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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 756, Educational, dated 20th August 1912.

ABSTRACT.—Empowering Superintending Engineers to sanction, subject to certain conditions, the exemption of unpassed candidates from the Examination rules.

II

Letter—from P. R. ALLEN, Esq., M.I.C.E., Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
To—the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
Dated—Bellary, the 4th December 1912.
No.—9316.

Referring to your Endorsement No. 8913, dated the 5th October 1912, I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from the Executive Engineer, Bellary Division, suggesting certain alterations in the Public Service Notification, and to state that I fully endorse the suggestion.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from P. N. A. LUCAS, Esq., Executive Engineer, Bellary Division.
To—the Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
Dated—the 26th November 1912.
No.—1061-S.E.

With reference to Chief Engineer's Memorandum No. 8913 C., dated the 5th October 1912, communicating G.O. No. 756, Educational, dated the 20th August 1912, delegating enhanced powers to Superintending Engineers, I have the honour to enquire whether sub-overscers and channel superintendents whose pay does not exceed Rs. 50 are not included in the expression draftsmen in (ii) Clause (11) of article 5. I think it would be better if the orders are made clearer by including sub-overseer also as the present sub-overseer's test of the College of Engineering, Madras, has been prescribed as qualifying test for draftsmen, surveyors and channel superintendents.

III

Letter—from M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur L. D. VENKATARAMA AIYAR Avargal, B.A.,
B.C.E., Executive Engineer, Tank Restoration Scheme Division, IV Circle.
To—the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, Coimbatore.
Dated—Vellore, the 8th February 1913.
No.—71-S.E.

Referring to your No. 17-T/P/37-B-9, dated 10th January 1913, I have the honour to inform you that in response to my advertisements in the *Fori St George Gazette* calling for applications for the posts of temporary surveyors and draftsmen I received 23 applications—17 for surveyor's posts, 4 for draftsmen's posts and 2 for draftsman or surveyor, and that out of these 12 applications for surveyor's posts 2

applications for draftsman's posts and 2 for draftsman or surveyor are from unpassed men. I offered the available five appointments of surveyors and two appointments of draftsmen to the available passed men, and asked for their acceptance before 5th February 1913. Only one of the applicants for a surveyor's post has accepted my offer and an appointment order is being sent to him. One applicant declined the offer stating that the pay of Rs. 60 is insufficient, while another did the same on the ground that he has secured an appointment on Rs. 60 in the Canvey division. No replies have been received from the other two applicants to whom appointments were offered. The two passed draftsmen have declined the offer—one on the score that the pay of Rs. 30 is not enough and the other on grounds of private inconvenience.

2. Under the above circumstances, I am put to the necessity of selecting unpassed men, and under Chief Engineer's Memorandum No. 763 C., dated 22nd January 1912, the men cannot be entertained without obtaining the previous sanction of Government for exemption from Examination rules. If I apply for exemption and if it takes about two months to obtain the sanction of Government, there will be no guarantee that the persons on whose behalf exemptions were applied for will be waiting for this appointment. If they get any offer meanwhile, they may not care to wait. In the case of draftsman Vajravelu Mudaliyar, I sent in my application for exemption on 30th September 1912 and sanction was communicated to me on 25th November 1912. As this man was already holding an appointment in the Tank Restoration Scheme division, III Circle, and he was not without employment, he did not choose to go anywhere else. If he had been without employment, and if he had received any other offer during the period 30th September 1912 to 25th November 1912, it is very doubtful if he would have declined that offer in the hope of getting his exemption sanctioned.

3. In G.O. No. 756, Educational, dated 20th August 1912, Superintending Engineers are empowered to sanction exemptions for a period of three months in the case of clerks and draftsmen, but the case of surveyors has not been dealt with in this Government Order.

4. In order that investigation work may not be unnecessarily delayed and with the view of utilizing the working season to the best advantage, it seems to me that it is highly desirable to employ suitable unpassed men as early as possible. I am sending up applications for exemption one by one, and I request you will be good enough to take steps to see that the exemptions are sanctioned with the least possible delay.

No. 150-W/14 C., dated 12th February 1913.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

2. In view of the very real difficulty represented by the Executive Engineer, it is suggested that the Superintending Engineers might be empowered in such cases to sanction temporary exemption of unpassed candidates pending receipt of orders of Government, it being a condition that all reasonable attempts to get passed candidates have failed.

W. M. ELLIS, Col.,
Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

Order—No. 199, Educational, dated 4th March 1913.

In continuation of G.O. No. 756, Educational, dated 20th August 1912, the Government are pleased to confer upon Superintending Engineers power to grant surveyors and sub-overscers temporary exemptions from the professional qualifications prescribed in article 3 of the Public Service Notification provided—

(i) that the sanctioned pay of the appointment does not exceed Rs. 50 and Rs. 35 per mensem respectively, and

(ii) that the period of exemption is not more than three months.

2. The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* :—

NOTIFICATION.

The following shall be substituted for clause 11 of article 5 of the Public Service Notification as introduced by notification No. 104, dated 20th August 1912, published on page 551 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 1st October 1912 :—

“Superintending Engineers may sanction the exemption of candidates for employment as draftsmen, surveyors and sub-overseers in acting and sub. *pro tem.* vacancies and in temporary posts for a period of three months when the sanctioned pay of the appointments does not exceed Rs. 50 *per mensem* in the case of draftsmen and surveyors and Rs. 35 *per mensem* in the case of sub-overseers.

“Provided that *bonâ fide* efforts have been made without success to obtain passed candidates.”

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
“Commissioner for Government Examinations.
“Superintendent, Government Press
(for publishing notification in gazette).
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 199, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 4TH MARCH 1913.

[SUBJECT.—*Delegation of powers to Superintending Engineers as regards exemption of unpassed men for the posts of sub-overseers.*]

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

From the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, dated 4th
December 1912, No. 9316.

Under clause (11) of article 5 of the Public Service Notification, as introduced by G.O. No. 756, Educational, dated 20th August 1912, “Superintending Engineers may sanction the exemption of candidates for employment as draftsmen in acting and sub. *pro tem.* vacancies and in temporary posts for a period of three months when the sanctioned pay of the appointment does not exceed Rs. 50 *per mensem*, provided that *bonâ fide* efforts have been made without success to obtain passed candidates.”

2. The lower subordinate test of the College of Engineering, Madras, is the qualifying test prescribed for lower subordinates comprising sub-overseers, surveyors, river conservancy inspectors and draftsmen. With reference to the last of these only, viz., draftsmen, Superintending Engineers are empowered to grant exemption from examination rules within the limits mentioned above. In his letter No. 1061-S.E., dated 26th November 1912, the Executive Engineer, Bellary (Mr. P. N. A. Lucas) suggests that the power of the Superintending Engineers to exempt unpassed candidates might be extended to comprise sub-overseers also, as the qualifying test is the same. The Superintending Engineer, III Circle (Mr. P. R. Allen), fully endorses the suggestion.

3. The difficulty and inconvenience experienced in getting passed men for the posts of sub-overseers appear to be the same as for draftsmen, and to obviate such difficulty and inconvenience and also to avoid constant reference to Government, it may perhaps be expedient to invest the Superintending Engineers with powers to exempt candidates for employment as sub-overseers also. If that is approved, the point for consideration is up to what pay the Superintending Engineers may be authorised to exempt candidates for employment as sub-overseers. At present the maximum pay of the last grade of draftsmen is Rs. 50, and it is for that reason that the Superintending Engineers are authorised to exempt draftsmen up to that limit temporarily. In the case of sub-overseers, the maximum pay of the lowest grade

A now extant is only Rs. 35, and so the Superintending Engineers may perhaps be authorised to exempt candidates for employment as sub-overseers temporarily up to a limit of Rs. 35. The orders on the subject are to issue in the Educational Department. Submitted, therefore, that the file may be transferred to the Educational Department with a recommendation as at A.

P. RAU—18-12-12.

W. G. MOLESWORTH—21-12-12.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The lower subordinate test of the College of Engineering is a qualifying test for sub-overseers, surveyors, river conservancy inspectors and draftsmen. The Superintending Engineers have, in G.O. No. 756, Educational, dated 20th August 1912, been empowered to sanction the exemption of unpassed candidates from the lower subordinate test for employment as draftsmen on a pay of not more than Rs. 50 for a period of three months. The Executive Engineer, Bellary Division (Mr. Lucas), enquires whether the term "draftsmen" used in this Government Order includes sub-overseers and channel superintendents who may be in receipt of a pay of Rupees 50 and under, and suggests that "it would be better if the orders are made clearer "by including sub-overseers also" as the qualifying test is the same for all these posts. The Public Works Department support the suggestion of Mr. Lucas and recommend that the Superintending Engineers may be empowered to exempt candidates for employment as sub-overseers for a period of three months when the

* The maximum pay of the lowest grade of sub-overseers—page 76 of Public Works budget for 1912-13.

sanctioned pay of the appointment does not exceed Rs. 35 * per mensem. It is not clear whether Mr. Lucas does not desire that the powers of exemption of Superintending Engineers should cover the case of all those officers for whom the lower subordinate test is prescribed, viz., sub-overseers, surveyors, river conservancy inspectors and draftsmen. If the Superintending Engineers are to have the power of exempting candidates for the post of sub-overseers, it would perhaps be better to delegate to them the power of exempting candidates for the posts of surveyors also. Several applications are received for the temporary exemption of candidates for appointment as surveyors as well as for sub-overseers, and all these temporary exemptions are generally sanctioned by Government. Applications for the exemption of candidates for employment as river conservancy inspectors are however few in number. It is for consideration whether the power of exempting candidates for a period of three months for employment as sub-overseers, surveyors and river conservancy inspectors may not be delegated to Superintending Engineers. The Public Works Department may perhaps be consulted *n.o.* That department has already recommended that Rs. 35 should be the pay limit in regard to sub-overseers. They may be requested to specify the limit in regard to surveyors and river conservancy inspectors also if these are to be included along with sub-overseers for exemption from the lower subordinate test by Superintending Engineers.

S.K.—16-1-13.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—25-1-13.

This may be referred *n.o.* to Public Works Department with the remark that the criterion of delegation should not be the principle of including all posts for which the same examination is prescribed, but the question whether other posts and, if so what other posts are as difficult to fill temporarily as those in respect of which G.O. No. 756, Educational, dated 20th August 1912, sanctioned delegation.

L. DAVIDSON—28-1-13.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the file may be referred, in the first instance, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for favour of remarks.

C.J.O.—4-2-13.

W. G. MOLESWORTH—4-2-13.

To the Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch).

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

Under G.O. No. 756, Educational, dated 20th August 1912, Superintending Engineers are empowered to appoint unpassed candidates as draftsmen in acting and sub. *pro tem.* vacancies and in temporary posts for a period of three months when the sanctioned pay of the appointment does not exceed Rs. 50 per mensem, provided that *bonâ fide* efforts have been made without success to obtain passed candidates. It is now proposed to extend the Superintending Engineers' powers in regard to the employment of sub-overseers, surveyors and river conservancy inspectors under similar conditions.

2. It is believed that applications for exemption in respect of temporary posts of sub-overseers and surveyors are as frequent as in the case of draftsmen. There is no record here of the number of such applications, as they do not pass through the Irrigation Branch. From paragraph 1 of Colonel Ellis' letter on page 2 of G.O. No. 756, Educational, dated 20th August 1912, it will be seen that in the matter of filling them temporarily all these posts present the same difficulties. It is submitted that the power of appointing unpassed men to posts of sub-overseers and surveyors may be delegated to Superintending Engineers.

With regard to river conservancy inspectors it is observed that these men are temporary and are practically confined to the Kistna delta. There are only three such appointments on Rs. 50, 35 and 30. No delegation of power in respect of these posts seems required.

3. As regards the question of the limit of salary up to which Superintending Engineers may grant exemption, it will be seen that in the case of draftsmen a limit of Rs. 50 has been fixed, that being the maximum pay of the lowest grade. It is submitted that in the case of sub-overseers a limit of Rs. 35 be fixed which is the maximum pay of the last * grade of sub-overseers. In the case of surveyors the limit may be fixed at Rs. 50 as it is considered that this amount is the lowest pay for which a surveyor could be got.

* The pay of sub-overseer has since been revised (G.O. is under issue) the grades are Rs. 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60, 70 and 80.

G.V.—11-2-13.

P.K.S.—11-2-13.

F. E. MORGAN—11-2-13.

I agree with the above. The extension of powers is especially necessary in the case of surveyors. It is very difficult to obtain competent passed men whereas there are a good many careful surveyors about quite fit for the work required of them who have not passed through the college. The limit in the case of surveyors should not be below Rs. 50.

H. E. CLERK—14-2-13.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the views of Public Works Department (Irrigation) may be agreed with and the file passed on to the Educational Department for issue of orders.

P. RAU—19-2-13.

D. MARSHALL—19-2-13.

I agree, subject to the three months' limit.

C. A. SMITH—20-2-13.

To the Educational Department.

II

*From the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated 12th February 1913,
No. 150 W/14-C.*

Perusal of the current is solicited.

2. The question of empowering the Superintending Engineers to grant temporary exemption of unpassed candidates from examination rules for the posts of sub-overseers and surveyors is under consideration. Submitted that this current may also be transferred to the Educational Department for disposal.

C.J.O.—19-2-13.

P. RAU—19-2-13.

D. MARSHALL—19-2-13.

C. A. SMITH—20-2-13.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

A draft order is submitted for approval.

If approved, it may be circulated to His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble Sir Harold Stuart.

S.K.—25-2-13.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—26-2-13.

Re-type the first page of the draft before circulation please.

L. DAVIDSON—27-2-13.

H. A. S[TUART]—28-2-13.

P[ENTLAND]—3-3-13.

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L. DAVIDSON--3-3-13.

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No. 199, dated 4 3 1913.

P.S.

In continuation of G.O.No.756
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2. The following notification will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette:-

Notification

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