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G.O. No. 316

DATED 18-3-15

[Despatch Abstract.]

Acquisition of land

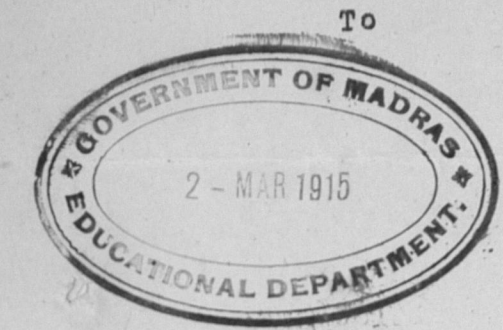
Requesting the Collector of Madras to
desist from taking further proceedings in connection with
the acquisition of a certain land selected for use as
a playground for the P. S. High School, Myslapore
& to submit the necessary draft notification
for withdrawing from the acquisition.

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MYLAPORE,

Madras, 1st March 1915.

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The Secretary to Government,
Educational Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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Adverting to the notification appearing at page 152 of Part I B of the Fort Saint George Gazette, dated the 16th February 1915, regarding the proposed acquisition of the lands comprised in R.S.Nos.4127, 4128 and 4129 of the Mylapore village we the undersigned owners beg leave to make the following representation which we trust will induce the Government to take steps to withdraw the proposal to acquire the above lands.

2. The purpose for which it is proposed to acquire these lands is said to be to serve as a play ground for the boys of the Pennathur Subrahmanyam High School for which, however, they are, we submit, quite unsuited. In the first place they form but a narrow strip running along side of the road and fairly far removed from the site selected for erecting the school. The use of this ground as a play ground especially for cricket and hockey and the like is likely to endanger the safety of persons using the road. There are on the land three well built houses for which large compensation will have to be paid only to be demolished and razed to the ground afterwards. This waste would be justified were no better, more suitable and cheaper place available. In and around this locality itself there are numerous vacant sites better suited for

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play ground than the lands now notified for acquisition and which could be obtained very much cheaper. Immediately behind the site selected for erecting the school itself and continuous with it, as also on the opposite side of the road running by there are vacant sites eminently suited for play ground. Their proximity to the school and their comparative cheapness did not, we regret, serve as a recommendation for preference with the officer who made the choice of the notified area.

3. The Pennathur Subrahmanyam High School authorities who are interested in the matter do not appear to have been consulted in the selection and so far as we have been able to gather, the selected site for being gifted to the school as a play ground is in their opinion quite unsuited.

4. To the Government, Sir, it is quite superfluous to point out that, regard being had to the compulsory nature of the acquisition, the guiding principle ought to be the minimum of inconvenience caused to the owners even at a sacrifice of the maximum of advantage. In the present case, however, it will be evident from what has been already stated that the principle has been reversed causing the maximum of inconvenience to the owners while securing a minimum of doubtful advantage at a maximum of expenditure. The facts stated above are demonstrable and we are prepared to do so if the Government will be so good as to depute a responsible officer to inspect the locality in company with any one of us.

5. Two of us are in very humble circumstances living in houses built after years of self denial to save the necessary funds for erecting the buildings, and to drive us out from our hearth and home would be inflicting a great hardship on us. While none of us would have objected to, all of us would have willingly acquiesced in, the proposed acquisition did these lands constitute the best site for the play ground or were others not available except at a higher cost. But the facts are

all the other way. Better and more suitable sites are available involving much less expenditure, while on the other hand the site chosen is quite unsuited, much more expensive and entails expulsion from hearth and home.

6. We therefore pray that the Government will be pleased to cause an inquiry to be made and to withdraw the proposal to acquire these lands.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

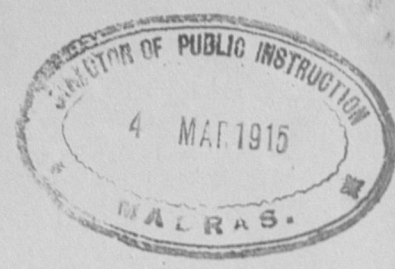
Your most obedient servants,

M. Ranginada Rao

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READ ALSO:-

G. No. 765, From the Mr. H. C. Nair, No., dated 1. 3. 1915
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ORDER.

No. 765-1 ^{Edl}, dated 3/3/ 1915

Referred to the D.P.I. for
very early report

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To the D.P.I. ✓
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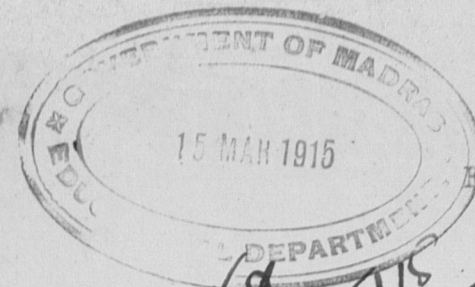
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Returning with remarks the petition received with Government Memorandum No. 765-1 Educational, dated 3rd March 1915 raising objection to the acquisition of the site proposed for playground for the P. S. High School, Mylapore.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

Ref on Cur No. 10329/13

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Station Madras, Dated the 13th March 1915

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. H.S. Duncan, M.A.,
(Designation) Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
EDUCATIONAL Department.

Sir,

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In returning herewith the petition referred to me in Government Memorandum No. 765-1 Educational, dated 3rd March 1915 asking for a reconsideration of the orders of compulsory acquisition of the lands comprised in R. S. Nos. 4127, 4128 and 4129 of Mylapore, I have the honour to report that in company with the Deputy Director of Public Instruction and Mr. Coats, the Corporation Engineer, I made on the evening of the 12th instant a local investigation of the sites and the surrounding lands and discovered that the petition is not without some cause. We discovered that other land which is certainly as suitable as if not more suitable than R.S. Nos. 4127, 4128 and 4129 is available in the

the immediate neighbourhood and I recommend that proceedings for the acquisition of lands bearing the above quoted Survey Numbers and bordering on Brodies Road be stayed and that no further action be taken in their acquisition. The Corporation Engineer is of opinion that it is possible that by some clerical error, viz., mistaking the figure 3 for the figure 8, the Committee formed in G. O. No. 1107 Educational, dated 25th November 1913 for the purpose of making selections of suitable playgrounds has recommended the acquisition of the less suitable parcel of lands, since an adjoining plot R. S. No. 4123 which is now under paddy cultivation is found to be a very suitable site for playing fields and I hope to address you at an early date with the request that a portion of this parcel of land bearing R. S. No. 4123 be acquired in place of the land bearing R. S. Nos. 4127, 4128 and 4129. This site is just over a quarter of a mile distant from that selected for the new school building for the Pennathur Subrahmanyam High School, Mylapore, for whose use the playing field is to be acquired.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]
for Director of Public Instruction.

[Signature]
M. S. S.

OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT: Petition against the acquisition of a piece of land as a playground for the P.S. High School, Mysore

From M. R. Rao M. C. Narayana Rao & M. R. Rao & others
2/1.3.15

Register No. 765 Edl.

(G) Please see para. 1 of office note on page 13 of the papers with G.O. no. 157 Edl., dated the 13th February 1915 in which ~~it was suggested~~ the suggestion made by the office that the objections of the owners need not be considered was accepted by the Secretary. ~~For~~ In the special circumstances now reported by the petitioners it is for consideration whether the petition may be referred to the D.P. for very early report. If so, the draft memorandum placed below is for approval.

By CA
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* Eq. petition marked in para. 3 of the petition.
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[memorandum no. 765-1 Edl. & 3.3.15]

No report has yet been received from the Director. If on its receipt, the Govt. decide not to proceed with the acquisition, intimation will have

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to be given to the Collector ~~and~~
 arrange to complete the acquisition, ~~and~~ ^{see}
 close of the current official year as instructed in
 para. 8 of L.P. no. 1448 Edl., dated the 18th December 1914.
 The following telephonic ~~and~~ reminder may issue to
 D.P. :-

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" Will you please refer to memo. no. 1765-1 Edl., dated
 the 3rd March 1915, referring to you for report a petition
 against the acquisition of a piece of land selected as
 playground for the P. S. High School, Mysore and ~~let~~ let
 me know when ^(a reply thereto may be expected) ~~the acquisition is completed~~
 If the acquisition of the land in question is not to
 proceed, ^{with} very early intimation will have to be
 given to the Collector of Madras."

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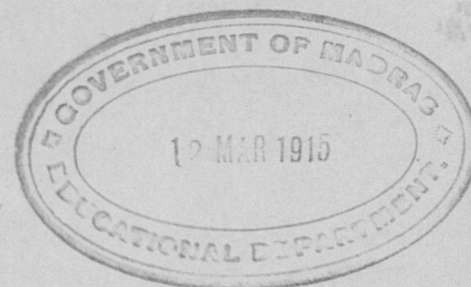
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From The D.P.I.

To the U.S. Govt. Ed Dept

Ref your ^{page 2 ante} ltr. of date re the acquisition
of a piece of land for the P.S. High
School, Myslapore.
A reply may be expected from
tomorrow.

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Cur. no 948 from the D.P.I. no 10329 of 13. 3.15
 The D.P.I. after personal inspection, reports that the
 petition is not without some cause and that other land
 which is certainly as suitable as if not more suitable
 than, the site now selected is available in the vicinity.
 He has not, however, ~~expressed~~ definitely reported on
 the ^{two main} points raised in the petition, viz (1) that the site
 now ~~was~~ selected is unsuitable and (2) that the
 authorities of the P.S. High School 'do not favour it'.
 A draft telephonic message to the Director asking
 him to report on the latter point is submitted
 for approval: -

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" Please refer to your letter no. 10329/3 dated the
 13th March 1915. No mention is made therein ^{of the}
 arguments brought forward by the petitioners, that the site
^{already} ~~was~~ selected is in the opinion of the authorities of
 the P.S. High School, quite unsuitable. Will you please
 let me know whether you ^{have verified} ~~ascertained~~ the correctness
 of this statement by consulting those authorities ~~unaided~~
 and ^{also} whether they were consulted in regard to the
 new site now proposed by you "

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The D.P.I. intubly thinks the site is
 unsuitable. / he is not for the
 new site
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D. O. No. 36

The Old College,
Madras, 17th March 1915.

Dear Mr. Rajagopalachariar,

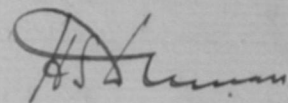
I return the U. O. file handed to me last Monday.

The site is unsuitable. It has three houses on it, also two wells. None of the school authorities have as yet been addressed on the subject of their willingness to accept the ground. The cost of acquiring Sites 4127, 4128, 4129 (the ground selected by the original Committee) is estimated at Rs. 14,336/- by the Collector of Madras. Budget provision appears in the Public Works Department Budget.

3 If it is not possible at this stage to acquire the piece of land R.S. No. 4123 -- and I regret that the money may have to lapse -- I would suggest that Rs. 14,336/- be transferred to the Educational Budget under Grants-in-Aid, Building Grants. We have demands for Rs. 20,000/- advance payments pending in the office.

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The Manager of the Tirukkattuppalli High School has sent
a demand for about Rs. 11,000/- which I am unable to pay
this year.



Yours sincerely,

To

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur P. Rajagopala
Achariyar Avargal, C. I. E.,
Secretary to Government,
Educational Department,
Fort Saint George,
Madras.

undergoing the usual formalities, this suggestion
may be adopted with the concurrence of
Financial. The amount required for the
playground in 1915-16 may be met by transfer
from 22.4 to 45 Civil Works. Action may be
taken on this suggestion of the Director after the
issue of the orders referred to in para. 1 supra.

By CR
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[Encl. 316 vol. dated 18.3.15.]

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In G.O. 157 Eal & 13.2.15, a sum of Rs 14,336 was allotted for the acquisition of a playground for the P.S. High School, Mylapore. The amount will not be required in the current year, as the site already selected is considered unenitabale.

The Educational dept. now propose:-

- (a) that the above sum of Rs 14,336 which is allotted under 45-Civil Works - P.W.D. and which will lapse in the current year may be transferred to "22-ly-Education-Grants-in-aid" for the payment of building grants; and
- (b) that the amount required for the playground in question in 1915-16 may be met by reappropriation from "22 ly. Grants-in-Aid-Building grants".

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X There is a provision of 1.00 lakh for building grants in the budget for 1915-16 (page 147 C.B.E.)

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2. As regards (a), in addition to the budget provision of .73 lakh in the current year for building grants, an additional allotment of .50 lakh was sanctioned in January 1915, so that a total sum of 1.23 lakhs is available.

in the current year for building grants. The proposal to sanction a further allotment of Rs 14,336 in the current year for building grants - The Director of Public Instruction states that there are advance payments for Rs 20,000 still pending in his office - may, it is submitted, be accepted, especially in view of the fact that the Educational dept. propose a corresponding retrenchment in the expenditure on account of building grants in 1915-16.

3. In regard to (b), orders may issue in the beginning of April next, transferring .14 lakh required in 1915-16 for the acquisition of the playground from the head "22-Education - Grants-in-aid - Building grants" to the head "45-Civil works - P.W.D."

4. Draft order is submitted for approval.

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Appd? but I note that the money is wanted for advance grants. I think there was correspondence about this lately, that Fin. Director to advance grants. However we need not raise this point now.

(Dated as 80 R 154 22/3/15)

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ORDER.

No. 310, dated

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In the circumstances stated by the D.P.I. ^{the} Collector of Madras will be requested to desist from taking further proceedings in connection with the acquisition of land bearing R.S. Nos 4127, 4128, & 4129 of Mylapore selected for use as a playground for the P. S. High School, and to submit the necessary draft notification for withdrawing from the acquisition.

2. The D.P.I. will be requested to submit a plan of R.S. No 4123, now selected by him, and to report whether the school authorities agree to the new site.

To the Collector, Madras ~~10~~ 9th, 1870

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