

Law (Education) (1925) Department.

Ord. SERIES.

G.O. No. 1515

DATED 1-9-1925

[Despatch Abstract.]

College -Madras Christian -Annual day presided over by His Excellency
the Governor -Notes -Recorded.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
8.	5798	14.4.24	} Mice				
"	1768	18.11.24					
"	444	31.3.25					

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.



A.S.
V.T.K.
9.8

L. Eu 2079 B
1987/25
GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
Ootacamund, 9

7th August 1925.

Dear Mr. Krishnamachari,

I am to send you an extract from the report of the Madras Christian College which will be read on the annual day (21st August) over which His Excellency presides and to ask you kindly to let me have a note for the purpose of His Excellency's speech.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)

M.R. Ry. Rao Bahadur V.T. Krishnamacharia
AVI.,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department,

Extract from the report of the Madras Christian College to be presented on the 21st August.

"It is a matter of regret to the Council that the Government teaching grant continues to decrease even in face of the great increase in the expenditure previously referred to and they trust that this strain upon the Management may speedily be removed by the allotment of an enhanced grant which more adequately recognises the part which the College plays in the education of the Presidency."

psv

Law (Govt) Rep

the D.P.I. may be requested to
to note how far the allegation made in
the extract on p. 2 ante is true and to
furnish particulars of the grant
(Teaching etc) paid to the college for the
last five years and also to furnish
any further information which may
be useful to His Excellency.

CVV
10.8.25

CR
10.8.25

V.T.
10.8

D.P.I. u.o.



Law (Govt) Rep. 2079 B.1
10.8.25



Recd
4.40 PM.

L. O. 2106 B

11/8/25

CVV

U.O. Reply No. 1355 B/25 d 11.8.25

During the last five years the Madras
Christian College, school and college departments
taken together, received as teaching grants---

1920-21	Rs. 42,000
1921-22	44,130
1922-23	43,960
1923-24	43,571
1924-25	41,517

For equipment during the same years---

1920-21	Rs. 3805
1921-22	9323
1922-23	Nil
1923-24	218
1924-25	1741

As regards 1922-23 this was the year in which
there was an embargo on equipment grants. I have
one difficulty in offering remarks regarding the
Christian College and that is that in the extract
the following phrase is used:- "the great increase
in the expenditure previously referred to"

3 [The payment of these grants
was suspended in that year
on account of financial
stringency.]

p. 2 ante

2. 4

have no information as to whether this expenditure was admissible for purposes of grant or not. I may, however, mention that the amount contributed by the management towards the upkeep of the institution in 1924-25 is stated to have been Rs.71,040. It will be observed that the grant is considerably more than half this amount. Moreover, the budget allotment at the disposal of the Department is limited and the claims of other colleges and institutions have to be taken into account. I may say that the whole question of the financial position of the Christian College has recently been under consideration as the result of a request from the Director, Mr. Littlehailes, in December last asking the correspondent to show cause why a reduced grant should not be paid for the year 1924-25. The answer was practically to the effect that the Christian College was ~~faced~~ with insolvency and that they had explored every possible source of income without success. The only source under their control from which a larger yield could be contemplated was fees but they consider that fees could not be raised unless the Presidency College fees were raised also. They asked that this should be done and that also that the grant should be increased. As regards the request that the Director should recommend an increase in the grant it may be observed that the Director under Article 40 of the Grant-in-Aid Code has discretion as to the amount to be paid "after taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case". Such circumstances would be financial position of the college in question, the needs of other colleges and the total budget allotment. Taking all considerations into account Mr. Littlehailes felt that he could not allot a larger ~~grant~~ grant/last year to the college. At the same time it is true that the position of the Christian College financially is not as satisfactory as one would like to see. To run a large

(X) Rs. 41,517.

institution

CS. m. 20

5 5

- ① This is a first grade college affiliated in
- ② All the groups of the intermediate course;
- ③ Groups (i), (ii-A), (iii-B), (iv) and (v) of the B.A. course;
- ④ Branches i, ii-A, iii, iv, v and vi of the B.A. (Hons.) course

institution offering a wide choice of subjects and affiliated in honours courses is a very expensive concern. At the same time the burden thrown on provincial funds must be limited and unless it should prove hereafter that a financial crisis is imminent I should not feel justified in recommending any treatment to the college other than the liberal treatment already accorded to them. One difficulty in estimating the financial position of the Christian College and the school is that they make up their detailed accounts for the calendar year and not for the financial year. They also frame their budget estimate for calendar year.

11/8/25.

Law (Ed.)

[A statement comparing the teaching grants paid during the years 1921-22 to 1923-24 to the Madras Christian College (College cum dept. alone) and to other aided colleges will be found on p. 11 of 8. 1568 of 15. 11. 24 (A). The figures on p. 3 ante refer to both the college and the school dept.]

the file may be circulated to H.E. the Governor through M2.

12-825 12-8.

M2

H.E. the Gov

The Comparative Statement is helpful to show that the College is not treated as a separate entity but considering the individual needs of this College as compared with what is spent on the Presidency College, the Govt. has found to ask

Returned with the following extract from
His Excellency's reply:

"Now gentlemen there was one portion in
the report which your Principal delivered to us,
to which I have listened with some regret. I regret
to learn that the financial position of the
College is such as to cause some anxiety to the
Council. But I do most sincerely hope that
their apprehensions will ~~have to~~ be modified
as time goes on. I am sure of this that the
Government will not allow the life of the
Christian College which has rendered such excel-
lent work to the cause of education to be
imperilled for want of sufficient finance."

95

P.S.G.
24-8-25.

V.T.K.
24.8



For order whether the papers may
be recorded

K.M.
28.8.25

28/8/25

V.T.K.
29.8

82.15/581-9-25
Recorded.

Cg 888888 (with copy of H.E.'s reply above)

DISPATCHED

3 SEP 1925

When given for copying
When copied
When examined
When signed

192

READ AGAIN G.O. No.
192

DATED

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO G. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT ...

A A A A A A A

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED OF, BEING MEANT FOR DISPATCH
IN ORIGINAL.

N.B.—

A = Copy in full.
B = Not to be copied.
P = Copy abstract only.
Q = Copy heading only.