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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 1168, Educational, dated 12th October 1914.

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning a grant not exceeding one-half of the actual expenditure, nor Rs. 3,715, towards the cost of certain alterations to the building occupied by the Harris high school, Royapettah, Madras.

II

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

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 11th February 1915.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 3924/13.

With reference to G.O. No. 1168, Educational, dated the 12th October 1914, sanctioning a grant not exceeding Rs. 3,715 towards the cost of certain alterations to the building occupied by the Harris high school, Royapettah, Madras, the Correspondent states that no contractor will undertake the work as the rates for some of the articles have risen and submits a revised estimate amounting to Rs. 9,050—*vide* his letter, dated 1st December 1914 (copy enclosed). The Executive Engineer, South Presidency Division, to whom the revised estimate was referred, states that the rates for some of the items are too high and should be reduced—*vide* his letter No. 123-M., dated 21st January 1915 (copy enclosed). In these circumstances, I have the honour to recommend that a grant not exceeding one-half of the amount of the revised estimate as modified by the Executive Engineer may be sanctioned.

2. The sanctioned and the revised estimates are submitted herewith.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Letter—from the Rev. Canon GOLDSMITH, B.A., Correspondent, Harris High School, Madras.

To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Dated—the 1st December 1914.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Proceedings R.O.O. No. 3924/13, dated 30th October 1914, informing me that Government have been pleased to sanction a grant "not exceeding one-half of the actual expense, nor Rs. 3,715," towards the cost of certain alterations to Harris high school, Royapettah.

With your proceedings above quoted a note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, is communicated in which the estimate of Rs. 6,595 submitted with my letter No. 29 and application for grant, dated 7th January 1914, is criticised and revised to Rs. 7,430. The Chief Engineer's criticisms chiefly concern structural matters. The rates are not criticised except two, viz., those for painting and for cornice work, which are apparently considered too high and are reduced. None of the other rates are criticised, possibly because it was supposed that they represented a firm offer from a contractor. That, however, was not the case, and as moreover the estimate was originally prepared so long ago as January 1914, since which time rates have risen considerably, no contractor can now be induced to take up the work at those provided.

I venture therefore to submit herewith a revised estimate amounting to Rs. 9,050 based on a contractor's firm offer and shall be much obliged if the half-grant also may be revised accordingly. I would further ask that if some of the rates now provided are considered too low and others too high, as compared with the Public Works Department schedule of rates, the low ones may be raised as well as the high ones lowered. For it is not to be expected that any contractor's tender will coincide in every item with the Public Works Department schedule, and it

may well be that for reasons of his own a contractor may be prepared to tender low for some items compensating himself by tendering high for others. So long as the total cost of the work is approximately the same as if each item was according to the Government schedule, it would appear to be a matter of indifference to Government how, within reason, that total is arrived at.

I would specially draw attention to the fact that Rs. 190 per ton is allowed for rolled steel beams in the enclosed revised estimate. They cannot be got for less since the war began. The sanctioned revised estimate of Rs. 7,430 is also enclosed for reference. The plans not being affected are retained for execution.

(2)

Letter—from J. J. O'REILLY, Esq., B.A., B.E., Executive Engineer, South Presidency Division.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—Madras, the 21st January 1915.

No.—128-M.

With reference to your R.C. No. 3924/13, dated 5th January 1915, I have the honour to return herewith the estimate for additions to the Harris high school, Royapettah, and to state that the rates for the following items are too high and should be reduced :—

Description of work.	To be reduced.					
	From			To		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Lowering the rolled steel girders and teakwood joists.	3	0	0	2	0	0
2. Country brick work in mortar ground floor	30	0	0	29	13	0
3. Do. first floor	31	0	0	30	13	0
4. Cutstone work	2	4	0	2	0	0
5. Teak panelled windows with iron bars, clamps, frames, etc.	2	10	0	2	0	0
6. Best terrace flooring with brick on edge 3" brick jelly concrete, one course flat tiles, cement plaster on top, lime plaster to ceiling	42	0	0	39	0	0
7. Roofing with Mangalore tiles over teak reepers and square tiles	30	0	0	28	15	0

The rate for rolled steel beams is too high. The Public Works Workshop's present rate is Rs. 127 per ton. If the cartage to the site and the contractor's profit are added to the cost, the schedule rate of Rs. 160 seems sufficient.

No mention is made in the estimate about the paint to be used for painting three coats. If it is imperial zinc white a rate of Rs. 3-4-0 may be allowed and a rate of Rs. 2-12-0 for green paint.

III

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, No. 113 D., dated the 25th May 1915.

The Director of Public Instruction submits through the Educational Department a revised estimate amounting to Rs. 9,050 for certain alterations to the Harris high school at Royapettah, Madras.

II. The revised estimate has been examined in the Chief Engineer's office and the excess over the original estimate amounting to Rs. 7,430 approved in G.O. No. 1168, Educational, dated 12th October 1914, is due to—

- (1) increased rates owing to the rise in the cost of materials and labour, and
- (2) provision of Cuddapah slab floors instead of the existing plastered floors.

III. The rates for some of the items are high and have been altered so as to agree with those recommended by the Executive Engineer, South Presidency Division, on a reference made to him by the Director of Public Instruction. The estimate has in consequence been reduced from Rs. 9,050 to Rs. 8,700.

IV. The revised estimate, as altered in the Chief Engineer's office, amounting to Rs. 8,700, is recommended for approval in supersession of the original estimate referred to in paragraph II.

S. B. MURRAY,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Order—No. 581, Educational, dated 31st May 1915.

The maximum amount of grant sanctioned in G.O. No. 1168, Educational, dated the 12th October 1914, towards the cost of certain alterations to the building occupied by the Harris high school, Royapettah, Madras, will be raised from Rs. 3,715 to Rs. 4,350.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction, with estimates.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.
Editors' Table.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 581, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED THE 31st MAY 1915.

[SUBJECT.—*Enhanced building grant for the Harris High school, Royapettah.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, No. 3924/13, dated the 11th February 1915.

The revised estimates may be forwarded to the Public Works Department for scrutiny.

B.G.—21-2-15.

T.K.—22-2-15.

E. A. HARVEY—25-2-15.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, No. 113-D., dated the 25th May 1915.

The revised estimate received from the Director of Public Instruction has been scrutinised by the Chief Engineer and his remarks are contained in his note read above. As a result of the scrutiny the estimate has been reduced from Rs. 9,050 to Rs. 8,700. With these remarks the estimate may be sent to Educational for the issue of orders.

N.R.—22-5-15.

K.B.—23-5-15.

D. MARSHALL—23-5-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

* Half of the revised estimate as altered by the Chief Engineer—*vide* paragraph IV of his note.

A draft order raising the amount of the grant from Rs. 3,715 to Rs. 4,350 * is submitted for approval

E.A.V.—27-5-15.

B.G.—27-5-15.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—30-5-15.

[G.O. No. 581, Educational, dated the 31st May 1915.]

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ORDER.

No. 5-87, dated the 1915

Ph. S.

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