

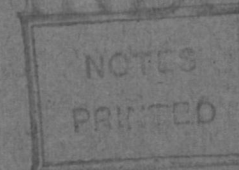
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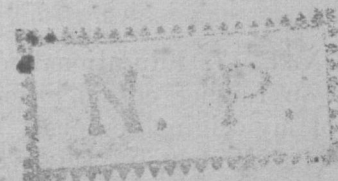
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
HOME DEPARTMENT
(Education)

READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. Mis. No. 717, (Educational), dated 30th June 1916.

ABSTRACT.—Approving the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to reserve three of the existing scholarships in the Engineering College to Uriyas and other backward classes and requesting him to submit a draft of the necessary alterations in the College rules.

II

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, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 13th September 1916.

No.—Ref. on C. 3649.

With reference to G.O. Mis. No. 717, Educational, dated 30th June 1916, I have the honour to submit that, on further consideration of the subject, I am inclined to think that the adoption of my original proposal to award three scholarships to Uriyas and other backward class students in the Engineering College out of the 22 open scholarships already sanctioned for award is likely to affect the interests of the other classes of students in the college and that it may therefore be reconsidered.

2. In the letter of the Principal of the College of Engineering R.C. No. 98, dated 8th June 1916, a copy of which was submitted to Government with my letter R.C. No. 3649, dated 23rd June 1916, he suggested that three additional scholarships might be sanctioned for Uriyas and students of the other backward classes. It however seemed to me that there would not be a sufficient number of this class of students to justify this course and my original proposal was accordingly submitted to Government. But now in preparing the draft of the alterations in the college rules, I have had to discuss the subject in more detail with the Principal and find that it will not be desirable to reduce, as at first proposed, the number of the open scholarships in the college as the Principal is of opinion that these scholarships are an important feature of the college encouraging, as they do, very keen competition among the students of the several classes and are highly valued by them. It was then considered as an alternative whether three of the special scholarships for Muhammadans, etc., might be awarded, by preference, to Uriyas and members of the other backward classes, but the Principal thinks that this would have the effect of placing the Muhammadans at a serious disadvantage. Copies of the Principal's letters R.C. No. 98, dated 31st July 1916 and 24th August 1916, are herein enclosed for favour of perusal. In view of the facts stated in these letters, I have the honour to request that Government may be pleased to reconsider the matter, and

I would suggest that the original proposal of the Principal, to institute three new scholarships, one to be awarded each year in the first year of the Engineering course and two in the probationary class may be sanctioned. These scholarships may be continued, as in the case of the other Government scholarships, for the complete course, to deserving students of the Uriya or other backward community. The value of the scholarship in the Engineer class may be Rs. 15 per mensem and that of the two scholarships in the probationary class Rs. 8 each per mensem. The latter may, like the other scholarships, be increased to Rs. 10 each per mensem in the upper subordinate classes and remain Rs. 8 only in the lower subordinate class.

3. The maximum annual expenditure on account of these scholarships when the full number of scholarships in each class division is awarded will be Rs. 1,584, and it is requested that, if the above proposals are approved, necessary budget provision may be ordered to be made for the next year.

ENCLOSURES

(1)

Letter—from the Principal, College of Engineering, Madras.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 31st July 1916.

No.—R.C. 98.

With reference to your Proceedings R.C. No. 3649, dated 13th July 1916, I have the honour to state that I understand that my proposal for the institution of additional scholarships has not been accepted, but that it has been decided to reduce the total number of *open* or *merit* scholarships by three and award in their place that number of special scholarships to students who are members of the Uriya and other backward classes and I submit herewith a draft addition to the rules to make that provision.

2. There are nine (or taking account separately to the Civil and Mechanical Engineer, eleven) classes in all in the college and the courses for the Engineer and Upper Subordinate classes extend over four years, so that if any go to students of those classes it will not be possible to award even one scholarship per annum. This seems to me inadequate to serve the purpose intended.

3. If I may be permitted, I would state that I regret it should have been decided to reduce the number of *open* or *merit* scholarships. These scholarships are highly valued by the students and I have no hesitation in saying that they are an important feature of the college, encouraging as they do, very keen competition among the students of the several classes.

(2)

Letter—from the Principal, College of Engineering, Madras.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 24th August 1916.

In reply to your Proceedings R.C. No. 3649 of 1916, dated 15th August 1916, I have the honour to state that the draft with this office letter No. 98, dated 31st July 1916, was based on the assumption that the scholarships for the Uriyas and other backward classes were to be provided by reducing the number of *open* or *merit* scholarships. I gather now that it is desired to include them among the special scholarships and that being so, the modification in the college rules suggested in your proceedings will, in my opinion, serve the purpose.

2. I submit herewith accordingly a fresh draft showing the changes called for, and also an additional rule to limit the number preferentially held by students of the Uriya and other backward classes to a maximum of three in each year.

3. Perhaps, I should point out that these proposed rules will probably have the effect of cutting out Muhammadans in the subordinate classes from these special scholarships, in other than the probationary subordinate class, second division, for which the selection is at my discretion, as there is only one special scholarship available in each class and in all likelihood there will always be an applicant belonging to one of the backward classes. At present, I may say there are six such students in the probationary subordinate class, second division, and the number will not diminish in future, particularly when it is known that scholarships are available.

Order—No. 50, Home (Education), dated the 10th January 1917.

The Government are unable to sanction the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to institute in the College of Engineering, Madras, special scholarships for the benefit of Uriyas and students belonging to other backward classes. They are however pleased to direct that preference should be given to Uriya students, if otherwise qualified, in the award of four out of the ten open scholarships now available in the college as detailed below:—

Class,	Number of open scholarships now awarded.	Number reserved for Uriyas, if available.
Engineer class (four years' course)	Two in each class—division.	One in each class—division.
Upper subordinate class (two years' course) ...	Do.	Do.
Lower subordinate class (one year's course) ...	Two	One.
Probationary subordinate class (two years' course)...	Four in each class—division.	One in each class—division.

2. The conditions regulating the award and tenure of the open scholarships will also apply to the scholarships reserved for Uriyas. If in any year any of the scholarships reserved for Uriyas is not awarded for want of duly qualified candidates, it may be awarded to a deserving student of some other community.

3. The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to submit for the approval of Government a draft of the necessary alterations to be made in the college rules.

(True Extract)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.
" Financial Department.

**NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 50, HOME (EDUCATION),
DATED THE 10TH JANUARY 1917**

[SUBJECT.—*Special scholarships for Uriyas at the Engineering College.*]

I

Previous papers:

G.O. 194, Educational, 1st Mar. 1913	G.O. 8, Educational, 5th Jan. 1916
" 517 " 4th June "	" 652 " 13th June "
" 607-08 " 30th " "	" 717 " 30th " "
" 1029 " 1st Sep. 1914	" 724 " 3rd July "

II

*From the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 13th September 1916,
R.O.C. No. 3649.*

At the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 5th April last the Raja of Dharakota interpellated the Government on the question of the institution of a few scholarships to encourage the study of engineering among Uriyas. The Director of Public Instruction who was consulted in the matter stated that there was no need to institute additional scholarships for the special benefit of Uriyas and recommended that three of the twenty-two "open" scholarships available in the college might be preferentially awarded to Uriyas and other backward classes. The proposal was approved in G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated the 30th June 1916, and the Director was asked to submit for the approval of the Government a draft of the necessary alterations in the rules of the Engineering College.

2. The Director of Public Instruction and the Principal of the College have found some difficulty in framing a suitable draft. It is pointed out that the engineering and upper subordinate courses extend over four years and that, if any of the three scholarships should go to the students of those classes, it may not be possible to award even one scholarship per annum. It is also stated that it is not desirable to reduce the number of the existing scholarships as they form a valuable feature of the college evoking keen competition among the students. The Director accordingly recommends the institution of three additional scholarships—(one of the value of Rs. 15 per mensem to be awarded in the Engineer class and two of Rs. 8 each in the Probationary Subordinate class) for the special benefit of Uriyas. The eventual additional expenditure is estimated at Rs. 1,584 per annum.

3. The number of "open" scholarships now awarded in the college is 22 distributed as follows :—

Class.	Length of course.	Number of scholarships awarded in each class.	Total number of scholarships.
Engineer class	Four years	Two of Rs. 15 each ..	8 of Rs. 15 each.
Upper Subordinate class	Two	Two of .. 10	4 of .. 10 ..
Lower Subordinate class	One year	Two of .. 8	2 of .. 8 ..
Probationary Subordinate class	Two years	Four of .. 8	8 of .. 8 ..
		Total ..	22 scholarships.

It will be seen from the statement on page 6 of G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated the 30th June 1916, that during the last five years only one Uriya student sought admission into the Engineering College. Judged by attendance, there appears to be very little case for the institution of special scholarships as proposed by the Director of Public Instruction, and the orders issued in G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated the 30th June 1916, that preferential treatment should be given to Uriyas in the award of a certain number of scholarships are not likely to prejudice seriously the interests of students of other communities. No doubt it is difficult to frame a suitable amendment of the rules if the number of special scholarships is limited to three; but there is no need to attempt any such amendment till some experience has been gained of the effect of the orders issued in G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated the 30th June 1916. It is for consideration whether the Director of Public Instruction may be asked to give the arrangement already approved a fair trial and to come up to Government later on if it is found unsuitable in practical working.

4. At the same time, it must be admitted that the institution of a few special scholarships for Uriyas will serve to remove public agitation on the part of the leaders of that community, while the *immediate* extra cost to Government will not be very appreciable. In this view the Director of Public Instruction's proposals may perhaps be approved with the concurrence of Financial.

E.A.V.—28-9-16.

N.K.—3-10-16.

Submitted that in the face of the opinion of the Director of Public Instruction and the Principal, it may not be desirable to insist on a trial being given to the proposal approved in G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated the 30th June 1916. From the table above it will be seen that the number of scholarships assigned for each class is not large enough to admit of diversion. The Director of Public Instruction's present proposal to institute

P.R.—5-10-16.

to Rs. 372. It may perhaps be laid down

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to others. If this is done, there may not be any occasion for the full expenditure for some time, looking at the number that offered in previous years.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—4-10-16.

Let me have a draft Government Order please.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—5-10-16.

A draft order is submitted. If approved it may issue with the concurrence of Financial. Necessary provision will be entered in the next year's budget, when it is received from the Accountant-General.

E.A.V.—9-10-16.

N.K.—11-10-16.

C.R.—13-10-16.

P.R.—15-10-16.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The maximum number of ordinary Government scholarships at present available for award in the Engineering College and the additional scholarships for Uriyas and other backward classes now proposed are shown below :—

Class.	Open or "merit" scholarships open to all classes.	Special scholarships in the award of which preference is given to a Muhammadan, Indian Christian, European or Eurasian in the order named.	Total cost per annum.	Additional scholarships now proposed for Uriyas and other backward classes.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Engineer, first year	Rs. 2 on 15	Rs. 1 on 15	Rs. 540	Rs. 1 on 15
" second	2 on 15	1 on 15	540	1 on 15
" third	2 on 15	1 on 15	540	1 on 15
" fourth	2 on 15	1 on 15	540	1 on 15
Probationary Subordinate, first year	4 on 8	1 on 8	480	2 on 8
" second	4 on 8	1 on 8	480	2 on 8
Lower	2 on 8	1 on 8	288	
Upper Subordinate, first year	2 on 10	1 on 10	360	2 on 10
" second	2 on 10	1 on 10	360	2 on 10
Total ..	22 scholarships.	9 scholarships.	4,128	Maximum 12 scholarships per annum—Cost Rs. 1,584 per annum.

[Note.—The above statement excludes one special scholarship of the monthly value of Rs. 20 tenable for three years and one of the value of Rs. 15 tenable for two years, granted to European or Eurasian students.]

2. The Legislative Council question which gave rise to the proposals had reference to scholarships for *Uriyas* only. The Director of Public Instruction however took the opportunity to include the case of other backward classes also. From the statement on page 6, current file, in G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated 30th June 1916, it will be seen that in the five years ending 1915-16, only one Uriya student sought admission in the Engineering College. So far as the application of G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated 30th June 1916, to Uriyas is concerned there will thus practically be no inconvenience.

3. It is not known why the case of other backward classes should have been taken up by the Director of Public Instruction at present. The number of applications for admission to the Engineering College is already large. For instance, please see the following figures relating to 1915-16 :—

Paragraph 4 on page 4 of G.O. 724, Educational, 3rd July 1916.	Engineer class	Probationary subordinate class	Number of candidates who applied for admission.	Number of candidates actually admitted.
	...	...	157	28
	...	...	468	123

It is clear that ordinarily no special inducements are necessary for attracting suitable classes of candidates for the College. Yet, of the 38 special Scholarships available for award in the period 1911-12 to 1915-16 (i.e. scholarships of the nature referred to in column (3) of the statement above) nine scholarships

Paragraph 2, page 4 of G.O. 717, Educational, 30th June 1916.

Page 16 of G.O. 724, Educational, 3rd July 1916.

M held by Brahmans because there were no restrictions laying down that the special scholarships should be granted to members of backward classes in preference to Brahmans.

4. In the circumstances stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 ante it is submitted that the existing number of scholarships already available would seem to be sufficient to meet the requirements, the only alteration needed being a readjustment of those scholarships so as to cover the special needs of Uriyas and other backward classes. In any case, it is submitted, that the Director of Public Instruction may well be asked to give a fair trial to the proposal sanctioned in G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated 30th June 1916, with perhaps a modification such as that suggested at **M** on page 3 ante, and if as a result of experience it is found that the creation of additional scholarships is necessary, the question of sanctioning such additions may be then considered.

5. The Home (Education) department state in paragraph 4 of their note on page 2 ante that the institution of a few special scholarships for Uriyas will serve to remove public agitation on the part of the leaders of that community. It is submitted that agitators can always be told that Uriyas have a prior claim to a certain

Quite so.

L.E.K.—27-10-16.

number of these scholarships, so that there seems to be no necessity to institute any special scholarships for this reason alone.

6. Attention is also solicited to the Government of India confidential Memo. No. 8349-1, dated 28th December 1915. The Home (Education) department may be requested to consider whether the expenditure in the present case, is one of immediate and imperative necessity.

S.A.—26-10-16.

C.P.K.—26-10-16.

I venture to think that Financial should deprecate any extra expenditure being incurred under this head at the present juncture. As paragraph 3 of the office-note shows no special inducements are necessary to attract engineering candidates in general. If any such inducement is necessary in the case of backward classes, some of the existing scholarships may be reserved for them. If there are no applications from amongst members of these classes the scholarships need not be held in abeyance but may be granted to other applicants.

2. I do not attach any very great importance to the plea put forward at **A** on page 2 ante. Agitators could always be told that the backward classes have a prior claim to a certain number of scholarships.

L. E. KERSHAW—27-10-16.

L. DAVIDSON—28-10-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Financial Department suggests that a few of the open scholarships detailed on page 3 ante may be reserved for Uriyas and other pupils of the backward classes. The Director of Public Instruction has already considered the suggestion and has expressed himself against it. It is for consideration whether he should be asked to reconsider the matter.

A.S.—4-11-16.

N.K.—4-11-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—8-11-16.

Registrar—Please speak to me about this.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—12-11-16.

Ask the Director of Public Instruction if we may not confine the "special scholarships" to Uriyas and leave out "other backward classes". Ask him demi-officially.

P.R.—13-11-16.

Draft submitted.

N.K.—14-11-16.

C.R.—15-11-16.

P.R.—16-11-16.

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, C.I.E., Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

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

Dated—the 17th November 1916.

No.—3347-2.

Please refer to your letter No. 3649, dated the 13th September 1916, suggesting the institution of a few special scholarships in the Engineering College for the benefit of Uriyas and other backward classes. As will be seen from Memorandum No. 1127-2, Educational, dated the 22nd April 1916, the original proposal related to the provision of special facilities for Uriyas only and I am desired to enquire whether the concessions recommended in your letter may not be confined to them. May not the claims of other backward classes be left out of consideration for the present? This will render the additional financial liability negligible and the proposal less open to objection from the financial point of view at the present juncture.

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, C.I.E., Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—Madras, the 21st November 1916.

No.—216.

With reference to your demi-official No. 3347-2, dated 17th instant, my reason for proposing that scholarships should be instituted open to other backward classes as well as to Uriyas was merely that I see no reason why the former should receive any different treatment from the latter. Since however Government desires to give Uriyas special treatment they might be given a preference over other classes in the award of the scholarships.

I do not see how the financial liability can be made negligible if three scholarships are instituted, though if they are restricted to Uriyas actual expenditure is likely for sometime to be very small.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Director of Public Instruction states that Uriyas may be given preference over other backward classes in the award of the proposed scholarships. It is, however, submitted that, for the present, the claims of Uriyas alone need be considered. As thus restricted the expenditure will not be considerable as during the last five years only one Uriya pupil sought admission into the Engineering College. The Financial Department is however against the institution of any special scholarships at an additional cost. It is for consideration whether that department may be asked to reconsider its decision.

A.S.—29-11-16.

N.K.—29-11-16.

Will Financial see its way to reconsider the matter if the concession is restricted to Uriyas?

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—30-11-16.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Our point is this. There are at present 14 scholarships available every year. Pages 9-10 of G.O. 194, Educational, 1st March 1913. Of these, 10 are open or "merit" scholarships and 4 special scholarships available for Muhammadans, etc. So far as the open scholarships go there seems to be no necessity for them or for so large a number of them. There is not a dearth of candidates for the engineering classes as the following figures will show:—

	Candidates.	Number admitted.
Engineer class	157	28
Probationary subordinate class	468	123
Total	625	151

Paragraph 4, page 4 of G.O. 724, Educational, 3rd July 1916.

From this it is pretty clear that there is no necessity for scholarships for the general body of students and what we suggest is that the open scholarships should be reduced from 10 to 7, and the three thus made available added to the *special* scholarships for Uriya students. There will then be 7 open and 7 special scholarships. Of the latter, 3 will be reserved for Uriyas, but if in any year Uriya candidates are not forth-coming the scholarships might be made available for other candidates. We may suggest the adoption of this course once more for the consideration of Home (Education).

L. E. KERSHAW--1-12-16.

I. DAVIDSON--2-12-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Financial Department do not agree to the institution of special scholarships for Uriyas and re-iterates the suggestion that a few of the open scholarships may preferably be awarded to Uriyas. That department point out that there is no dearth of candidates for engineering classes and there is therefore no necessity for scholarships for the general body of students. The Principal of the College of Engineering and the Director of Public Instruction are, however, of the opinion that the open scholarships form an important feature of the college, encouraging, as they do, very keen competition among the students of the several classes and that a reduction in their number is undesirable. While the department aims also at efficiency, Financial look at the question solely from the point of view of keenness at admission. It is for consideration whether the view of the Financial Department should be accepted.

2. As to the reservation of a few scholarships for Uriyas, the Financial Department suggest that three out of the ten scholarships as detailed in column 2 of the statement on page 3 ante may preferably be awarded to them. There are, however, four different classes in the Engineering College (probationary subordinate, lower subordinate, upper subordinate and engineering classes) and it will be necessary to reserve at least one scholarship in each of these classes for Uriyas. The total number of scholarships to be reserved for Uriyas will then come to four and the conditions in regard to the award and tenure of these scholarships may be the same as those applicable to the open scholarships. If in any year a scholarship reserved for a Uriya student is not awarded, it may be bestowed on some other eligible student belonging to other communities. If these suggestions are accepted, a revised draft order will be prepared and submitted for approval.

Yes.

P.R.--3-1-17.

N.K.--19-12-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR--24-12-16.

Draft submitted.

N.K.--5-1-17.

C.R.--6-1-17.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR--8-1-17.

P[ENTLAND]--9-1-17.

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P.R.--10-1-17.

[G.O. No. 50, Home (Education), dated 10th January 1917.]

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Read again--

G.O. No. 717, Edl., dated the 30th June 1916.

Read also--

C.No. 3347, from the Director of Public Instruction, R.O.C. No. 3649/16, dated the 13th September 1916.

ORDER:
Press.

50 Home Edn of the 10-1-17.

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in the college as detailed below:—

Class.	Number of open scholarships now awarded.	Number reserved for Uriyas if available.
Engineer class (4 years' course)	Two in each class division.	One in each class division.
Upper Subordinate class (2 years' course)	Do.	Do.
Lower Subordinate class (1 year course)	Two	One
Probationary Subordinate class (2 years' course)	Four in each class division.	One in each class division.

The conditions regulating the award and tenure of the open scholarships will also apply to the scholarships reserved for Uriyas. If in any year any of the scholarships reserved for Uriyas is not awarded for want of duly qualified candidates, it may be awarded to a deserving student of some other community.

3. The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to submit for the approval of Government a draft of the necessary alterations to be made in the College rules.

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To the D.P.I.

" Ag. Secy. to the Finl. Dept.

" Finl. Department. 4

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Please see queries 18/1/17
For approval
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II

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 13th September 1916,
R.O.C. No. 3649.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 5th April last the Raja of Dharakota interpellated the Government on the question of the institution of a few scholarships to encourage the study of engineering among Uriyas. The Director of Public Instruction who was consulted in the matter stated that there was no need to institute additional scholarships for the special benefit of Uriyas and recommended that three of the twenty-two "open" scholarships available in the college might be preferentially awarded to Uriyas and other backward classes. The proposal was approved in G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated the 30th June 1916, and the Director was asked to submit for the approval of the Government a draft of the necessary alterations in the rules of the Engineering College.

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2 NOTES TO G.O. No. 50, HOME (EDUCATION), 10TH JANUARY 1917

3. The number of "open" scholarships now awarded in the college is 22 distributed as follows:—

Class.	Length of course.	Number of scholarships awarded in each class.	Total number of scholarships.
Engineer class	Four years .. .	Two of Rs. 15 each ..	8 of Rs. 15 each.
Upper Subordinate class	Two " .. .	Two of " 10 " ..	4 of " 10 "
Lower Subordinate class	One year .. .	Two of " 8 " ..	2 of " 8 "
Probationary Subordinate class	Two years .. .	Four of " 8 " ..	8 of " 8 "
Total ..			22 scholarships.

It will be seen from the statement on page 6 of G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated the 30th June 1916, that during the last five years only one Uriya student sought admission into the Engineering College. Judged by attendance, there appears to be very little case for the institution of special scholarships as proposed by the Director of Public Instruction, and the orders issued in G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated the 30th June 1916, that preferential treatment should be given to Uriyas in the award of a certain number of scholarships are not likely to prejudice seriously the interests of students of other communities. No doubt it is difficult to frame a suitable amendment of the rules if the number of special scholarships is limited to three; but there is no need to attempt any such amendment till some experience has been gained of the effect of the orders issued in G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated the 30th June 1916. It is for consideration whether the Director of Public Instruction may be asked to give the arrangement already approved a fair trial and to come up to Government later on if it is found unsuitable in practical working.

4. At the same time, it must be admitted that the institution of a few special scholarships for Uriyas will serve to remove public agitation on the part of the leaders of that community, while the *immediate* extra cost to Government will not be very appreciable. In this view the Director of Public Instruction's proposals may perhaps be approved with the concurrence of Financial.

E.A.V.—28-9-16.

N.K.—3-10-16.

Submitted that in the face of the opinion of the Director of Public Instruction and the Principal, it may not be desirable to insist on a trial being given to the proposal approved in G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated the 30th June 1916. From the table above it will be seen that the number of scholarships assigned for each class is not large enough to admit of diversion. The Director of Public Instruction's present proposal to institute additional scholarships for the Uriyas and backward classes may be accepted. For the first year the charge will only amount to Rs. 372. It may perhaps be laid down that, where no suitable candidate presents himself for the scholarships, the latter should lapse and should not be assigned to others. If this is done, there may not be any occasion for the full expenditure for some time, looking at the number that offered in previous years.

P.R.—5-10-16.

P.R.—5-10-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—4-10-16.

Let me have a draft Government Order please.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—5-10-16.

A draft order is submitted. If approved it may issue with the concurrence of Financial. Necessary provision will be entered in the next year's budget, when it is received from the Accountant-General.

E.A.V.—9-10-16.

N.K.—11-10-16.

C.R.—13-10-16.

P.R.—15-10-16.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The maximum number of ordinary Government scholarships at present available for award in the Engineering College and the additional scholarships for Uriyas and other backward classes now proposed are shown below :—

Class.	Open or "merit" scholarships open to all classes.	Special scholarships in the award of which preference is given to a Muhammadan, Indian Christian, European or Eurasian in the order named.	Total cost per annum.	Additional scholarships now proposed for Uriyas and other backward classes.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Engineer, first year	Rs. 2 on 15	Rs. 1 on 15	Rs. 540	Rs. 1 on 15
" second "	2 on 15	1 on 15	540	1 on 15
" third "	2 on 15	1 on 15	540	1 on 15
" fourth "	2 on 15	1 on 15	540	1 on 15
Probationary Subordinate, first year ..	4 on 8	1 on 8	480	2 on 8
" second "	4 on 8	1 on 8	480	2 on 8
Lower " class	2 on 8	1 on 8	288	
Upper Subordinate, first year	2 on 10	1 on 10	360	2 on 10
" second "	2 on 10	1 on 10	360	2 on 10
Total ..	22 scholarships.	9 scholarships.	4,128	Maximum 12 scholarships per annum—Cost Rs. 1,584 per annum.

[Note.—The above statement excludes one special scholarship of the monthly value of Rs. 20 tenable for three years and one of the value of Rs. 15 tenable for two years, granted to European or Eurasian students.]

2. The Legislative Council question which gave rise to the proposals had reference to scholarships for Uriyas only. The Director of Public Instruction however took the opportunity to include the case of other backward classes also. From the statement on page 6, current file, in G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated 30th June 1916, it will be seen that in the five years ending 1915-16, only one Uriya student sought admission in the Engineering College. So far as the application of G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated 30th June 1916, to Uriyas is concerned there will thus practically be no inconvenience.

3. It is not known why the case of other backward classes should have been taken up by the Director of Public Instruction at present. The number of applications for admission to the Engineering College is already large. For instance, please see the following figures relating to 1915-16 :—

Paragraph 4 on page 4 of G.O. 724, Educational, 3rd July 1916.	Engineer class	Probationary subordinate class	Number of candidates who applied for admission.	Number of candidates actually admitted.
	...	...	157	28
	...	...	468	123

It is clear that ordinarily no special inducements are necessary for attracting suitable classes of candidates for the College. Yet, of the 38 special Scholarships available for award in the period 1911-12 to 1915-16 (i.e. scholarships of the

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nature referred to in column (3) of the statement on page 7 ante) nine scholarships were held by Brahmans. In his endorsement R.O.C. No. 3245, dated 8th June 1916, the Director of Public Instruction has remarked that of the students in the College Brahmans preponderated. It is apparent that these nine scholarships were

Paragraph 2, page 4 of G.O. 717, Educational, 30th June 1916.

Page 16 of G.O. 724, Educational, 3rd July 1916.

M held by Brahmans because there were no restrictions laying down that the special scholarships should be granted to members of backward classes in preference to Brahmans.

4. In the circumstances stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 ante it is submitted that the existing number of scholarships already available would seem to be sufficient to meet the requirements, the only alteration needed being a readjustment of those scholarships so as to cover the special needs of Uriyas and other backward classes. In any case, it is submitted, that the Director of Public Instruction may well be asked to give a fair trial to the proposal sanctioned in G.O. No. 717, Educational, dated 30th June 1916, with perhaps a modification such as that suggested at M above, and if as a result of experience it is found that the creation of additional scholarships is necessary, the question of sanctioning such additions may be then considered.

5. The Home (Education) department state in paragraph 4 of their note on page 2 ante that the institution of a few special scholarships for Uriyas will serve to remove public agitation on the part of the leaders of that community. It is submitted that agitators can always be told that Uriyas have a prior claim to a certain

Quite so.

L.E.K.—27-10-16.

number of these scholarships, so that there seems to be no necessity to institute any special scholarships for this reason alone.

6. Attention is also solicited to the Government of India confidential Memo. No. 8349-1, dated 28th December 1915. The Home (Education) department may be requested to consider whether the expenditure in the present case, is one of immediate and imperative necessity.

S.A.—26-10-16.

C.P.N.—26-10-16.

K I venture to think that Financial should deprecate any extra expenditure being incurred under this head at the present juncture. As paragraph 3 of the office-note shows no special inducements are necessary to attract engineering candidates in general. If any such inducement is necessary in the case of backward classes, some of the existing scholarships may be reserved for them. If there are no applications from amongst members of these classes the scholarships need not be held in abeyance but may be granted to other applicants.

2/ I do not attach any very great importance to the plea put forward at A on page 4. Agitators could always be told that the backward classes have a prior claim to a certain number of scholarships.

L. E. KEESHAU—27-10-16.

L. DAVIDSON—28-10-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Financial Department suggests that a few of the open scholarships detailed on page 3 ante may be reserved for Uriyas and other pupils of the backward classes. The Director of Public Instruction has already considered the suggestion and has expressed himself against it. It is for consideration whether he should be asked to reconsider the matter.

A.S.—4-11-16.

N.K.—4-11-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—8-11-16.

Registrar—Please speak to me about this.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—12-11-16.

Ask the Director of Public Instruction if we may not confine the "special scholarships" to *Uriyas* and leave out "other backward classes." Ask him demi-officially.

P.R.—13-11-16.

Draft submitted.

N.K.—14-11-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—15-11-16.

P.R.—16-11-16.

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, C.I.E., Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

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

Dated—the 17th November 1916.

No.—3347-2.

Please refer to your letter No. 3649, dated the 13th September 1916, suggesting the institution of a few special scholarships in the Engineering College for the benefit of *Uriyas* and other backward classes. As will be seen from Memorandum No. 1127-2, Educational, dated the 22nd April 1916, the original proposal related to the provision of special facilities for *Uriyas* only and I am desired to enquire whether the concessions recommended in your letter may not be confined to them. May not the claims of other backward classes be left out of consideration for the present? This will render the additional financial liability negligible and the proposal less open to objection from the financial point of view at the present juncture.

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, C.I.E., Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department

Dated—Madras, the 21st November 1916.

No.—216.

With reference to your *demi-official* No. 3347-2, dated 17th instant, my reason for proposing that scholarships should be instituted open to other backward classes as well as to *Uriyas* was merely that I see no reason why the former should receive any different treatment from the latter. Since however Government desires to give *Uriyas* special treatment they might be given a preference over other classes in the award of the scholarships.

I do not see how the financial liability can be made negligible if three scholarships are instituted, though if they are restricted to *Uriyas* actual expenditure is likely for sometime to be very small.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Director of Public Instruction states that *Uriyas* may be given preference over other backward classes in the award of the proposed scholarships. It is, however, submitted that, for the present, the claims of *Uriyas* alone need be considered. As thus restricted the expenditure will not be considerable as during the last five years

P.R.—30-11-16. | only one *Uriya* pupil sought admission into the Engineering College. The

Financial Department is however against the institution of any special scholarships at an additional cost. It is for consideration whether that department may be asked to reconsider its decision.

A.S.—29-11-16.

N.K.—29-11-16.

Will Financial see its way to reconsider the matter if the concession is restricted to *Uriyas*?

P.R.—30-11-16.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Our point is this. There are at present 14 scholarships available every year. Of these, 10 are open or "merit" scholarships and 4 special scholarships available for Muhammadans, etc. So far as the open scholarships go there seems to be no necessity for them or for so large a number of them. There is not a dearth of candidates for the engineering classes as the following figures will show:—

	Candidates.	Number admitted.
Engineer class	157	28
Probationary subordinate class	468	123
Total	625	151

Paragraph 4, page 4 of G.O.
724, Educational, 3rd July
1916.

From this it is pretty clear that there is no necessity for scholarships for the general body of students and what we suggest is that the open scholarships should be reduced from 10 to 7, and the three thus made available added to the special scholarships for Uriya students. There will then be 7 open and 7 special scholarships. Of the latter, 3 will be reserved for Uriyas, but if in any year Uriya candidates are not forthcoming the scholarships might be made available for other candidates. We may suggest the adoption of this course once more for the consideration of Home (Education).

L. E. KERSHAW—1-12-16.

L. DAVIDSON—2-12-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Financial Department do not agree to the institution of special scholarships for Uriyas and re-iterates the suggestion that a few of the open scholarships may preferably be awarded to Uriyas. That department point out that there is no dearth of candidates for engineering classes and there is therefore no necessity for scholarships for the general body of students. The Principal of the College of Engineering and the Director of Public Instruction are, however, of the opinion that the open scholarships form an important feature of the college, encouraging, as they do, very keen competition among the students of the several classes and that a reduction in their number is undesirable. While the department aims also at efficiency, Financial look at the question solely from the point of view of keenness at admission. It is for consideration whether the view of the Financial Department should be accepted.

2. As to the reservation of a few scholarships for Uriyas, the Financial Department suggest that three out of the ten scholarships as detailed in column 2 of the statement on page 17 ante may preferably be awarded to them. There are, however, four different classes in the Engineering College (probationary subordinate, lower subordinate, upper subordinate and engineering classes) and it will be necessary to reserve at least one scholarship in each of these classes for Uriyas. The total number of scholarships to be reserved for Uriyas will then come to four and the conditions in regard to the award and tenure of these scholarships may be the same as those applicable to the open scholarships. If in any year a scholarship reserved for a Uriya student is not awarded, it may be bestowed on some other eligible student

Yes.

P.R.—3-1-17.

belonging to other communities. If these suggestions are accepted, a revised draft order will be prepared and submitted for approval.

N.K.—19-12-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—24-12-16.

Draft submitted.

N.K.—5-1-17.

C.R.—6-1-17.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—8-1-17.

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