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(By order of the Government, Ministry of Education)

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar-General of Panchayats.
" Accountant-General (through the Finance Department).
Copy to the Finance Department.
" Local Self-Government Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.

Forwarded to the

(By order)

*Superintendent,
Law Department.*

*See
G.O. 1095 dt 23-4-25
G.O. 1595 dt 12-9-25*



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GOPALASWAMI AYYANGAR AVARGAL, B.A., B.L.,

REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF PANCHAYATS,

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Fort St. George, dated 27th Sept. 1925

No. 6544-1

SIR,

Subj:- Budget Estimate for 26-27--Part II--Grants for
Village Panchayat Libraries--Application for-
warded.

I request that a provision of Rs 20,000 may be entered
in Part II of the Education Budget for Grants to Panchayat
Libraries.

2. In G.O. No. 1595 Law (Education) dated 12th Sep-
tember 1925, Government have been pleased to sanction a grant
of Rs 8,000 for disbursement in the current year amongst selected
panchayats for the organization and maintenance of panchayat
libraries. As Government are aware, the total amount for
which applications were received from panchayats in the current
year exceeded Rs 18,000 and the Rs 8,000 that has been sanctioned
recently will be disbursed to less than 100 panchayats. In the
current year, a number of panchayats who applied for grants will
not get them on the ground that they did not agree to contribute
out of their own funds an amount equal to what they applied
for. But these and a large number of other panchayats will,
I expect, in the coming year agree to contribute an equal amount
and apply for grants; and some amount will have to be provided
also for additions to the panchayat libraries which already are
already in existence or which will be organized during the
current year.

3. I request that a sum of Rs 20,000 may be provided in Part II of the Education Budget for the next year, though I expect that the applications will greatly exceed this amount.

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Registrar-General.

EXTRACT FROM PART II OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR
1926-27
of the
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL OF PANCHAYATS & INSPECTOR OF LOCAL BODIES

Proposals for 26-27	Details	Amount 26-27 Rs	Total Rs	Remarks
	31. PUBLIC HEALTH Grants for			
	31. E.d. EDUCATION-General-- Miscellaneous			
	v. Miscellaneous			
Grants-in-aid- Miscellaneous- Non-recurring- Voted	Miscellaneous Village Panchayats for Panchayat Libraries	20,000	20,000	
	Total...		20,000	

Law (Education) Deptt.

App-20 f.

Subject:-

C.No. 3085 C - From the Registrar-General of Panchayat, No. 6544-1 dated 27-9-1925.

Grant to village panchayats for the organisation and maintenance of village libraries.

In response to a circular issued

early in 1925 by the Registrar-General of Panchayats he received applications from panchayats for grants aggregating Rs. 18,000 towards the organisation and maintenance of village libraries. These applications were classified by the Registrar-General as follows:-

- Panchayats which promised contribution from their funds not less than the amount of the grant applied for;
- panchayats which promised contributions less than the grant applied for; and
- panchayats which promised no contribution.

The Registrar-General recommended that full amount of grant applied for might be sanctioned in the case of panchayats falling under class (a) above and that a grant equivalent to the amount of contribution promised might be sanctioned in the case of panchayats under class (b). The amount required to give effect to the recommendation was Rs. 8,495. In G.O. No. 1595 Law (Education), dated 12-9-1925, a sum of Rs. 8,000 was placed at the disposal of the Registrar-General for distribution to the panchayats on the principles recommended by him.

2 He now reports that many of the panchayats coming under classes (b) and (c) will in the next year apply for grants and agree to contribute from their funds an amount equal to the grant applied for. It is also stated that some provision is necessary for grants to those panchayats who have organised libraries in the current year with the help of the

grants already sanctioned. He therefore requests that a provision of Rs. 20,000 may be made in the budget estimate for next year for the above purpose.

Educationally ^{here of acquisition of} village libraries ~~are~~ considered to be the ~~only~~ ^{few} effective ~~means~~ ^{methods} of keeping literacy alive in ~~the~~ ^{areas} rural where facilities for elementary education are being gradually increased. The importance of fostering village libraries cannot be ~~too~~ ^{emphasised} ~~emphasised~~. In fact, the expansion of elementary education and the development of village libraries should go hand in hand. In these circumstances the proposal of the Registrar-General may be accepted and ~~that~~ it may be placed before the Finance Committee as a Part II scheme for 1926-27. The remarks of the Finance Department may be invited.

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Finance, B.E. I.

The Registrar-General of Panchayats says that the amount of Rs. 8,000 allotted for 1925-26 for grants to Panchayat libraries will be disbursed to less than 100 panchayats; and that he expects that the applications in 1926-27 will greatly exceed Rs. 20,000. He therefore asks for a provision of Rs. 20,000 for 1926-27.

2. The conditions subject to which these grants are made are:--

(a) that the panchayat should provide the building, the furniture and the staff required for the library and contribute from its own funds or from subscriptions a sum not less than the amount of the Govt. grant; and

(b) that the library should be open to



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12.9.25

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Para: 3 Page 2 CF

Para: 4 of the note
for the Finance
Committee on page 28
of G.O. 1595 L.A. (P)
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cf. Para 3 Dupon

all classes of the population.

3. There are altogether at present 720 panchayats in the Presidency. The point for consideration is whether in view of the condition (a) in para 2 above, as much as Rs. 20,000 will be required in 1926-27. As the Registrar-General says that that amount will be required, this department need not object to the proposal being placed before the Finance Committee as a Part II scheme for 1926-27.

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The application is based only on an expectation that village panchayats will apply in larger numbers next year for grants and agree to contribute towards the cost an equal amount from their own funds.

It seems sufficient to provide Rs. 10,000 for 1926-27. This may be treated as a Part II Scheme for 1926-27.

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The proposal is for the Finance Committee. It is improbable that more than Rs. 10,000 will be provided.

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Law (Edn)

Submitted that in view of the fact that there are as many as 720

Rs. 10,000 placed at the disposal
of the Registrar-General.

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