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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—No. 597, Educational, dated 27th September 1904.

At present the plans of buildings accompanying applications for building grants submitted under rule 117 of the Grant-in-aid Code are scrutinised by the Director and referred by him in many cases to local officers of the Public Works Department for examination, those which are found to be unsatisfactory being returned to the applicants with suggestions for improvement. The plans as thus revised are forwarded to Government with the applications when the grants payable exceed Rs. 1,000, and they are then scrutinised in the Public Works Secretariat.

2. It appears to the Government that in these cases the first reference to the technical department is superfluous. The Director of Public Instruction will accordingly be requested to submit all applications for grants which require their sanction and which he is prepared to recommend, with the original plans and estimates accompanying them and with his remarks, direct to Government and to discontinue the practice of referring plans and estimates for scrutiny in these cases to the local technical officers.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 597, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
27TH SEPTEMBER 1904.

[SUBJECT.—*Building grant for the Basel German Mission Parsi High School, Tellicherry.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, No. 3959, dated 20th May 1904.

It must be always borne in mind that all grants under the Grant-in-aid Code are matters of grace and entirely in the discretion of Government. The Code lays down the maximum grants that Government will in any circumstances give.

2. It is a pity the Public Works Department intervened before authority was accorded. I presume that Department ought not to scrutinize estimates until Government have intimated that they are prepared to consider the question of a grant?

3. We may in the circumstances give a grant of Rs. 1,000 and point out that properly no grant was even claimable as the conditions of article 118 were not observed and that in any case the amount of the grant is in the discretion of Government, etc.

G. S. F[ORBES]—6-8-04.

Please draft accordingly.

2. Also note separately present practice with reference to paragraph 2 of Honourable Member's note. It appears desirable to issue general instructions on the subject.

H. D. TAYLOR—6-8-04.

The draft placed below is submitted for approval. After approval and issue a note will be separately submitted with reference to paragraph 2 of Honourable Member's note.

P. T. THARYAN—6-8-04.

A. GALLETTI—8-8-04.

Issue.

H.D.T.—9-8-04.

[G.O., No. 494, Educational, dated 10th August 1904.]

With reference to paragraph 2 of Honourable Member's note, it is submitted that the Public Works Department intervened in this case at the request of the Director of Public Instruction—*vide* second sentence of the Director of Public Instruction's letter of the 27th July 1904 in G.O., No. 494, dated 10th August 1904.

2. The Director referred the estimates to the Superintending Engineer in the usual course according to existing practice. Under rule 117 of the Grant-in-aid Code all applications for building grants should be accompanied by plans and estimates prepared by competent persons. Before recommending the applications for sanction the Director has to satisfy himself that the plans and estimates are all right and therefore refers them to the Superintending Engineers concerned.

3. After receipt of the applications in the Government office the plans and estimates are again referred to the Public Works Department for scrutiny. In future perhaps this double reference may be avoided. Under rule 122 the Director can sanction grants up to Rs. 1,000. In all such cases he may continue to obtain the

advice of Superintending Engineers. When the grants applied for exceed this amount the Director may be asked to forward * the applications straight off to Government, leaving it to Government to obtain professional advice thereon.

* With suggestions as to alterations in plan, if any.

H. D. TAYLOR—13-8-04.

P. T. THARYAN—12-8-04.

A. GALLETTI—12-8-04.

The course indicated above may be adopted in future. What is necessary is to see that works are not commenced by managers of schools until the plans and estimates are finally approved by the Director or Government as the case may be, and the amount of contribution; if any, to be made, duly sanctioned.

H. D. TAYLOR—13-8-04.

I see that the practice is for the Director of Public Instruction to ask the Superintending Engineer's advice before sending on the application. This is all right so far, provided the applicants clearly understand that this reference in no way compromises Government to entertain the application or to give a grant of any particular amount. **A** The double reference, however, might be avoided. Ask the Director of Public Instruction to give his opinion u.o. Our building grants seem to be in very many cases excessive and to be granted up to maximum code amount almost as a matter of course. I have made a reference to the office as to the sort of grants given in other provinces, and I think it will be found that we are far too lavish and that much money might be saved to be more usefully spent on education itself and not in stone and lime.

G. S. F[ORBES]—15-8-04.

To the Director of Public Instruction for remarks as to the most convenient method of procedure with reference to plans and estimates submitted to Public Works Department for scrutiny.

H.D.T.—18-8-04.

When an application for building grant comes in, I examine the inspection reports and financial statements and scrutinize the proposed plan from an educational point of view; if the plan is unsatisfactory, it is returned with suggestions for improvement. It would greatly simplify matter, if in cases which I am prepared to recommend for a grant, I then submitted it direct to Government. The Public Works Department could then refer to the local officers in cases in which local knowledge was desirable.

A. G. BOURNE—21-8-04.

The Director of Public Instruction accepts the proposal at **A** above.

2. The information called for by the Honourable Member regarding building grants in other provinces has been separately submitted.

P.T.T.—27-8-04.

A.G.—29-8-04.

Orders may now issue as proposed by the Director of Public Instruction.

H.D.T.—30-8-04.

G.S.F.—31-8-04.

Please draft accordingly.

H.D.T.—1-9-04.

The draft placed below is submitted for approval.

P.T.T.—1-9-04.

A.G.—2-9-04.

With reference to Assistant Secretary's alterations in the draft, it is submitted that the Director does not seem to admit that references are made by him to local officers of the Public Works Department—*vide* his note.

P. T. THARYAN—2-9-04.

He admits it by not denying it. Honourable Member's orders presuppose the double reference. Look up old cases and see what the Director of Public Instruction actually did.

A. GALLETTI—2-9-04.

G.O., No. 56, dated 22nd January 1904.
" " 636, " 19th December 1903.
" " 364, " 31st July 1903.
" " 311, " 10th July 1903.

The Director of Public Instruction says in many cases that the plans and estimates have been approved by the Public Works Department. The draft has been retyped.

P.T.T.—6-9-04.

A.G.—6-9-04.

For approval.

H. D. TAYLOR—7-9-04.

The draft must, of course, go to Public Works Department for acceptance before issue.

G. S. F[ORBES]—7-9-04.

To the Public Works Department for acceptance.

H.D.T.—8-9-04.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The draft order is accepted in this Department.

C.V.G.—8-9-04.

T. W. S. SMYTH—9-9-04.

B It would be well to point out that work in the buildings should not commence until the plan has been scrutinized and approved. It often happens now that the building is practically completed before the plan reaches this office.

W. B. DEWINTON—9-9-04.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Have not orders separately issued as at **B** in connection with applications for building grants?

H.D.T.—10-9-04.

Submitted not. Rule 118 of the Grant-in-aid Code already provides that no grants shall be given for buildings for which aid has not been promised previously to its erection, enlargement or purchase. No aid is ever promised before the plans and estimates are scrutinized and approved by Government. G.O., No. 494, Educational, dated 10th August 1904, was based on this rule.

2. A new rule 119-A has now been added that when a grant-in-aid has been promised, the manager should give the Executive Engineer fifteen days' notice of the commencement of the work—G.O., No. 306, Educational, dated 19th May 1904.

3. It does not seem therefore that any special Government Order is wanted that no work should be commenced before the plans and estimates are approved by Government.

P.T.T.—12-9-04.

Under the present system so much time is wasted in the Director of Public Instruction's office that managers are tempted to start building before aid has been promised by Government. They won't have the same excuse when the Director of Public Instruction forwards the applications at once.

A. GALLETT—13-9-04.

If the managers want a grant, they must wait until sanction is duly received. If they start the work before such sanction, they do so at their own risk and forfeit all consideration to any grant-in aid, and this they must distinctly understand. The present order will tend to reduce delays. In these circumstances perhaps Public Works department will accept the draft as it stands.

H. D. TAYLOR—18-9-04.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The draft order is accepted subject to the understanding at C above. Will Educational kindly communicate the order to this Department with a copy of these notes?

Please comply.
H. D. TAYLOR—27-9-04.

C.V.G.—24-9-04.

T. W. S. SMYTH—26-9-04.

W. B. DE WINTON—26-9-04.

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