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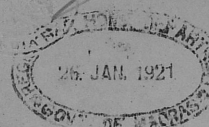
Indian Educational Service

Inspector of Physical Education - appointment of
Mr. A.G. Noehren - Government of India letter replied to

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No. 126
Government of India,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
(Education)

Delhi, the 22nd January 1921.



From

H. Sharp, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

I am directed to reply to your letter No.1504, dated the 14th December 1920, in which it is proposed that a post of Inspector of Physical Education should be created in the Indian Educational Service and that Mr. A.G. Noehren be appointed to it.

2. The Government of India are of opinion that the arrangement which has been in existence hitherto and under which Mr. Noehren is a part-time employee of Government might suitably be continued. They are however prepared to consider the proposal for the creation of a post either in the Indian Educational Service or in some other service or outside the regular cadres, provided the difficulty involved in the present proposal is removed.

3. This difficulty consists in the fact that, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules framed by the Secretary of State for the selection of candidates for appointment to the Indian Educational Service, such candidates must be British subjects. Mr. Noehren does not fulfil this condition and is therefore ineligible for this service; nor is any cogent reason adduced for making an exception in his case.

4. Should the Government of Madras see fit to put

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forward any alternative proposal or a fresh scheme, it
will be duly considered by the Government of India on
its merits.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Sharp

Secretary to the Government of India.

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Please let me know
what is being done with
respect to the recent letter
from Dept regarding
Mr. Kochren.

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From the Govt. of India, Department of Education,
No. 126, dated 22-1-21.

The reasons for the proposed appointment of Mr. Noehren as Inspector of Physical Education, though he is not a British subject are fully set out in the Hon'ble Sir L. Davidson's note on p.18 of notes to G.O. No. 1503404, dated the 14-12-20 and in paras 7 & 8 of letter to India, No. 1504, dated 14-12-20. It is not clear from the Govt. of India's letter whether the objection on the score of nationality applied only to the proposal to appoint ~~not~~ Mr. Noehren to ^{the} I.E.S. or should be regarded as applying to his appointment to any post under Govt. From para 8 of the letter quoted above and the D.Os. on pages 20 and 22 of the notes thereto it will be seen that Mr. Noehren is not willing to accept any appointment under Govt. outside the cadre of the I.E.S.

2. The file may be sent to the D.P.I. for any ^{observation} ~~suggestion~~ he may have to make on the question raised by the Govt. of India.

Will the D.P.I. kindly treat the matter urgently?
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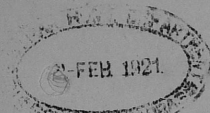
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The last clause of paragraph 3 of the letter from the Government of India indicates that where cogent reasons exist exceptions are made. The next step therefore seems to be to convince the Government of India that the reasons for making an exception in the case of Mr. Noehren as regards an appointment in the Indian Educational Service are cogent. The secretariat notes state that these reasons have been fully set out in the Hon'ble Sir Lionel Davidson's note and in the letter to the Government of India. These notes are not in the file and in any case I do not believe that it is probable that anything fresh can be added. The vital consideration seems to me that it is possible for us to secure for the improvement of physical education in South India the services of a man whose work in itself is admirable and whose value to us is immeasurably greater than could possibly be the case with a new recruit because of the experience which Mr. Noehren has gained of the conditions and needs of the presidency. It is not in the public interests to bring in an officer, however well-qualified, whose first year's work would have to be devoted largely to preparatory study of the conditions and problems with which he would have to deal. Progress would necessarily be retarded

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retarded to that extent and it is possible that the officer so appointed might not find his work congenial. It is ^{recommended} ~~suggested~~ that the case may be presented to the Government of India again suggesting that this is a fit case for making an exception to the general rule as to nationality.



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A draft may be prepared ~~of the~~ in the lines of the D. & S. note above.

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The Govt of India object to the appointment of Mr. Noehren to the IES as such an appointment is contrary to the Secretary of State's constructions. The following alternatives are open.

2. Advance a cogent reason asking the Govt of India to move the Sec of State. The reasons are set out in Sir Lionel Davidson's note above referred to. But

they have already been reproduced
in our despatch to India. Presumably
that Govt. considers that the reasons
advanced are not sufficiently
cogent. Query whether the
matter should be represented
again.

3. The second alternative is to
create an appointment outside
the cadre of the I.S.S. but on
exactly similar lines. see this
note on p 20 of May 8. A special post
on 700-50,000 is not acceptable to
Mr. N. But all he evidently wants
is a permanent post. May he be
asked if he will take one outside
the cadre of the I.S.S. but on exactly
the same terms? or should we
offer the postponed till we ascertain
the Govt. of India will agree to
this.

4. If on the other hand it is not
possible to absorb Mr. N in a permanent
post in either of the two methods,
the best method will be to continue
as per the first sentence of para 2

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of Indra letter but meanwhile
guy an assurance to Mr. M that
the arrangement will be continued
so long as he is kind enough
to lend his services. But I
doubt exceedingly if this will be
acceptable to him.

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I have studied the whole case regarding Mr. A.G.Noehren. He was recommended by this Government for the post of Inspector of Physical Education to be created in the I.E.S. in letter No.1504 dated 14-12-20. Paragraph 9 of the letter stated the special circumstances under which the recommendation was made.

The reply thereto dated 22-1-1921 was that Mr.Noehren was not ~~an~~ British subject as ^{per} rules framed by the Secretary of State for the selection of candidates for the appointment to the I.E.S. Paragraph 4 of that reply however suggested that, that should the Government see fit to put forward any alternative proposal or a fresh scheme it will be considered by the Government of India on its merits.

I understand that Madras can ill afford to lose the services of Mr. Noehren. The latter has worked so -- earnestly and so hard during the last five years that his practical experience and qualifications are pronounced by the public to be of a very high order. No doubt he is not a British subject and as such he is not entitled to be

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appointed to the I.E.S. But there is nothing to prevent his being appointed permanently outside the regular cadre of the I.E.S. on the same pay and scale as that of an I.E.S. There are precedents for the appointment of an American. I understand that Mr. Martin whom the Government of India have engaged for the Forest Department is an American.

Mr. Noehren is at present on his voyage to America with a view to qualify himself fully. If a favourable order is -- passed by the Government of India on this reference, the order will have to be treated as only tentative on his return.

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A draft shld. go by of J. pointing again very strongly for W. Noehren's app't in the Educational Service. Emphasizing the part I have marked A in S.P.'s note.

As an alternative I shld. urge an appointment in accordance with the terms of my hon. col's note in the last para but one above. I shld. ask J of J for a reply by wire giving the reason that W. Noehren wishes to decide as to returning here or not on the reply he receives when he gets to America.

I shld. like to see the draft before me

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Draft letter to the Govt of India is

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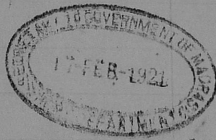
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Letter:- No 253 D 17²/₂₁
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To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
 Department of Education.

Sir,

I am directed to reply to your letter No. 126, dated the 22nd January 1921, on the subject of the creation in the cadre of the I.E.S. of a post of Inspector of Physical Education in this Presidency and the appointment thereto of Mr. A.G. Noehren.

2. AS regards the observations made in para 2 of your letter, I am to state that the duties of the Physical Adviser to Govt. have considerably increased of late years owing to the continuous rise in the number of institutions brought under inspection and to the increasing need for constructive work in the direction and that the present part-time arrangement entered into with the Y.M.C.A. does not permit of the Physical Adviser responding adequately to the demands made for his services by the Department of Public Instruction. This Government have again given the subject their anxious consideration: they would reiterate the opinion already expressed that it is necessary to create a full-time post of Inspector of Physical Education and strongly urge its acceptance in the interests of the physical welfare of the youth of this Presidency.

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vide para 4-5 of
 Mr. Noehren's letter on
 page 3-4 of G.O. 433
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3. In para 3 of your letter quoted above, it is pointed out that, under rule 4 of the rules framed by the Secretary of State for the selection of candidates for appointment to the I.E.S., such candidates must be British subjects, that as Mr. Noehren does not fulfil this condition, he is ineligible for this service and that no cogent reason has been adduced for making an exception in his case. I am to state that, in recommending Mr. Noehren's appointment to the I.E.S., this Govt. while being fully aware of the terms of the rule referred to above came deliberately to the conclusion after a full consideration of the question that the circumstances of the case amply justified a departure therefrom. The reasons for this Government's decision were fully set out in paras 7 and 9 of my letter No. 1504, dated the 14th december 1920. The Govt. do not think that it would be in the public interests to bring out for the post an officer from England, however well qualified he may be, whose first year of work would have to be devoted largely to preparatory study of the conditions and problem with which he would have to deal. Progress would necessarily be retarded to that extent and it is possible that the officer appointed to the post might not find his ~~work~~ work congenial. Mr. Noehren has, on the other hand, by his hard and earnest work during the last five years, gained considerable insight into the conditions affecting the health of the students in this Presidency and his qualifications to control their physical education are admittedly of a high order. This Govt. have reason to congratulate themselves on the fact that they have

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have been able to secure for the improvement of physical education in Southern India the services of Mr. Noehren whose work in the past has been admirable and whose value to the cause is immeasurably greater than could possibly be the case with a new recruit. Madras can ill afford to lose the services of this officer who has worked so earnestly and so hard in the last five years that his practical experience and qualifications have won the esteem of the public. In view of the reasons adduced above, this Govt. hope that the Govt. of India will be pleased to reconsider their decision and recommend to the Secretary of State as a very special case the appointment of Mr. Noehren to the I.E.S. as Inspector of Physical Education in this Presidency.

4. If, however, the Govt. of India are unable to recommend Mr. Noehren's appointment to the I.E.S., I am to request that they will be so good as to obtain sanction to his appointment as Inspector of Physical Education outside the cadre of the I.E.S. but on the same pay and scale as that admissible to an officer of the I.E.S.

5. As Mr. Noehren is anxious to decide on reaching America whether or not he should return to India on completing his medical degree in the University of Virginia, I am to request that the orders of the Govt. of India on the question of his permanent appointment under this Government may be

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be obtained at a very early date and
communicated by telegram.

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