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Forms for the compilation of Monthly Returns of Vital  
Statistics.

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FORMS FOR THE COMPILATION OF MONTHLY RETURNS OF VITAL  
STATISTICS.

[Nos. 4-5.]

[FILE S.  $\frac{E}{2}$  7.]

No. 999, dated Simla, the 12th June 1909.

From—P. W. MONIE, Esq., Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.,  
To—The Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal, Municipal Department.

I AM directed to forward a copy of a letter from the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, No. 859, dated the 26th April 1909, and of its enclosures, regarding the compilation of monthly returns of vital statistics, and to enquire whether the Government of Bengal have any objection to the adoption of the forms suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner.

No. 859, dated Simla, the 26th April 1909.

From—LIEUT.-COL. J. T. W. LESLIE, M.B., C.I.E., I.M.S., Sanitary Commissioner  
with the Government of India.

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

I HAVE the honour to say that in paragraph 5-II of Home Department Resolution No. 8—285-96(Sanitary), dated the 10th August 1882, the Government of India directed the regular monthly publication of vital statistics, but did not prescribe the form to be used by Local Governments and Administrations in publishing their returns.

2. In paragraph 2 of Home Department Circular No. 48-57Sanitary, dated the 12th January 1909, the Home Department has enquired whether the monthly returns in question cannot be forwarded to me at an earlier date than heretofore, in order that I may be earlier informed regarding the extent and progress of epidemic diseases in the country. The fact that the returns are not prepared on a uniform plan renders comparison and check difficult and tedious. Moreover, I have recently been asked whether a uniform return cannot be prescribed in order to render the statistics of the several Provinces more readily comparable.

3. I beg to submit two forms which I am of opinion might be adopted by all Provinces for their monthly return of vital statistics (1) in districts, and (2) in towns, in which provision is made for brief remarks by the compiling authority in respect of noticeable points in the statistics of the month. The information required by the forms should be the minimum supplied, but there need be no objection to any addition to the form for provincial purposes, provided the general arrangement is not altered.

4. If there is no objection, I beg to suggest that all Local Governments and Administrations may be invited to adopt the form suggested, with effect from as early a date as possible.



Brief remarks by compiling authority as to any noticeable

Date 21 AUG 1971

*Vital Statistics of the districts, excluding towns*

Brief remarks by compiling authority as to any noticeable

Date \_\_\_\_\_



of

Town.

points in the returns for the month.

*Signature (of compiling authority).*

of

District.

points in the returns for the months.

*Signature (of compiling authority).*



[No. 6.]

[FILE S.  $\frac{E}{2}$  8.]

No. 990San.

COPY of the above, together with its enclosures, forwarded to the Sanitary Commissioner, Bengal, for favour of an early report, with reference to the correspondence ending with Government order No. 481San., dated the 1st March 1909.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. WHEELER,

*Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.*

CALCUTTA ;

MUNPL. DEPT.—*Sanitation,*

*The 24th June 1909.*

[No. 7.]

[FILE S.  $\frac{E}{2}$  9.]

No. 4027, dated Calcutta, the 9th July 1909.

From—LIEUT.-COL. F. C. CLARKSON, I.M.S., Sanitary Commissioner, Bengal,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Municipal Department.

IN reply to Government order No. 990San., dated the 24th ultimo, I have the honour to say that there is no objection to the adoption of the return forms proposed by the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India in connection with the publication of provincial vital statistics, except that as it involves some additional work, chiefly in consequence of the supply of statistics for every town in this Province, in all 129, instead of only 33 principal towns as is done at present, a further delay in the preparation of the required statements both for publication in the *Calcutta Gazette* and submission to the Sanitary Commissioner, India, is apprehended.

[No. 8.]

[FILE S.  $\frac{E}{2}$  10.]

No. 1270San., dated Calcutta, the 9th August 1909.

From—H. WHEELER, Esq., I.C.S., Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal, Munpl. Dept.,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

WITH reference to Mr. Monie's letter No. 999, dated the 12th June 1909 I am directed to say that this Government has no objection to the adoption of the forms suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India in connection with the compilation of the monthly returns of vital statistics.

2. With reference to the statistics which are required in the case of towns, some definition of a town would appear to be required. Figures are at present only compiled in this Province for towns containing a population of 20,000 and upwards; and, in order to avoid undue elaboration in the returns with the consequent delay in their compilation and submission, it is not desirable that this limit of size should be materially lowered.



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K.-W.—A PROCEEDINGS FOR AUGUST 1909, Nos. 4—8.

*Forms for the compilation of Monthly Returns of Vital Statistics.*

(4-5) Letter from the Government of India, Home Department, No. 999, dated the 12th June 1909.

FORWARD a copy of a letter from the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India regarding the compilation of monthly returns of vital statistics, and inquire whether this Government has any objection to the adoption of the forms suggested by him.

The form for compilation of vital statistics now in use is that prescribed in Government order No. 629T.—M., dated the 21st September 1892. It includes figures for rural areas as well as towns, while separate statements are now suggested for these. A copy of the present communication with its enclosures may be sent to the Sanitary Commissioner, Bengal, for favour of a report, with reference to the correspondence ending with Government order No. 481San., dated the 1st March 1909.

(Draft memorandum put up for approval in anticipation of orders.)

C. C. G.—21-6-1909.

H. WHEELER—22-6-1909.

(6) To the Sanitary Commissioner, Bengal, No. 990San., dated the 24th June 1909.

(7) From the Sanitary Commissioner, Bengal, No. 4027, dated the 9th July 1909.

THE Sanitary Commissioner says there is no objection to the adoption of the proposed forms of the return of vital statistics; but he apprehends that, as it involves additional work, there might be delay in the preparation of the statements both for publication and submission to the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India.

In reply to their letter No. 999, dated the 12th June 1909, the Government of India may, perhaps, be informed that there is no objection to the adoption of the proposed forms, and the cause of delay apprehended by the Sanitary Commissioner in the preparation of the statements may be explained.

P. N. S.—29-7-1909.

E. H. P.—29-7-1909.

WHAT is defined to be a town? Where is it said that statistics are required for all towns?

2. Apart from the above point, please note how, if at all, the forms differ from what we submit at present.

H. WHEELER—30-4-1909.

THE definition of "town" is nowhere given.

In their Resolution No. 284—96-8, dated the 10th August 1882 (paragraph 5), the Government of India issued instructions that "In addition to the statements of deaths by districts, and for each Province as a whole, separate weekly statements of deaths in the larger Municipalities should also be published." In accordance with those orders weekly statements of vital statistics in certain towns only were published. A sample of the kind of list published and the towns then included in it is put up. Owing to the delay in publishing the statistics, due apparently to the elaborate forms in use, revised orders were issued to the Sanitary Commissioner in Government order No. 629T.—M., dated the 21st September 1892, simplifying the forms of return, and restricting the towns for which statements should be given to those with population of 30,000 and over.

The statement now published gives statistics for towns with a population of 20,000 and over, for which there appears to be no authority.

It has been ascertained from the Sanitary Commissioner's office that the reasons why "all towns" are not mentioned, is that no reference is made to population in the communication from India, and consequently it has been concluded that the statistics for all towns should be given as in annual Form VI appended to the Sanitary Report.

2. The proposed forms differ from those now in use in the following respects:—

Under the heading "Population" columns showing male and female separately have been added.

Under "Births registered" the "number still-born" is to be shown in a separate column.



Under the heading of "Total deaths," separate columns for males and females are added; and instead of the *average* of the corresponding previous five years, the *total* for that period is to be shown.

In the District Statement separate columns for the divisional totals and totals of the corresponding month of the previous year have been added.

E. H. P.—4-8-1909.

HIS HONOUR—

The draft explaining the proposal is for approval. The differences between the old and new forms are explained in paragraph 2 of the office note above. They constitute some slight elaboration, but the Provincial Sanitary Commissioner accepts them, and we need not object.

2. Colonel Clarkson seems to apprehend that we are in future to be asked for statistics of all towns. I doubt this, and in the draft have suggested the observance of the present limit of 20,000 population.

H. WHEELER—5-8-1909.

E. N. B[AKER].—6-8-1909.

(8) To the Government of India, Home Department, No. 1270San., dated 9th August 1909.

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REFERENCE TO LATER CASES.

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