

**REPORT**  
**ON THE**  
**FAMINE RELIEF OPERATIONS**  
**IN**  
**INDORE STATE**  
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I have much pleasure in submitting Rai Pitamber Das' interesting report on the Famine Operations in Indore State during 1908. It is a record of good work done in days of distress. A perusal of these pages shows that owing to the preconceived plans and arrangements made, every official engaged in the operations was up to the mark and great success has been achieved at a minimum of cost. Out of the total amount of Rs. 15,00,000 sanctioned by the Council for direct relief, the actual cost on this kind of relief has been Rs. 4,80,276, Rs. 3,50,878 being spent on gratuitous relief alone and balance of Rs. 1,29,398 on miscellaneous works and dearness allowance which, according to the aimed policy of the State, was supplementary to the gratuitous form of relief. This with the irrecoverable cost of indirect relief consisting of remissions of land revenue, namely, Rs. 7,64,983 gives the total actual cost of this famine to the State as Rs. 12,45,259. This result is very satisfactory. The basic principle of Famine Administrations, namely, gratuitous relief, first organized by Mr. Hoare last year in Alampur, has been proved a second time to be a very workable principle on a larger scale.

The question of recovering from the Jagirdars the cost of gratuitous relief doles in Jagir villages, namely, Rs. 11,703, will be separately submitted to the Council.

On the whole, the report reflects great credit on Rai Pitamber Das and his assistants whom he names, and the sincere and respectful thanks of the Durbar are due to the Government of India for the loan of the services of Lieutenant Williams and Lieutenant Griffith, whose services were loaned to the State to supervise the operations. These two Staff Corps officers made careful and searching inspections, and it is gratifying to learn that they were fully satisfied with the Famine Administration. After the Council have seen this report it will be sent to the Resident. The Resident and myself had also inspected the Famine Operations in our tours and found them satisfactory.

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*Council Resolution No. 773, dated the 9th December 1908.*

The Council fully endorse the opinion expressed by the Durbar and desire that the copy of their Report together with that of the Famine Report be forwarded to the Resident at Indore.

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