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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers:—

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 9th April 1915.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 6453/14.

I have the honour to address Government on the subject of modifying rules 27 and 28 of the rules of the College of Engineering.

2. According to rule 27 as at present interpreted, such of the Probationary students as are unable to present themselves with the rest of the class for the examination at the end of the second year are regarded as failed students of that batch of admissions to the Probationary class. Such students, however, are allowed to rejoin the class in the following year in order that they may at any rate qualify as Lower Subordinates, since they cannot be allowed under the letter of rule 27 to compete for the Upper Subordinate places with students who joined the college a year later and in an altogether separate competition, as a different procedure would, it was considered, amount to an injustice to the junior students who would be displaced. It will thus be noticed that the rulings quoted above operate as a hardship in the case of those Probationary students who are prevented from attending the Sessional Examination held at the end of the second year owing to circumstances beyond their control. The Hon'ble Mr. Stone, however, considers, that the only valid cause which could preclude a student from appearing for the sessional examination or from completing his course in two years is illness, and when such illness is certified to by a Commissioned Medical Officer, he might, in the Hon'ble Mr. Stone's opinion, be allowed to rejoin the probationary class for a third year and be eligible for selection for the Upper Subordinate class in addition to the students ordinarily promoted on completion of a two years' course. Moreover, the object of selection is to get the best men possible. To meet cases of hardship similar to those mentioned above, it is suggested that rules 27 and 28 of the College rules be so amended that the Upper Subordinate class might consist of 30 candidates selected from the students who pass at the end of a Probationary course of two years only and in addition such others as might pass after a Probationary course extended by the Principal's sanction for causes outside their control, since this modification is not likely to increase the number of Upper Subordinates beyond the demand existing for them. The Board of Visitors whom, Mr. Stone had consulted, have expressed their concurrence in his views and further state that the proposal will not injuriously affect anybody; nor do they apprehend that the supply of Upper Subordinates will exceed the demand. I accordingly beg to request that Government will be pleased to sanction the proposal.

3. A draft of the alterations in rules 27 and 28 as prepared by the Principal and modified slightly by the Hon'ble Mr. Stone is submitted herewith for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

Order—No. 657, Educational, dated 17th June 1915.

The Government approve the proposals of the Director of Public Instruction for the modification of rules 27 and 28 of the rules of the College of Engineering contained in his letter read above.

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

NOTIFICATION.

In the rules relating to the constitution and working of the College of Engineering the following rules shall be substituted for the existing rules 27 and 28:—

"27. Examinations will be held during the course, on the results of which, taken together with the marks obtained for practical work, a selected number, ordinarily not exceeding 30, of Probationary Subordinate students shall be promoted to the Upper Subordinate class for higher training. Probationary Subordinate students not so selected, but who obtain the qualifying marks, shall constitute the Lower Subordinate class for the following year."

"28. In order to qualify, a student must obtain half the total marks allotted to the course. A student who fails to obtain the qualifying marks must either leave the college or rejoin the class for another year. Such students as rejoin shall be ineligible for promotion to the Upper Subordinate class or for college scholarship or prizes, but if they qualify they will be allowed to go on to the Lower Subordinate class. Special exception, however, will be made at the discretion of the Principal in the case of a probationary student who is unable, owing to illness, which must be certified to by a Commissioned Medical Officer, to attend the Sessional Examinations of his class, in that he will be allowed to compete for selection to the Upper Subordinate class in the ordinary way, but without prejudice to the number of selections ordinarily made. Students selected after such an extended course will not be eligible for the guaranteed appointment, college scholarships or prizes. No student shall be permitted to remain more than three years in the class."

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction,
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.
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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 657, EDUCATIONAL,
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[SUBJECT.—*Alterations in rules 27 and 28 of the rules of the College of Engineering.*]

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G.O.	451, Educational,	8th July	1911.
"	194	" 1st March	1913.
"	417	" 11th April	1914.
"	1112	" 24th September	"

From the Director of Public Instruction, No. 6453 dated the 9th April 1915.

Submitted that in the circumstances explained the proposals of the Director of Public Instruction to grant concessions to the students of the probationary subordinate class who are prevented from attending the sessional examination held at the end of the second year and the consequential alterations in rule 28 may be approved. It is observed that the following other alterations not directly connected with the above have been made in rule 27 :—

(i) In the draft rule now proposed, it is stated that the examinations will be held *during the course*, while according to the existing rule the examination is to be held at the end of the second year.

(ii) Under the revised rule the marks obtained for practical work are also to be taken into account for the purpose of promotion from the probationary subordinate class, while there is no mention of these marks in the present rule.

There seems to be sufficient justification for the incorporation of the latter provision in the rule. As regards the other, it seems to be intended that the promotion to the upper classes should depend on the results of the series of examinations conducted during the whole course of two years, and not as at present on the final examination at the end of the course. This is not, however, made clear in the Director's letter which still speaks of the "sessional examination held at the end of the second year". It is not known how many examinations are held and when. No doubt the present policy is not to rely solely on the results of a single examination but on the general progress throughout the course. In this view the alterations may be acceptable. But the point may be made clear by further un-official reference to the Director of Public Instruction, as his letter does not refer to it.

2. It is proposed to recognize illness alone as a valid cause for absence from examinations.

It is, however, submitted that there may be other unavoidable causes which may also claim a similar recognition, such as death of a parent, wife, child or such near relation. It may be desirable to make provision for these cases also. The Principal may be given discretion to accept them as valid or not according to the circumstances of each case. If this is approved, the words "or other unavoidable causes" may be inserted between the words "Medical officer" and "to attend the sessional examination" in rule 28. The Director of Public Instruction may be asked to state if he agrees to this addition.

S.A.—21-4-15.

C.R.—22-4-15.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—23-4-15.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Attention is invited to pages 71 and 72 of the College calendar where details of the examinations held in the first and second years of the probationary course are set forth. With the exception of the examination in freehand drawing and the term examinations, all other examinations are held at the end of the session, the practical surveying examination being disposed of first. That is to say, the results of examinations held throughout the two years and general progress are taken into consideration along with the results of the examinations at the end of the course.

Both Mr. Stone and Mr. James would recognise illness alone as a valid cause for absence from examinations and would not extend the concession. I am in entire agreement with their view.

H. S. DUNCAN--28-5-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

For orders whether the Director's proposal to recognise illness alone as a valid cause for absence from examination and not to extend the concession may be approved. Please see note on page 1 *supra*. Though in practice the Principal may recognise only "illness", there seems to be no objection to give him wider powers in the rules as suggested on page 1 *supra*, so that when any special case arises, it may be availed of.

S.A.—1-6-15.

C.R.—2-6-15.

I would recognise only illness.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—6-6-15.

A draft order is submitted for approval.

S.A.—7-6-15.

C.R.—7-6-15.

P.R.—9-6-15.

P[RESENT]—16-6-15.

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To the Director
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