

Educational (191 /) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Victoria College, Palghat —Sanctioning a grant of Rs 3000 in aid
of the — for the year 1910-11.

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Local and Municipal Department.

C.No.108 M, From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Palghat, No.231, d/21-12-10
 " 286 M " Director of Public Instruction. " 1211, d/18-1-11
 " 294 M " Surgeon General. " 29 Bud/46, d/17-1-11
 " 364 M. " Sanitary Commissioner, No.322/S, dated 19-1-11.

Subject.

Budget Estimate of the Palghat Municipality for 1911-1912.

In the revised estimate, for the current year, the Council has taken credit for a Government grant of Rs.3,000 on account of the Victoria College without the previous sanction of Government. The Chairman however raised the question of a grant in November last, but it was stated that it would be considered when the Council's revised estimate for the current year was received. Please see para: 2 of G.O.No.2050 M, dated 22nd December 1910 and the notes connected with it. If no account is taken of the grant of Rs.3,000 for which the Council has taken credit, the net expenditure ~~and~~ on education will be 24.7 per cent of the income from taxation against the general average of 11.4 per cent for all municipalities for 1909-1910, and the closing balance will be 9 per cent of the estimated ordinary receipts, against the prescribed minimum of 10 per cent.

2. The Director suggests that, if Government are inclined to consider the question of a contribution favourably with reference to para:2 of G.O.No.2050 M, dated 22nd December 1910, the provision of Rs.1690 for teaching grants repeated

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repeated in the Revised estimate may be omitted and that the relief afforded from payment of teaching grants may be taken into account in fixing the amount of contribution from Provincial funds. It is for consideration whether his recommendation may be accepted and the Council relieved of its responsibility for the payment of teaching grants. If this is done, and if the Government grant for which credit has been taken less the amount of the teaching grants be allowed to stand, the net expenditure on education will be reduced from 24.7 — to

The payment from Provincial funds of the teaching grants provided by the Council seems to be all that is necessary. The Council has ample funds.

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17.8 per cent. Submitted that in view of this high percentage, the Council may, with the concurrence of the Educational and the Financial Departments, be relieved of the responsibility for the payment of teaching grants and a grant of Rs.1,310 be given to the Council on account of Education. The amount will have to be met from the grant under 22- Education.

3. The credit taken for a similar grant of Rs.3,000 in the budget for 1911-1912 may be struck out and the question of a grant for that year may be considered when the revised estimate for that year is received.

4. The budget as revised with reference to para: 2 above, closes with a balance of Rs.5,650 or 7 per cent of the estimated ordinary receipts.

Rs.4,560

5.6 per cent.

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K.K.M.
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If approved the draft may be forwarded to Educational for acceptance.

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The question of the grant of Rs.3,000 seems very complicated ; will office please note on the previous history.

G.F.P.

11-2-11.

In 1908, the Municipal Council of Palghat submitted proposals for the reorganization of the Victoria College consistently with the new regulations of the Madras University. The proposals were approved in G.O.No.1541 M, dated 16th September 1908 and it was directed that the revised scale of salaries should be brought ^{into} force from 1st January 1909. As the revision involved an additional recurring expenditure of Rs.5,300 per annum, against the average annual surplus of Rs.1,500 till then in the receipts of the College, over the charges, the Government directed that the rate of fees levied in the several classes should be enhanced so as to make the college self-supporting.

2. The Council was averse to increasing the rate of fees and applied for an annual contribution of Rs.4,000 from Provincial funds to meet the increased expenditure of the college. In doing so, it pointed out that Government sanctioned in 1887 the raising of the Palghat high school to the status of a second grade college on condition that they would undertake to bear the net cost of the college department and this system continued till 1891, when the net charge was converted into salary grants, which were being paid from Provincial funds till 1905, when the payment was discontinued, as the college

x This was formerly a Government high school transferred to the Council in 1884.

Please see para- 4 infra about this.

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was found self-supporting. As the College could not be self-supporting if the reorganization were given effect to, the Council thought it had a claim for the restoration of the grant which was discontinued.

3. The net cost of the College was estimated at Rs.3,800. The Council was told that the Government recognized that it might not be possible to raise fees at once to the extent necessary to cover the net cost, and if fees were raised by Rs.3 per term in the College classes they would be prepared to make in 1909-10 a grant not exceeding Rs.3,000 towards meeting the excess of charges over receipts. After a good deal of hesitation the Council raised the fees and the grant of Rs.3,000 promised was sanctioned in G.O.No.508 Educational, dated 4th September 1909.

4. In September 1909, the Council came up again with the request that effect should be given to the reorganization from 1st October 1909 and the grant of Rs.3,000 should be continued annually. In this connection also the Chairman pointed out that Government originally undertook to bear the net cost of the College department. It was noted by the office as follows:-

"It does not seem however that the Chairman has put the case correctly in the respect.
 "In 1887, the Council proposed to raise the old high school to a second grade College. As, formerly, the Government were paying the net cost of the high school, the Government sanctioned

"sanctioned the Council's proposal on the condition that they would thereafter pay only the net cost of the College department. This has however been subsequently given up in favour of the ordinary salary grants under the grant in aid code then in force, as that was more advantageous to the Council. In this way salary grants were paid to the College and high school departments since 1891, but the Director did not strictly enforce the conditions of rule 32 of the grant-in-Code then in force, till 1905-06 when the grants dwindled down to rather insignificant amounts. From 1906-07, the institution was taken out of the operation of the Code altogether and no grant was thereafter really payable. Having voluntarily given up the net cost arrangement, the Council cannot now bring it forward as an argument for payment of any grant which is no longer claimable". This was pointed out to the Council. It was also told that effect could not be given to the reorganization until the finances of the College were placed on sounder basis and that the continuance of the grant of Rs.3,000 sanctioned (for 1909-10) could not be guaranteed.

4. The question of giving effect to the reorganization or the revised scale of salaries has again and again been brought up by the Council and it was finally decided that effect should be given to the new scale of salaries from 1st January 1911. The Chairman also raised the question of the payment of a grant of Rs.3,000 in the current year, this was held over for consideration in connection with the Council's revised budget for the current year.

Please put up G.O.No.521 M, of 8th April 1891 also G.O.No.356 Educational, 21-5-1906.

G.O.No.521 M, dated 8th April 1891 &, G.O.No.356 Educational, dated 21st May 1906, are submitted herewith.

K.K.M.

P.T.T.
15-2-11.

Submitted to

I think the College should get its Rs.3,000. They have reorganized the College and have raised the fees and requested. It is true that the Municipality asked (at the suggestion of the Director of Public Instruction) to have the system by which the real cost of the College was paid by Government charged but they had of course no idea that the system of grants was to be paid.

I do not approve of the proposal of relieving the Council of the payment of teaching grants. The College is just going to be taken over by Government and it would be unwise to give a trial to the Municipality that we are likely to relieve them of the payment of teaching grants in future years.

Please put up a draft granting the Rs.3,000 for the College to be sent u.o. to Educational.

G.F.P.
15-2-11.

D.S.

A draft is submitted for approval.

Educational will no
doubt see whether Finan-
cial should accept be-
fore issue.

It may be forwarded to Educational for acceptance
and issue. Should not the Secretary see it
before it goes to Educational. We do not ge-
nerally give any grants of the kind to munici-
palities unless they are absolutely required.

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16-2-11.

2. With reference to the Deputy Secre-
tary's remark at A on page 9 supra it is submit-
ted that it does not seem advisable to over rule
through the Director of Public Instruction in
a matter of this kind. The question whether a
municipal council should be relieved of teaching
grants is considered each year on its merits and
that Government will not commit themselves if
they afford this relief in any particular year.
The relief depends on whether a council spends
enough on education and whether it cannot afford
to provide for teaching grants from its own funds
and is given after careful examination of the
position at the time.

P.T.T.
16-2-11.

Educational u.o. for acceptance and issue.

G.F.P.
17-2-11.

C.No.108 M., from the C.M.C. Palghat, No.231, dated 21st December 1910.
 " 286 M., " D.P.I. 1211 " 18th January 1911.
 " 294 M., " Surgeon-General 29/46 " 17th January 1911.
 " 364 M., " Sanitary Commissioner 322/S " 19th January 1911.

Subject.

Budget estimate of the Palghat Municipality
 for 1911-1912.

The position is as follows:-

In his letter No.195, dated 9th November 1910, the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Palghat, applied for a grant from Provincial funds of Rs.3,000 in the current year towards the additional cost involved by the reorganization of the staff of the Victoria College. The Government said that the question of the grant applied for would be considered when the council's revised estimate for the current year was received.

2. In the revised estimate for the current year and in the budget estimate for 1911-12 now submitted, the council has taken credit for a grant of Rs.3,000 from Provincial funds. If the question of the grant is to be favourably considered, the Director of Public Instruction suggests that the provision of Rs.1,690 which is repeated in the revised estimate of the Municipal Council for the payment of teaching grants to elementary schools in the Municipality may be omitted and that the relief which will thus be afforded to the Municipal Council may be taken into account in fixing the amount of grant to be paid from Provincial funds for the current year and the next.

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 No.2050 M.
 22-12-10.

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3. The Local and Municipal Department does not approve of the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to relieve the Municipality from the payment of teaching grants, but proposes to give the Municipality a grant of Rs.3,000 for the current year towards the additional cost involved by the reorganization of the staff of the college and to promise no grant for the next year.

4. The Council appears to be already spending on education a proportionately large amount of its income from taxation. From the Local and Municipal Department note on pages 1 and 2 supra it appears that if the proposed contribution of Rs.3,000 is not paid, the Municipal Council will be spending on education 24.7 per cent of its income from taxation against a general average of 11.4 per cent. for all municipalities in 1909-1910 and that if the proposed contribution is paid the Municipal Council will be still spending on education 17.8 per cent of its income from taxation. In these circumstances, this department may agree to the proposal of the Local and Municipal Department to sanction a grant of Rs.3,000 to the Municipality in 1900-1911 and the draft order may issue in Educational.

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5. The grant, if sanctioned, will be met from the provision of Rs.16,000 - Payment in support of Municipal Schools - under 22 E. Education Education Government schools - General. As the grant is to be paid from the amount specially set apart for the purpose in the Educational budget the acceptance of the Financial Department is not necessary; but as the previous order in G.O.No.2050 M., dated 22nd December 1910, was

accepted

accepted in Financial, the draft order in this case also may be sent to that Department for acceptance.

T.K.
28-2-11.

K.R.
1-3-11.

Financial u.o. for acceptance.

G.F.P.
1-3-11.

Financial Department.

The Educational Draft order may be accepted.
in Financial.

2. With regard to portion marked M in para 5 of Educational Department note dated 28th February 1911 on page 2 ante, attention is solicited to rule 7(vii) of the Inter-Departmental Reference rules under which the payment present proposal to make the grant of Rs.3,000 to the Victoria College, Palghat, should apparently come to Financial for acceptance. The lump provision of Rs.16,000 in the Budget estimate referred to in paragraph 5 on page 12 ante is only general and not for any specific item and grants out of that provision are not usually given to Municipalities unless they are absolutely required. In other words the grants will have to be determined in each individual case on its own merits, such as financial position. The lump provision of Rs.16,000 above referred to is, in fact, similar to the lump provision made every year in the Budget Estimate under "32 D Miscellaneous - Contribution in aid of Municipal balances" the distribution of which among municipalities is made in the course of the year

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year always in consultation with Financial Department which sees that the grants are disbursed in individual cases where they are absolutely required.

On the same analogy the present case of the grant to the Victoria College, Palghat, should, it is submitted, come to Financial for acceptance, as it is made mainly on a consideration of the financial position of the Municipality. It is, however, unnecessary to consult Financial in cases where grants are made by Departments of Secretariat in accordance with Code rules. Please see note under rule 7(v) of the Inter-Departmental Reference Rules.

T.H.R.
15-3-11.

This case has rightly come to Financial.
The draft may be accepted.

C.R.
15-3-11.

To H.A.S.
The Educational Department, u.o. 16-3-11.

Educational Department.

The draft order has been accepted by the Financial Department. It may now issue and the connected file returned to the Local and Municipal Department.

T.K.
18-3-11.

K.R.
18-3-11.

Issue and return^x to Local and Municipal Department.

G.F.P.
18-3-11.

* Returned
21.3.11

Go. No 157 uis, dated 18.3.11

G. O. No. 2050 M., dated 22nd December 1910.

C. No. 108 M., from the C. M. C. Palghat, No. 231, dated 21st December 1910.

ORDER:- No 157 of 18. 3. 11
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With reference to paragraph 2 of G. O. No. 2050 M., dated 22nd December 1910, the Government are pleased to sanction a grant of Rs. 3,000/- in aid of the Victoria College, Palghat, for the year 1910-11.

2. The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to arrange for its payment from the funds at his disposal and the Chairman to draw the amount before the close of the year and report the fact to Government.

J. K. M.
16.2.11

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To the C. M. C. Palghat.
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" " Director of Public Instruction.
" " Accountant General.
" " Financial Department.
" " L & M. Department.

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