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READ—the following papers:—

I

G.O., No. 655, Educational, dated 16th November 1910.

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning a building grant of Rs. 10,000 towards the cost of extending the school and boarding premises of the St. Joseph's European Boarding Institution, Coonoor.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., F.R.H.S., Acting Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 26th May 1911.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 7087/1909.

In this office letter, R.C. No. 7087/09, dated 13th August 1910, a half grant on the revised estimate that might be approved by the Chief Engineer was recommended towards the cost of extending the school and boarding premises of the St. Joseph's European Boarding Institution, Coonoor. The estimate as revised by the Chief Engineer amounted to Rs. 25,700 and Government, in G.O., No. 655, Educational, dated 16th November 1910, sanctioned a maximum grant of Rs. 10,000. The correspondent now applies for a supplemental grant of Rs. 2,850 which is half of the difference between (Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 25,700) the original and the revised estimate. I have the honour to submit the question for the orders of Government.

Order—No. 374, Educational, dated 15th June 1911.

Having regard to the demands on the funds at their disposal for the payment of building grants to aided schools, the Government have found it necessary to lay down a maximum limit to the amount of such grants. The maximum limit so decided upon some years ago is Rs. 10,000 and the Government regret that they are unable to sanction a larger amount in the case of the St. Joseph's European Boarding Institution, Coonoor.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 374, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
15TH JUNE 1911.

[SUBJECT.—Application for an enhanced grant to the St. Joseph's European Boarding institution, Coonoor.]

Previous papers:

G.O., No. 85, Educational, dated 15th February 1905.
" " 543 " " 16th July 1908.
" " 4 " " 6th January 1910.
" " 655 " " 16th November "

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 26th May 1911, No. 7087.

Under article 57 of the Code of Regulations for European schools building grants for European schools shall not ordinarily exceed one-half of the total cost. The estimate for extending the school and boarding premises of the St. Joseph's boarding institution, Coonoor, as approved by Government, amounted to Rs. 25,700. Paragraph 8 of Chief Engineer's note on page 4 of G.O., No. 655, 16th November 1910. Under the article quoted above therefore a grant not exceeding one half of Rs. 25,700 or Rs. 12,850 was admissible to the institution. But in G.O., No. 655, Educational, dated 16th November 1910, the grant was limited to Rs. 10,000. The correspondent of the school now applies for an additional grant of Rs. 2,850 which is the difference between Rs. 12,850 and Rs. 10,000.

2. Attention is solicited to the notes on page 3 of the notes to G.O., No. 655, Educational, dated 16th November 1910, where the question whether any grant in excess of Rs. 10,000 should be given to the institution was considered. The ordinary rule is to restrict grants to Rs. 10,000 to individual institutions; and the amount of the grant that may be sanctioned is entirely in the discretion of Government. The management of an institution cannot claim any amount of grant as a matter of right. In his note, dated 31st December 1909 on page 8 of G.O., No. 4, Educational, dated 6th January 1910, which disposed of a similar application, the Hon'ble Member remarked that "we had better adhere to the Rs. 10,000 limit—anything over that should be refused."

3. It is for consideration whether the correspondent of the school may be informed that, having regard to the limited funds at the disposal of Government and also to the interests of aided institutions generally, the Government regret their inability to enhance the grant already sanctioned.

P.R.—2-6-11.

The estimate, as revised by the Chief Engineer, amounting to Rs. 25,700 was before Government when the orders in G.O., No. 655, Educational, dated 16th November 1910, limiting the building grant to Rs. 10,000 were passed. The amount of the grant was after full consideration fixed at Rs. 10,000. It does not therefore appear that there are sufficient grounds for increasing the amount of the grant.

K. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR—2-6-11.

To Secretary—

The limitation of Rs. 10,000 applies to non-European schools. But the school now in question is a European school, and its correspondent in asking for a grant said he was not able to find more than Rs. 10,000. His estimate was Rs. 20,000 but the Public Works Department have revised it to Rs. 25,700 and the Director of Public Instruction recommended a grant of half that amount under article 57 of the Code for European schools, but the Government sanctioned only Rs. 10,000 with reference to the Rs. 10,000 limit. It does not appear that this limit has been applied to any other European school. The correspondent now applies for a further grant of half the amount by which this estimate of Rs. 20,000 was raised by the Public Works Department. For orders whether this may be sanctioned.

L. DAVIDSON.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—10-6-11.

Honourable Member—

This is entirely a matter for Honourable Member's orders. There are no fresh circumstances before Government, but re-consideration is sought. When the Rs. 10,000 limit was suggested in G.O., No. 85, dated 15th February 1905, it was intended to apply it as a general principle to all building grants, so far as I can see, and there seems no reason to differentiate in favour of European schools.

L. DAVIDSON—11-6-11.

I think we shall get into difficulties unless we keep to this limit. We have adhered to it hitherto. We shall have a big demand from the Orphanage at Adyar, and if we give half here we shall have to give half there and that will be some 75 or 30 thousand rupees. I think we must say that looking to the demands on the funds at the disposal of Government for building grants it has been necessary to lay down a limit of grant and that Rs. 10,000 was the limit decided upon some years ago. Government therefore regret that they cannot give more than Rs. 10,000, the maximum grant on this occasion.

M. H[AMMICK]—12-6-11.

A draft order is submitted for approval.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—14-6-11.

[G.O., No. 374, Educational, dated 15th June 1911.]

Educational Department.

G.O., No. 655 Edcl., dated 16th November 1910.

Cur. No. 1225, from the D.P.I., No. 7087/09 dated 26th May 1911.

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Having regard to the demands on the funds at their disposal for the payment of building grants to aided schools, the Government have found it necessary to lay down a maximum limit to the amount of ~~such~~ ^{which they sanction} grants ~~for this purpose~~. The maximum limit so decided upon some years ago is Rs. 10,000 and the Government regret that they are unable to ~~increase the limit of~~ ^{sanction a larger amount in the case of} Rs. 10,000 sanctioned in G.O., No. 655 Edcl., dated 16th November 1910 to St. Joseph's European Boarding Institution, Coonoor, towards the cost of extending the school and boarding premises.

To the D.P.I.

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