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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Sir ALFRED BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., K.C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 15th February 1913.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 1253.

I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government for the payment from 1st March next of an aggregate rent of Rs. 30 *per mensem* for two houses to be selected for the location of hostels to be established in connection with the Government Training School for Mistresses, Karuntattangudi, Tanjore, the establishment of which was sanctioned in G.O. No. 715, Educational, dated 5th August 1912. Sixteen teachers have already been selected for training and a larger number is expected to be present on the 1st proximo, the date on which it is proposed to open the Training Section. The Inspector of Girls' Schools, Central Circle, reports that considerable inconvenience will be felt for want of adequate accommodation for students to be trained unless two hostels are opened, one for Hindus and the other for Christians, especially as Karuntattangudi is about two miles distant from the Tanjore Fort and about three miles from Manambuchavadi where the bulk of the Christians reside. The said rent or any portion thereof cannot be recovered from the students as it would be more than they could pay out of their stipend. In this connection I beg to invite the attention of Government to my letter R.C. No. 6906, dated 10th September 1912, and to state that the arguments put forth in that letter in favour of the students in training schools for Masters apply, for obvious reasons, with stronger force to the case of students in Training Schools for Mistresses. The object of establishing a training school at Karuntattangudi can be more fully realized if facilities in the matter of hostel accommodation are afforded to the students to be trained in the school and to this end I would request that the expenditure of Rs. 30 *per mensem* on account of rent for the hostels may be treated as a legitimate charge on public funds.

2. Provision for the purpose has been made in the budget estimate of the school for 1913-14.

Order—No. 346, Educational, dated 21st April 1913.

The Government sanction the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to rent two houses at an aggregate cost of Rs. 30 *per mensem* for the location of the hostels to be established in connection with the Government Training School for Mistresses, Karuntattangudi, Tanjore district.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.

Copy to the Financial Department (with copy of notes).

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 346, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 21st APRIL 1913.

[SUBJECT.—Renting of a house for the hostel to be attached to the Government Training School for mistresses, Karuntattangudi.]

Previous papers :

G.O. No.	656, Edl.,	dated 10th October	1906.
" "	528 "	" 2nd August	1911.
" "	1494 W.,	" 11th November	"
" "	308, Edl.,	" 10th April	1912.
" "	378 "	" 2nd May	"
" "	715 "	" 5th August	"
" "	785 "	" 26th "	"
" "	85 "	" 3rd February	1913.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 15th February 1913,
No. 1253.

The necessity for the opening of hostels is explained in the Director of Public Instruction's letter. The Director refers in this correspondence only to the question of renting buildings for the hostels. It is not stated how the hostels are to be managed and whether any additional expenditure is anticipated in respect of supervision and contingencies. Apparently there will be none; and the boarding charges will be fully defrayed by the students themselves.

2. As regards the proposal to allow rent-free accommodation to the students, the principle of exempting students from payment of rent has been already recognized in the case of *elementary* training schools in G.O. No. 85, Educational, dated 3rd February 1913. This Government Order has general application to both classes of schools—boys or girls. The training section at Karuntattangudi is to train students in both elementary and secondary grades. Please see paragraph 2 (v) of the Director of Public Instruction's letter on page 3 of G.O. No. 715, Educational, dated 5th August 1912. The question therefore is whether the students of the *secondary* training section also should be allowed rent-free accommodation in the Karuntattangudi school. A departure from the ordinary rule is perhaps justified in the case of the training school for *mistresses* in the present state of the demand and supply of this class of teachers. The Brahman widows' home attached to the Presidency Training School for mistresses levies no rent from the inmates. Please see G.O. No. 785, Educational, dated 26th August 1912. The rate of stipend fixed for Hindu mistresses in a training school of the secondary grade is Rs. 12 *per mensem*; and this is the same as the value of the special scholarships allowed for the widows in the widows' home attached to the Presidency Training School for mistresses. As in the latter case, the Director considers that no portion of the rent can be conveniently recovered out of

the stipends granted to the students. In these circumstances it is submitted that the proposal of the Director may be approved. The draft is for approval. It may be sent to Financial for acceptance.

C. RAMANUJA CHARI—2-8-13.

Educational must support the proposal. Women teachers are difficult to secure and any concession which increases the chances of getting, and retaining, candidates for training is educationally desirable.

L. DAVIDSON—3-3-13.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The proposal is to rent two houses for Rs. 30 *per mensem* for the location of two hostels to be established for the Training School for mistresses at Karuntattangudi and to allow the occupants *rent-free* accommodation.

2. The school at Karuntattangudi trains both *elementary* and *secondary grade* teachers. It has been decided that students in *elementary* training schools need not pay rent for the hostel accommodation. As regards teachers of the *secondary* grade, the Educational Department proposes to grant the concession on the analogy of the rent-free accommodation given in the widows' home attached to the Presidency Training School at Egmore.

3. It is submitted that there seems to be a great deal of difference between the cost of living in Madras and that in Tanjore, and that the concession given in the former need not necessarily be extended to the latter. Attention is also solicited to the Honourable Member's notes, dated 29th January 1913, on page 11 of notes to G.O. No. 85, Educational, dated 3rd February 1913.

4. For orders whether in the above circumstances the proposal may be accepted.

P. GOVINDAN—11-3-13

It is for orders whether we should now create the initial precedent for rent-free hostel accommodation for ordinary women secondary teachers.

C. REILLY—12-3-13.

The Director says that the rent is more than could be recovered from the students out of their stipends. Please note how much the stipends are and what the rent would work out to *per student*.

A. G. CARDEW—14-3-13.

Please see paragraph 2 (v) of Director of Public Instruction's letter, R.O.C. No. 1877, dated 17th June 1912, where he said that provision should be made for the training of five secondary mistresses on a stipend of Rs. 1: each *per mensem* and ten elementary mistresses on Rs. 9 each at the Training School at Karuntattangudi.

2. The Director of Public Instruction now states that *sixteen* teachers have already been selected for training and a larger number is expected to be present on the 1st March. There is no information as to the number of mistresses in the elementary and secondary grades. Again the Director of Public Instruction says that of the two houses to be rented one is for Christians and the other for Hindus. The number of mistresses of each community is not known. Supposing that the rent (Rs. 30) is to be shared by the sixteen students, each will have to bear Rs. 1-14-0 *per mensem*.

P. GOVINDAN—17-3-13.

C. REILLY—18-3-13.

The stipends being only Rs. 9 and Rs. 12, a rent charge of Rs. 2 would be excessive, but I think a small recovery, say As. 8 *per mensem*, might be made.

A. G. CARDEW—19-3-13.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

As already pointed out in paragraph 2 of the office-note on page 1 above, students in *elementary* training schools have been exempted from payment of rent for hostel accommodation under paragraph 4 of G.O. No. 85, Educational, dated 3rd February 1913. It is not clear whether the Financial Department would go behind this order and charge a rent for elementary training students in the present case.

C. RAMANUJA CHARI—21-3-13.

The case must be circulated for orders to His Excellency the Governor.

L. DAVIDSON—22-3-13.

I recollect Financial's reluctance in the former case, in which the fact of training being compulsory was held to outweigh other considerations. In this case also training is compulsory.

I would add that from one point of view this is a stronger case. The supply of women teachers, upon which the extension of women's education depends, is extremely difficult and requires the removal of every obstacle.

P[ENTLAND]—27-3-13.

The Financial Department may be asked to consider whether, in view of His Excellency's remarks, they will withdraw their objection to the exemption of the students in the hostel attached to the Government Training School for mistresses, Karuntattangudi, from the payment of rent.

Perhaps the file may now be circulated to the Hon'ble Sir Harold Stuart, K.C.V.O., C.S.I.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI—29-3-13.

C. RAMANUJA CHARI—2-4-13.

T. E. MOIR—4-4-13.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Please see the Chief Secretary's notes, dated 19th March 1913, *ante*. In view of His Excellency's remarks *ante*, it is for consideration whether the proposed rent-free accommodation of the students of the Government Training School for mistresses at Karuntattangudi will be accepted.

T. HARI RAO—9-4-13.

A. G. CARDEW—11-4-13.

I agree with the Governor that this is a stronger case than the other and I accept the draft.

H. A. S[TUART]—17-4-13.

To the Educational Department.

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