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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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READ—the following paper :—

G.O. No. 1115 W., dated 14th June 1915.

Read—the following papers :—

From the Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, dated 4th February 1915, No. 250-E.E.
Letter to the Accountant-General, dated 11th February 1915, No. 356-E-1.
From the Accountant-General, dated 13th March 1915, No. Spl. 15-28215.
Letter to the Accountant-General, dated 26th March 1915, No. 356-E-3.
From the " " dated 19th April 1915, No. Spl. 15-1013.

Order—No. 1115 W., dated 14th June 1915.

The papers read above relate to a claim for stipend by Engineer subordinate student V. Nagasubrahmanya Ayyar for the period of his leave from the 1st to the 28th May 1913.

2. The Accountant-General has disallowed the claim on the ground that under rule 69 of the rules relating to the constitution and working of the College of Engineering, Madras, stipend is not admissible for this period as the student had been on leave for more than one month from the 1st May 1913. He will be informed that the intention of the rule is that stipend shall be forfeited only for the additional period of leave in excess of one month and not for the entire period of absence. He will therefore be requested to withdraw the objection.

3. Separate orders will issue in the Educational Department modifying rule 69 of the College rules to make the intention clear.

(True Extract.)

S. B. MURRAY,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.
" Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
" " " IV Circle.
" Educational Department (with copy of notes).

Order—No. 691, Educational, dated 29th June 1915.

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

NOTIFICATION.

In the second sentence of rule 69 of the rules relating to the constitution and working of the College of Engineering, Madras, insert the words "for the additional period" after the words "loss of stipend".

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.
Editors' Table (order only).

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 691, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
29TH JUNE 1915.

[SUBJECT.—Question of interpretation of the rules regarding the grant of leave and stipend to students on practical course.]

Previous papers :

G.O. 1011, Educational, 7th November 1913.
" 1112 " 24th September 1914.

Letter from the Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, No. 250-S.E., dated 4th February 1915, forwarding petition of V. Nagasubrahmanya Ayyar regarding his stipend for the period from the 1st to the 28th May 1913.

Letter to the Accountant-General, No. 356-E-1, dated 11th February 1915.

Letter from the Accountant-General, No. Spl. 15-28215, dated 13th March 1915.

Letter to the Accountant-General, No. 356-E-3, dated 25th March 1915.

Letter from the Accountant-General, No. Spl. 15-1013, dated 19th April 1915.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The case is briefly as follows.

2. V. Nagasubrahmanya Ayyar, an Engineer subordinate student, began his practical course on the 15th June 1912. He fell ill on 1st May 1913, i.e., after undergoing practical course for a period of 10½ months. He was not able, on account of continued ill-health, to resume the course until 1st August 1914 and he completed it on the 3rd September 1914. As under rule 69 of the rules relating to the constitution and working of the College of Engineering, the student is eligible for leave with stipend for one month, his absence from the 1st May to 28th May 1913 and another three days' leave he took before he fell ill on the 1st May 1913, making a total of thirty days, has been treated as leave with stipend.

3. The Accountant-General has disallowed the claim for stipend for the period from the 1st to the 28th May 1913 for the following reasons :—

(1) That under rule 69 of the rules of the College of Engineering *any leave in excess of one month* granted to an Engineer or Engineer subordinate student involves loss of stipend for the entire period of absence and not merely for the period of leave in excess of one month;

(2) that under rule 83 of the rules a student's practical course should be continuous and should be reckoned from the date on which he joins for practical course and terminated on the corresponding date; and

(3) that combination of leave with and without stipend does not appear to have been contemplated in the rules.

4. With reference to the Accountant-General's first objection, it is submitted that the matter was clearly explained to him in this office letter No. 356-E.I., dated 11th February 1915, and his attention was drawn to paragraph 2 of Memorandum No. 4153-C., dated 21st September 1898 (printed with G.O. No. 2691 W., dated 15th October 1898), from lines 3 and 4 of which it will be seen that the intention of Government is that stipend should be forfeited only for the portion of leave in excess of one month. The Accountant-General does not say anything with reference to the observation in his letters, dated the 13th March and 19th April, respectively.

It may be mentioned in this connection that it has always been held in this department that a student forfeits stipend only for the period of leave in excess of one month and cases coming under this rule have been treated accordingly. The

following are a few of the cases in which students have been absent for more than one month:—

(1) Engineer student G. R. Krishnaswami Ayyangar was granted leave with stipend for one month and leave without stipend in continuation thereof for two months with effect from the 16th September 1912—*vide* Memorandum No. 9530-C., dated 24th October 1912.

(2) In the case recorded with Memorandum No. 9282-C., dated 16th October 1912, upper subordinate student R. S. Mahadeva Ayyar was granted by the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, leave with stipend for one month from 29th July to 28th August 1912 and without stipend for the 29th August 1912.

(3) In the case recorded with Memorandum No. 1262-C., dated 17th March 1910, the aggregate period of absence for forty days of Engineer student M. Thiruvankata Achari was treated as leave with stipend for the first month and without stipend for the remaining ten days.

It has not come to the notice of this office that the Accountant-General has objected to the grant of stipends in these cases for the first month. The objection now raised by the Accountant-General is thus a new one.

5. As regards the Accountant-General's second objection there is nothing in rule 83 of the College rules to support it. The practice in this department, in cases where, owing to ill-health or other circumstances beyond control, a student is unable to complete the course in one year *continuously*, is to see that he spends one full year on the course including one month's leave with stipend.

6. The Accountant-General's third objection follows from objection (1) as the word "*any*" occurring in the fourth line of rule 69 gives room for this interpretation.

7. As the rules relating to the constitution and working of the College of Engineering, Madras, have been framed by the Educational Department, it is submitted that that department may be requested to modify rule 69 so as to make it clear that in cases where the leave exceeds one month the first month shall be with stipend and that combination of leave with and without stipend is permissible.

T.S.R.—7-5-15.

W. G. MOLESWORTH—9-5-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

As observed by the Public Works Department the objection raised by the Accountant-General appears to be against the intention of the rules. Before, however, modifying them so as to make the intention clear, the remarks of the Director of Public Instruction may, it is submitted, be invited on the present proposal.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—12-5-15.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The wording of rule 69 is not very clear. The intention is, no doubt, the grant of leave with stipend for a period not exceeding one month per annum, any additional leave granted being leave without stipend. The following modification of rule 69 is suggested:—

"Leave may be granted during the practical course for a period or aggregate of periods not exceeding one month per annum. Such leave should not entail forfeiture of stipend, but any leave in excess of one month should involve loss of stipend for the additional period, and the practical course, etc."

H. S. DUNCAN—29-5-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the modification proposed by the Director of Public Instruction may be accepted. The file may now be forwarded to Public Works Department for the issue of orders on the overseer's petition. That department may be requested to return the file to Educational thereafter for the issue of an order modifying rule 69 of the College rules.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—6-6-15.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

A draft order is submitted.

T.S.R.—11-6-15.

W. G. MOLESWORTH—12-6-15.

[G.O. No. 1115 W., dated 14th June 1915.]

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

A draft order modifying rule 69 as suggested by the Director of Public Instruction in his unofficial note, dated the 29th May 1915, is submitted for approval.

S.A.—21-6-15.

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