

Law (1925) Department.
Education

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G.O. No. 581

DATED 24- 4- 1925

[Despatch Abstract.]

Myers Miss K.

Professor--Queen Mary's College--passage.

Queen Mary's College
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30th March 25

To,
Sir A. P. Patro
Minister for Education.

From.
Mrs K. Myers. Professor of English
Queen Mary's College

Sir,
I have the honour to request
that you will intervene in what
seems to me to be a very grave
injustice.

A copy of the revised Memorandum
C. No 635-9/23, relating

The conditions of the Indian Educational
Service (Bombers' Branch) informs
me that I am entitled to
four second class ^{return} passages during
my service, when proceeding out of
India on furlough.

My furlough for a holiday in
England after 6 years service, were
granted on this claim.

Having obtained permission to book
my own passage by the P & O line,
I booked a first class C passage
costing £122, intending to pay the
difference between that sum and
£105 or £95, according as
Government should decide whether
its women officers were entitled
to second class A or B fares.

By J.O No 115 dated 12th
1925 I was informed

the cash equivalent of B Class,
ie. £ 95 would be given me.
But this was followed by
a communication from the
Honorable General Secretary. He I have
presented a bill for £ 71.5 converted
up to Indian rate of exchange.
ie. Rs 950.

This sum, Sir, is not the equivalent
of any second class ^{return} passage,
even of the cheapest and most
uncomfortable kind. By the P & O
fifth grade it will take me as
far as Port Said and back.

That every man in the Service
now has the right to first
class passages, and those not
of the lowest grade is perhaps
beyond the point. The women
of the I. E. S. have been

left to the consideration of
the Government of India.

But I certainly based my
expectations on the precedent
of Mrs de la Hays' entirely
analogous case. When she proceeded
on leave she was given Rs 15-15-
in cash and a first class
return railway fare to Darnkodi.

I could hardly anticipate that in
my case the sum would be cut
down to Rs 9-50 without railway
fare at all.

2. Since the year 1822, there has
been any promulgation altering
the emoluments of women in the 285

I think I should have been
informed. I could then have had
the choice between spending
leave in India, or going

under the most uncomfortable
and unhygienic conditions. I have
seen second class to Calcutta; they are
extremely small and have no port hole.
To a person tired and with 6 years
continuous service they would be
almost insupportable.

If my complaint appears to you
to be reasonable, I have
the honor to request that
you will give me permission to
draw the same as Mrs. de la Haye,
i.e. the exact cash equivalent
of a P. O., second class passage
of the first class return fare to
Bombay.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Yours most obedient servant
Kathleen

BACK PAPERS.

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(Law/Education) Dept

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Referred to the Accountant-General
Madras for very early remarks.

(By order)

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Assistant Secretary

to Government

Date 30/3

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(to be sent with reply)



LAW (EDUCATION)

DEPARTMENT.

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Passage to Miss K. M. Meyers



ENCLOSURES.

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No. G.A.70-3390.

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Dated the 31st March 1925.

FROM

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Law (Education) Department.

SIR,

In returning herewith the letter dated 30th March 1925 from Miss Meyers referred to this office for remarks in Government Endt.No.1155-A, dated 30th March 1925, I have the honour to state as follows:-

Under G.O.No.716 Home (Education) dated 21.6.1920 officers of non-Asiatic domicile of the Indian Educational Service, Women's Branch are entitled to second class return passages four times during their service when proceeding out of India on leave. As the steamer provides two classes of accommodation "A" and "B" an enquiry was made of Government in the Finance Department in this office U.O.Note No.G.A.70-403, dated 23.10.1924 as to whether "A" class or "B" class passages should be given in cases where second class passages are provided. Government in Finance Memo.No.4505-1/C.S.R., dated 18.12.1924 have informed this office that in the case of officers proceeding from Madras only "B" class accommoda-

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accommodation should be provided, if available except in special cases.

2. When an officer of the Women's Branch of the Indian Educational Service wants to make her own arrangements for passage and claims payment to her in cash of the cost of the passage the maximum amount of passage allowance admissible for the double journey is the cost to Government of a return ticket by the most economical route. Vide G.O.No.175 Mis.(Finance) dated 5.3.1925 and Government of India order No.64/C.S.R.25, dated 6.3.1925. Now the "cost to Government" of a return ticket by the All sea route from India to the United Kingdom is £95 P & O. B less a confidential rebate of 25% that is net £71.5.0.

3. As Miss Myers was in G.O.No.115 Law (Education) dated 12.3.1925 allowed the cash payment of the cost of a second class return passage P & O.B., a sum of £71.5.0 as worked out in para 2 supra would become payable to her.

4. I would point out for the information of Government that Miss Myers called at this office on 30th March 1925 (forenoon) in connection with her passage and at her instance a reply prepaid telegram was issued to Messrs.Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., Bombay, Agents P & O. to reserve a second class berth to London A or B class by Naldera sailing about 11th April 1925. The company's reply is awaited.

5. As stated in this office U.O.note dated 23.10.1924 to the Finance Department, there is no audit objection to Government allowing Miss Myers "A" class accommodation P & O. as a special case.

6. There would be no audit objection to Government granting her a passage advance under rule 3 of Appendix 8 B Civil Account Code, Volume I to cover the difference between the maximum passage allowance admissible to officers of her status and the actual cost of her passage by the All sea route recoverable on her return to duty.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Assistant Accountant General.

Copy of telegram dated the 30th March 1925, to Mackinnon's Bombay.

Please reserve one second class A or B ladies berth to London P & O., Naldera sailing 11th April.

Copy of Government of India, Finance Department, letter No.64/ C.S.R.25, dated the 6th March 1925, ~~from~~ to the Accountant General, Central Revenues, from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Delhi.

Subject:- Rates of passage allowance admissible to officers who are allowed to make their own arrangements.

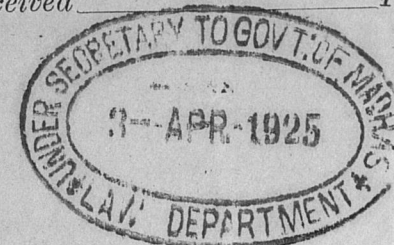
In continuation of Mr.Rau's letter to the Deputy Accountant General, Central Revenues, No.D.3791-C.S.R., dated the 2nd August 1924, I am directed to inform you that the Secretary of State in Council has ruled that when civil officers who make their own arrangements for passages and are entitled to be reimbursed in India the cost of passages to and from the United Kingdom the maximum amount of passage allowance payable for a double journey will be the cost to Government of a return ticket by the most economical route.

Superintendent,

Correspondence Section.

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No. G.A.70-3407

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Dated the 1st April 1925

FROM

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Law (Education) Department.

SIR,

In continuation of this office letter No. G.A.70/3390 dated 31-3-25, I have the honour to state that Messrs. Mackinnon, and Mackenzie & Co., Bombay have telegraphed today offering second class "A" Ladies berth to Miss Myers by the Naldera sailing about the 11th of April 1925. As Miss Myers wants to leave not later than 11-4-25 intimation has now been sent to the company accepting the offer. I would request that Government will be pleased in the circumstances to allow Miss Myers P & O II A rates instead of "B" rates already sanctioned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R.S. 1/4

Asstt. Accountant General.

[Signature]

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Queen Mary's College
Mylapore 10
3rd April 25
K. E. 1747 A
4/4/25

To,

The Secretary S. M. Lac. (Education Dept.)

From.

Mrs K. Myers, Professor of English
Queen Mary's College.

Sir,

I have the honour to apply
for an advance under rule 3
app. S. B. C. A. C. Vol I to cover
the difference between the cost of
a First Class I and nd II A return
passage P & O, to be recovered
from the 26 instalments

on return from leave.

I understand the amount of
advance necessary for the purpose
will be less than £13.

I have the honours to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
Kathleen Myers.
Professor of English.
Queens Mary College.



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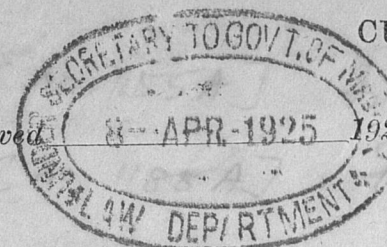
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No. G.A. 70-26.

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Dated the 7th April 1925.

FROM

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Law (Education) Department.

SIR,

In returning herewith the application for passage advance under Rule 3 of Appendix 8 B, Civil Account Code, Volume I of Miss K.M. Myers referred to this office for remarks, I have the honour to state that there would be no audit objection to an advance of the rupee equivalent of £.12.10.0 being sanctioned to her recoverable in 36 monthly instalments on her return to duty if Government are satisfied that Miss Myers has her domicile elsewhere than in Asia.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R.V.

Assistant Accountant General.

(Law/Fin) Depa

[No. 1155A] From miss nyes of 30.3.25

[No. 1188A] From the A.G. no. 8.9.70-3380

31.3.1925

Subject :- Passage of Miss K. nyes

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have without rebate. The full rate is £ 95 & the rebate is 25% - [The net] [ON 5]
 Char, to form is thus 11-5-0. This amount is for Second class B for which she is ~~eligible~~ eligible ordinarily according to the ruling contained in (R). There seems to be no case for allowing her higher accommodation. She says that Miss de la Hay was treated better & wants that she should be treated similarly.
 The A.G. & the Law Dept. have not made any reference to de la Hay's case and it is not known what was allowed to her. It is for consideration if the A.G. should be asked to report further. So far as can be seen at present Miss Myers can ^{draw} get only 11-5-0 from Govt.
 If she wants to make her own arrangements for her passage - But it looks, however, from para 4 of the A.G.'s letter that, with Miss Myers' consent, the A.G. himself is trying to arrange for the passage & is in correspondence with the Bombay Agents P & O.
 If this arrangement materialises the question of giving her a cash payment will drop out.

2. Miss Myers further wants

that she should be allowed to draw first class ^{Railway} ~~fare~~ ^{fare}, ~~approximately~~ ^{approximately} ~~£ 100~~ to Bombay. The despatch of the S. of S. of p. 5 of (R) makes no provision for Reg. fare. The A.G. has not reported on the inadmissibility of this item but obviously it is inadmissible.
 3. The A.G. says suggests that it is open to Miss Myers to obtain an advance of the actual cost of her passage & excess the max: passage allowance admissible to her.
 4. Law may be reported to inform Miss Myers that the A.G.'s view is correct & that if necessary she may take an advance in the manner indicated in para 6 of his letter in p 8 B-7.

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1/4/25 If the A.G. cannot arrange 2nd class B accommodation. Finance need not object to 2nd class A. If Miss Myers arranges her own passage. The cost to Govt (i.e. with rebate deducted) alone can be allowed. If she has to travel 2nd class A, the A rate may be adopted, i.e. £105/- less 25% rebate.
 2. Steamers are available at Madras. Hence railway fare to Bombay cannot be granted

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The rules are clear; The amount payable is the cost to Govt. of a return ticket by the most economical route. Possibly the S. of S. in Council was not aware that rebates were allowed by certain lines! In my case Miss Myers' real grievance is that in G.O. 115 Law (Eden) as dated 12.3.25 she was told she would be paid in cash the cost of a second-class return passage, P & O, B. She knows nothing about rebates & naturally counted on £95 or £105 not on £71. It is for Law (Eden) to consider this point. But to avoid such misapprehensions in future Finance must suggest that in all similar cases the officer concerned should be told exactly what he will be entitled to under the rules.

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Submitted that the language adopted was that of the 1st letter No. 1470-3266 of 26-2-25 - page 6 of G.O. 115 12-3-25 (B)

An office order should be put up to all sections

V. TK

Received in Law (Eden) on 2-4-25 at 2.45 P.M.

Fin. No. 12651-1 CSR

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Law (Eden)

It has been ascertained from the Accountant-General's office that the P. and O Agents, Bombay, have replied that only second class 'A' accommodation is available. Miss Myers has also written to that office proposing that she may be allowed to make her own arrangements for passage.

2. As suggested by Finance, Miss Myers may, as a special case, be allowed the cost to Government of a second class return passage P & O 'A'.

3. Draft order submitted for approval.

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Finance U.O.

Law Secy 455-A-2 2-4-25



The telegram at 29 ct definitely asks for the reservation of a ladies berth. 2nd class A or B. in the Walkiria. Apparently the Agents have replied that a Second Class A berth is available & presumably has been reserved. If so Govt. must pay for that berth & cannot allow Mrs. Myers to make separate arrangements. Ascertained from P.O. whether the berth has been reserved.

File returned to Law Secy. as requested

Law Secy.

110 (C.No.1226-A) From the Acct. Gl. No. G.A. 70-3407 dated 1-4-25.

110-12 (C.No.1247) From Miss K. Myers dated the 3-4-25

1130 (C.No.1268-A) from the A.G. No. G.A. 7026 dated 7-4-25

A draft order declaring that Miss Myers is

eligible for 2nd class return passage P & O (A),
and sanctioning the grant to her of a passage
advance of £.12-10⁰/₁₀ ~~shillings~~ to enable her to
travel by P & O 1st class C is submitted. It may
be forwarded to Finance for acceptance.

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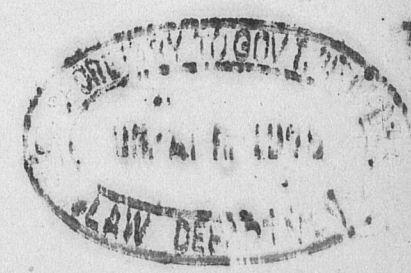


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ORDER.
Mis

No. 581, dated 24-4-1925.

In supersession of the orders issued in paragraph 2 of G.O.R.No. 115 Law(Edn) dated 12-3-25, the Govt hereby declare that Miss K. Myers Professor, ~~of~~ Queen Mary's college, Madras, is eligible for a 2nd class return passage P & O. A

2. As Miss Myers desires to travel by P & O 1st class C, the Govt. sanction the payment ^{to her} of an advance ~~to her~~ of the equivalent in Rupees of [£]12 ~~£~~ -10 ~~Shillings~~, subject to the conditions laid down in the rules in App. ⁸ ~~III~~ B of the Civil Account Code, Vol. I. The advance is recoverable in 36 monthly instalments on her return to duty from leave.

3.The D.P.I is requested to obtain and forward to Govt.an agreement

recuted by Miss Myers in the form
opened to the rules referred to above

To

The D.P.I. ✓
The A.G. ✓
The Finance Dept ✓

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