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[Despatch Abstract.]

Handbook ^{on} ~~of~~ Physical ^{exercises} ~~education~~.

Sanctioning the printing at the Government Press,
Madras of 2,000 copies of the ----- by Mr. Soehren, Adviser to
Government on Physical education.

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schools. Though the use of this book has effected a great improvement in physical activities in schools, yet it does not go far enough Mr. Noehren, therefore has proposed to write a text book specially adapted for use in this Presidency, which is to contain not only the drill movements worked out in Dr. Gray's book, but also a special section treating of indigenous exercises such as bhaski bhana and dundahl. The Physical Adviser has spent a considerable time during the past two years in studying these exercises, and in standardizing and arranging them on a rhythmical basis so that they can be utilized by large classes. These exercises moreover not only have the advantage of being intrinsucally valuable from a physical stand point but are peculiarly suited to the genius of the Indian school boy. Mr. Noehren states that in the schools in Madras where the experiment has been tried, these exercises have become popular and useful and that Indian opinion has expressed itself unequivocally in favour of introducing these really valuable exercises in the schools. The proposed book will include plans showing how to -- conduct group contests and personal physical efficiency tests; it will also be fully illustrated by line drawings and a few halftone blocks. For these illustrations, Mr. Noehren has already made tentative arrangements with one of the Madras Gymnastic Instructors, who is an expert draftsman, to draw the pictures (from life) illustrating the Indian exercises and he will be glad to furnish the photographs for the block himself at the cost price of the materials used in making them.

3. As regards the form of the proposed book, Mr. Noehren suggests that the book might be issued with English on one page and the vernacular translation into Tamil and Telugu on the adjoining page illustrated, where necessary, by drawings; but I would prefer to have the book written and printed in English, Vernacular editions of it being issued separately. I have informed him of my views and also asked him whether he would like to arrange for its publication at his own risk or whether he would prefer Government to publish it. He seems, however, as will be seen from his letter dated 17th May 1919 (copy enclosed) to favour the idea of having it published by Government. In view of these facts and in view of the absence of suitable books on physical training, I beg

to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government for the publication of the book at the Government Press and to instruct the Superintendent of the press to print 2000 copies to meet immediate requirements. The price will be fixed in consultation with the Superintendent, Government Press.

I have the honour to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

G. Viswanami

For Director of Public Instruction

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18/5/19

Letter from the Adviser to Government on Physical Education, Madras, dated 17th May 1919, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

"With reference to your letter R.C.No. 2066/19 dated 7-5-19 regarding the writing and publication of a hand book on physical exercises specially adapted to the needs of the schools in the Madras Presidency, I have the honour to note your preference to publish same in English only for the present, Vernacular edition to follow as the need arises.

Apparently there is no question of remuneration

With reference to the second paragraph of your letter regarding the financial arrangements to be made for the issue of the hand book, I beg to state that it was my idea to write such a book in performance of my regular duty. I regard it simply as part of the obligation I assumed when appointed by the Government to raise the standard of physical education in the schools of the Presidency. Because I have convictions that a book on physical training is needed in this Presidency, not to compete with other "systems" of physical culture, but to meet a specific need in the schools, I would like to feel free to urge the universal adoption of such a handbook in the schools over which I exercise jurisdiction. This would be invidious if I were receiving a royalty on the sale of the book. I prefer, therefore, to write the book under instructions from the Government which would meet all the expenses of publication. In this connection I would like to point out that the usefulness and attractiveness of the book would be greatly enhanced if same were fully illustrated both by line drawings and a few half tone blocks, and I await further sanction to incur the expenses involved in providing such illustrations. I have already made tentative arrangements with one of the Madras gymnastic instructors who is an expert draughtsman to draw the pictures (from life) -- illustrating the Indian exercises and I would be glad to furnish the photographs for the blocks myself at cost price of the material used in making them."

(True copy)

For Director of Public Instruction

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Subject. Printing of a hand book on physical exercises.

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The D.P.D. has not furnished an estimate of the cost of printing the hand book on physical exercises. Presumably copies are not intended for free supply but only for sale and whatever the cost of printing, it is expected to be realized by the sale of the book. The cost of printing need not therefore be taken as an objection to the printing of the book. The D.P.D. has sufficiently explained the need for a text book on physical exercises. His proposal to have the book printed at the Govt. Press may therefore be sanctioned.

2. Before sanctioning the proposal, the S.G.P. may be requested to state whether he finds any objection to the printing of the book and also to furnish, if necessary, in consultation with the D.P.D., at least a rough estimate of the cost involved in printing 2000 copies of the book. The book is apparently to be a Govt. publication and the sale proceeds will have to be credited to Govt in full.

No special remuneration to Mr. N. H. Nocken is suggested. He himself says that he is writing the book in performance of his regular work & part of his obligation.

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No book will certainly be useful, nor necessary.

Will the D.P. please furnish an estimate of cost of the English edition with illustrations?

D.P. 7/10/19.

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U.O. Reply No. 34788-11-19

The cost of printing 2,000 copies of the Hand Book of Physical Activities, Imperial 16mo, including cost of binding, paper, etc., is Rs.1,250/- approximately.

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in English compiled by Mr. Noehren,
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a Govt publication and the
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