

Home (88) (1918) Department.

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G.O. No. 673

DATED 27-5-18

[Despatch Abstract.]

Revenue (Higher) Test.

Passing orders on certain memorials re: the alleged severity of the question papers for the-----examination held in 1918.

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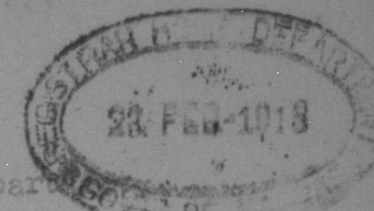
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Madras, 20th February 1918.

The Secretary to Government,

Home (Educational) Department,

Fort Saint George.



Sir,

The humble memorial of *P. S. Rajasikha moni*

(1) that he was a candidate for the Revenue higher test of 1917,

(2) that he failed in the village and taluk manuals subject only,

(3) that this paper was unduly hard and severe this year as has been observed by some of the local dailies,

(4) that one of the questions was selected from an obsolete and deleted portion,

(5) that the failure list published shews that no less than 73.3% have failed in that subject which itself is overwhelming evidence that this paper was abnormally severe.

The memorialist therefore prays that in due consideration of the Government's intention to simplify the special tests, he may be considered to have passed the test if the total number of marks obtained by him in the other three subjects comes to 40% or a re-examination in that subject alone may be ordered to be held at as early a date as possible.

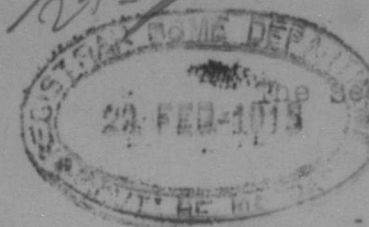
The memorialist begs to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P. S. Rajasikha moni
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Clerk P.W. Secretariat

Madras, 20th February 1918.



The Secretary to Government,
Home (Educational) Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. Samsapani Chetty
20/2/18
Head Clerk Land Revenue Board

Madras, 20th February 1918.

The Secretary to Government,
Home (Educational) Department,
Fort Saint George.

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to be held at as early a date as possible.

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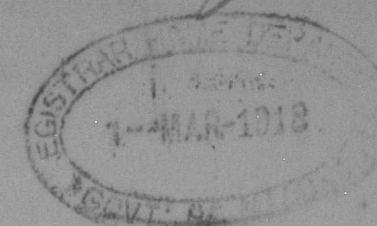
Your most obedient servant,

J. R. Devasigamani Pillai
Clerk Board of Rev. S. P. Revenue

Villala Street, Rangoon

1. 3. 1918.

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To

The Secretary to Government,

Home (Education) Department,

Fort Saint George.

(T.C. Mlampham P.M.)

The humble memorial of most respectfully sheweth:--

- (1) That he was a candidate for the Revenue test (Higher Grade) held in October 1917.
- (2) That he failed in "Village and Taluk Accounts" only.
- (3) That this paper was unduly hard and practical as has been pointed out in some of the local dailies.
- (4) That one full question was selected from an obsolete and deleted portion of the Manuals.
- (5) That the failure list published shows that no less than 73.3% of the plucked candidates have failed in that subject which itself is overwhelming evidence that this paper was abnormally - severe.
- (6) That it will be a hardship on candidates who have passed in all the other subjects and secured 40% of the aggregate marks in those subjects to be subject to another examination again in all these subjects for the mere chance of failure in the paper on "Village and Taluk Accounts" alone which as already represented - above was unduly severe and far too practical even for persons who have had practical training and experience in the matter.

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tion to simplify the special tests the memorialist humbly prays that
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having secured a pass in other subjects may as a special case be
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quired to pass that subject only in the next examination that will
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To

The Secretary to Government,

Home (Education) Department,

Fort Saint George.

N. D. Raghavan

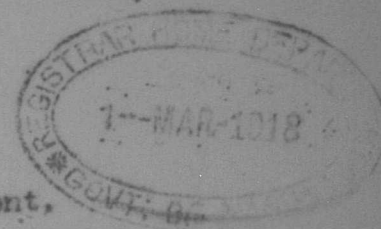
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Madras, 1.3.1918

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M. S. K. Raghavan

Clerk, Home Dept.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Home (Educational) Department,

Fort St. George.

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The SEcond and Chief Presidency Magistrates,

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Sir,

The humble memorial of G. Ramachandra Chetti, Asst. Cashier
Presidency Magistrates Court, Georgetown, Madras,

1. that he was a candidate for the Revenue higher test of 1917.
2. that he failed in the village and taluk manuals subject only
3. that this paper was unduly hard and severe this year as has been observed by some of the local dailies,
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The memorialist begs to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Senior President Magistrate
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by Chief Pres Magistrate 1.3.18

G. Ramachandra Chetti

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Madras, 18 March 1918.

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PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATES' COURT,

~~Egmore~~, Madras.
Georgetown

From

The II PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATE,

~~Egmore~~, Madras,
GeorgetownTo
The Secretary to Govt.
Home Cadet School
Fort St. George.
Through the Chief Clerk
Madras

L.S. No. 8 of 1918.

Dated } 11 March 1918
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ENCLOSURES:

Subject:

Submitting the application
of G. Ramachandrasekhar,
asst. cashier of this court.19/3/18
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DEPARTMENT.

CUTTINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

1. Name of Paper--
- Justice*
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2. Published at--
- Madras*
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3. Dated--
- 15-2-18*

SPECIAL TEST EXAMINATIONS, 1917.

SIR,—You might remember that a month ago a correspondent brought to your notice that the paper on "Village and Taluk Accounts" was far too practical for candidates to answer satisfactorily. The results recently announced amply justify your correspondent's estimate of the paper. It has to be confessed that out of 60 candidates who failed in the Revenue Test, Higher Grade, the paper on Village and Taluk Accounts accounted for no less than 45 failures. In this connection it has to be remembered that the Examiner put a full question from an obsolete edition of the Manual while the edition prescribed is the latest. What marks were allotted to this question, or whether in valuing the papers he took into account or passed over his mistake, is a mystery to the ploughed candidates. It is but fair that the authorities concerned should ask the examiner to re-value the answer papers or that the ploughed candidates should be re-examined on the subject. It was announced sometime ago that the simplification of special tests was under the consideration of Government. Any simplification will be of no avail if examiners are allowed to set papers at random from superseded editions of the text books. The Commissioner for Government Examinations may inquire whether it is not so. That there must be some controlling authority like a Board of Examiners for the University Examinations seems essential in the interests of the candidates who are most of them overworked clerks and who have to steal the few leisure hours they could command, with great difficulty, to prepare for the examinations. The desirability of the constitution of a Board may be considered by Government. In this particular instance the result being so unsatisfactory, it will be doing but bare justice to the candidates if their papers are ordered to be re-valued or if they are given a chance of a re-examination in that particular subject only. As many as 19 candidates, who have passed in all the other subjects and failed in this one subject alone, viz., the Village and Taluk Accounts, are bound to be benefited by such a re-examination. After all a detailed knowledge of the Village and Taluk accounts is not an essential requisite at the start. This can be acquired when a passed man is required to undergo a Revenue Inspector's training. The grievance of the failed candidates in this case appears to be real. The Government or the Commissioner, we hope, will kindly undertake to redress the alleged grievances.

ADVOCATE OF THE HELPLESS.

For perusal
A
20/2/18Has not Hm I ordered
an enquiry into this
affair? WY 27/2/18Submitted yes; the case
is now with the Honorable
Members having been
circulated to him on the
25th January 1918 in
box no. 2.A
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file when it returns.WY
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1918.

Home (Educ) DEPARTMENT.

CUTTINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

1. Name of Paper-- *justice*
 2. Published at-- *Madras*
 3. Dated-- *20-2-18*

FAILURE IN REVENUE HIGHER TEST
EXAMINATION

SIR,—Some time ago it was observed in the columns of your esteemed daily that the village and Taluk Accounts Manuals paper of the Revenue Higher Test examination held in 1917 was unduly severe and rigorous. The failure list published the other day proves beyond doubt the correctness of this observation, inasmuch as nearly 75 % have failed in that subject. A third of the total number of failures is in that subject alone. A comparative statement showing the percentage of failures in that subject is given below:—

1913:	1914:	1915:	1916:	1917:
28.7%	62.7%	49.3%	64.7%	73.3%

From the above it is obvious that 1917 is by far the worst of all. Government in their order throwing open the Revenue Higher Test to all men possessing the School Final certificate have observed that the further simplification of this Test would be considered. The simplification contemplated by Government will be in the right direction, if the village and Taluk Manuals are removed altogether from the curriculum. Any amount of reading these Manuals is of little avail to the candidate in giving him a practical knowledge of how the accounts are prepared. It is only when he actually comes in contact with either the preparation or the checking of these accounts in a village or a Taluk that he picks up his real knowledge of the subject. It is the opinion of many experienced men of the Revenue Department that a mere pass in the subject of village and Taluk Manuals, as prescribed in the Special Test examination, is of little practical or educational value.

If Government should view the above suggestion favourably, they will be conferring a great blessing by declaring in a supplementary list the 19 candidates who failed in that subject only in 1917 to have passed the Revenue Higher Test, especially in view of the extreme toughness of the paper.

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B. Pet. from M. R. Ry. P. S. (Ed. 3)

Raja Sukhramani & others, d/20-2-18

Subject:- Recent Special Test Exam.

Complaints have

already appeared in newspapers about the alleged severity of the Revenue higher test of last October and, at the instance of the Hon. Sir Alexander Leardene, a report was actually called for from the Commissioner for Govt.

Exams:- The report disclosed that, judged by results, the last year's test was not in any way unusually harsh; the Secretary however on an examination of the ^(question) papers has noted specially with refer. to the paper on village and Taluk accounts that it was an exceedingly practical paper. The papers connected with this are now with the M. N.

1 Orders are solicited whether Govt. ^{will} be prepared to take any action in the direction suggested in para 3 of the memoranda. Perhaps the

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we may await the receipt
of the file from circulation.
The main issue is whether the
paper was unduly severe
so as to warrant a reexamination
on the subject or neglect the results of
the last examination therein. It
is highly doubtful whether any
such action will be justified.

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To lie over.

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Two other partitions bearing
on the Subject have since been
received and added to the file.
The request in these cases is
however ^{somewhat} different: the recommendation
is that they may be allowed
~~to appear before the court~~ either
be re-examined in Village and
Taluk Accounts alone at an
early date or if that is not
possible they may be required to
pass in that Subject only at the

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next October exam: Submitted that these ^{sections} ~~may~~ also await the return of the main file from the H. M.

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kindly note
clerk.

As a result of the exam: by Govt. of the question paper set for the last Revenue (highest) test the Revenue Dept. have proposed to simplify the test and ^(the draft) ~~order~~ relating to the case had been sent to this Dept. for acceptance (Vide linked file). The petitions in the current file which were awaiting the disposal of the main file may now be transferred to Revenue as it is they that are intimately concerned with the Revenue test. - cf. the Secy's note at p 22 of the notes in the linked case. The petitioners' request that they

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should be re-examined in Village and Taluk Accounts alone ^(if that is not possible) or that they may be required to pass in that subject only at the next Examination cannot be complied with. Perhaps a para to this effect may be added to

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to the draft of the Rev Dept (in the linked file)
the petitions being read at the head of
the Proceedings.

1158 Though the complaints in the
Current file may be taken
as contributing to the simplifi-
cation of the Test, ~~and~~ they
cannot obviously be disposed of by
the order in the linked file, as the
complaints relate to the particular
examination of the last year
to a particular paper. I think they
will have to be disposed of separately
in this department. after consulting the
C.E.R.

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The complaint against the difficulty
in answering "The Village & Taluk Deents" paper
is wellfounded. But as it is a New Test
paper, Rev will perhaps ~~indicate~~ pass
overs or indicate them.

In view of the simplification of the Test,
it seems to be unnecessary to prescribe a
special procedure for a limited time but
I shall be prepared to exempt ^{for one year} from the New
Test, candidates who have failed in that

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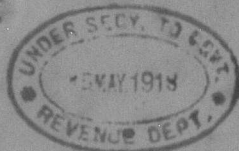
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Revenue Department

To Under Secy

The main file referred to at pages 1 to 2 of these notes apparently raised the issue whether the paper on the Village and Taluk Manuals was unduly severe so as to warrant a re-examination or to neglect the result - vide Registrar's note at p 2. That file has not been put up. ~~However~~ ~~may be~~ in



Rev. U.O. 896

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2. The paper in which the candidate failed was a paper with books, not one of the papers affected by the go. in the linked file.

3. Per. are not concerned, I think, with either of the proposals of the candidates (1) a separate exam? in this subject, or (2) to count 40% or a pass in the other subjects as a pass on the whole. It may be presumed that Home does not propose to grant these concessions.

4. We do not know if any of the petitioners

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require the exemption that the Home Sec.
is prepared to grant. 10

The only solution is, I think, a draft
to the effect that their proposals cannot
be accepted but exemption for a year
will be considered on further application

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Exemption for a year seems of little use to
these men, who presumably wait to be
qualified for the post of Sr. Tech. -

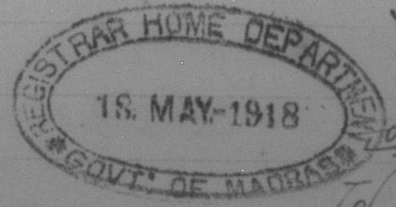
I would much like them that their
request cannot be granted, & that
they must offer again: if in any case
the failure to pass last year should
thrust them back as a bona fide candidate
showing qualification for the Sr. Tech. list
he case, if seriously represented, will
be considered.

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