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The ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, MADRAS,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

HOME (Education) Department.

SIR,

I have the honour to report the following case for the orders of Government. In this Presidency officers of the Education Department have been appointed as Examiners and Assistant Examiners for the conduct of public examinations in connection with the scheme for the award of Secondary School Leaving Certificate held under the orders of the Commissioner for Government Examinations, Madras. The charge on account of their travelling allowance for the journeys made by them in connection with the above were held by this office to be debitable to the Major head "22-Education" in accordance with the ruling in Article 824-A of the Civil Account Code. The Commissioner for Government Examinations however in his letter No. 1025 dated 14th October 1911 (Copy herewith attached) stated that the charges in question should be debited to "26-Scientific and

other

other minor departments - Government Examinations" in consideration of the following reasons;--

(a) That the fees realised from the candidates for ^{this} ~~the~~ examination are credited to the Major head "XXVI Scientific and other minor departments- Examination fees" and that it is therefore reasonable that all charges in connection with the scheme should be debited to the corresponding expenditure head in which the necessary budget provision has also been made.

(b) Many of the Examiners and Assistant Examiners being Government Officials, other departments will needlessly have to share the heavy expenditure on account of such charges in case Article 824-A of the Civil Account Code is applied.

(c) That Government having guaranteed the University of Madras against reasonable loss of income on account of the introduction of the Secondary School Leaving Certificate Scheme, it will be inconvenient for him to prepare a proper account of receipts and charges on this account unless all the charges are debited to the same head to which the fees realized are credited.

In consideration of the above arguments the Comptroller-General on my representation accorded sanction in his letter No. A.C.-1048/930-11 dated 23rd December 1911, to the charges on account of travelling allowance of officers of the Education Department appointed as Examiners and Assistant Examiners for the conduct of public examinations in connection with the scheme for the award of Secondary School Leaving Certificate being debited to the Major head "26-Scientific and other Minor Departments-Government Examinations".

Recently the Travelling allowance bill of M.R. Ry P. V. Seshu Ayyar Avl. of the Provincial Educational Service in connection with the Secondary School Leaving Certificate Board meeting was presented for payment at this office. As it was countersigned by the Deputy Director of Public Instruction, it was returned to the Director of Public Instruction with the request that the bill might be countersigned by the Secretary to the Commissioner of Government Examinations, the charge being debitable to the head "26-B Scientific

etc.

"26-B Scientific etc.-Government Examinations". The Director of Public Instruction in returning the bill states in his letter No. 6700 dated 24th August 1917 that the officer attended the Secondary School Leaving Certificate Board meeting at Ooty as a member of that Board and not in the capacity of an Examiner or an Assistant Examiner and that as he is an officer of the Department his travelling allowance bill has been countersigned by the Deputy Director of Public Instruction. The Bill has been paid and the amount has been debited to "22-Education" provisionally.

Though Article 824-A (e) of the Civil Account Code speaks only of the travelling allowance of officers appointed as Examiners and Assistant Examiners as contended by the Director of Public Instruction, it will be seen from my letter No. Spl.15-14001 dated 25th November 1911 to the Comptroller-General (Copy enclosed) that all charges in connection with the Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination should be debited to the head "26-Scientific and other minor departments-Government Examination".

If Government agree with my view, I would request that orders may be issued to the Director of Public Instruction to the effect that as all charges incurred in connection with the Secondary School Leaving Certificate Scheme have to be debited to the head "26-Scientific and other minor departments", the travelling allowance bills of even the officers attending the meeting of the Board may be countersigned by the Secretary to the Commissioner for Government Examinations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]
For Accountant-General.

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No order made for this

A bill of Rs. 250/-
presented on 10.2.14
to the S.T.C. Board.

Letter No. 1025 dated 14th October 1911 from the Secretary to the Commissioner for Government Examinations, Madras to the Accountant-General, Madras.

With reference to your objection memo No. P.A.D./Spl. dated 12th September 1911, I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that M.R. Ry T. K. Venkatarama Ayyar attended the meeting at Madras in his capacity as an Assistant Examiner in connection with the Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination - not as an official of the Educational Department. His travelling allowance bill accordingly was countersigned by me. As he performed the journeys on examination business, it appears to me to be fair that the charges should be met from the budget provision of this office. The fees received from the candidates are credited to the Commission and on this ground also it seems to be reasonable that all expenses in connection with the examination should be borne by the commission. Further, Government have guaranteed the University of Madras against reasonable loss of income sustained by them on account of the introduction of the Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination. A statement of receipts and charges in view to ascertaining the surplus has accordingly to be prepared and for this purpose it will be convenient if all the charges are incurred by the Commission so that complete information in regard to the charges may be readily available in this office. A large number of Examiners and Assistant Examiners may happen to be Government officials and in this case the several Departments to which they belong will needlessly share the heavy expenditure on account of travelling allowance. In view, therefore, of the fact that the Examiners and Assistant Examiners perform their journeys and make the halts entirely on examination business and that it is reasonable that the charges should be borne by the same Department to which the fees are credited, I request that you will be so good as to arrange for all the travelling allowance bills countersigned by me being paid, the charge being debited to the head "26-Scientific and other minor departments - Government Examinations". Examiners and Assistant Examiners whose bills are under objection will be instructed to resubmit their bills on receipt

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of your reply to this communication.

2. Letter No. Spl. 15-14001 dated 25th November 1911 from the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Comptroller-General, Calcutta.

I have the honour to report that, in this Presidency officers of the Education Department, have been appointed as Examiners and Assistant Examiners for the conduct of the Public Examinations in connection with the scheme for the award of Secondary School Leaving Certificates, held under the orders of the Commissioner for Government Examinations, Madras. The charges on account of their travelling allowance for the journeys made by them in connection with the above, were held by this office to be debitable to the major head "22-Education" in accordance with the ruling in Article 824-A of the Civil Account Code. The Commissioner for Government Examinations, however, in his letter No. 1025 dated 14th October 1911, (copy herewith attached), requests that the charges in question may be debited to "26-Scientific and other minor departments- Government Examinations", in consideration of the following reasons:--

(a) That the fees realized from the candidates for the examination are credited to the major head "XXI-Scientific and other minor departments - Examination fees" and that it is therefore reasonable that all the charges in connection with the scheme should be debited to the corresponding expenditure head, in which the necessary budget provision has also been made during the current year.

(b) Many of the Examiners and Assistant Examiners being Government officials the other departments will needlessly have to share the heavy expenditure on account of such charges, in case Article 824-A of the Civil Account Code is applied.

(c) That, Government having guaranteed the University of Madras

against

against reasonable loss of income on account of the introduction of the Secondary School Leaving Certificate Scheme, it will be inconvenient for him to prepare a proper account of receipts and charges on this account, unless all the charges are debited to the same head to which the fees realized are credited.

In consideration of the above arguments I have, subject to your approval, accorded permission to the charges being debited to the major head "26-Scientific and other minor departments-Government Examinations" as suggested by the Commissioner. As the case does not however fall under any of the specified exceptions in Article 824-A of the Civil Account Code, I would request your approval to the above classification of the charges,

(True Copies)

Shyamprasad Chatterjee

Superintendent,

Correspondence Section.

W.S.

Home
(Col. 2)

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Home Dept.

Le. 1083/B, from the A.G., G.A. 74-10987, (Ed. 2)

d/ the 25th Sep. 1917

Subject:- Debit of travelling allowance of the members of the S. S. T. C. Board.

The A.G.'s

view at 'k' on page 3 of the current file seems to be the correct one and may therefore be upheld. It is also observed from the Stat. printed on pp 3 & 4 of G.G. No. 129 Edh., d/ the 9th Feb. 1915 that "travelling allowance to members of the Board" is included in the Schedule of Charges connected with the public exam: under the S. S. T. C. Scheme. It does not stand to reason that while all other items of expenditure in connection with the Scheme are debited to the Budget Head "26B Scientific & Mis. Dephs: - Examinations", that relating to T.A. to members of the Board should alone be debited to the head to which the pay of the officer - in case the member happened to be a Govt. Servant - is debited and art. 824 A of the L. A. C. Vol. II invoked in support thereof.

NOTES.

A draft order to Subd. of approved financial may perhaps see it before issue.

3-10-17

JK
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he may just consult the D.P.D. no. ask what, if any, objections he has to the A's proposal in the last para. of his letter. (p. 3 of 4)

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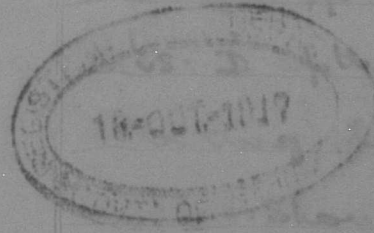
As a matter of fact, the t.a. of nonaffiliates who attended the meeting was debited to 26 Scientific.

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My 7/10/17

the C.P.'s suggestion may I think be accepted.

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The draft already in the file to Subd. for appl. for order whether it should go to Finance

15-8-17

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Not necessary to worry mail
J. L. L.

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