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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. 128, Educational, dated the 30th January 1914.

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to increase from 20 to 30 the number of Brahmin widow scholarships tenable in the widow's hostel attached to the secondary and training school for mistress, Triplicane.

II

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

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department (through the Accountant-General).

Dated—Madras, the 17th February 1916.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 637.

In their order Mis. 1331, Educational, dated 6th December 1915, Government sanctioned the transfer to the Brahmin widows' hostel, Triplicane, of the four scholarships which remained unawarded in the Queen Mary High school, Vizagapatam. The Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Central Circle, now reports that these four scholarships have been utilized by the admission of four child widows of less than 13 years of age and requests that as she is still receiving applications from Brahmin widows for admission into the hostel fifteen additional scholarships may be sanctioned.

There are at present in all 38 scholarship holders and one non-scholarship holder in the hostel, and I may state that the success of the school has far exceeded my expectations and that the progress of the widows now in the Triplicane High school is remarkable. I beg also to invite attention in this connection to the concluding portion of paragraph 3 of my letter to Government R.C. 11053/1914, dated 13th February 1915, in which I stated that the question of sanctioning fifteen additional scholarships for this hostel might be considered later after all the sanctioned scholarships had been awarded. I have the honour accordingly to request that Government will be pleased to sanction fifteen additional scholarships at Rs. 15 each per mensem for award in the Brahmin widows' hostel, Triplicane, which will be made gradually with effect from or after 1st March 1916 as suitable young Brahmin widows are forthcoming.

2. As regards the funds required for meeting the extra charge, I beg to point out that in the budget estimates for 1916-17 submitted to Government provision was made by me for fifteen additional scholarships for Brahmin widows and the total budget estimate was raised to Rs. 10,500, but that this was cut down by Government to Rs. 6,000, the current year's revised allotment, and to request that Government may be pleased to reconsider their decision and restore the provision made by me for the purpose. If, however, this is not possible I shall endeavour to meet the extra expenditure from savings in the total allotment for scholarships for 1916-17.

III

Endorsement of the Accountant-General, Pa. 4-Kis./23295, dated 24th February 1916.

Forwarded.

2. There is no audit objection to the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction being sanctioned.

3. The present monthly cost of scholarship of the Brahmin widows' hostel, Triplicane, is Rs. 570.

E. R. SESHU AYYAR,
Assistant Accountant-General.

To the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Order—399, Educational, dated 8th April 1916.

The Government sanction the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to award fifteen additional scholarships at Rs. 15 each per mensem in the Brahmin widows' hostel, Triplicane.

2. As it is too late now to include the provision for the purpose in the Civil Budget Estimate for 1916-17, the Director should meet the extra expenditure by reappropriation from the savings in the allotment for scholarships for that year.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction,
with the Accountant-General's endorsement.
,, Accountant-General (through Financial).
,, Financial Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. 399, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED THE 8TH APRIL 1916.

[SUBJECT.—*Fifteen additional scholarships for Brahman widows.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 17th February 1916, R.O.C. 637-16.

The scheme for the establishment of a hostel for Brahman widows was first sanctioned in 1912 and provided for *ten* scholarships of Rs. 12 each per mensem—vide G.O. 785, Educational, dated the 26th August 1912. The number of scholarships and their value were subsequently raised to *twenty* and Rs. 15 each per mensem, respectively, in G.O. 371, Educational, dated the 25th April 1913. This number was further increased to *thirty* in G.O. 128, Educational, dated the 30th January 1914. *Eight* scholarships remaining unawarded in the Queen Mary high school for Indian girls at Vizagapatam have also been temporarily transferred to the hostel—vide G.Os. 357, Educational, dated the 29th March 1915, and 131, Educational, dated the 6th December 1915. The hostel has at present altogether 38 scholarships including those transferred from the Vizagapatam school.

2. The Government are acquiring the "Ice House" for the location of the hostel with a view to its further development—vide G.O. 125, Educational, dated the 7th February 1916. The Director of Public Instruction has clearly explained in his current letter the necessity for the *fifteen* additional scholarships now asked for. Submitted that they may be sanctioned.

3. As regards the budget provision on this account referred to in paragraph 2 of the Director's letter, attention is solicited to pages 24 and 25 of the budget notes for 1916-17. In view of paragraph 5 of the Financial Department notes *et seq* it is submitted that it appears to be too late now to include the provision in the civil budget estimate for 1916-17. The Director of Public Instruction may, therefore, be informed that the extra cost should be met by reappropriation from the savings in the allotment for scholarships in 1916-17.

4. A draft order is submitted for approval. If approved, it may be forwarded to the Financial Department for acceptance.

P.R.—29-2-16.

T.K.—29-2-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—2-3-16.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The expenditure incurred at present on account of scholarships in the Brahman widow's hostel, Triplicane, is Rs. 570 per mensem or Rs. 6,840 per annum. It is now proposed to increase this amount by Rs. 225 per mensem or Rs. 2,700 per annum. The object of these scholarships is explained in paragraph 2 of the Director of Public Instruction's letter on page 2 of G.O. 785, Educational, dated the 26th August 1912.

2. The Director of Public Instruction and the Educational Department apparently consider that the proposed expenditure is one of imperative and immediate necessity. The draft order may, it is submitted, be accepted in Financial. The Director of Public Instruction will meet the extra cost by reappropriation (paragraph 2 of Director of Public Instruction's letter and paragraph 2 of the draft).

G.V.—7-3-16.

C.P.K.—7-3-16.

Yes, but I would suggest that the Director of Public Instruction should be told that the number of scholarships should be restricted to the money he can find from his budget to pay for. What we have to guard against is his giving the scholarships and then coming up for an allotment from reserve on the ground that he cannot find the money.

L. E. KERSHAW—8-3-16.

I would only suggest that, if the hostel is in such demand as appears to be the case, we might well consider whether the rates of the scholarships may not be reduced with a view to their ultimate abolition. Probably many of the inmates could afford to keep themselves and would be ready to do so in view to subsequent employment.

2. The present proposals bring the cost of scholarships to nearly Rs. 10,000 for this single institution.

3. I would try for a time the effect of reducing future scholarships to Rs. 12—the old figure.

Honourable Member Financial should see.

A. BUTTERWORTH—9-3-16.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Attention is solicited to paragraph 2 of the Director's letter on page 2 of G.O. 785, Educational, dated the 26th August 1912, for the object with which the widow's hostel was started. The scheme is a peculiar one in the success of which the Government are particularly interested. The steady increase in the number of widows seeking admission to the hostel is undoubtedly attributable to the readiness of Government to meet the expenses connected with their education. It is also the aim of the Government to increase this number further and develop the hostel—vide Mr. Stone's demi-official on page 2 of notes to G.O. 125, Educational, dated the 7th February 1916.

2. The main reason for fixing the value of the scholarships at Rs. 15 per mensem was the high rate of boarding charges owing to the steady rise in prices in Madras—vide the Director's letter printed on page 2 of G.O. 371, Educational, dated the 25th April 1913. This reason still holds good. That being so, the suggestion of the Financial Department to reduce the value of the future scholarships to Rs. 12 per mensem is, it is submitted, calculated to give the scheme a set back and to exclude some of the poor but promising candidates who are not able to contribute anything for their maintenance in the hostel. As the success of the scheme depends not merely on the number but also on the material available, it is probable that the scheme will be prejudicially affected by the reduction proposed.

3. The scheme is still in its infancy. It may be said to have succeeded only after some of the widows have completed their education and supplied the demand for caste women teachers in schools under public management. Till then great care seems to be required to bring about its success. It is therefore for consideration whether it is not too soon now to reduce the value of the scholarships as proposed, especially when the results of the experiment are anxiously awaited.

P.R.—13-3-16.

Orders are solicited as to whether the file may, with the consent of Financial, be forwarded u.o. to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks whether the value of future scholarships may be reduced to Rs. 12 as proposed.

T.K.—13-3-16.

If Financial has no objection, I would send this file to Mr. Stone u.o. for remarks.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—15-3-16

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted for orders with reference to the Educational Secretary's note above.

C.P.K.—15-3-16.

Personally I have no objection.

L. E. KERSHAW—16-3-16.

None.

A. BUTTERWORTH—17-3-16.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the file may now be sent to the Director of Public Instruction u.o. for remarks.

T.K.—20-3-16.

Will Director of Public Instruction please note now on the whole question and with special reference to the Financial notes at page 2?

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—22-3-16.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

In the first place as regards the danger of my not being able to meet the cost of the additional scholarships from reappropriations: I am prepared to instruct the inspectress not to grant any new scholarships without the express sanction of this office, and this should, I think by enabling me to watch expenditure, meet this danger.

2. In the second place I would strongly deprecate cutting down the rate from Rs. 15 to Rs. 12. The extra three rupees gives just the margin between bare subsistence and effective living and working. The girls must have books, clothes, even simple pleasures and I very much doubt whether their people would give them money for these things while they are in the home. It is in most cases quite difficult to get them to allow the girls to come at all. As the advantage of sending them and so providing them with a livelihood is better understood it may be possible to run the home more like an ordinary training school for teachers and reduce the stipends, but I do not think the time has yet come to attempt this.

J. H. STONE—23-3-16.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The Financial Department may be requested to state whether, in view of the above remarks of the Director of Public Instruction, it will withdraw its proposal to reduce the value of scholarships from Rs. 15 to Rs. 12 and accept the draft order.

P.R.—25-3-16.

T.K.—25-3-16.

I think we may now agree with the Director of Public Instruction.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—26-3-16.

To the Financial Department.

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