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[Despatch Abstract.]

Subramanya Sarma M.A. B.A. D.
request for appointment to the
Indian Educational Service
declined.

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From

M. R. Ry., D.S. Sarma Garu, M.A.,

Ag. Junior Professor of English,
Presidency College, M A D R A S.

To

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

Through

The Director of Public Instruction,
The Principal, Presidency College, Madras.

S i r,

In the recent changes in the English Department of the Presidency College consequent on the transfer of Mr. Papworth the post of the Junior Professor of English has been reduced from I.E.S. to M.E.S. in accordance with the Government of India's instructions. It is also understood that, when Mr. Duncan takes leave preparatory to retirement, the post of the Additional Professor of English will be similarly converted into M.E.S.

I beg to point out that in this premier College the English Department, which had three Professorships in the I.E.S. has till now enjoyed great prestige. The professors of this department have to lecture to very large classes and on subjects which occupy the first place in the pass course of the University curriculum. They have also to deliver inter-collegiate lectures in the Honours classes. Therefore their work is admitted on all hands to be more arduous than that of the professors in the other departments, who have small classes and who have no inter-collegiate lectures. Till now it has been considered a great honour by the English lecturers in the Government mofussil colleges to be permitted to act as professors in the English Department of the Presidency College. But if two of these professorships are reduced to M.E.S. and the officers holding the posts have no higher rank in the service than the lecturers in mofussil colleges

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colleges where there are no Honours courses and where generally the standards are far lower than in the Presidency College, the prestige of the English Department will be shattered.

3/ Moreover all the other professorships in the Presidency college are in the I.E.S. and they are held mostly by men who have still many years of service. Therefore for a long time an invidious distinction will be kept up between the English Department and the other departments, even if the Government of India's instructions are strictly followed in every case of retirement. Such a state of things will not, in my humble opinion, be conducive to good and efficient work--not to speak of the unwholesome influence it will have on the minds of the students.

4/ Therefore I have the honour to request you, in the first place, to be so kind as to retain these two posts--Additional professorship and Junior professorship--in the I.E.S., with the special permission, if necessary, of the Government of India.

5/ In the second place I have the honour to request you to consider my own individual case. I have put in 17 years of Government service in First grade colleges and have been a professor in the English Department of the Presidency College for about 9 years doing very responsible work in the Honours and Inter-collegiate classes. When in 1921 many M.E.S. officers, who possessed no higher qualifications than I do, were promoted to I.E.S. my claims could not be considered as there was no permanent post available then in the English Department. The Government have been pleased, however, to recognise the value of my work (G.O. No.1541 Mis. Law (Education dated 3-11-1923) and have made me act in the I.E.S. whenever there was a temporary vacancy in the department. I have all along hoped that when a permanent vacancy occurred I should be confirmed in it. It was with that hope that I refused the Principalship of Sri Minakshi College, Chidambaram, when it was offered to me in 1922. I submit, therefore, that the present policy of stopping all promotions from M.E.S. to I.E.S. will result in great hardship to officers like me who have been long doing specialised work without

without any corresponding remuneration.

In view of the facts stated above I have the honour to request you:-

1. that at least the additional professorship of English in the Presidency College be retained in the I.E.S.
2. and that in consideration of my age and service and special work in the English Department, I should be confirmed ^{it} in ~~the I.E.S.~~ ^{in the I.E.S.} or at least be made to act ~~in the I.E.S.~~ ^{in the I.E.S.} till the re-organisation of the M.E.S.

7. Sir, I know that in an official document one ought not to be sentimental. But I cannot refrain from saying in conclusion that I have long endured in this college the unenviable lot of being the single M.E.S. officer on the staff of professors, while some who are young enough to be my students and in one or two cases those who were actually my students in this college have been put in the I.E.S.; and all the time I have been doing as special a work in my department as they in theirs.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Debrahmaya Sarma

Ag. Junior Professor of English
PRESIDENCY COLLEGE.

PRESIDENCY COLLEGE,
Dated 14th March '25.

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Submitted.
The then Professorship in English should be in the I.E.S. the English Department should be lowered in prestige by converting the additional Junior Professorship into appointments in the M.E.S. Mr. Sarma has done excellent work in this College, and would be a fitting reward of meritorious service to appoint him as Junior Professor of English in the I.E.S.

Dr. Sarma
Principal.

LAW (EDUCATION)

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M.R.Ry. D. Subrahmania Sarma Garu.--

Requesting confirmation in the Indian Educational Service etc. -- Petition submitted with remarks.

ENCLOSURES.

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N. Ref on Cur No. 546 C/25.

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Station M a d r a s, Dated the 31st March 1925.

From (Name) R.G. Grieve Esquire, M.A.,

(Designation) Offg. Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

LAW (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir

Submitted to Government, Law (Education) Department with the following remarks :-

Paras 1 to 4 of the petition are not really matters for the comment of any officer in the department. As to how the English department of the Presidency College should be constituted as regards Indian or Madras Educational Service posts is a matter for the decision of Government and cannot be decided to suit any particular officer in that department.

Further no proposals as regards the permanent filling of Mr. Duncan's place on retirement have been submitted to Government for their consideration.



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As regards para 5, Mr. Subrahmanya Sarma's statement that he has put in 17 years of Government service is not correct. He entered Government service on 25th January 1910 and thus has put in only a service of 15 years 2 months. His statement that he was not confirmed in the Indian Educational Service in 1921 as there was no permanent post then available is also not correct as the post of Additional Professor of English has been vacant since 25th October 1921. He was confirmed in the Madras Educational Service only in July 1919 and as he was quite a junior his case was not considered when some M.E.S. officers were confirmed in the Indian Educational Service. Attention is also invited to G.O. No. 1541 Mis., Law (Education), dated 3rd November 1923.

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In view of what I have stated above and in view of the recommendations of the Lee Commission, I am unable to support Mr. Sarma's petition and recommend that he be so informed or that the petition may simply be recorded.

F.R. Sundaram
for Director of Public Instruction.

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From the Director of Public Instruction, N.Ref. on C. No. 546 C/25, dd.31.3.25.

Subject : - Memorial of M.R.Ry. D. Subrahmanya Sarma
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In their letter No. 1398 dated 11-7-24, the Govt. of India desired that, pending consideration of the Lee Commission Report, no officiating appointments should be made to the Indian Educational Service, even for periods not exceeding six months. In view of these instructions, it was ordered in G.O. No. R. 107 L.E. dated 7-3-25, that the post of junior Professor of English, Presidency College, in the I.E.S. should be kept temporarily in abeyance and a corresponding post in the M. E. S. created. Mr. D. Subrahmanya Sarma was appointed to act as junior Professor of English in the M. E. S.

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2. Mr. D. Subrahmanya Sarma now requests that he may be confirmed in the I.E.S. in the vacant post of Additional Professor of English or that he may at least be ~~allowed~~ allowed to act in the I.E.S. pending the reorganization of the Educational Services.

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3. The Government have already recognised that Mr. Sarma has ^{been doing} good work in the English department of the College. Attention is solicited to the printed note for the Cabinet on pages 24 to 26 of Notes to G.O. No. 781 Law (Edn) dated 26-6-22. and also to the Notes to G.O. No. 1541 Law (Edn) dated 3 - 11-23. The Lee Commission have recommended that the superior education

services should be entirely provincialised, and, in view of this recommendation, it is not likely that the Secretary of State will entertain any proposal for the confirmation of individual officers in the I.E.S., unless very special reasons ^{are advanced} exist. The D.P.I. does not recommend Mr. Sarma's confirmation.

4. Mr. Sarma acted in the I.E.S. from 10-7-22 to 5-2-23 and again from 7-7-24 to 19-12-24. *He is now acting to do the same duties but remain in M.E.S. This is hard. On page 4 of G.O. R. 119 dated 13-3-25 the Honourable the Minister noted as follows :-*

"Mr. Sarma will act in the I.E.S. as before.

"The Govt. of India will be addressed if

"necessary. ** I dare say D.P.I. will address Govt. on the subject"*

5. The D.P.I.'s letter is silent on the request of Mr. Sarma that he should be made to act in the I.E.S. For orders whether the Govt. of India may be addressed as ~~noted~~ by M₂.

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This case is like that of Miss Gunther and one or two other officers in the Dept. Please see under the orders contained in (2). I doubt if the Secy of State is not likely to consent to Mr. Sarma's confirmation in the I.E.S.

2. *There is no objection. The sanction of the Gov India will be required if Mr. Sarma is to be appointed to act in the I.E.S. May be. Perhaps Mr. Grievance will be good enough to say what his recommendation is on this point.*

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Mr. Grievance U.O.

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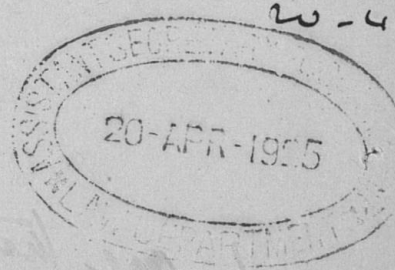
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I do not recommend that Mr. Sarma be appointed to officiate in the Indian Educational Service. I say this not merely in view of the orders of the Government of India on the recommendations of the Lee Commission Report but also because I do not consider that, satisfactory as Mr. Sarma's work has been, it is of such exceptional merit as to deserve of an exception being made in his case. The position of the D.P.I. with regard to I.E.S. and M.E.S. posts was fully explained in Mr. Littlehailes's U.O. reply No. 2-C/25 dated 27-1-1925 in reply to Law (Education) U.O. No. 255 A-1 dated 22-1-1925. If the post held by Mr. Sarma is alone continued in the I.E.S. instead of being kept in abeyance and a M.E.S. post created instead, there will be equal reasons to continue the posts of Principals of the colleges at Tellicherry and Mangalore in the I.E.S. and appointing persons senior to Mr. Sarma to officiate in the I.E.S. in those vacancies. Again, if an exception is made in the case of Mr. Sarma the senior officers in the M.E.S. will have a grievance e.g. Mr. Savur officiated in the I.E.S. for over 2 years as Principal of Mangalore and Palghat colleges and is senior to Mr. Sarma.

I may remark here for the sake of placing my position on record that the only person on whose behalf I would make a special recommendation to Government is Mr. H. Parameswaran, Additional Professor of Physics, Presidency College. As regards women I might be prepared to make a special recommendation in the case of Miss Gunther. The sooner it is possible to take up the reorganisation of the services the better. At present there is a good deal of uncertainty which is

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The one that is least fitted for in I.E.S. in comparison with Sarma. - J.D.

unsatisfactory from every point of view.

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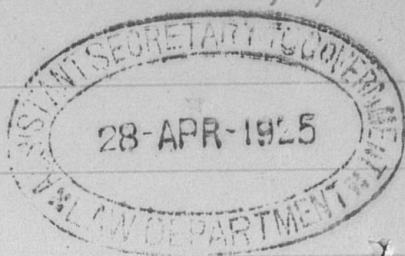
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Mr Sarma is one of the ablest men
in the Service - He was Professor of
English in the Presidency College in the
P. E. S. and did excellent work.

pp. 24 to 26. S.O. 781 and also S.O. 1541.

I am surprised that Mr Sarma should

run counter to the opinion then expressed

by Mr. ^(Sarma) He is acting for Mr Papente

an P.E.S. When I did act for him again

from 7-7-24 to 19-12-24 when

Mr Papente was on leave, ^{being inactive} and yet to

deny him the status in P.E.S. is to do

injustice to an able & well deserving man.

It is staggering to find that H. Parameswari

a young man, fresh from College of ordinary

ability who can outstep him.

Should he be removed and not Mr Sarma.

The previous record in the G.O. and



the recent work as Professor
of English in the Presidency College
him & placed in P.E.S.
This is a fit case to be referred
to Govt of India.

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Submitted into D.O. The following
is agreed upon -

1. There is no need to consider
the case now as the place
in which he is now acting
will not be available for him
as Mr. Papworth is resting
from the Indianan Alge
to the Presidency Alge on the
evening -

D. I. is sending in a mandate
roll -

2. The Policy of Govt is that he
not to confirm any officer in the
acting as a probation in the D.S.
sent to open a selection grade
in the M.E.S. into which persons
with long & satisfactory service &
with special qualifications will be
included -

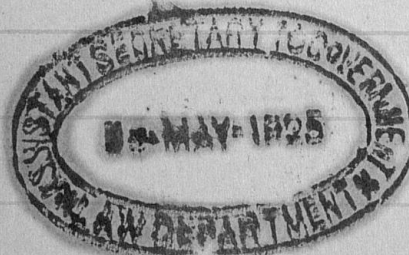
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