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READ—the following papers :—

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G.O. No. 1021, Home (Education), dated 6th August 1917.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on certain proposals made by the Board of Revenue and other heads of departments with reference to G.O. No. 969, Home (Education), dated 18th September 1916, relating to the amendment of the rules in the Public Service and Special Test Notifications.

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

ABSTRACT.—Directing that the Account test should not be prescribed for appointments in the Revenue Department except for persons who are to be mainly employed in important account work.

Order—No. 707, Home (Education), dated 4th June 1918.

In continuation of G.O. No. 1021, Home (Education), dated 6th August 1917, and with reference to the letter from the Director of Public Instruction, R.O.C. No. 8459, dated 9th November 1916, the Government direct that the Account test shall cease to be a qualifying test for Sub-Assistant Inspectors and Inspectresses. The Director's proposal to make provision in the scheme of the Sub-Assistants' test for an examination in the Civil Account Code and the Civil Service Regulations is also approved.

2. The Commissioner for Government Examinations is requested to submit a draft of the necessary alterations in the Public Service and Special Test notifications involved in the orders in the foregoing paragraph.

(True extract)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction,
" Commissioner for Government Examinations.

Memorandum of Instructions
Order

Account test.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

(Edw)

Directing that the
would cease to be required for Sub-Asst:
Inspector and Inspectorial.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 1021 Home dated 6th Aug: 1917.

" " " " 1912 (Rev) 15th May 1918.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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

Account test

Directing that the — should not be prescribed for appointments in the Revenue Department except for persons who are to be mainly employed in important account work.

Order—No. 1912, Revenue, dated 15th May 1918.

The Account test is now prescribed as a necessary qualification for all persons subject to the Revenue test, higher grade, except clerks on Rs. 70 and upwards in the Revenue Secretariat and for all persons subject to the Revenue test, lower grade, except revenue inspectors (including land records inspectors). The Government consider that this test should not be prescribed for appointments in the Revenue Department except for persons who are to be mainly employed in important account work. They accordingly direct that in the schedule appended to the Special Test Notification entries (1) and (20) under Account test should be deleted and the entry "(1) Taluk sarishtadars and taluk head accountants" substituted instead.

2. The necessary amendments to the Public Service and Special Test Notifications will be notified in the Home (Education) Department.

(True extract)

A. R. KNAPP,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" Home (Education) Department (with notes).

Mr. Lutchman



NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1912, REVENUE, DATED
15TH MAY 1918.

[SUBJECT.—Account test.]

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Extract from a note, dated 5th March 1918, by the Revenue Secretary on simplification
of Special tests.

7. Turning to the Account test I submit that a differentiation is called for between persons, e.g., accountants, who are to be mainly employed in important account work and others such as sarishtadars and clerks who require only an incidental knowledge of account procedure. For the latter I submit that the proposal of Messrs. Campbell and Stokes that three months' actual training as a taluk head accountant

- * Huzur sarishtadars.
- English and vernacular head clerks.
- Tahsildars.
- Deputy tahsildars, head clerks of Divisional offices.

should be substituted for the Account test is a needlessly expensive expedient. So much of the Account test as is needed for the ordinary revenue subordinates* might perhaps be embodied in the district revenue test as I have suggested it. It may be however that a proper training in accounts such as is suggested by Messrs. Campbell and Stokes is desirable for tahsildars. In that case I would provide a special course of training, say, of a month or two, if they have not already undergone taluk head accountant's training. As for taluk head accountants themselves, while they will continue to be trained as at present, I do not think there is any reason why they should not also pass the test after training. This would be a useful way of determining their capacity for the post. I would also retain the test for the other classes of accountants, e.g., those in the office of the Board and the Superintendent of Stationery and Collectors' head accountants, though the latter will usually have done the taluk head accountant's training as well. Whether the Account test need be retained as a qualification for the Deputy Collector is a matter that may be separately considered. I doubt if it is necessary seeing that Deputy Collectors now undergo training in the treasury at a comparatively early period of their service.

A. R. KNAPP.—5-3-18.

On pages 94 to 96 of the Abstract of Educational Rules is printed a long list of offices for which a pass by the Account test is prescribed. In this test there is only C's grade, and the questions are answered with books, but the examination papers show the usual tendency of examiners to try and put conundrums intended to pose candidates instead of questions to test the possession of a fair average knowledge. Questions IV and VI in the 1917 paper on Civil Account Code and question II of the 1917 paper on Civil Service Regulations are examples of such questions, and the papers of earlier years contain similar questions. I doubt its being possible to prevent examiners from indulging in such vagaries. The temptation is too strong. To set a fairly easy paper and let 90 per cent pass is against most people's instincts. They naturally tend to "push up the standard."

At any rate it seems quite unnecessary that those who are not going to be specialists in account work should have to know whose sanction is necessary for the construction of a steam launch for the use of the head of a province or what acting allowance is drawn by an assistant surgeon on Rs. 250 acting as civil surgeon on Rs. 350. The questions as framed are intended for trained accountants, and are not suitable for ordinary revenue officials. I agree with Mr. Knapp that the latter need

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2 NOTES to G.O. No. 1912, REVENUE, 15TH MAY 1918

not be required to pass the Account test and items (1) and (20) on pages 94 and 95 of the Abstract of Educational Rules may be struck out. In place of these items may be substituted—

(1) Taluk sarishtadars and taluk head accountants.

After orders on this have been issued, perhaps the departments concerned would consider whether the retention of the Account test is necessary in the following cases:—

- A Legislative
- Item 6—District Registrars
 - Item 9—Clerks on Rs. 75 in Local and Municipal, Educational and
 - Items (11), (12), (13) and (14)—Managers and clerks (not being accountants) in Police and Presidency Magistrate's offices.
 - Item 19—Sub-Assistant Inspectors and Inspectresses of Schools.

A. G. C[ARDEW]—30-4-18.

A draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Home (Education) for acceptance.

2. Extract of the notes may be sent to Home (Judicial), Home (Education), Local and Municipal and Local and Municipal (Legislative) when orders issue on this case.

G.H.J.—4-5-18.

U.K.—3-5-18.

G. H. JACKSON—4-5-18.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The draft put up by Revenue may be accepted. Revenue propose to furnish extracts from these notes to Secretariat departments so that they may see if the Account test cannot be dispensed with in the case of the appointments referred to at A above. It may be suggested to Revenue that it would be better if the Departments concerned got a copy of their order on this case with notes instead of an extract only. On the receipt of the above, Education can issue an order abolishing the Account test for Sub-Assistant Inspectors and Inspectresses of Schools.

(The Director of Public Instruction has already suggested this.)

2. With the above remarks the case may go back to Revenue u.o.

E.A.V.—8-5-18.

T.K.—8-5-18.

We may accept draft.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—11-5-18.

I shall be glad to have the Revenue Government Order with notes at an early date because this particular case has been pending very long.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—13-5-18.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The draft may, it is submitted, issue.

U.K.—14-5-18.

Issue.

G.H.J.—15-5-18.

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