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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

READ—the following paper :—

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

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 9th March 1916.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 861/15.

In the marginally-noted Government Orders, Government have, from time

	Name of school.	Amount sanctioned. Rs.
G.O. 537, Educational, 14th July 1908.	1. Government Muhammadan Girls' school, Mangalore.	30 per mensem.
G.O. 842, Educational, 12th September 1913.	2. Government Hobart Training School for Mistresses, Royapetta	1,680 „ annum.
G.O. 1052, Educational, 9th September 1914.	3. Government Muhammadan Girls' school, Mylapore.	40 „ mensem.

to time, sanctioned expenditure of public money for the provision of conveyances for the gosha pupils of the Government Muhammadan Girls' schools at Mangalore and Mylapore and of the Government Hobart Training School for Mistresses at Royapetta. In G.O. No. 82, Educational, dated 1st February 1912, Government were pleased to approve the Director's proposal that one-half of the cost of providing conveyances for the pupils attending the Government Muhammadan Girls' school, Mylapore, should be paid from Provincial funds, the cost to be borne by Government not exceeding Rs. 22-8-0 per mensem—a limit which was raised to Rs. 30 per mensem in G.O. No. 842, Educational, dated 12th September 1913, and Rs. 40 per mensem in G.O. No. 1052, Educational, dated 9th September 1914.

2. Both before and after the issue of G.O. No. 82, Educational, dated 1st February 1912, I have received but refused to entertain applications for the provision of conveyances for the pupils of Government Muhammadan Girls' schools, when the parents and guardians concerned were reported to be unable to bear any portion of the expenditure themselves. The parents and guardians of the pupils attending the Government Muhammadan Girls' school at Vellore were, however, prepared to contribute one-half of the conveyance charges incurred on behalf of that school, if Government were pleased to contribute the other half, and on the analogy of G.O. No. 82, Educational, dated 1st February 1912, quoted above, I recommended to Government in my letter R.C. No. 5936/13, dated 30th September 1914, that a conveyance allowance not exceeding Rs. 10 per mensem be sanctioned on behalf of the Government Muhammadan Girls' school at Vellore. In G.O. No. 4, Educational, dated 5th January 1915, however, Government were not prepared to bear any portion of the charge of providing conveyances for the pupils of this school.

3. I have now under consideration a similar application submitted by the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Southern Circle, on behalf of the Government Muhammadan Girls' school at Coimbatore, asking for a contribution of Rs. 15 per mensem from Government towards the provision of conveyances for the pupils of that school, an equal amount being met by the Muhammadan public of Coimbatore. This application has been submitted to me in consequence of paragraph 1 of my proceedings R.C. No. 5936/13, dated 27th August 1914, which was based on G.O. No. 82, Educational, dated the 1st February 1912, and in which, with a view to obviating

the submission of applications which could not be granted, I informed Inspectors and Inspectresses of Schools that I would be prepared to consider only specific applications for conveyance charges on behalf of Government Muhammadan Girls' schools and then only if the parents and guardians concerned undertook to meet half the expenditure involved. It would facilitate the work of this department if a definite ruling could be given by Government either on the lines of my proceedings referred to above, or simply establishing the principle that no public funds are to be spent on conveyance charges of pupils outside the Presidency town, the case of the Government Muhammadan Girls' school at Mangalore being considered an exception. I have accordingly the honour to request that Government may be pleased to issue orders on the point for my guidance. I understand that the Government of India suggested the consideration of such applications as one means of improving the elementary education of Muhammadan girls, but I am unable to trace the reference.

Order—No. 639, Educational, dated 9th June 1916.

The Government have for special reasons undertaken to bear the whole or part of the conveyance charges of the girls attending the Government Muhammadan girls' schools at Mylapore, Mangalore and the Hobart Training School for Mistresses at Royapetta. The Director of Public Instruction will be informed that, while the Government are prepared to consider special cases on their merits, the general policy should be not to agree to such charges and that it should be clearly understood that the poverty of the parent will not necessarily constitute a special case though exceptional backwardness may do so.

(True Extract)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 639, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
THE 9TH JUNE 1916.

[SUBJECT.—Conveyance charges of Muhammadan girls.]

*From the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 9th March 1916,
No. R.O.C. 861/15.*

The Director of Public Instruction asks for a definite ruling either (1) agreeing to sanction conveyance charges on behalf of Government Muhammadan girls' schools if the parents and guardians of the girls undertook to meet one-half of the expenditure involved, or (2) establishing the principle that no public funds are to be spent on conveyance charges of pupils outside the Presidency town, the case of the Government Muhammadan girls' school, Mangalore, being considered an exception.

2. So far the Government have not accepted any *general* responsibility for the provision of conveyances to Muhammadan girls at State expense. The principle is that such charges should, as far as possible, be met by the parents or other members of the community—cf. G.O. No. 30, Educational, dated the 16th January 1909. There are, however, three instances in which the Government are, as special cases, meeting the charges on account of conveyance either in whole or in part:—

(i) The Government Muhammadan girls' school at Mangalore, where the entire cost is borne by the Government since the local Muhammadans are deemed to be specially backward—cf. Sir Murray Hammick's note, dated the 25th November 1911, on page 2 of the notes with G.O. No. 849, Educational, dated the 2nd December 1911.

(ii) The Hobart training school, Madras, in which case also, the Government pay the whole cost with a view to obtain material for the training school—cf. Sir Murray Hammick's note, dated the 26th January 1912, on page 2 of the notes to G.O. No. 82, Educational, dated the 1st February 1912.

(iii) The Government Muhammadan girls' school at Mylapore in which case the Government agreed to pay, after much discussion, a moiety of the cost of conveyance which has been subsequently raised and fixed at Rs. 40 per mensem—cf. G.Os. No. 82, Educational, dated the 1st February 1912, and No. 1052, Educational, dated the 9th September 1914.

3. From the past discussions on the cases referred to above it will be seen that the Government are, *as a general rule, against* incurring any expenditure for the conveyance of the girls to schools, that being the least the parents and guardians have to do if the Government undertook the rest of the educational charges—please see Sir George Forbes' note on page 2 of the notes to G.O. No. 681, Educational, dated the 30th September 1908, and on page 2 of the notes to G.O. No. 30, Educational, dated the 16th January 1909, the Hon'ble Sir Harold Stuart's note (as Chief Secretary) on page 2 of the notes to G.O. No. 849, Educational, dated the 2nd December 1911, and Sir Murray Hammick's note on page 2 of the notes to G.O. No. 82, Educational, dated the 1st February 1912. In their Order No. 4, Educational, dated the 5th January 1915, the latest on the subject, the Government refused to bear any portion of the charge of providing conveyances for the pupils of the Government Muhammadan girls' school, Vellore. In that connection His Excellency the Governor, however, observed that on general grounds such encouragement was very desirable—please see page 2 of the notes to that Government Order.

The subject was also brought to the notice of His Excellency the Governor by the deputation of the Muhammadans of Tanjore during His Excellency's recent visit to that district—page 1 of G.O. No. 203, Educational, dated the 25th February 1916. In reply His Excellency stated that "all Government could attempt was to provide

"for education and also for women teachers and that the rest should be done by the 'community itself.' His Excellency added that if the Tanjore Muhammadans were too poor to bear the cost of conveyance or if they could advance any other reasons for special treatment, they might address the Director of Public Instruction—vide the papers recorded in G.O. No. 203, Educational, dated the 25th February 1916.

4. The Director states that he understands that the Government of India suggested the consideration of such applications as one means of improving the elementary education of Muhammadan girls and that he is unable to trace the reference. It is submitted that no such pronouncement appears to have been made **A** by the Government of India.

5. It is for consideration whether the Director of Public Instruction may be definitely informed that the Government do not consider it desirable to accept any general responsibility to bear any portion of the charges of providing conveyances for the pupils attending Government Muhammadan girls' schools, that being the least the parents and guardians have to do in the matter of the education of their girls. No general exception need be made of the Presidency town. If any case comes up to Government from the Presidency town it can be decided on its merits. The order may be as general as possible. The remarks of the Financial Department may also be invited unofficially.

P.R.—14-3-16.

T.K.—14-3-16.

Are you quite certain of **A**? I remember having seen some thing somewhere.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—15-3-16.

The Government of India made specific reference to the education of Muhammadan girls in paragraph 6 of their letter on page 4 of G.O. No. 557, Educational, dated the 12th June 1913. Neither there nor in paragraphs 16-18 of their resolution No. 301 C.D., dated the 21st February 1912, on page 7 of G.O. No. 394, Educational, dated the 1st May 1913, is any mention made of the question of providing conveyance for Muhammadan girls. Search has also been made in other communications received from the Government of India which are likely to refer to the matter. No such reference as at **A** above is traceable.

P.R.—20-3-16.

T.K.—20-3-16.

Please draft a Government Order tentatively. We can send it to the Director of Public Instruction and enquire if it would meet the case and then ask for the acceptance of Financial.

P.R.—22-3-16.

A draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to the Director of Public Instruction.

P.R.—22-3-16.

T.K.—23-3-16.

Would the draft order meet the case?

P.R.—27-3-16.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

A—Both the Deputy Director and I are also quite sure that we saw this in some communication from the Government of India—I think—in their letter where they suggest various ways in which money might be spent which led eventually to the grant of Rs. 30,000, special for Muhammadan education. Before the matter is decided would it not be well to make quite sure about India's views—assuming that all our memories are not at fault and such have been expressed.

J. H. STONE—28-3-16.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The correspondence relating to the special grant of Rs. 30,000 for Muhammadan education will be found in G.Os. No. 557, Educational, dated the 12th June 1913, Nos. 87-88, Educational, dated the 20th January 1914, and No. 1053, Educational, dated the 10th September 1914. The reference is not found in any of those papers. The Director of Public Instruction has probably in his mind the recommendation of the Government of India regarding the grant of conveyance allowance to Assistant Inspectresses—vide G.O. No. 888, Educational, dated the 27th July 1914.

2. Since the Director of Public Instruction desires to make quite sure about India's views, it is for consideration whether a demi-official reference may be made to the Hon'ble Sir E. D. MacLagan, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education, on the subject.

P.R.—3-4-16.

T.K.—5-4-16.

Yes.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—6-4-16.

A draft Demi-official is submitted for approval.

T.K.—7-4-16.

P.R.—10-4-16.

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, Avargal, C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.

To—the Hon'ble Sir EDWARD DOUGLAS MACLAGAN, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education.

Dated—Madras, the 10th April 1916.

No.—001-1, Educational.

A question has arisen as to providing from public funds conveyances to Muhammadan girls attending girls' schools. The Madras practice is to treat the case of each school as it arises on its own merits. There are only three instances in this Presidency where the Government are bearing in whole or in part the charges referred to supra. Two of the cases are in the Madras City and the third is in the mufassal. In two of the three cases the Government are paying the whole of the conveyance charges and in the third only a moiety. All the three schools are Government schools. The Director of Public Instruction wants a general ruling on the subject and he tells me that, to the best of his recollection, the Government of India have passed some general orders. Will you kindly tell me if this is so? I am unable to find any general ruling on the subject issuing from the Government of India.

Demi-official—from G. ANDERSON, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education.

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, Avargal, C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.

Dated—Simla, the 5th May 1916.

No.—88, Educational.

In answer to your demi-official letter No. 901, dated the 10th April 1916, I am desired to say that the Government of India do not appear to have issued any general orders on the subject of the provision of conveyances from public funds for girls attending schools.

With reference to the Secretary's note, dated the 27th March and the Director's note, dated the 28th March 1916, on pages 2 and 3 ante, the file may now be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks as to whether the draft order put up meets the case.

P.R.—13-5-16.

T.K.—13-5-16.

P.R.—15-5-16.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

NOTES TO G.O. No. 639, EDUCATIONAL, 9TH JUNE 1916

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I think it meets the case. Clearly poverty of parents will not constitute a special case though exceptional backwardness might do so. Possibly something of this kind might appear in the order for my successor's benefit.

J. H. STONE—17-5-16.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Please see the addition made to the draft order with reference to the Director's note above. The draft may be sent to the Financial Department for acceptance.

P.R.—22-5-16.

T.K.—22-5-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—24-5-16.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The draft order may, it is submitted, be accepted.

T.H.R.—27-5-16.

L. E. KERSHAW—29-5-16.

Yes.

L. DAVIDSON—30-5-16.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

For orders as to circulation before issue.

C.R.—31-5-16.

Let me have a clean copy of the draft Government Order please.

P.R.—31-5-16.

Clean copy submitted.

E.A.V.—1-6-16.

C.R.—1-6-16.

Draft for approval.

P.R.—1-6-16.

P[ENTLAND]—8-6-16.

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P.R.—9-6-16.

[G.O. No. 639, Educational, dated the 9th June 1916.]

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Conveyance charges

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C.No.901 From the Director of Public Instruction, R.O.C.861/15,d/the 9th March 1916.

ORDER :-
P.S.

The Government have for special reasons undertaken to bear the whole or part of the conveyance charges of the girls attending the Government Muhammadan girls' schools at Mylapore, Mangalore and the Hobart training school for mistresses at Royapetta. The D.P.I. will be informed that, while the Government are prepared to consider special cases on their merits, the general policy should be not to agree to such charges and that it should be clearly understood that the poverty of the parent will not necessarily constitute a special case though exceptional backwardness may do so.

To
The D.P.I.

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