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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following paper :—

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

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madrass, the 22nd December 1914.

No.—Ref. Cur. 9955.

I have the honour to address Government regarding the institution of a special class for training manual instructors in the Teachers' College, Saidapet, from the date of reopening of the college after the ensuing Christmas holidays.

2. In connection with the scheme for the establishment of Model Secondary schools in this Presidency, the Government of India pointed out the desirability of attaching to the training colleges one or two experts in manual training. Agreeably to the above suggestion, Government in their order No. 845, Educational, dated 20th September 1912, sanctioned the Director's proposal for the employment in the Teachers' College, Saidapet, of an Instructor in manual training, whose principal function will be to give a course of instruction in manual training to each batch of secondary teachers under training and also to give more extended courses to special batches of men willing to specialize as manual instructors. Now that Mr. C. R. Porrett appointed by the Secretary of State to the above post has joined duty, it is proposed to open a special class for the training of manual instructors early next month, as in the earlier stages of the training nothing is attempted in woodwork and consequently there is no necessity to wait till the workshop is erected. It is reported that a class of fifteen will be sufficient for the present, that students will have to be under training for two years and that in addition to instruction in manual training they ought to have a course in the methods of teaching the ordinary subjects of the school curriculum and in the elementary principles of educational theory. As regards the qualifications of candidates for admission into the special class, the Principal considers that no one should be admitted who has not passed the Matriculation Examination or has not obtained a good percentage of marks in the Public Examination under the secondary school-leaving certificate scheme and whose age does not fall between 20 and 30 years.

These proposals are well thought out and I commend them to Government. The terms proposed will not attract men of higher educational attainments than secondary, nor do I think we need such for the purpose in view. It may be presumed that the class will consist of young men who have had a little experience of teaching and who show some aptitude for manual work. It is absolutely necessary that such men should have at least a two years' training as in less time they could not acquire the necessary manual dexterity. The manual training work will not occupy all their time and there is no reason why they should not in the same time qualify as ordinary secondary teachers. There will be this advantage in their doing so that there will be no danger of an over supply of manual instructors. Manual training is now held to react so favourably on all the mental powers and activities that men who pass through the proposed course of two years may be expected to be decidedly superior teachers of the secondary grade who may expect remunerative work even in schools where no facilities for manual training are provided. I would point out here that the first batch which will be admitted next month will have to be retained up to the Teachers' Certificate examination to be held in March 1917 and consequently will have more than two years' training, but this I consider will be no disadvantage in view of the novelty of the scheme.

In the light of these facts, I beg to request that Government will be pleased to sanction the proposal for the opening of a special class for training manual training instructors.

3. It is proposed during the next year to admit a batch of ten students as against fifteen, the maximum number to be admitted into the special class in any one year and to offer them a stipend of Rs. 15 per mensem, on the analogy of stipends admissible for under-graduates trained in the special commercial class attached to the Government School of Commerce, Calicut. The stipendiaries will be required to execute a bond like the stipendiaries in training schools.

4. I may mention in this connection that it is not my intention to incur any extra expenditure on account of stipends payable to the students of the manual training class at least for some time to come. In the budget estimate for 1915-1916, under "Stipends" for the Secondary Training section of the Teachers' College a sum of Rs. 4,092 has been provided and this has been included in the total amount under "Stipends for training schools for masters." Since the number of the stipendiaries ordinarily admissible in the case of secondary training classes is 22, I consider that the budget provision will leave a margin which will be sufficient to admit of the payment of a few stipends at Rs. 15 to students in the special class also; but as the savings will not be sufficient to cover the expenditure under stipends of all the ten students proposed to be admitted into that class, I propose to restrict for the present the number of stipends available in the secondary training class to 18; this reduction, I may add, will not in the long run reduce the output of men competent to do the work of secondary teachers. The financial effect of this proposal will be as shown hereunder :—

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Amount provided in the Civil Budget estimates for the ensuing year on account of stipends	4,092
Cost of 18 stipends tenable in the secondary training class—18 × Rs. 12 × 10 months	2,160
Cost of 10 stipends tenable in the manual training class—10 × Rs. 15 × 12 months	1,800
Total	3,960
Balance still available for utilization	132

As regards the amount required for the two months of the current official year, viz., Rs. 300, I beg to state that this may be met from the anticipated savings in the provision for stipends under "Training schools for Masters—Government schools, Special."

5. As to the question of staff, I do not anticipate any difficulty as I propose to entrust to the present staff of the secondary training department which consists of a headmaster and a first assistant in the cadre of sub-assistant inspectors the methods of teaching the ordinary subjects of the school curriculum, while instruction in manual training will be imparted by the special instructor.

6. I beg to request that very early orders may be passed on this communication. I am in anticipation of sanction instructing the Principal to make the necessary preliminary arrangements for starting the class next month.

Order—No. 27, Educational, dated 8th January 1915.

The Government sanction the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to open a special class for training manual instructors in the Teachers' College, Saidapet, from the date of the re-opening of the College after the ensuing Christmas holidays.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

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

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From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 22nd December 1914, No. 9955.

The Director of Public Instruction has explained clearly the proposal for the opening of a special class for training manual instructors in the Teachers' College, Saidapet. They seem reasonable. A draft order approving them is submitted. It may be sent to Financial for acceptance.

S. ANANTANARAYANAN—23-12-14.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARI—23-12-14.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—4-1-15.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The draft may be accepted.

C. P. KRISHNA AYYAR—4-1-15.

B. L. A. LAVILLE—5-1-15.

A. BUTTERWORTH—5-1-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

For orders as to circulation to His Excellency the Governor.

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The Government ^{Sanction} approve the proposal of the D.P.I. to open special class for training manual instructors in the Teachers' College, Saidapet, from the date of the reopening of the College after the ensuing Christmas holidays.

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