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READ—the following papers:—

I

G.O. No. 1912, Revenue, dated 15th May 1918.

G.O. No. 707, Home (Education), dated 4th June 1918.

G.O. No. 732, Home (Education), dated 8th June 1918.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Commissioner for Government Examinations.

To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—Madras, the 3rd July 1918.
No.—1822.

As required in Government Endorsement No. 1062 B-1, Home (Education), dated 27th May 1918, and G.Os. Nos. 707, Home (Education), dated 4th June 1918 and 732, Home (Education), dated 8th June 1918, I have the honour to submit herewith for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* a draft (in duplicate) of the alterations to be made in the Public Service and Special Test Notifications.

In item 11 of the Public Service Notification as it stands at present, Taluk Sarishtadars and Taluk Head Accountants *in Madras* are *not* required to pass Account Test and the Revenue Test, lower grade. The entry '(except in Madras)' has accordingly been added to the entry 'Taluk Sarishtadars and Taluk Head Accountants', proposed in place of the existing item No. 1 in column 2 against Account Test in the schedule attached to the Special Test Notification as directed in G.O. No. 1912, Revenue, dated 15th May 1918.

Order—No. 1512, Home (Education), dated 27th November 1918.

The following notifications will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*:—

NOTIFICATIONS

I. Public Service Notification.

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II. Special Test Notification.

The following changes are directed in the Special Test Notification published on pages 435 to 444 of Part I-B of the *Port St. George Gazette*, dated the 30th July 1918, as subsequently modified :—

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(True extract)

L. D. SWAMIKANNU,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner for Government Examinations.

" Superintendent, Government Press (for publication of notifications in the Gazette).

Copy to the Public Works Department.

" " Revenue Department.

" " Local and Municipal Department.

" " Chief Secretariat.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1512, HOME (EDUCATION),
DATED 27TH NOVEMBER 1918

[SUBJECT.—*Amendments to the Public Service and Special Test notifications.*]

From the Commissioner for Government Examinations, dated 3rd July 1918, No. 1822.

The draft notification submitted by the Commissioner for Government Examinations calls for the following remark :—

G.O. No. 1912, Revenue, dated 15th May 1918, is not quite clear as to whether the Account test is to be abolished for deputy collectors also. Revenue may be asked to advise on the point.

2. Opportunity has been taken to incorporate in the Commissioner's draft the amendments in the Public Service and Special Test notifications necessitated by the decision of the Local and Municipal Department to abolish the Account test as a qualifying test in the case of their clerks and of the Chief Secretariat to similarly do

* Since disposed of in G.Os. Nos. 280, Revenue, dated 27th November 1918 and 284, Revenue, dated 27th November 1918.

away with all tests other than 'accounts' for Chief Secretariat clerks. These files* may be recorded with reference to the Government Order on this case after it issues.

3. A draft order directing the publication of the notifications is submitted. If approved it may go to Revenue u.o. with reference to A above.

E.A.V.—11-7-18.

T.K.—11-7-18.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—13-7-18.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—13-7-18.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Please see the concluding portion of the Hon'ble Mr. Knapp's note on page 1 of notes to G.O. No. 1912, dated 15th May 1918, and Honourable Member's note at bottom of page 1 and top of page 2 of notes to that Government Order. The Account test had to be passed by deputy collectors under item (1) against 'Account test' on page 94 of abstract of Public Service Examination rules. The Honourable Member ordered the abolition of that item and the substitution for it of 'taluk sarishtadars and taluk head accountants'—vide last sentence of paragraph 1 of G.O. No. 1912, Revenue, dated 15th May 1918. The Account test has thus been abolished in respect of deputy collectors.

2. Reference is, however, solicited to paragraph 7 of the letter of the Government of India, printed in G.O. No. 201, Financial, dated 3rd February 1882, wherein with a view to ensure efficient administration of district treasuries, that Government directed, inter alia, that a departmental examination in treasury and local fund accounts and in departmental revenue accounts should form part of the test obligatory on all assistant and deputy collectors and that every covenanted officer or deputy collector should, in addition to passing the examination also be trained for independent charge of a district treasury. As a result of these orders the Civil Account Code was in G.O. No. 585, Revenue, dated 11th May 1883, added to the subjects of examination prescribed for deputy collectors. The Government of India have ever

since evinced a great deal of interest in the examination of Junior Civilians and deputy collectors in accounts and have from time to time prescribed modifications in the orders relating to that examination, as will be seen from the correspondence in

G.O. No. 981, Public, dated 4th September 1899;

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G.O. No. 896, Educational, dated 9th October 1912;

G.O. No. 145, Home (Education), dated 8th February 1917.

In their letter printed in the last of these Government Orders the Government of India said that, in the case of the Provincial Civil Service, they 'are specially concerned to encourage an intelligent acquaintance with account and audit principles, in view of the fact that this service provides practically the whole of the staff of treasury officers' and that while they would leave it to local Governments to settle the *exact lines of the examinations*, they considered it very desirable that officers of the Provincial Civil Service should be required to study the principles of account and audit as set forth in the 'manuals in question.' At page 2 of the notes to G.O. No. 145, Home (Education), dated 8th February 1917, it was considered that the only effective method of making any officers to study the Account and Audit manuals was to prescribe an examination in them and the two manuals were added to the subjects for the Account test.

3. From the foregoing summary it will be seen that the Government of India would insist upon an examination in treasury accounts for deputy collectors and that the treasury training prescribed for deputy collectors would not alone suffice and that if the test is to be abolished for deputy collectors the sanction of the Government of India would appear to be necessary.

4. It is submitted that when the orders in G.O. No. 1912, Revenue, dated 15th May 1918, were passed the Government Orders referred to in paragraph 2 *supra* were not * before the Secretary and the

Honourable Member and the view set out in that paragraph was not therefore placed before them.

Orders are solicited whether the Account test should continue to be prescribed for deputy collectors or whether the Government of India should be informed that the training in treasury work prescribed for deputy collectors in G.O. No. 336, Revenue, dated 11th April 1905, is sufficient and that no written examination is necessary and their sanction for the abolition of the test sought for.

V. PONNAYYA—8-8-18.

In paragraph 3 above it is stated that the Government of India would insist upon an examination in treasury accounts for deputy collectors. I invite a reference to the first sentence of paragraph 2 of the letter from the Government of India No. 550-A, dated 1st July 1915, in which it is stated that the regulation of the departmental examinations of members of the Provincial Civil Service rests with local Governments (page 2 of G.O. No. 145, Home (Education), dated 8th February 1917). This seems to be at variance with the letters of the Government of India printed in G.O. No. 201, Financial, dated 3rd February 1882. Possibly, however, the first letter referred to merely means that local Governments should prescribe the books and regulations which should be the subjects of the examination in Accounts (page 2 of G.O. No. 145, Home (Education), dated 8th February 1917).

I support the recommendation at A above.

M. YOUNG—18-8-18.

I do not wish to address the Government of India on this matter or in any way to invite them to interfere with our rules and arrangements. On the other hand the effect of the orders now brought to notice is such that we can hardly leave our treasury officers without some test of knowledge of account work. In these circumstances I think we should lay down that on the conclusion of the period of training

in treasury work which is prescribed in G.O. No. 336, Revenue, dated 11th April 1905, the officer who has undergone training shall be subjected to a written examination conducted by the local treasury officer subject to the control of the District Collector, in the subjects which now form the subjects of the Account test. The maximum and minimum marks will be the same. The papers in the Account Code and in the Civil Service Regulations may be done with books; the other paper (Introduction to Accounts and Audit) without books. The examination should be especially directed to ascertain (1) an intelligent acquaintance with the *principles* of account and audit, (2) a *practical* knowledge of the work of a treasury officer. No officer will be certified as fit to have charge of a treasury unless he passes this examination. Any officer who fails to pass this examination at the end of his course of treasury training will be liable to be debarred from grade promotion until he passes. As the examination will immediately follow the course of training, it ought to be more practical and less theoretical than a special test and officers ought to have the less difficulty in passing. Indeed it puts the examination in its proper place, viz., as a test of the results of training.

A. G. C[ARDEW]—21-8-18.

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A copy of the above notes has been taken for the issue of an order in this department. Submitted that this file may be returned to the Home (Education) department with a copy of that order.

V. PONNAYYA—10-9-18.

M.Y.—11-9-18.

The linked case referred to in the margin above has been disposed of in G.O. No. 3553, Revenue, dated 30th October 1918. Submitted the file may now be returned to Home (Education) u.o. with the copy of that Government Order put up.

B.M.—31-10-18.

V.P.—31-10-18.

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1288, Home (Education), dated 26th September 1918. The alterations consequent
on the latter Government Order will be separately notified as soon as the draft thereof
is received from the Commissioner for Government Examinations. The portion 'A'
in the original draft may now be deleted.

4. A revised draft carrying out the minor changes noticed above has been pre-
pared and is added as page 3 to the original draft order file.

E.A.—12-11-18.

S.A.—13-11-18.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—13-11-18.

I shall be glad if the Commissioner for Government Examination's office will
scrutinize the office draft put up and return it.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—14-11-18.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS.

The draft has been scrutinized in the Commissioner for Government Examina-
tion's office and is in order.

H. S. DUNCAN—21-11-18.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Commissioner for Government Examination's office has checked the draft
and found it in order. For orders whether it may issue.

E.A.V.—22-11-18.

S.A.—22-11-18.

C.R.—24-11-18.

Issue.

L. D. SWAMIKANNU—26-11-18.

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