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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 504, Educational, dated 8th July 1908.

ABSTRACT.—Accepting generally the scheme for the future conduct of the School of Arts as recommended by the Director of Public Instruction and requesting that officer to submit a proposition statement showing the changes proposed in the staff and a revised budget for the school on the basis of the proposal made for its reorganization.

II

G.O. No. 445, Educational, dated 6th July 1911.

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning twenty extra scholarships in the School of Arts at an aggregate monthly cost of Rs. 35.

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. H. S. DUNCAN, M.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 12th August 1915.

No.—R.C. 3528.

In paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 504, Educational, dated 8th July 1908, Government sanctioned the creation of 30 scholarships in the School of Arts, Madras, as shown in the margin, to be awarded in the discretion of the Superintendent of the school to pupils of exceptional merit as a reward or as a means of enabling them to continue their studies. Twenty additional scholarships at an aggregate monthly cost of Rs. 35 were afterwards sanctioned in G.O. No. 445, Educational, dated the 6th July 1911. These 20 scholarships are now distributed as follows :—

Ten on Rs. 3 a month.
Ten on Rs. 4 a month.
Ten on Rs. 5 a month.

2. The Superintendent, School of Arts, Madras, reports that these 50 scholarships now tenable in the school are not sufficient and that it is essential to place at his disposal 30 more scholarships as shown hereunder :—

Ten on Rs. 1 per mensem.
Ten on „ 2-8-0 per mensem.
Ten on „ 3-8-0 „

3. I herewith submit correspondence from the Superintendent in which he gives his reasons for the additional scholarships now applied for. In the circumstances stated by him I have the honour to recommend that sanction may be accorded for the institution of 30 additional scholarships.

4. The additional amount that will be required annually on account of these scholarships will be Rs. 840 and provision on account of this has been made in the budget for 1915-16.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Letter—from the Superintendent, School of Arts, Madras.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 30th April 1915.

No.—Cur. 256.

I have the honour to request you will be so good as to address Government and obtain sanction for awarding 30 more scholarships to students in the School of Arts at Re. 1, Rs. 2½ and Rs. 3½, ten of each.

There are at present 50 scholarships at the rate of Rs. 1½, 2, 3, 4 and 5, ten of each.

I stated in paragraph 4 of my school report for 1913-14 that if the strength of the school decreases, more scholarships will have to be added to increase the number already existing.

Though there is not much appreciable decrease in the number of students this year (March 1914—242, March 1915—238), yet I think it very desirable that 30 more scholarships of a few rupees each should now be added.

I have provided the necessary amount in the budget estimate for 1915-16 and it has been sanctioned by Government.

(2)

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, R.C. No. 3528, dated 1st July 1915.

With reference to his letter No. 256, dated 30th April 1915, the Superintendent, School of Arts, Madras, is requested to be good enough to state if he has any special reasons for his proposal to increase by 30 the number of scholarships tenable in the school in view of the fact that there has yet been no appreciable decrease in the strength of the school such as would appear to justify such a proposal.

H. S. DUNCAN,
Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

(3)

Letter—from the Superintendent, School of Arts, Madras.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 9th July 1915.

No.—R.C. 256.

In reply to your Proceedings R.C. No. 3528, dated 1st July 1915, I have the honour to state that I think it absolutely essential to increase the number of scholarships by 30 more to the number already existing. Though the number on the rolls on the 31st March in the years 1914 and 1915 were practically the same, yet I find that during several months in the year many students who have, with quick grasp, picked up some knowledge and have been in the fair way to improve and become successful in after-life have left the school because of the poverty of the parents or guardians who would not allow them to continue their studies without attempting to earn at least something each month. The little training they get during their short stay here is worth some little money a day and the students find no difficulty to get employment on a small wage from outside public. They readily take to such baits and after a time they get stranded on their little wages because of the want of scope to improve what they have learned here.

2. Many students, in the past years, who have had training for a short period, have left in great numbers and but for the fact that equal numbers, if not more at times, of younger men were admitted at all times of the year, the strength of the school would have considerably fallen.

3. I wish forcibly to point out that in fairness of facts it is not right that the students should be allowed to go away after a short stay here and it is not conducive to the healthy advancement of either the students or the school that such things should happen.

I therefore wish to distribute the additional 30 new scholarships, when sanctioned, to deserving students.

(4)

Letter—from the Superintendent, School of Arts, Madras.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 26th July 1915.

No.—R.C. 256.

In continuation of my letter R.C. No. 256, dated 9th instant, I have the honour to enclose a statement showing the distribution of scholarships in the School of Arts at this date.

The statement shows the amount of scholarship, the number of years the scholar has received benefits from the scholarship and the number of years he studied here before receiving any scholarship.

It will be understood that those who are receiving the higher amounts, have in most cases worked up from the lowest, being promoted from a lower value to a higher one as vacancies occurred.

In very special cases new students have been awarded scholarships soon after joining the school, but the general rule is that the student must have been studying here for one year at least before receiving this help.

My principal reason for requesting the additional scholarships is that the poor but skilful pupil will be able thereby to stop for a longer period for study here.

It is impossible to give students a thorough training in two or three years but if they can be induced to stop for four or five years, they are worth much more to themselves and to the community and to the reputation of the school afterwards.

At present, as I pointed out in my previous letter when they are able to earn a few annas a day at work outside, their families insist on their leaving, as they cannot afford to forego these earnings in the majority of cases.

The result is, an imperfectly equipped workman, who generally has no chance afterwards to improve his craft.

I hope, therefore, you will be able to consider my application favourably.

SUB-ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the distribution of scholarships in the School of Arts, Madras.

Amount of scholarship drawn by a student at present.	Number of years in enjoyment of scholarships of various amounts.	Number of years in school before claiming any scholarship.	Remarks.
RS. A. P.	YEARS.	MONTHS.	
5 0 0	3	3	2
	2	5	2
	2	5	3
	4	0	2
	2	5	4
	4	0	2
	4	4	1
	1	0	0
	4	0	1
	4	0	1
4 0 0	3	0	2
	2	3	0
	2	0	0
	3	11	1
	0	3	0
	1	8	0
	4	0	1
	2	0	2
	3	0	2
	2	0	2
3 0 0	2	10	3
	2	5	1
	1	10	2
	1	11	4
	1	5	1
	1	0	2
	1	5	3
	1	0	3
	1	0	5
2 0 0	1	0	2
	1	0	1
	1	0	2
	0	10	1
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	1	0	1
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	0	10	3
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	0	4	0
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	0	3	2
	0	7	1
	0	4	0
	0	8	0
	1	0	1
	1	0	1
	0	10	2
	1	0	3
	0	5	5
	0	4	2

All the scholarship-holders except in special cases begin in the lowest awarded (Rs. 1-8-0).

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1014, EDUCATIONAL, DATED THE 16TH SEPTEMBER 1915.

[SUBJECT.—Sanction for 30 additional scholarships in the School of Arts.]

Previous papers :

G.O. 249, Educational, 2nd February 1907.
" 504 " 8th July 1908.
" 1623 " 17th May 1910.
" 445 " 6th July 1911.
" 985 " 11th November 1912.
" 822 " 13th July 1914.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 12th August 1915, No. 3523.

Prior to 1909 a system of paid apprenticeship was in vogue in the School of Arts under which the pupils of the various industrial classes were paid stipends, the amount being fixed by the Superintendent with reference to the work done by them. There were in 1908, 120 students

drawing stipends varying from Re. 1 to Rs. 10 per mensem. In G.O. No. 504, Educational, dated the 8th July 1908, the Government considered that the system was unsatisfactory and they consequently replaced it by a system of scholarships under which 30 scholarships of an aggregate value of Rs. 120 per month ranging from Rs. 3 to Rs. 5 were awarded to pupils of exceptional merit as a means of enabling them to continue their studies. This system was introduced in 1909. In addition to this a few of the students of the school were in receipt of scholarships

which were at the disposal of the Inspector of Technical Schools, but, when the post of Director of Industries was created and the Director placed under the control of the Revenue Department, these scholarships were declared to be not available to the School of Arts as it was not under

his charge. Consequently twenty more Rs. 35 per mensem were sanctioned for the school.

2. The fact that there was a fall in the strength of the School of Arts in 1911-12 attracted the attention of the Government in reviewing the administration report of the institution for that year and a special report which was called for on the gradual abolition of the general classes wherein drawing and painting unassociated with any industry had been taught to part-time drawing class students. This

Paragraph 2 on page 2 of G.O. 985, Educational, 11th November 1912.

Paragraph 3 of G.O. 623, Educational, 1st July 1913.

Order—No. 1014, Educational, dated 16th September 1915.

The Government sanction the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to institute 30 additional scholarships in the School of Arts at an aggregate monthly cost of Rs. 70, as shown in the margin, to be awarded at the discretion of the Superintendent of the School to deserving students.

(True Extract.)

C. G. TODHUNTER,
Secretary to Government.

fall in the strength of the school coincided with the stopping of scholarships which amounted to only 50, but he reported that it would be best to give the system a fair trial for a year or two before considering an increase in the number of scholarships.

G.O. 822, Educational, 13th July 1914.

"While I still feel that the value of education imparted here is still very

Paragraph 4 on pages 2 and 3 of G.O. 822, Educational, 13th July 1914.

"of scholarships and to the small amount individually." He further stated that "the Government very wisely were of the opinion that the system was being abused, many students stopping on for

"six or seven or eight years for the sole benefit of the stipends, but the sudden drop from the total number of 120 scholarships to 80 was perhaps too great. However 20 more were added in 1911 which brought up the number to 50, but still only about one-third of the amount in 1907, the total budget allotment at present being Rs. 1,860. I still am of the opinion that the present number and value should be continued without change for at least another year, but if the strength of the school again decreases, probably more scholarships will have to be added to increase the number of pupils, if this is thought desirable."

The fact that there was a steady decline in the strength of the school for

G.O. 126, Educational, 9th February 1915.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction.

that the strength of the school on the 31st March 1915 was 252 and that the average attendance during the year was 171 as against 256 and 183 the corresponding figures for 1913-14. The Director of Public Instruction in paragraph 2 of his proceedings thereon has observed as follows:—

"There was again a decrease both in the total strength and average attendance."

3. The Director of Public Instruction now requests that for the reasons given by the Superintendent of the school, 30 additional scholarships of the aggregate value of Rs. 70 * per mensem may be sanctioned. Though there was no appreciable fall in

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* 10 on 1	a month.	
10 on 2½	"	
10 on 3½	"	

the strength of the school last year (252 as against 256 in 1913-14), yet there was a large drop in the average attendance at the school. Further the figures for the last five years given in the

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margin show that there was a steady decline. It appears therefore that a case has been made out for the grant of 30 extra

scholarships now recommended by the Director of Public Instruction. The additional amount of Rs. 840 required in the current year on account of the scholarships has already been included in the sum of Rs. 2,700 provided in the budget for "stipends of apprentices" under 22-F. Government Schools—Special—School of Arts. A draft order is submitted below, which, if approved, may issue with the concurrence of the Financial Department.

A.S.—21-8-15.

T.K.—21-8-15.

I don't think a strong case is made out. There is very little decrease in total strength. It is not clear how payment of scholarships will increase the average attendance. The Superintendent's first letter is apparently the production of an imaginative clerk. His second urges that scholarships should be given to keep the pupils in the school for four or five years, and the enclosure shows that a good many do stay for that period. It was only last year, however, that he objected to students staying for six years for the sake of the stipends.

Page 3 of G.O. 822, Educational, 13th July 1914.

We are spending very large sums on technical education. I don't think we need pay more people to go for what is practically technical education, to the School of Arts.

C. G. TODHUNTER—29-8-15.

Budget provision has been made for these proposals; and they may, I think, be approved.

P[ENTLAND]—31-8-15.

To the Financial Department.

C.G.T.—3-9-15.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

There are at present 50 scholarships of the aggregate value of Rs. 155 * per mensem attached to the School of Arts, and the present proposal is to sanction 30 additional scholarships in the school at an aggregate monthly cost of Rs. 70 (10 scholarships on Re. 1, Rs. 2½ and 1½ respectively.

2. Please see the letters from the Superintendent, School of Arts, explaining the necessity for the proposed additional scholarships. His Excellency has also approved the proposals. In the circumstances the present proposal involving an extra cost of Rs. 70 per mensem or Rs. 840 per annum may be accepted in Financial. Full provision for a year's charges, viz., Rs. 840 has been made in the budget estimate for 1915-16.

T.R.N.N.—7-9-15.

A.S.—11-9-15.

I. E. KERSHAW—13-9-15.

A. BUTTERWORTH—14-9-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The draft below is for approval.

C.R.—15-9-15.

[G.O. No. 1014, Educational, dated the 16th September 1915.]

191. (K)

C. No. 2796 Col From the D. P. I., No. 3628 / dated 12th August 1914

No. 101400, dated 10-9-1918

The Government sanction the proposal of the S.P.S. to institute 30 additional Scholarships in the School of Arts at an aggregate monthly cost of Rs 70, as shown in the margin, to be awarded at the discretion of the Superintendent of the School to deserving students.

The D. P. J. ✓
 .. A. G. ✓
 .. Friend! Depⁿ (with note) ✓
 .. E. T. ✓

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