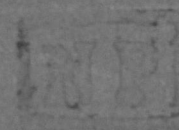


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Amount spent on improvements to buildings, furniture, etc.	58	2	9
Total	163	8	7
Net charges for the year	4,918	14	2
Deficit	26	2	0

The working of the hostel during the year shows a deficit of Rs. 26-2-0.

The financial position stood thus on 30th April 1916:—

In Government securities	4,500	0	0
In cash with the Accountant-General	337	12	0
In the Sub-Treasury, Kumbakonam	594	9	11
Cash on hand	24	1	8
Total	5,456	7	7

5. *Sections and charges.*—The average strength of each section and the average monthly rate of boarding charges may be shown as follows:—

	Strength.	Charges.
		RS. A. P.
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Non-Brahman vegetarian	1	...
Do. non-vegetarian	2	13 0 0
Muhammadans	5	9 7 8

The charges of the non-vegetarian non-Brahman section were high and the vegetarian section could not be worked at all as there was only one member and the charges would be prohibitive. The Committee regret that Government have expressed their inability to sanction a recurring grant towards the working of small sections the charges of which fall very heavily on the boarders.

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P.R.—19-7-16.

C.R.—20-7-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—21-7-16.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The plans and estimates are still under scrutiny in the Chief Engineer's office and are expected to be ready in about two weeks. Educational may be informed accordingly.

P.RAU.—28-7-16.

D. MARSHALL—31-7-16.

HOME DEPARTMENT (EDUCATION).

A draft order is submitted for approval.

P.R.—3-8-16.

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