

Educational (1916) Department.

Misc. SERIES.

G.O. No. 569 - Ed

DATED 24 - 5 - 16

[Despatch Abstract.]

Building grant. Declining to enhance the amount of the — already sanctioned towards the cost of constructing a school house, cottages and a house for the Principal of the St George's Homes Kozhikode.

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Educational DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.
Subject.

Submitting for orders of Government copy of a letter from the Correspondent, St. George's Homes, Kodaikanal, dated 20th April 1916, regarding Building grant for the St. George's Homes Kodaikanal.

ENCLOSURES.
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Ref. on Cur. No. 822/15,

Station Madras, Dated the 11th May 1916

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

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

Amount of } 1,19,740
Estimated }
Water grant 59,870
Two-thirds grant 79,827.

Sir,

2. Rs 59,870
3. Rs 1,19,740
② " 79,827

R. 79,827
- Rs 59,870
= 19,957

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(E)

I have the honour to submit for orders of Government, copy of a letter from the Correspondent, St. George's Homes, Kodaikanal, dated 20th April 1916 in which he requests that the half grant sanctioned in G.O.No.328 Edl., dated 24th March 1916 may be raised to two-thirds of the estimated cost of construction of the buildings referred to, and that if the higher rate is sanctioned, the difference between the half and the two-thirds grant may be paid when the financial stringency is less acute than at present. In the first place

Art. 57 of the Code of
Regulations for European Schools

View

I submit that only a half grant is admissible under the rules to this institution since so far from the homes being intended to meet the needs of a small or poor local population they are intended for children whom it is intended to bring from other places where in most cases private beneficence and state aid have already provided educational facilities for them. In the second place, I would point out that for years past managers of the European schools of the Presidency have been spending money and labour in bringing them to such efficiency as is possible, and since the introduction of the Code of Regulations for European Schools Government have been spending increasing sums on these schools. Funds are however still inadequate for providing buildings, equipment and staff on a really adequate scale for the European schools as a whole, and I do not think I should be justified in recommending the grant of special terms at the expense of other schools to this new institution whose work will after all affect only a very small proportion of the European population. I may also bring to the notice of Government that the liabilities of building grants already sanctioned to European schools amount to Rs. 1,28,000/- against an allotment of Rs. 68,000/- for 1916-17.

we cannot go on increasing our liability in the present financial situation

C.R. 8 for 1916-17

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

R. A. Arieve.

for Director of Public Instruction.

P.V.S.

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Kodaikanal,

20th April 1916.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

Sir,

St. George's Homes.

With reference to your communication C.No. 822/1915, dated 29th March 1916, informing me that Government has sanctioned a grant of one-half of the cost of certain buildings it is proposed to erect in Kodaikanal, I have the honour to request that the following facts may be laid before the Government with the hope that on further consideration the maximum grant of two-thirds the cost may be sanctioned. Apart from the Government grants, the cost of the buildings have to be met entirely, and current expenses almost entirely, from public subscriptions. Whenever possible relatives are made to contribute towards the cost of children in the Homes, but such instances are rare and the total amount thus obtained is small.

2. I assume that the conditions described justify the application of that portion of the Code of Regulations reading:-

"In places where there is a small or poor European population, the maximum grant should not exceed two-thirds of the total cost". (Chap. 5, Section 10, Article 57)

The persons for whom the Homes are mainly, if not entirely, catering are the poorest of the poor; and although Kodaikanal may not itself be considered as having a small or poor European population yet the Homes are not meant to provide for the local population of Kodaikanal alone but for the children from all parts of the Madras Presidency. I am therefore hopeful that, having in view this purpose of the Board of Management and the very high cost that devolves upon the Institution both as regards the capital and recurring expenditure, you will be pleased to recommend to Government that the maximum grant available may be

Parently, on
G.O. 328 (E)
20.3.16

Art. 57 of the Code
has been suggested
by the D.O.

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vided for.

considered justified and may therefore be sanctioned.

3. I further assume that it will be admitted by Government that the establishment and growth of the Homes will undoubtedly afford a most valuable contribution to the solution of the problem how best ^{to} raise, educate, and make useful citizens of poor -- often uncared for -- British and Anglo-Indian children.

4. The possibility of establishing these homes engaged the earnest attention of a Committee in Madras for some years. The financial response, however, from the public to appeals for support was so disappointing that it was almost decided at one time to drop the scheme and return to the donors the amount collected. In 1913 the whole matter was most carefully reconsidered when it was pointed out to the Committee that it might expect to receive from the

This has already been granted. Government the fullest support possible under the provision of the Code above quoted.

Each case is decided on its merits rather than on precedents. Many instances of similar / generous help in the past fully justified such a belief.

5. A new effort was made and, without doubt, the encouraging thought that a contribution from private benefactors of Rs.100 would eventually determine the spending of Rs.300 on the objects for which the subscriptions were obtained, strongly influenced supporters not only in this Presidency but particularly in England. Definite instances can be cited, if necessary, of donors extending their

This does not constitute a valid ground for the application. support under the impression that a two-thirds grant would be sanctioned. A notable instance relating to this is the offer towards the school buildings.

6. I very respectfully beg to press this point only in so far as precedents of Government's generosity in similar instances appeared to justify the encouragement given to donors that a two-thirds grant would be sanctioned.

7. I would also point out that the scope of the work undertaken by these Homes cannot reach anything like finality for many years to come and a full measure of usefulness will only be possible

This has already been done & will be more justifiable if Government will help to the greatest extent possible.

8. In conclusion I desire to thank Government for the grant

Rs 19,957
or say Rs 20,000
roughly

now sanctioned, and would say that if the early disbursing of a two-thirds grant appears to be inexpedient, the difference between a two-thirds grant and a half grant already sanctioned may be conceded now and payment made when financial stringency is less acute than at present.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

/Sd/ -----

Correspondent.

/True Copy/

R. A. Arneve.

11.5.16.

for Director of Public Instruction.

The Govt do not see sufficient reason to enhance the grant already sanctioned towards the cost of constructing certain buildings for the at present...

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1718, From the DPG, No. 822/15, dated Two 11-5- 1916

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Mrs.

The Govt ~~do not~~ see ^{no} sufficient reason to enhance the grant already sanctioned towards the cost of constructing certain buildings for the St George's Homes, Kodaikanal.

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