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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 169, Educational, dated 28th February 1912.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the question of the compensation payable to the University of Madras for the loss sustained by that body on account of the introduction of the scheme for the award of secondary school-leaving certificates.

II

G.O. No. 477, Educational, dated 31st May 1912.

ABSTRACT.—Declining to alter the method adopted by Government in calculating the loss of income sustained by the University of Madras consequent on the adoption of the secondary school-leaving certificates as a qualification for admission to the University courses.

III

Letter—from FRANCIS DEWSBURY, Esq., B.A., LL.B., Registrar, University of Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Senate House, the 11th December 1914.

No.—6866.

With reference to G.O. No. 477, Educational, dated 31st May 1912, I have the honour to state that the financial condition of the University has been under the consideration of the Syndicate, the Senate and a Special Committee of the latter. It has been estimated that in a normal year, at the close of the present transition period from the old by-laws to the new regulations, the fee income of the University will be insufficient to meet the charges upon that fund. Proposals for increasing the fee income and for reducing the expenditure therefrom have been made, but no decision has yet been arrived at thereon. A series of resolutions dealing with this matter were passed by the Senate in Committee on 31st October 1914, but at a subsequent meeting these resolutions were not confirmed by the Senate. The Syndicate, however, has accepted, and has directed me to take the necessary action upon, the following resolution of the Senate in Committee :—

“That in view of the recent developments of University work and the difficulty of meeting charges from ordinary income the Syndicate be requested to ask the Governments concerned to reconsider the question of the compensation paid to the University for its loss of income due to the introduction of the secondary school-leaving certificate schemes.”

I have therefore to ask whether the Government will be pleased to modify the conditions under which compensation is now being paid, so as to increase the amount payable to the University annually in respect of its loss of income due to the introduction of the secondary school-leaving certificate scheme in the Madras Presidency.

IV

Endorsement No. 3871-1, Educational, dated 17th December 1914.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

(By Order.)

E. A. HARVEY,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

V

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—Madras, the 22nd January 1915.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 11174/14.

In resubmitting herewith letter of the Registrar, University of Madras, No. 6866, dated the 11th December 1914, referred to me for remarks in endorsement No. 3871-1, Educational, dated the 17th December 1914, I have the honour to state that the net profit accruing to Government after paying annually to the University of Madras the compensation of Rs. 24,000 fixed in G.O. No. 477, Educational, dated 31st May 1912, by conducting the Secondary School-leaving Certificate public examination during each of the years 1911 to 1914 was Rs. 9,270, Rs. 3,851, Rs. 2,563 and Rs. 1,050, respectively, as shown in the comparative detailed statement of receipts and charges herewith submitted. The margin of profit is becoming so small that it certainly does not more than cover the proper share of the cost of the office of the Secretary to the Commissioner for Government Examinations which conducts the Secondary School-leaving Certificate public examination.

2. The University might argue on the other hand that the cost of the Secondary School-leaving Certificate examination is unnecessarily higher than that of the Matriculation examination since a very limited choice of subject is allowable in the latter examination, and this involves fewer examination papers to be set and consequently comparatively small expenditure under remuneration to examiners and under travelling allowance. In any rational Matriculation examination under the present conditions, however, there would be a system of optional papers similar to those now set in the Secondary School-leaving Certificate examination, so that it would no longer have the special element of cheapness that it now possesses under an antiquated system. The present Matriculation examination is, I believe, not altered only because it is not worth while to alter it, because it has been practically superseded by the Secondary School-leaving Certificate examination.

3. It is quite likely that the University of Madras really gain rather than lose by the present arrangement. I am not therefore in favour of increasing the amount of compensation already fixed as payable to the University.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Secondary School-leaving Certificate examination.

COMPARATIVE detailed statement of receipts and charges for the years 1911 to 1914.

Items.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
<i>Receipts.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Income from fees	88,500	79,770	84,057	85,362
Sale-proceeds of certificate forms	9,058	3,750	* ..	3,967
Total ..	97,558	83,520	84,057	89,329
<i>Charges.</i>				
Remuneration—				
To non-official members of the Board	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
To examiners and assistant examiners	29,464	27,241	28,628	30,250
To tabulators	1,500	1,908	2,000	2,150
Travelling allowance—				
To members of the Board	2,851	1,309	1,535	1,663
To examiners and assistant examiners	3,081	2,664	3,302	3,762
Amount drawn on contingent bills—				
Remuneration to superintendents and clerks				
Postage and telegram charges				
Packing charges				
Wages of peons, muchis, tailors and coolies employed				
Cost of stationery				
Total ..	17,421	14,506	15,893	18,306

* No certificate forms were ordered from the press in 1913, as the supply of 1911 and 1912 was found sufficient for 1913.

COMPARATIVE detailed statement of receipts and charges for the years 1911 to 1914.

Items.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
<i>Charges—cont.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Paid on railway parcels	533	563	360	469
Freight charges	85	74	47	..
Purchase of books (Clarke's Mathematical Tables)	51	..	..	..
Printing, lithographing and binding charges (including printing at private presses, England)	6,902	5,204	3,779	5,239
Temporary establishment	400	400	450	450
Total ..	64,288	55,669	57,494	64,279
Surplus ..	33,270	27,851	26,563	25,050
Number of pupils registered	7,377	6,443	6,876	7,138
<i>Average.</i>	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Average fees paid per pupil	11 15 11	12 6 1	12 3 7	11 15 4
„ expenditure per pupil	8 11 5	8 10 3	8 5 9	9 0 2
Compensation to the Madras University (paid out of the surplus)	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
Net profit to Government	9,270	3,851	2,563	1,050

* No books were purchased.

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STATEMENT showing the number of pupils, amount of income, expenditure and net profit to Government in connection with the Secondary School-leaving Certificate public examinations of 1911 to 1914.

Year.	Number of pupils registered.	Income.			Expenditure.	Profit.	Compensation to the Madras University.	Net profit to Government.
		Fees paid by pupils.	Sale-proceeds of certificate forms.	Total.				
1911	7,377	RS. 88,500	RS. 9,058	RS. 97,558	RS. 64,288	RS. 33,270	RS. 24,000	RS. 9,270
1912	6,443	79,770	3,750	83,520	55,669	27,851	24,000	3,851
1913	6,876	84,057	..	84,057	57,494	26,563	24,000	2,563
1914	7,138	85,362	3,967	89,329	64,279	25,050	24,000	1,050

Order—No. 129, Educational, dated the 9th February 1915.

The Government see no sufficient reason to enhance the amount of the compensation fixed in G.O. No. 477, Educational, dated the 31st May 1912, as payable to the University in respect of its loss of income due to the introduction of the scheme for the award of secondary school-leaving certificates.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar, University of Madras.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Commissioner for Government Examinations.
" Accountant-General.
" Financial Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 129, EDUCATIONAL, DATED THE 9TH FEBRUARY 1915.

[SUBJECT.—Compensation payable to the University of Madras on account of the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate scheme.]

From the Registrar, University of Madras, No. 6866, dated the 11th December 1914.
From the Director of Public Instruction, R.O.C. No. 11174, dated the 22nd January 1915.

Please see G.Os. Nos. 169, Educational, dated the 28th February 1912 and 477, Educational, dated the 31st May 1912, and the notes connected with them. In the latter Government order, the compensation payable to the Madras University, for the loss of income sustained by that body consequent on the adoption of the secondary school-leaving certificates as a qualification for admission to the University courses instead of the Matriculation examination, was estimated at Rs. 24,000 a year and that amount was fixed as the maximum that would be paid subject to the condition that it might be reduced if the profit to Government on account of the secondary school-leaving certificates examinations fell short of that amount in any year.

2. From the figures now furnished by the Director of Public Instruction it is clear that the University has no case whatever for an enhancement of the compensation now paid to it. The Syndicate's application may, it is submitted, be rejected.

3. A draft order is submitted for approval.

P. RAMUNNI NAYAR—1-2-15.

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