	17.10	15.52	17.46
Gooty ..	10.80	10.80	10.26	9.18	24.25	19.40	17.46	17.46
Rayalcheruvu ..	10.80	10.80	9.72	9.72	24.25	17.46	16.49	16.49
Tadpatri ..	14.04	11.88	9.72	10.26	27.16	20.37	15.52	17.46
District average ..	12.20	12.56	10.04	10.26	24.68	21.43	16.61	17.64
Warning rate ..	10.6				24.0			
Scarcity rate ..	7.9				16.0			
	Cholam (white).				Cholam (yellow).			
Hindupur ..	24.72	17.51	13.39	14.42	..	..	..	..
Penukonda ..	22.66	16.48	12.87	13.90	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram ..	22.66	16.48	12.36	13.39	23.69	17.51	16.48	16.48
Kalyandrug ..	20.60	16.48	12.36	14.42	26.78	22.66	14.42	16.48
Anantapur ..	22.66	21.63	14.42	17.51	23.69	24.72	15.45	18.54
Uravakonda ..	24.72	13.39	12.36	13.39	..	14.42	14.42	16.48
Gooty ..	19.57	12.36	12.36	12.36	22.66	15.45	14.42	15.30
Rayalcheruvu ..	24.72	16.48	13.39	13.39	24.72	16.48	14.42	14.42
Tadpatri ..	26.78	16.48	13.39	..	27.81	18.54	16.48	17.51
District average ..	23.23	16.37	12.99	14.10	24.89	18.54	15.16	16.46
Warning rate ..	22.5				22.5			
Scarcity rate ..	15.0				15.0			

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