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DATED 15-2-16

Hotel Accommodation [Despatch Abstract.] - Informing the University of Madras that the Govt. Cannot admit any responsibility to that body for the provision of — for the students of the Govt. Colleges, and that they are however quite alive to the importance of the matter and will in the future, as in the past do everything in their power in that direction.



No. 6945

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS

SENATE HOUSE, 5 - NOV 1915

Enclosures.

FROM

FRANCIS DEWSBURY, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,

Registrar, University of Madras,

TO

The Secretary to Government

Educational Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for the information of the Government a copy of the Report of a Committee of the Senate appointed on November 20th, 1914, 'to inquire and report to the Senate at its next March Meeting on the adequacy and nature of the accommodation provided for the students in the Colleges in the City of Madras affiliated to the University, and to make definite proposals for the better accommodation and boarding of such students'.

2. The Report was presented to the Senate at the Meeting held on October 22nd, 1915, when the following resolutions thereon were adopted by the Senate:-

- i. That having regard to the unsatisfactory nature of the accommodation now available, and in view of Regulation 384, the Government be addressed and requested to provide at an early date adequate hostel accommodation for the students of the Government Colleges in Madras; and that the authorities of the other colleges in Madras be requested to take early measures to provide hostel accommodation for such of their students as still require it.
- ii. That it be a recommendation to the Syndicate that each college affiliated to the University should be required to make an annual return showing, of the total number of students in the college, the number living,
 - (a) in hostels attached to the college,
 - (b) with relations or guardians,
 - (c) in unattached hostels or hotels approved by the college authorities,
 - (d) in lodgings approved by the college authorities, and that a tabular statement of the returns made be published annually for the information of the Senate in the Syndicate Report.

* Students who do not live with either relatives or guardians shall be required to live in a hostel or rooms approved by the College authorities.

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3. In accordance with the former resolution, I am directed by the Syndicate to request that the Government will provide at an early date adequate hostel accommodation for the students of the Government Colleges in Madras.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Francis Dunscombe

Registrar.

University of Madras

Report of the Committee of the Senate appointed on 20th November, 1914, 'to inquire and report to the Senate at its next March meeting on the adequacy and nature of the hostel accommodation provided for the students in the colleges in the City of Madras affiliated to the University and to make definite proposals for the better accommodation and boarding of such students'.

1. The Committee met on Monday, 18th January, 1915, and again on Friday, October 1st, 1915.

2. At the first meeting, attended by thirteen members of the Committee, with the Hon'ble the Rev. G. Pittendrigh in the chair, it was resolved

(a) That the Principals of the affiliated colleges in Madras be requested to furnish the Committee with the following information :—

1. The number of students in the colleges, indicating how many are

(a) living in hostels attached to or provided by the college,

(b) living with parents or guardians,

(c) living in lodgings.

2. The rules for the management of the college hostels and for the supervision generally of the college students; with detailed particulars of the system adopted for the inspection of students' lodgings, showing how, when, and by whom these lodgings are inspected and the action taken on such inspections.

3. If possible, the number of students in the college during the last five years classified for each year under (a), (b) and (c), as in paragraph 1 above, indicating under each head the number of students who died during the year.

4. The average cost of living per student in the hostels attached to or provided by the college.

5. The nature of the supervision, if any, exercised over the food of students in lodgings.

6. The method by which medical attendance is provided for the students of the colleges in cases of illness.

7. The addresses of unattached hostels, or of private dwelling houses which are known to be used wholly or mainly for the residence of college students.

(b) That the following be appointed a Sub-Committee to visit the residences of students (including hostels and lodging houses) and to report to the Committee :—

Messrs. A. Davies, S. Srinivasa Aiyangar, E. W. Green, Yakub Hasan and G. A. Natesan (Convener).

(c) That the Registrar request the Principals of the affiliated colleges to afford every facility to the members of the Sub-Committee in making their investigations.

(d) That the Syndicate be requested to inform the Senate that the Committee will be unable to present its Report at the March meeting, but that it is proceeding with the inquiry.

3. At the second meeting, with Mr. W. H. James in the Chair and eight members present, the report of the Sub-Committee appointed on the 18th January, 1915, which had been issued previously to each member of the Committee, was adopted after discussion in the following form:—

Report of the Sub-Committee

A Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. Arthur Davies, S. Srinivasa Iyengar, Yakub Hasan, E. W. Green and G. A. Natesan was appointed on January 8th to visit the residences of students, including hostels and lodging-houses, and to report to the Committee.

The members of the Committee, with the exception of Mr. Green (who was away from Madras) visited (1) the hostels attached to the various colleges of the city, (2) hostels not attached to colleges but managed by private authorities, (3) a number of lodging houses where the students reside, and (4) a number of eating-houses where they mess, (5) Restaurants and Coffee hotels where they get their refreshments. The following tabular statement will show at a glance the nature and extent of the lodging and the boarding which College students in the City of Madras are able to obtain under existing conditions:—

Name of College	Total Number	With parents or guardians	Living in College hostels	Unattached hostels	Lodging houses, etc.
Christian College ...	843	368	212	53	210
Pachaiyappa's College...	827	612	79	...	136
Wesley College ...	173	124	16	16	17
Presidency College...	682	255	...	152 (Victoria Hostel)	275
Medical College ✓ ...	271	84	...	...	187
Engineering College ✓	77†	39	2	18 (Victoria Hostel)	18
Law College ✓ ...	440	80	...	...	360
Women's College ✓	34	16	17	1	...
	3,347	1,578	326	240	1,203*
					1,103

* Of these it is reported about 100 are in private hostels.

† Students taking University courses only.

It will be seen from the table that, out of the total of 3,347 college students, 1,578 (less than half) are reported to be living with their parents or guardians.

Only 326 students (i.e. less than 10 per cent) are in hostels attached to colleges.

If we add to this number, as we must, the 230 students of the various colleges accommodated in the Victoria Hostel, the percentage of students living in college hostels will be about 16·6 per cent only.

Unattached hostels, such as those of the Young Men's Indian Association, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Ramakrishna Home and the Umda Bagh and Muslim Boddam hostels, afford boarding and lodging accommodation for about a hundred students belonging to the various colleges. This leaves as many as 1,103 college students unprovided for, notwithstanding Regulation 384.

These thousand and odd students, presumably from the mofussil parts, and quite unfamiliar with the conditions of the city, are thrown on their own resources and often, without any help or guidance, obliged to find for themselves lodging and food; and according to the reports given to us by the students themselves, they experience great difficulty in doing so.

The conditions prevailing in several of the eating-houses and the rooms in the private houses where the majority of students are obliged to seek accommodation are far from satisfactory. The rooms, in many cases, are dark and ill-ventilated and some, little better than boxes.

Often, owing to sheer necessity, two and sometimes three students live together in a room which could conveniently accommodate only one. In a good number of private houses where students are given rooms, the bathing and sanitary arrangements are miserable; and in a few even these are denied to them.

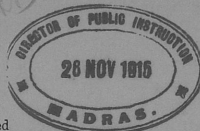
With rare exceptions here and there, the food given in the eating-houses is of a very poor order. The proprietors of these eating-houses run them purely as commercial ventures without much regard to the convenience or comfort of the students, and as there is absolutely no sort of control or supervision over them, they are the masters of the situation and the students are obliged to go to these eating-houses much against their will. And one often hears reports of sickness from those students who are obliged to mess at these eating-houses.

We note with regret that out of the 1,103 students who are obliged to live under the conditions above referred to, as many as 840, belong to the Law College, the Presidency College, the Engineering and the Medical Colleges. As the Law College, the Presidency College, the Engineering and the Medical Colleges are institutions maintained and controlled by the Government, we have no doubt that if a representation be made to the authorities, satisfactory arrangements could easily be made to provide boarding and lodging accommodation for at least a good number of the 840 students belonging to these colleges.

The Committee is glad to report that all the college hostels and the unattached hostels referred to, are run on satisfactory lines. The Wesley College hostel has been completed and has accommodation now for thirty-five students. The Trustees of Pachaiyappa's Charities are constructing a big hostel for their students at Chetput, with provision made for nearly 250 students. The work is nearing completion.

YAKUB HASAN.
S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
ARTHUR DAVIES.
G. A. NATESAN.

September 23, 1915.



4. At the same meeting the Committee also resolved

(i) That, having regard to the unsatisfactory nature of the accommodation for board and lodging now available, and in view of Regulation 384, the Committee recommends to the Senate that the Government be addressed and requested to provide at an early date adequate hostel accommodation for the students of the Government Colleges in Madras, and that with regard to the other colleges in Madras, the authorities be requested to take early measures to provide hostel accommodation for such of their students as still require it.

(ii) That it should be a recommendation to the Syndicate by the Senate that each affiliated college should be required to make an annual return showing of the total number of students in the college, the number living

(a) in hostels attached to the college

(b) with relatives or guardians

(c) in unattached hostels or hotels approved by the college authorities

(d) in lodgings approved by the college authorities,

and that a tabular statement of the returns made be published annually for the information of the Senate in the Syndicate Report.

SENATE HOUSE,
October 2, 1915.

FRANCIS DEWSBURY, B.A., LL.B.,
Registrar.

Educational Dept.

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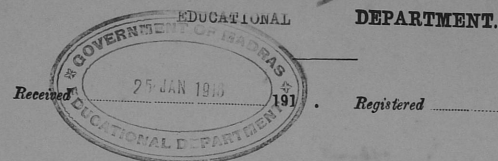
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The J. & S. (with endorsement
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Done
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Subject.

returning the papers referred for remarks with Government
Endorsement No. 3856-1 Edl., dated 23rd November 1915 regarding
the provision of additional hostel accommodation for the stu-
dents of the Government Colleges in Madras.

ENCLOSURES.	
No.	
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Ref on our No. 9660/1915.

Station Madras, Dated the 22nd January 1916

From (Name) The Hon. Mr. J.H. Stone, M.A., C.I.E., F.R.H.S.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

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

Sir,

In returning the papers referred to me for
remarks with Government Endorsement No. 3856-1 Edl., dated 23rd
November 1915, I have the honour to observe that regulation 384
of the University imposes no obligation on college authorities
to provide hostels. I suggest therefore that Government should
decline to admit the responsibility to the University for pro-
viding hostels for its colleges but that the university might be
informed that proposals are under consideration in connection
with the disposal of the General Hospital buildings for providing

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a very large amount of additional hostel accommodation in Madras
for students of Government and Aided Colleges.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

G. S. S.
for Director of Public Instruction.

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M. S. S.

C. No. 2855/16 From the Regt. Commr. of Madras No. 694.S., dated the 5th Nov 1915.
" 203/16 " J. P. D. R.O.C 9660/15 d) the 22nd Jan: 1916.

SUBJECT

Hostel accommodation for
affiliated colleges in Madras.

A draft order on the
lines of the Director of Public Instructions
letter on pages 8 and 9 of the current
file is submitted for approval.

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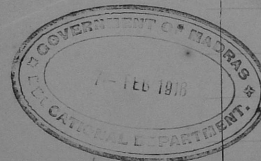
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The draft order is wrong - what I ought
do is to advise any college belonging to the
University - for providing hostel accommodation
for the students of its colleges. Government
are however quite alive to the importance of
extent of hostel accommodation and both for
for students both of their own and other
and with in the future, as in the past, do
everything in their power to further in
this direction. In its letter the University
seems to ignore this and make unreasonable demands
and I purposely made my reply rather curt

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Edl. Dept.

It is not quite clear how the draft order is wrong as pointed out by Mr. P.P. A revised draft order in accordance with his note on page 1 ante is however submitted for approval.

Edl. Dept.

10.2.16.

Mr. P.P. Your first draft has, to say the least, been revised to secure a clean copy please.

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clean copy submitted.

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 3856/15 From the Regr., University of Madras, No. 6948., dated the 5th Nov. 1915

" " 308/16, " " D. P. I. R.O.C. 9660/15, " the 22nd Jan'y. 1916.

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ORDER.

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No. 166, dated 15-2- 1916

The Government cannot admit any responsibility to the University for providing hostel accommodation for the students of the Government colleges, as Regulation 384 of the University Regulations imposes no obligation on college authorities to provide such accommodation. The Government are, however, quite alive to the importance of extending hostel accommodation to the students of their own and of other colleges and will, in the future, as in the past, do everything

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in their power in this direction.

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To
The Registrar, University of
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The D. P. I.

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