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READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter—from R. M. STATHAM, Esq., Warden and Secretary, Victoria Jubilee Hostel Committee, Kumbakōnam.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department (through the Director of Public Instruction).
Dated—the 13th August 1914.
No.—13-H.

I have the honour to state that the Committee of the Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakōnam, have resolved at its meeting held on 4th August 1914 to have the existing rules modified in respect of the following, viz., that the Divisional Officer's presence at a meeting shall not be necessary to make up the quorum. A copy of the minutes of the proceedings is enclosed herein.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Committee of the Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakōnam, dated the 4th August 1914.

Proposal to move Government to alter the Government Order so that the Divisional Officer's presence at meetings will not be indispensable.

Resolution No. IV.—Approved.

The Warden will be requested to address Government to modify the rules accordingly.

J. R. KRISHNAMMA,
President.

II

Letter—from R. M. STATHAM, Esq., Warden and Secretary, Government College Hostel, Kumbakōnam.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department (through the Director of Public Instruction).
Dated—the 8th September 1914.
No.—15-H.

In continuation of my reference on No. 13-H of 1914, dated 13th August 1914, and in reply to Director's reference No. 7521, dated 22nd August 1914, asking me to submit draft report for making the necessary alterations in the rules, I have the honour to state that the notification in G.O. No. 336, Educational, dated the 7th June 1909, lays down in paragraph 5 that at all meetings of the Committee three members shall form a quorum, of whom the President shall be one. The Committee recommends to Government that the last words "of whom the President shall be one" be omitted.

III

Letter—from R. M. STATHAM, Esq., Warden and Secretary, Victoria Jubilee Hostel Committee, Kumbakōnam.
To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

With reference to your R.C. No. 7521, dated the 19th November 1914, I have the honour to state that the reason for modifying clause 5 of the scheme for the administration of the hostel was mainly that the Divisional Officer is very rarely resident in Kumbakōnam, and on several occasions, Committee meetings have had to be postponed for want of the President. The Revenue Divisional Officer has fully agreed as to the necessity for the change.

2. A draft of the necessary amendment of the scheme, together with a formal application from the administrators of the hostel as required by sections 5 (2) and 6 of the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, is submitted herewith.

3. A copy of the Committee's proceedings held at its meeting on 4th August 1914 is also enclosed herein.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Proceedings of the Victoria Jubilee Hostel Committee, Kumbakōnam, dated 4th August 1914.

*Note.—Warden's proposal to have the rules changed so that the Divisional Officer's presence at a meeting shall not be necessary to make the meeting valid.

Resolution No. V.—Approved. The Warden will be requested to address Government to modify the rules accordingly.

(2)

Application from the Administrators of the Hostel.

We, the undersigned members of the Victoria Jubilee Hostel Committee, Kumbakōnam, beg to submit this application under section 5 (2) of the Charitable Endowments Act, VI of 1890, to modify clause 5 of the scheme for the administration of the hostel approved in G.O. No. 499, Educational, dated 27th August 1909.

2. A copy of the proceedings of our meeting held on 4th August 1914 is submitted herewith.

(3)

Draft amendment to G.O. No. 336, Educational, dated 7th June 1909, and G.O. No. 499, Educational, dated 27th August 1909, in the revised scheme for the management of the Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakōnam.

NOTIFICATION.

Clause (5).—At all meetings of the Committee three members shall form a quorum, of whom the President shall be one—omit "of whom the President shall be one."

IV

N. Ref. on Cur. No. 7521/14, dated 26th April 1915.

Submitted to Government.

2. There appears to be no obvious reason why meetings should not be called at times that are convenient for the President to attend. There is also the method of disposing of urgent matters by circulation among members of the Committee subject to ratification at subsequent meetings.

I am therefore not in favour of the change suggested.

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

V

Memorandum No. 1520-1, Educational, dated 10th May 1915.

The Director of Public Instruction is requested to ascertain from the Committee of the Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakōnam, and report why it could not arrange to have its meetings at times that are convenient for the President to attend and adopt the method of disposing of urgent matters by circulation subject to ratification at subsequent meetings.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

VI

Letter—from J. H. STONE, Esq., M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 20th September 1915.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 7521 of 1914.

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 1520-1, Educational, dated 10th May 1915, I have the honour to submit herewith two letters from the Warden and Secretary, Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakonam—one No. 13-15, dated 21st July 1915, and the other without number and date but received in this office on the 14th instant—explaining why the Committee could not arrange to have its meetings at times that are convenient for the President to attend and adopt the method of disposing of urgent matters by circulation.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Letter—from R. M. STATHAM, Esq., Warden and Secretary, College Hostel, Kumbakonam.

To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Dated—the 21st July 1915.

No.—13/15.

With reference to your No. 7521 of 1914, dated 14th May 1915, I have the honour to state that the Committee has been holding its meetings only on dates fixed by the President, but he has had to leave the station unexpectedly and meetings had therefore to be abandoned. For instance, one such meeting (that held on 3rd April 1913) had to be dissolved for want of a quorum though all the other members (except the President) were present.

2. The Committee requests therefore that it may be empowered to have its meeting in such cases even in the absence of the President. One of the members present may be put in the chair to conduct such a meeting.

(2)

Letter—from the Warden and Secretary, Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakonam.

To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

With reference to your proceedings No. 7521 of 1914, dated the 14th ultimo, I have the honour to forward to you the enclosed statement of the members of the Committee recorded at a meeting of the Hostel Committee, which was invalid owing to the absence of the Revenue Divisional Officer. The matter before the Committee was of an entirely urgent nature, yet no meeting could be held for over a month.

(3)

Statement of the Members of the Victoria Hostel Committee, Kumbakonam, dated the 18th August 1915.

In response to a notice issued by the Warden and Secretary convening a meeting of the Hostel Committee at 6-30 p.m. today, the undersigned five members are present. But no meeting could be validly held under the existing rules in the absence of the Revenue Divisional Officer who is ex-officio President of the Committee. As some important business has to be transacted and they are urgent, the members present wish to record their opinion on the same, so that the same may be sent on to the absent members and action taken in accordance with the opinion of the majority.

(1) Enhancement of municipal tax on the hostel buildings.—The amount demanded may be paid under protest. Further action to be considered thereafter.

(2) Amendment of the rules.—Considering that this is not the first time that a meeting could not be held on account of the absence of the Revenue Divisional Officer, the amendment already moved for has now become a matter of necessity. In the opinion of the undersigned, there does not appear to be any reason why the guidance of the Revenue Divisional Officer is necessary for the conduct of meetings of the Committee. They are further of opinion that, though subjects of a formal character may be disposed of by circulation, questions of importance can only be satisfactorily decided at a meeting; and that a modification of the rules is even more necessary now than before and urge it strongly.

N. NARASIMHA AYYAR.

A. SUBRAHMANYA AYYAR.

I think the demand for tax by the Council is valid. I agree to the representation being made to Government for the modification of the rule.

T. K. SIVARAMA AYYAR.

I agree with Mr. T. K. Sivarama Ayyar.

Order—No. 1136, Educational, dated the 12th October 1915.

The Government accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakonam, that paragraph 5 of the scheme for the administration of the hostel be modified so as to provide that the presence of the Revenue Divisional Officer, who is the President of the Committee, shall not be necessary at every meeting. The President will, however, be informed at the same time that the change is introduced merely to meet the exceptional case of his being unable to attend a meeting already summoned and that the Government attach great importance to his presence.

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

NOTIFICATION.

Under sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that in paragraph 5 of the second schedule to notification No. 37, dated the 30th May 1899, published at pages 301-303 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 6th June 1899, as modified by notification No. 86, dated the 27th August 1909, published at pages 471 and 472 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 31st August 1909, the words "In the absence of the President, the members present shall elect a Chairman. In the event of an equality of votes at any meeting, the President or Chairman "as the case may be shall have a casting vote" shall be substituted for the words "of whom the President shall be one" and that this modification shall come into force on the 1st day of December 1915.

(True Extract.)

C. G. TODHUNTER,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General and Treasurer of Charitable Endowments.
" Collector of Tanjore.
Gazette.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1136, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED THE 12TH OCTOBER 1915.[SUBJECT.—*Alteration of a rule in the scheme for the management of the Victoria
Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakonam.*]

Previous papers :

G.O.	304,	Educational,	30th May	1899.
"	178	"	12th March	1906.
"	241	"	27th "	1908.
"	4	"	5th Jan.	1909.
"	336	"	7th June	"
"	499	"	27th Aug.	"

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 26th April 1914, No. 7521.

Paragraph 5 of the present scheme for the administration of the Victoria Jubilee
Page 3 of G.O. 499, Educational, 27th August Hostel, Kumbakonam, runs as follows :—
1909.

" At all meetings of the Committee three members shall form a quorum, of
" whom the * President shall be one."

The Committee now suggest that the words "of whom the President shall be
one" be omitted for the reasons that the Divisional Officer is very rarely resident in
Kumbakonam and that on several occasions committee meetings had to be postponed
for want of the President.

2. The Director of Public Instruction is not in favour of the change. He
observes that there appears to be no obvious reason why meetings should not be
called at times that are convenient for the President to attend and that there is also
the method of disposing of urgent matters by circulation among members of the
Committee subject to ratification at subsequent meetings.

3. Prior to 1909, there were two committees—the General Committee and the
Pages 10 and 11 of G.O. 304, Educational, 30th Executive Committee for this hostel.
May 1899. Paragraph of the scheme then in force

the Chairman at all meetings of the Executive Committee. In 1909, the Executive
Paragraph 1 of G.O. 4, Educational, 5th Janu- Committee was abolished and the manage-
ary 1909. ment was vested in the General Committee
as then reconstituted. A revised scheme

was also then drawn up. In that connection the Director suggested that it would be
Page 3 of notes with G.O. 336, Educational, well to make the quorum of the Com-
7th June 1909. mittee "the President and two members."

He observed "The Principal would always
" be on the spot and would attend and if it were necessary for the President to be
" also there, he could not be outvoted unless the President differed from him." The

Page 5 *ibid.*

then Under Secretary (Mr. C. A. Souter)
pointed out that the provision that the
President should always be one of the quorum would perhaps be inconvenient.
The Secretary (Mr. L. M. Wynch) was for the retention of the provision on the
ground that the Revenue Divisional Officer was required to preside at every meeting
of the Executive Committee under the old scheme. The provision was accordingly
inserted in the scheme formulated in 1909.

4. It will thus be seen that this provision has been in existence since 1899 and
that the object of it, as stated by the Director in 1909, was to prevent the Principal
from being outvoted. In these circumstances there appears to be no strong reasons for
omitting the provision. Orders are solicited whether the proposal may be disallow-
ed, the attention of the Committee being drawn to the remarks of the Director of
Public Instruction in his endorsement.

S.A.—5-5-15.

C.R.—5-5-15.

The Director of Public Instruction may be told to ask the Committee why it could not arrange to have meetings when the President could attend and also to point out to the Committee that there is the method of disposing of urgent matters by out to the Committee at subsequent meetings. The Director of Public Instruction subject to ratification at subsequent meetings. The Director of Public Instruction may tell us what the Committee have to say in reply and we may consider that before passing final orders.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARYAR—6-5-15.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—6-5-15.

A draft memorandum to the Director of Public Instruction is submitted for approval.

S.A.—7-5-15.

C.R.—7-5-15.

P.R.—9-5-15.

[Memorandum No. 1520-1, Educational, dated the 10th May 1915.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 20th September 1915, No. 7521.

The Committee states that it has been holding its meetings only on dates fixed by the President, but that he has had to leave the station unexpectedly with the result that meetings have to be abandoned (postponed?). It has not specifically reported on the suggestion to adopt the method of disposing of urgent matters by circulation subject to ratification at subsequent meetings. For orders whether the Committee should be again asked to report on the point.

S.A.—1-10-15.

C.R.—3-10-15.

Is the Director of Public Instruction still of opinion that the rule should be maintained? If there were any vital matter in which the Principal wanted support, he could surely arrange with the Divisional Officer that the latter should be present.

C. G. TODHUNTER—4-10-15.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

If the Committee's proposal is approved the question of the casting vote arises. Rule 5 might be modified by striking out "of whom the President shall be one" and adding "and in the absence of the President the Committee shall elect a Chairman, who, in the event of an equality of votes at the meeting shall have a casting vote."

I do not think any great harm would result from this change. But it might be well for the President to know that it is introduced merely to meet the exceptional case of his being unable to attend a meeting already summoned and that Government attaches great importance to his presence.

J. H. STONE—5-10-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

A draft order on the lines of the Director's note above is submitted for approval.

2. It does not seem necessary to place the order on the Editors' Table.

S.A.—6-10-15.

C.R.—7-10-15.

Amended slightly.

C.G.T.—7-10-15.

P[ENTLAND]—9-10-15.

Submitted that the draft order may now issue.

S.A.—11-10-15.

Issue.

C.G.T.—12-10-15.

[G.O. No. 1136, Educational, dated 12th October 1915.]

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1520, From the D. P. S., No. 7521, dated 26-4 1915

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