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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O., No. 163, Educational, dated 6th March 1908.

ABSTRACT.—Informing the Director of Public Instruction that the Government will sanction a grant-in-aid to the Young Women's Christian Association towards the cost of improvements to the Association buildings, provided the Association comply with all the conditions laid down in the Grant-in-Aid Code.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 28th May 1908.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 5133.

I have the honour to resubmit the application of the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras, for building grants. After some preliminary correspondence regarding the eligibility of the association for Educational grants-in-aid, I was informed in G.O., No. 163, Educational, dated 6th March 1908, that a grant would be sanctioned provided that the association complied with all the conditions prescribed in the Grant-in-Aid Code for such grants and I was asked to scrutinize the proposed improvements and submit to Government application for such grant as I may consider suitable.

2. I infer from this order that the view taken in my letter Cur. No. 5133, dated 5th October 1907, that the application can only be considered under the Grant-in-Aid Code and that the Code of Regulations for European Schools is not applicable even in the case of the hostel for European students, has been accepted by Government and I shall, therefore, deal with the application only with reference to the Grant-in-Aid Code.

3. In her original application submitted with my Cur. No. 5133, dated 5th October 1907, the Secretary asked for a grant on a total expenditure of Rs. 86,000. Of this expenditure, the major portion relates (a) to the already completed purchase of a site and buildings for the association, (b) to the proposed building for the accommodation of an educational institute—an organization of special classes in certain technical subjects—general lectures, social gatherings, etc. For neither of these two objects is a grant allowable under the Grant-in-Aid Code. Under article 51 (ii), the purchase of the site, etc., prior to consultation or receipt of sanction makes a grant inadmissible. The reasons given by the Secretary for the previous purchase seem to me inadequate. In G.O., No. 857, Educational, dated 15th December 1905, a grant of Rs. 5,000 under 32-A. Miscellaneous charities was given towards the expenses of the Young Women's Christian Association and the attention of the Secretary was explicitly drawn to the provisions of the Code as regulating future applications for grant. The educational institute has not yet been recognized

by the department and it seems to be very doubtful whether it can secure recognition in its present shape. Taking into consideration the grant already given and the claims of other institutions on very limited funds, I cannot recommend any exemption from the provisions of the Code in regard to the application for aid towards expenditure on these two objects.

4. It remains, therefore, to consider the application for grants in aid of the extension and improvement of the two already existing hostels for Indian and European students, involving a total cost of Rs. 3,600 (European) and Rs. 7,500 (Indian). In regard to the association's readiness and ability to comply with the general conditions of the Grant-in-Aid Code, I would draw the attention of Government to the letter from the Secretary, dated 1st February 1908, and to my remarks on this letter contained in my endorsement N. Ref. on Cur. No. 5133, dated 10th February 1908. I consider that, with the assurances given by the Secretary and on the conditions that I shall specify below a grant may legitimately be given under the Code for building work in connection with both these hostels. From information which I have myself obtained from Principals of certain representative Government and recognized private educational institutions, I understand that there is a real need for a suitable hostel for European students—that there is at present no such hostel definitely intended for such students irrespective of creed. The Roman Catholic Convent schools take a few students as boarders but I think such arrangements can hardly be said to amount to a European student hostel. There is also a real need, though to a far smaller extent, for a hostel for Indian students. The need is smaller because the time has not yet come for Indian caste female students to reside in large numbers in hostels that pay no regard to creed or caste. It is mainly Native Christians who will use such a hostel—for these the respective missions to which they are attached sometimes make suitable provision. There is in the neighbourhood of the Young Women's Christian Association a Boarding department attached to the London Mission Girls' High school, which is intended to provide for students of any recognized institutions as well as for pupils of the Mission High school. I am now considering an application for building grant on behalf of this Boarding department. Despite what I have said above, I am not inclined to reject altogether an application for aid on behalf of the Young Women's Christian Association Indian hostel. It seems to me desirable that practical sympathy should be shown to all reasonable attempts to induce Indian female students to reside in properly appointed hostels. From enquiries which I have made, I anticipate no unhealthy rivalry between the Young Women's Christian Association hostel and the London Mission Boarding department or indeed that of any other mission. The Young Women's Christian Association charges higher rates than the London Mission and appeals, I believe, to a different class of student.

5. In regard to the amount of grant recommended for the hostels, I have scrutinized the plans and make the following remarks. The present building of the European hostel, which is a large bungalow originally built for European residents, accommodates 16 students. There are from time to time other residents, whether permanent or temporary, but the Secretary is prepared to limit residence to students only. I am informed by an officer of the department who has visited the place that all the available space is fully occupied. The association proposes to provide accommodation for about 32 students and for this purpose, plans have been drawn out for the addition of rooms on the upper floor and for certain alterations of the existing internal structure. From enquiries made, I have ascertained that quite 35 European students as a rule will be in need of such accommodation. The average number actually accommodated by the association in recent years has been just short of 16. The total accommodation which it is proposed to provide would, it is true, be enough for more than 32 students if only the minimum space demanded by the Grant-in-Aid Code were insisted on. But the Grant-in-Aid Code was framed with reference to the needs of Indian students. Taking into consideration the above facts and the expenditure already incurred on purchase of the bungalow, I think that the full third grant (Rs. 1,200) on the proposed expenditure of Rs. 3,600, if approved by the Engineer, may reasonably be given. In the existing Indian hostel, eight students are at present accommodated, and the average number in recent years falls just short of this. The Secretary proposes to accommodate 16 students in addition

to Superintendent in the extended building. According to the minimum prescribed by the Code, more than 16 could well be accommodated, and the Secretary is ready to take as many as 20 or 25 if there should be such a demand. In accordance with what I said above in paragraph 4 and from enquiries made, I believe, that the number of students seeking accommodation in this hostel at the rates charged—which, though varying according to circumstances, are at their lowest, high—will rarely amount to 16 and will, as a rule, not exceed 8. I am, therefore, of opinion that a less ambitious building would suit the educational needs quite as well. Taking into consideration the above facts and the expenditure on other hostels built at Government expense or with Government aid and on the other hand the expenditure already incurred on the existing building, I think that a grant of Rs. 2,000 on the proposed expenditure of Rs. 7,500 will meet the circumstances of the case.

6. The proposed grant of Rs. 1,200 *plus* Rs. 2,000 (Rs. 3,200) may be made payable in 1909–1910 or when funds become available subject to the following conditions in addition to those prescribed in the Code:—

(a) The rules of both hostels including regulations regarding rent and boarding charges must be subject to the Director's approval. I may say here that the present rules and arrangements for supervision seem to me satisfactory and there is every appearance that an attempt is being made to make the students pay for their privileges.

(b) Students of recognized institutions who ask for admission and are eligible for it shall have priority of claim to all other applicants. After students the claims of teachers of recognized institutions may be considered.

(c) No student shall be admitted without the written consent of the Principal of the institution in which she is studying. There shall be hostel committees in which the institutions from which the students mainly come shall be adequately represented.

I enclose the plans and estimates and the original application returned by Government on 3rd April 1908.

III

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 18th July 1908.

The designs and estimates have been scrutinized and certain necessary alterations proposed; but scrutiny cannot be completed without the following information:—

(1) Detailed estimate for the Young Women's Christian Association Institute—only an abstract estimate has been received.

(2) *European Hostel*.—Sections on C.—C. and D.—D. as marked on the tracing. The positions of verandah posts should also be marked on the plans.

(3) Scantlings of the existing terraced roof which it is proposed to convert into a floor should be marked on the plan and their conditions reported.

Order—No. 577, Educational, dated 5th August 1908.

The Government will be prepared to sanction under article 51 of the Grant-in-Aid Code a grant not exceeding Rs. 3,200 or one-third of the cost of the improvement and extension of the hostels for Indian and European students attached to the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras, whichever is less, provided that the estimates for the work are revised in accordance with the suggestions contained in the Chief Engineer's note read above. The estimates when revised should be submitted for further scrutiny. The payment of the grant, which will be made when and as funds become available, will be subject to the usual conditions prescribed in the Grant-in-Aid Code as well as to the following further conditions, namely—

(1) The rules of the hostels, including regulations regarding rent and boarding charges, should be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Instruction.

(2) Students of recognized institutions who ask for admission and are eligible for it, should have priority of claim to all other applicants. After students, the claims of teachers of recognized institutions must be considered.

(3) No student should be admitted without the written consent of the Principal of the institution in which she is studying.

(4) There should be hostel committees on which the institutions from which the students mainly come are adequately represented.

2. The Government regret that no grant can be sanctioned under the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code towards the cost of purchasing the site and buildings of the association or for the construction of buildings for the proposed educational institute.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction, with plans, estimates and the original application.
.. Financial Department (with copy of His Excellency's note).

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 577, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 5TH AUGUST 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Grant-in-aid on behalf of the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras.*]

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From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 28th May 1908, No. 5133.

Please see the notes and orders with G.O., No. 163, Educational, dated 6th March 1908. In that order the Director of Public Instruction was informed that a grant would be sanctioned towards the cost of the improvements to the buildings of the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras, provided that the Association complied with all the conditions prescribed in the Grant-in-Aid Code for such grants; and he was asked to scrutinize the improvements and to submit to Government an application for such grant as he considered suitable.

2. The Director of Public Instruction now resubmits the application of the Association, together with the plans and estimates. The Association applies for a grant on a total expenditure of Rs. 86,000 on the following objects, namely:—

(1) Purchase of site and buildings for the Association;

(2) Construction of buildings for the Educational Institute; and

(3) Extension and improvement of the hostels for Indian and European women students and teachers.

Vide pages 11 and 12 and also paragraph 3 of Director of Public Instruction's letter.

The major portion of the sum of Rs. 86,000 is stated to have already been expended on items (1) and (2) specified above. As regards item (1), Dr. Bourne points out that under article 51 (ii) of the Grant-in-Aid Code the purchase of a site without previous consultation and sanction makes a grant inadmissible and that the reasons assigned by the Secretary of the Association for non-compliance with this rule are inadequate. With regard to the Educational Institute, Dr. Bourne states that this institution has not been recognized by the Educational Department and considers that it is very doubtful whether it can secure recognition in its present shape. Having regard to the grants already given and to the claims of other institutions on the very limited funds, Dr. Bourne says he "cannot recommend any exemption from the Code in regard to the application for aid on these two objects."

Ibid.

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3. Attention is solicited to the Secretary's note, dated 4th November 1907, on pages 5 and 6 of the notes connected with G.O., No. 163, Educational, dated 6th March 1908, from which it is observed that it was held that if any grant was to be given from Educational funds to this institution it should be given "only in respect of new buildings, if any, to be constructed specifically for the purpose of a hostel, to be used exclusively, under rules approved by Government and by young women attending recognized educational institutions." Please see also the Hon'ble Mr. Bradley's note, dated 27th February 1908, on page 10 of the notes connected with G.O., No. 163, Educational, dated 6th March 1908.

4. The question now reduces itself as to what grant may be given towards the extension and improvement of the two already existing hostels for Indian and European students involving a total expenditure of Rs. 11,100 (Rs. 7,500 for the Indian hostel and Rs. 3,600 for the European hostel). Dr. Bourne states that from enquiries made by him, he understands that there is a need for a suitable hostel for European as well as Indian female students, and that the boarding department attached to the London Mission Girls' High School, which is in the neighbourhood of the Young Women's Christian Association, is not likely to be prejudicially affected by the hostels attached to the association.

Ibid.

5. Dr. Bourne recommends that for the reasons explained in paragraph 5 of his letter, a grant of Rs. 2,000 for the Indian hostel and of Rs. 1,200 for the European hostel may be sanctioned, payable in 1909-1910 or when funds become available, subject to the following conditions in addition to those mentioned in the Code, namely,—

(a) The rules of both hostels including regulations regarding rent and boarding charges must be subject to the Director's approval.

(b) Students of recognized institutions who ask for admission and are eligible for it shall have priority of claim to all other applicants. After students, the claims of teachers of recognized institutions may be considered.

(c) No student shall be admitted without the written consent of the Principal of the institution in which she is studying. There shall be hostel committees in which the institutions from which the students mainly came shall be adequately represented.

6. Under article 51 of the Grant-in-Aid Code, the maximum grant admissible is one-third of the total cost. The proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to make a grant of Rs. 3,200 * in the aggregate towards the improvement of the two hostels appears to be acceptable, but before sanctioning the grant, the plans and estimates may, it is submitted, be forwarded u.o. to the Public Works Department for scrutiny.

H. D. TAYLOR.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—12-6-08.

Yes. Will Public Works Department please treat this as specially urgent.

H. D. TAYLOR—20-6-08.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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P. HAWKINS—18-7-08.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The estimates * as revised by Consulting Architect amount to Rs. 7,193 for the native hostel and Rs. 3,435 for the European hostel—total Rs. 10,628, against the original estimates of Rs. 7,500 + Rs. 3,600—total Rs. 11,100. Further saving is anticipated. A maximum grant approximating to one-third may be given under the Grant-in-Aid Code against Rs. 3,200 proposed by the Director of Public Instruction, subject to the conditions specified by him; before the grant can be made, however, the final revision of the estimates must be awaited.

* These estimates, however, seem to require further revision with reference to the Public Works Department note *supra*.

H. D. TAYLOR.

2. It does not appear that any grant can properly be given from Educational funds towards the purchase of a site and buildings for the Young Women's Christian Association or for the proposed Institute, and, if this view is accepted there is no need for Public Works Department to scrutinize the estimates in respect of the institute.

If any grant is to be made for the general purposes of the association, it should be given from *general* and not from Educational funds. The file is circulated now as His Excellency has asked to see the papers.

H. D. TAYLOR—20-7-08.

I would accept Dr. Bourne's proposals.

M. H[AMMICK]—21-7-08.

I readily agree to this grant from the Educational vote. I am afraid that Miss Hill will be much disappointed at receiving so small a grant. I am very much impressed by the excellence of the work done by the Young Women's Christian Association in Madras and I should be very glad if my Honourable Colleagues would agree to make a grant from Provincial funds of Rs. 10,000 to the general funds of the institution.

A. L[AWLEY]—24-7-08.

Draft please.

Copy of His Excellency's note will be transferred to the Financial Department for further action.

H. D. TAYLOR—25-7-08.

The draft order placed below is for approval. It may be sent to Financial for acceptance.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—27-7-08.

C. A. SOUTER—27-7-08.

It does not appear necessary that this order should be accepted in Financial. It relates merely to a grant from the provision in the Educational Budget, as funds become available, under the Grant-in-aid Code.

Financial may, however, see with reference to the concluding portion of His Excellency's note *supra*, which will be separately remitted to the Financial Department for consideration.

H. D. TAYLOR—28-7-08.

To the Financial Department.

No. 577, EDUCATIONAL, 5TH AUGUST 1908.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Attention is solicited to the notes in linked case with reference to a *general* grant-in-aid to the Association.

A.H.—29-7-08.

T.H.R.—29-7-08.

Orders on the linked file will issue separately in Financial.

The draft may issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—5-8-08.

Shown to His Excellency the Governor on 8th August 1908.

H. D. TAYLOR—8-8-08.

[G.O., No. 577, Educational, dated 5th August 1908.]

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EDUCATIONAL
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Resubmitting with remarks an application for a grant in aid of the cost of constructing a hostel attached to the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras.

ENCLOSURES.

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Station M a d r a s , Dated the 28th M a y 1908

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. A.G. Bourne, D.Sc., F.R.S.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
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2. I infer from this order that the view taken in my letter Cur No. 5133/07 dated 5th October 1907, that the application can only be considered under the Grant-in-Aid Code and that the Code of Regulations for European Schools is not applicable even in the case of the Hostel for European students, has

This is correct.

Please see para.

2 of the Secretary's

note of 10-5-08

TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

Date, _____ 190 .

_____ Hours _____ Minutes.

From

Personal Asst
to S.D.I.

To

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Your message of the 29th

Y. W. C. A. is stated to have
been registered as No. 7 of 1904-05
under Act XXV 1860.

CM
31.10.07

[Signature]

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.
LEGISLATIVE

For the ^{Under} Assistant Secretary.

SUBMITTED that the Public Works department
may be asked when a reply to the unofficial reference noted below *
may be expected.

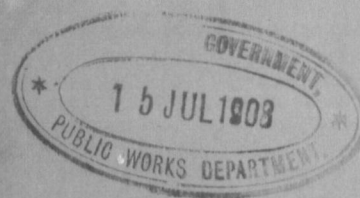
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To

THE Public Works department.



* U. O. No. 1247-1 R, DATED 22-6-1908.

Resubmitting the application for a grant in aid of constructing
the hostel attached to the Y. W. C. A.

P. W. U. O. R No. 873
Dated 16-7-08

REMINDERS ALREADY SENT.

File sent to CA today for
Completing Sending.
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Sho.

Apparently we have received from SSM a file requiring check of SSM for the Y. M. C. A. H. & wishes the file be disposed of quickly and to see the papers -

16/7

W.

The estimates were rec'd from CA with Trench this afternoon.

The design (sculpture) is very faulty & requires a lot of alterations.

Many of the sculptures are not dimensioned & column cross sections are wanting. The detailed columns has not been rec'd.

CA has been asked to put in dimensions & make the alterations required, also rec'd the columns, treating the matter as specially urgent. This will be given those calling for further papers on inspection & column in correspondence. The alterations will probably result in a saving.

Spent



K. & Co. Educational

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Read

Again G.O.No.163, dated 6-3-1908.

Also C.No.1247, from the D.P.I., No.5133, dated 28-5-07.

Chief Engineer's note dated 18th July 1908

on pp. 506 &
note file

ORDER: No. 577, dt 5-8-1908
P.S.

[Signature]
A. V. S. D.

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2. The Government regret that under the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code no grant can be sanctioned towards the cost of purchasing the site and buildings of the Association or for the construction of buildings for the ^{proposed} Educational Institute.

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5 AUG 1908

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To the D.P.I. [✓]
with plans, estimates & the original application.
" Financial Department
(with copy of H.E.'s note).
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9.8.08