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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Reconsideration of previous orders. - Declined.

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UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

No. 16753

19 OCT. 1925

Enclosures.

FROM

THE REGISTRAR,

University of Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government

Law (Education) Department,

Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour, by direction of the Syndicate, to address the Government again on the subject of Over-seas Scholarships to Europe to be awarded by the University. While accepting the decision of the Government conveyed in their order No.1372, Law (Education), dated 8th August 1925, in reply to the specific request made by the Syndicate for a special grant to the University for the award of a research scholarship tenable in England to Mr. T. Vijiaraghavan for higher training and study in Mathematics, the Syndicate, after mature consideration, is led, for valid reasons, to urge the claims of the University for a definite provision of funds by the Government, on such conditions as might be agreed to, for Foreign State Scholarships to be awarded by the University.

In the first place, the Government of India instituted University State Scholarships in 1886; and until 1921, the several Indian Universities exercised, in rotation, the right to award these scholarships. The funds came from the Government; but the selection of scholars and the control of their studies vested wholly in the Universities. In February, 1922, the Local Government informed the University that these scholarships had been provincialised. That fact

only changed the source of the funds; but the methods of the award remained absolutely unaltered. On account of financial stringency, the Local Government declared its inability to provide funds in 1922. But the G.O. under reference seems to argue that the necessity for the University awarding such scholarships is obviated as the Government are themselves awarding them. This position is, I ^{may point out,} ~~seemingly~~ open to two strong objections: it cancels, in one stroke, a right that the University exercised for some 35 years; it denies what is recognised on all hands as a distinct function of a University, namely, to promote higher studies and research through such scholarships. Further, it may be pointed out that the scholarships which the Government have been directly awarding are in almost all cases, 'appointment' or 'study-leave' subventions, intended to serve a purpose materially different from the one for which University Research Scholarships are designed.

3 In the second place, the Government, in two different communications in 1923, accorded to the University the opportunity and the required funds for the award of foreign research scholarships. In the Memorandum No.1617-B.2, Law (Education), dated 27th June 1923 and Memorandum No.3996-B.2, Law (Education), dated 23rd November 1923, the Government intimated to the Vice-Chancellor that funds for "four foreign research students in Physical and Natural Sciences" had been provided, and asked for definite proposals for their award. While expressing inability to furnish detailed proposals, until the several University Authorities had been constituted, the Vice-Chancellor, in his replies, laid stress on the need for such scholarships according to a properly considered scheme, and requested the transfer to the University of the amount provided for the purpose in the Budget.

4 In pursuance, therefore, of this correspondence, when the several University Authorities were constituted, the Academic Council, at its meeting in March 1924, responded to the offer of the Government by adopting a resolution, moved by the

Director of Public Instruction, that the Government be requested to place at the disposal of the University sufficient funds for the award of a Scholarship of £.350 a year, under conditions similar to those in force in connection with the Government of India State Scholarships. The Vice-Chancellor, thereupon, addressed the Government in his letter No.1110, dated the 20th October 1924, forwarding a detailed estimate of the cost and requesting the Government to provide a sum of Rs 6,200 in the budget estimate for the year 1925-26. I am now directed by the Syndicate once again to place before the Government the demand made by the Vice-Chancellor in the letter just quoted. I am to request that the Government will be pleased to reconsider their decision on the general question of granting to the University funds to enable it to award, in consultation with the Government, University State Scholarships tenable in Europe, in accordance with the practice which was in vogue during 35 years till 1921.

5 I am to submit for the favourable consideration and acceptance of Government the following outline of a scheme for University State Scholarships:--

Each Scholarship will be of the value of £.300 a year and shall be tenable for three years. In the first instance, the University and the Government will come to an agreement as to the subjects (in a list of 6 or more), for which the scholarships should, in certain order, be awarded every year. The Syndicate will present to Government yearly a list of two or three subjects; and the Government may choose the particular subject for which the scholarship is to be awarded that year. After the choice of the subject has thus been fixed for the year, it will lie with the University to follow the procedure adopted in former years in connection with the Government of India State Scholarship in regard to the selection of the scholarship holder and the supervision of his studies. The procedure to be adopted now, as in the past, will be as follows:--

6 After the particular subject for the year has been fixed,

the University will invite applications every year by a certain fixed date by means of advertisement in the Fort St. George - Gazette as well as in the daily newspapers. When the applications have been received, the Syndicate will select the best applicant; and his name may be communicated to the Government for information. The Government on their part will make the necessary provision every year in their budget for a sufficient amount of money to cover the cost of each scholarship, including passage money to and fro, outfit and other expenses. A statement of the requirements for provision in the Budget for 1926-27 is attached; from which it will be seen that the Government will have to make provision in the first year of a sum equivalent to about Rs 5,330, for the second year about Rs 9,430, and for the third and subsequent years about Rs 14,360. The Syndicate hopes that, in view of the reasons set forth above, the Government will be pleased to pass favourable orders on this communication.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. K. M. L. G.
REGISTRAR.

Estimate of Cost of University Over-seas Scholarship
tenable in England for three years, if it is
to be awarded annually.

First year 1926-27.

		Approximate amount in Rs.
Scholarship (First year course)	300	
Passage money (second class)	52	
	352	or 4,928
Outfit allowance		300
Total		5,228
		or Rs 5,330.

Second year 1927-28.

Scholarship (Second year course)	300	
Scholarship awarded for the year (First year course)	300	
Passage money for the new Scholar (2nd Class)	52	
	652	or 9,128
Outfit allowance		300
Total		9,428
		or Rs 9,430

Third year 1928-29 and subsequent years.

Three scholarships for the three students	900	
Passage money for the return journey for the third year course student	52	
Passage money for the new Scholar (second class)	52	
	1,004	or 14,056
Outfit allowance		300
Total		14,356
		or Rs 14,360.

W. K. M. L. G.
REGISTRAR.

C.No.3345 C - From the Registrar, University of Madras,
No. 10753, dated 19th October 1925.

Subject:- Award of foreign scholarships by the
University of Madras.

The Syndicate submits for the approval of Government a scheme of scholarships tenable in England to be awarded by the University with the aid of Government grants. The position taken up by the Government has been that the Government award annually from Provincial funds scholarships to enable suitable candidates to undertake post-graduate course or research work in the United Kingdom and that it is therefore unnecessary for them to make a grant to the University for instituting another set of scholarships for the same purpose.

2. In the current letter the Syndicate asks for a reconsideration of the attitude of the Government. The ~~two~~ central points in the Registrar's letter are:

(a) that under the scheme of State Scholarships in force from 1886 to 1921 ~~the~~ Indian Universities had exercised in rotation the right to award foreign scholarships;

(b) the fact ~~that~~ the Govt. of India discontinued their system of scholarships in 1921 should be taken as involving only a change in the source of the funds for financing the scholarships and should not affect the methods of the award;

(c) that the attitude taken up by the Madras Government denies what is recognised on all hands as a distinct function of a University, viz., the promotion of higher studies and research through scholarships; and

(d) that the scholarships awarded by the Government cannot be an adequate substitute for University scholarships for the reason that in almost

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all cases the former are "appointment" or "study leave" ~~on~~ subventions intended to serve ~~the~~ purposes materially different from the one for which University scholarships are designed.

3. Attention is solicited to the Hon^{ble} the Minister's note on pages 27 ^{to} and 29 of G.O. No. 602 Law (Edn), dated 27-4-25 and on page 5 of G.O. No. 1372 Law (Edn), dated 8-8-25. The question whether the Government will be prepared to reconsider their decision conveyed in the latter of the G.Os. referred to above is for orders. If the position is to be reconsidered, a note for the Finance Committee will be prepared as this is a new proposal not provided for already.

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There is no doubt that from 1886 to 1921, the University exercised the right to award the scholarships when the turn for Madras came round.

2. Secondly, as pointed out by the University, ~~many~~ ^{half} of the scholarships given between 1921 and 1925 ~~are~~ were to officers and partook of the nature of 'study leave' subventions.
3. Thirdly, as pointed out by the ~~Regis~~ University, it is one of the most important functions of the University - a function emphasised in the recent Act - to promote research and original study by the grant of scholarships.
4. The letter explains the delay that has occurred in framing

Though there is some force in the argument that the Univ. had been enjoying for some time the right to nominate a candidate for State Scholarship even in the ~~year~~ ^{year}, it is ~~not~~ ^{alleged} to say that Govt. Schools - ships do not encourage research. The Delorance awarded ~~last~~ ^{last} year to Van Rao Adiga was to enable him to work for the D.Sc. 20.6.25; d/27.6.25

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a scheme for such scholarships. The scheme ^{now} framed seems suitable.

5. I think the request of the Un^y may be allowed.

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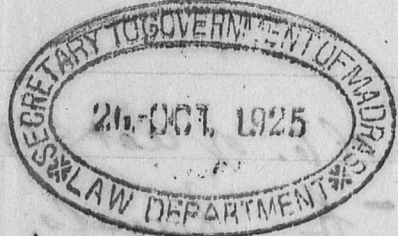
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This Govt is awarding two Scholarships every year for study & research work in England. The United Kingdom. The selected Candidates are placed in touch with the British Universities in the High Commissioner. The selection is made on the recommendation of the D.S.I.

The suggestion of the University that it was selecting persons when the rotation of Govt & India Scholarships came in turn to Madras is negated by the fact that Govt & India do not finance the Scholarship. Provincial revenues bear the burden.

2. Secondly, the financial relations bet Govt & University are regulated by S. 46 of the Act.



There was no such statutory declaration
 before and as such no definite rule
 governed the relation. The University
 Reorganisation Act defines the financial
 obligations.

Grant-in-aid to University for Scholarships
 is not included in the financial
 provisions. Cl (6) of S. 44 clearly
 defines the obligations cast on Govt and
 no additional liability can be created
 now. There will be unlimited liability
 on provincial revenues if such precedents
 are created.

The D. P. S. and the Department are doing
 their best to encourage higher research
 work, post graduate work in British Universities.
 There is no need for the University to ask
 for funds for that purpose. If it can
 afford to pay from its general revenues
 it may do so.

(D) S. G. 20620 of 16 April 1926 also explains the
 position.

On this point also S. 44. Cl 6. of Act of 1923
 the request of the University for funds and
 scholarships cannot be ~~given~~ provided for.



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27/10/25

A draft order is submitted.

Two reasons
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A revised draft order
 is submitted.

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Name of Scholarship-holder.	Nature of deputation.	Amount of Scholarship.	Period	Nature of Course Study.
Mr. D. Subrahmanya Chettiar - (1922)	Under G.O. No. 1321 Ed. d. 8-12-21.	£ 200	One year 1922-23.	To study the educational systems.
Mrs. Teresa Joseph (1921)	do.	£ 300 plus bonus Three years. Subsequently extended for one more year.	1921-22	Economics - London School of Economics
Mr. K. Muhammad	Scholarship	£ 290	Two years and six months.	To study the educational systems.
Mrs. K. Lakshmi	Deputation under Fundamental Rules	£ 300 plus bonus	Three years -1923-24.	Post-graduate in English.
Miss S. Koman	Scholarship	do.	do.	Honours course in English London.
Mr. R. Vydianathaswami (1923)	Scholarship	£ 60 per year £120 per year	Two years 1-10-1923	Research - Mathematics St. Andrews University.
Mrs. Nallamuthu Ammal	Deputation under Fundamental Rules	£ 300 plus bonus	Three years 1924-25	Economics and History
Miss L. H. Philipsz	Deputation under Fundamental Rules	do.	One year 1924-25	Education
Mrs. Hilda Gnanadurai	Scholarship	do.	Three years 1925-26	English literature
Mr. V. R. Adige	Scholarship	£290	One year 1925-26	D.Sc. Economics - London.

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Sybil: there is no information about the practice in other provinces.

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Clause (b) of Section 44^{(2) (b)} of the
Madras University Act, 1923, enumerates
the objects for which the Government
~~have to contribute towards the funds of~~
~~the University.~~
the University. ~~and grant~~ ^{awards} ~~scholarships~~ ^{the grants} ~~tenable in Europe~~
~~to be awarded~~ ^{one among those objects.}
by the University is not ~~specified there~~
~~in the Act.~~
The Government are now awarding annually
from Provincial funds scholarships
tenable in the United Kingdom for post-
graduate study or research work. If
the Madras University considers that
further foreign scholarships should be
instituted, the Government have no objection
~~to its doing so~~ ^{that} provided the expenditure
involved is met from ~~the~~ ^{its own} funds. The
Government regret that they are unable
to sanction a grant to the University
from Provincial funds for the purpose.

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To
The Registrar, University
of Madras (a & c)

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