

Educational (190) Department.

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G.O., No 386

DATED 23-6-04.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Conq to the A.S. letter from the Commissioner of
Police, Madras, forwarding copy of a report regarding
the steps taken for the detection of the — of the
Ed & Co. dept that was recently lost.

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Educational (1904) Department.

CURRENT No. 1102

From

[Name] The Commissioner of Police

[Designation] Mayor

[Station]

No. 384

Dated 16 6 1904.

Enclosure 1

Received 20 6 1904.

Registered 20 6 1904.

SUBJECT.

Reporting the steps taken to inquire into the case of theft of the Cash box of the EOL: & Leg: Depart. & stating that detection is not possible.

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City Police Office,

Madras, 16th June 1904. 190 .

From

F. A. DENE, Esq.,

Ag. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,

MADRAS.

To

The Secretary

to the Government of Madras,

Educational Department,

Stonehouse Hill.

Sir,

P. I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.299R, dated 7th June 1904 regarding the loss of the cash box of the Educational and Legislative Department with a Currency Note for ₹10/-, cash ₹5-11-3 and vouchers for ₹200-7-0.

2. The complaint was registered at B/i City Police Station as case No.172/1904 under Section 380, Indian Penal Code, and I put on a detective native Sub Inspector to investigate. I enclose a copy of his reports which, I regret to have to report, discloses no evidence on which I can proceed against any one and, as the vouchers, which alone of the property are identifiable, are not likely to be kept by the thief, I am afraid detection is not likely.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. A. Dene

Ag. Commissioner of Police.

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The Commissioner of Police,
Madras.

Dated 7/6

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June 1904.

Enclosure 1.

D. No 384

Subject

Reporting on the theft of the
Cash-box belonging to the Edu-
cational and Legislative
Department.

Extract from the Diary of the Sub Inspector of Police,
Detective Branch, B. Division, Madras City for 20th May 1904.

On 20th May 1904 Inspector directed me to make enquiries
in this case which was reported in his diary of yesterday. On
this I went to Government Secretariat, saw the complainant C.R.
VijiaRaghavaChariar, a clerk in the Educational section, Loco-
and Municipal Department, inspected the spot and questioned the
complainant. The Educational Section is in a hall in the 2nd
floor of the building and the adjoining hall south of it is oc-
cupied by the Loco- and Municipal Section. There is a door-way
of communication between these 2 halls and opposite to the door-
way in the Educational Section, there is the iron safe from
which the cash box containing notes &c., was alleged to have
been stolen. The complainant who is in charge of this safe has
his seat within 40 feet from the safe and the safe is quite vi-
sible from the complainant's seat. There is a table close by
the safe.

C. R. VijiaRaghavaChariar, complainant, says that, on the
evening of 18th May 1904 at about 5 p.m., he locked the cash box
which contained a ten-rupee note and 2 rupees and a few copper
coins and also telegraph and other receipts; that he gave the
box to his peon Mustan alias Shaik Ahmed and ordered him to
place the box in the iron safe and gave the key of the safe to
him, while he (complainant) himself was at his seat; that from
his seat he saw the peon opening and locking the safe; that he
could not say if the cash box was placed in the safe; that the
peon returned the key of the safe to him immediately after; that
from his seat he asked the attender Krishna Row to feel if the
safe was properly locked; that Krishna Row pulled the lock and
said 'yes'; that he then went home and returned at 11 a.m. the
next morning, and gave the key of the safe to peon Mustan alias
Shaik Ahmed ordering him to open the safe and bring the cash box;
that Mustan opened the safe and said that the cash box was miss-
ing; that he went to the safe and examined it, and did not find

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the cash box in it; that he examined the lock of the safe and found it was not tampered with in any way; that the records and papers placed in the safe were left undisturbed. C.R.VijiaRaghavaChari said that he believed peon Mustan to be honest and that he had suspicion against peon Ramachandra Row who is working in the Loco--Municipal section, because he came and opened the hall on the morning of 19th May 1904.

Krishna Row, attender, says that, on the evening of 18th May 1904, clerk VijiaRaghavaChari asked him to see if the safe was properly locked; that he examined the lock and found the safe locked; that he did not notice if the cash box was any where near outside the safe.

Mustan alias Shaik Ahmed says that, at 5 p.m. on 18th May 1904, he received the cash box and the key of the safe from clerk VijiaRaghavaChari, went direct to the safe, opened it, placed certain papers in it, and also the cash box and placed VijiaRaghavaChari's turban in the cash box and locked the safe and returned the key to VijiaRaghavaChari; that before going home he closed and bolted the door of communication between Educational and Loco--Municipal Sections and then locked the front door of Educational Section and gave the key of the hall as usual to the Sergeant in the Secretariat at 5-45 p.m.; that on the next morning, he came to office at 10 a.m. and found the front door of the Educational Section open and peon Ramachandra Row of the section was dusting the chairs &c in the Loco--Municipal Section and that the door of communication between the two sections was open; that at 11 a.m. VijiaRaghavaChari gave him the key of the safe; he opened the safe and found the box missing and that the safe did not appear to have been tampered with.

Chengalroyan, night watchman, who is in charge of the keys of several rooms in the Secretariat, says that at 6 p.m. on the evening of 18th May 1904 Shaik Ahmed brought the key of Educational Section to him and that none took the key during the night or the next morning till 8 a.m.; that Ramachandra Row, peon of Loco--Municipal Section, brought the key of that section at

6-30 p.m.

Safe?
* The turban was not stolen. *True*

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6-30 p.m. on 18th May 1904; that he returned at 6-15 a.m. the next morning (19th May 1904) and he took the key of the Municipal section and returned the key at 8 a.m., that Ramachandra Row was taking the key of Municipal section thus - at 6-15 a.m. and returning the same at 8 a.m. - for the past 4 days; that he Chengalroyan went home at 8 a.m. on 19th May 1904 and did not know when the keys of the 2 sections were taken by the peons after he left office.

Rengaya Naidu, another night watchman, says that on 19th May 1904 at about 9 a.m. Ramachandra Row peon of Loco--Municipal Section took the key of the room; that at 9-15 a.m. Shaik Ahmed took the key of Educational Section.

Vencatachellam a peon of Loco--Municipal Section says that the door of communication between the two sections was left open on several days; that the sweepers used to come in the morning and sweep the two sections entering Educational Section by the door of communication and sweep that section also; that peon Ramachandra Row has been ordered to learn cycle riding; and that he has been doing so for the past 4 or 5 days coming early in the morning; that sweeper Madurai generally sweeps the Educational section.

Madurai, sweeper, and Ramachandra Row, peon, were not seen because they were not in the office. They will be questioned and report submitted.

^{as} If alleged by the complainant and Mustan alias Shaik Ahmed, peon, the cash box was kept in the safe, it could not have been stolen. The safe was not interfered with and it is no easy matter to open a safe without a duplicate key which it is almost impossible to get. The box was apparently forgetfully left on the table near the safe; and the safe locked by the peon. The door of communication between the two rooms was not bolted as alleged by Mustan alias Shaik Ahmed. Shaik Ahmed does not speak truth and wants to show that he was careful in doing his duty which he was not. The theft must have been committed by either Shaik Ahmed or Ramachandra Row or by one of the sweepers.

Shaik Ahmed's house was searched yesterday by Head Constable

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ble B/1040 Dastaghir Sahib of the Fort Guard and no property was found. Ramachandra Row's house was also searched on the previous day as reported in Inspector's diary and no property was recovered.

The sweeper is living in Saidapet and was not in office when I went there. He will be questioned this day and further enquiries will be made.

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Extract from the Diary of the Sub Inspector of Police, Detective Branch, B.Division, Madras City, for 21st and 22nd May 1904.

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In this case of theft of cash box containing a ten-rupee note, cash and certain receipts, in the Educational Section, Loco--Municipal Department, Government Secretariat, Fort, I made enquiries of Ramachandra Row, a peon of the Loco--Municipal Department; and he says that on the ~~xxxx~~ evening of 18th May 1904 he locked Loco--Municipal Section, gave the key to watchman and went home; that on 19th May 1904 at 7 a.m. he came and took the key and opened Loco--Municipal Section, took the bicycle that was there and went out to learn bicycle-riding with one Govindarajulu a sweeper; returned at about 8 a.m.; gave the key of Loco--Municipal Section to watchman and then ~~at~~ at 9-30 a.m., took the keys of two sections, Educational and Loco--Municipal, for having the two rooms swept, as it was his turn-day for opening the rooms; that when he opened the Educational Section, the peon of that section, Mustan, came there; and he left the key in his presence on a nail in the wall and that he did not know anything about the theft of cash box.

Madurai and Kurpusawmy sweepers, were seen by me this morning (23rd May 1904) and they say that on 19th May 1904 they went upstairs to Loco--Municipal Department at 9-30 a.m. and found the two sections open and they swept the rooms, Madurai sweeping the Educational Section and that peons Mustan and Ramachandra Row were

were present when the rooms were swept. They do not know any thing of theft.

Govindarajulu, another sweeper, says that, at 7 a.m. on 19th May 1904, he came to office premises, saw Ramachandra Row, peon, with bicycle, taught him cycle-riding for some time, that Ramachandra Row left the cycle at 8 a.m. in the front verandah and went upstairs while he himself attended to his sweep^{ing} work, downstairs, till 9-30 a.m. and then went upstairs; that he did not know any thing of the theft.

Rengaya Naidu, Chengalroyan, and Munisawmy Chetty say, they do not know any thing about the theft. The keys of the sections are placed in separate covers and closed and sealed and they are given by the peons of respective sections every evening at 6 p.m. and taken back the next morning.

Peon Ramachandra Row came to office about 4 months ago and since then there have been several small thefts going on in the office. In this case Ramachandra Row had facilities to remove the cash box. Peon Mustan's statement that he kept the cash box in the safe and locked the safe is not worthy of belief. The cash box must in all probability ^{have been} left outside the safe forgetfully and the safe locked. It is quite possible that Ramachandra Row, peon, took the box and hid it some where in the office premises or in the Fort.

He is being watched by Police Constables B/810 and B/349. The Constables of the Fort Guard are also directed to have an eye on the man when he moves out.

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(True Extracts).

City Police Office,)
Madras,)
16th June 1904.)

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Ag. Commissioner of Police.

1. Copy may be submitted to the S.

2. Then in the draft release our mind that Mr. R. V. Srinivasan

Chandrasekhar is promising to be responsible for any

loss. He did not only promise but the cash box was

mailed the safe, - came the key of the safe to the

person. He with the cash came and he should not make good

the loss.

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1. A draft is submitted for approval.

2. After issue the file may be sent down to Madras for obtaining the requisite explanation.

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ORDER No 386, dated 23 - 6 1904

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Communicated to the A.G.
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a further report will be made.

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